

Two Tiny Books. The smallest manuscript in the Bodleian library—where it has lain for more than two and a half centuries—measures three-quarters of an inch in length and three-quarters of an inch in breadth.

These fonts were more common in those days than in our own. It appears that the same penman presented Charles II. with another specimen of his skill—a copy of the same sermon, written on fine paper, bound in crimson "with silver clasps and corners."

Rats to Fear. Some of the East African rats are monsters. The largest variety of rat—the giant rat—attains alarming proportions. These giant rats would give the most earnest cat bad dreams, and a rough time if she were to encounter one of them on her marauding expeditions.

A. J. Klein, taxidermist, Nairobi, who is collecting local specimens for an American museum, has some half a dozen examples. The rat varies from two feet to over thirty-two inches in length. The body, which is half its total length, is the color of an ordinary mouse, but is as large as that of a cat.

The tail is sometimes an inch and a half and more in circumference at the base and varies from sixteen inches to a foot long. These rats frequent the bush and are to be found in fair numbers in Nairobi. Limuru and other localities.—Potchefstroom Budget.

Records That Endure. A bungalow builder in California hit upon a new idea when, in 1887, he caused a little son to make impressions of his little hands in the wet cement of the walk before the door—stamped outlines which are still perfectly clear and which will always remain as dainty souvenirs of the boy's play days.

"It is just such touches of sentiment as this," says the Strand Magazine, "that produce the difference between a house and a home."

A Lesson in Color Effects. John Downman, the eighteenth century English artist, won considerable fame as a portrait painter. His method of drawing on very thin paper in black chalk with stumped shadows, heightening the drawing with stains of color mostly applied on the back of the drawing, was developed quite by accident. Soon after his return from the sea he happened to leave one of his black and white drawings wrong side uppermost on a table with his painting materials. One of his children got hold of a paint brush and daubed color over the paper back of where the face was drawn.

In Season. "Is love of country strong in your breast?" asked the patriot. "Only in warm weather," said the man with the comfortable home in town.—Newark News.

Good Reason. "By Jove, Dobbers!" said Chump-leigh. "You don't mean to tell me that a nice girl like that, the only daughter of a charming widow worth \$7,000,000, doesn't interest you?"

Hostage. Traveler—Will there be time to get a drink, guard? Guard—Yes, sir; plenty of time, sir. Traveler—What guarantee have I that the train won't go without me? Guard (generously)—Well, sir, I'll go 'n' have one with you.—Sydney Bulletin.

White and Black Lies. "What?" queried the young man, "is the difference between white lies and black lies?" "White lies," answered the home grown philosopher, "are the kind we tell. Black lies are the kind we hear."—Chicago News.

Indeed He Has. "It is rude for a man to fall asleep while his wife is talking." "But, good heavens, a man has to sleep some time!"—Birmingham Age Herald.

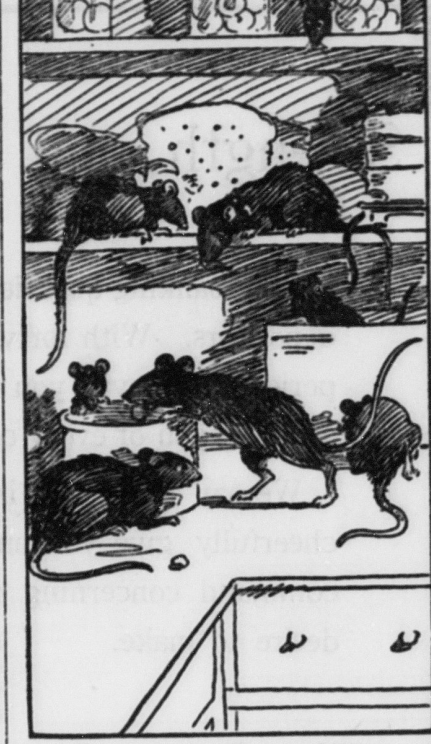
The more violent the storm the sooner it is over.—Seneca.

MINE RATS SWARM OUT AFTER FOOD

Suspension of Work in the Anthracite Region Leaves Them Without Kind Friends

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—The suspension of mining in the anthracite region the past several weeks has brought about a plague of rats in most of the mining towns. Rats are to be seen everywhere. They have overrun the cellars and outbuildings in the towns of Warrior Run and Sugar Notch. When the mines are working the rats, which are of great size, make their home in the underground workings. The miners make pets of them and feed them from their palls.

The average miner is superstitious enough to believe that if the rats re-



They Devoured Everything in the Larders.

main in the workings there is no danger of an accident. Instinct tells the rat when a fall of roof is threatened, and he takes his departure. When the collieries were shut down and the miners no longer brought their dinner palls into the workings, the rodents were left without food. Hunger compelled them to make their way to the surface. Reaching the top of the earth, they made their way into cellars and outhouses. Their coming was unexpected, and they devoured everything in the larders the first night. Then they invaded chicken coops, and did not hesitate to attack the biggest chickens in the flock. In a henery at Warrior Run the rats killed a 12-pound rooster.

BOYS PLAY INDIAN; ONE SHOT

"Big Chief" Meets With Defeat at the Hands of "Wild Westerners" in New York.

New York.—The mother of seven-year-old William Farno of 526 Morris avenue, Bronx, went to awake him for school the other day, and found him covered with blood. She ran to his father, who summoned Policeman Cramb. The policeman found the boy was suffering from a gunshot wound in the groin. At Lincoln hospital it was said he is in a serious condition.

Young Farno was shot the other evening, but concealed it from his parents, going to bed early. In a vacant lot near One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, small boys of the



"Stuck His Gun at Me and Fired."

neighborhood play "Indian and cowboy" every evening. It was during the game that the accident occurred. On the pleadings of his mother and father, the boy told Detective Tierney the story.

"We were playing cowboy and Indians," he said. "I was the Indian chief and had captured a lot of cowboys and they were going to rescue them. The cowboys came down the hill and we fought them off. Then they attacked us again, and," he hesitated, "Bisphini America stuck his gun at me and fired. It was not his fault, and we were all frightened. I ran home and went to bed because I didn't want to tell on him."

UNCLE WASN'T A FAVORITE.



"Not you goin' to do wit' him?" "I'm goin' to name him after my uncle Nicodemus an' then drown the son-of-a-gun!"

Finger Talk. "Queer, isn't it, that deaf and dumb man always has such a store of gossip?" "Not at all queer. He has naturally news on hand."

The Prevailing Craze. Father (telling a story)—So the pretty fairy light came in— "Eldes Hopeful—Oh, pop, if the fairy light went out, would the gas meter?"

Discouraged. Who doth for knowledge vastly yearn, Shall learn a life of woe. The more a fellow tries to learn, The less he seems to know.

A Little Mixed. "Ma, what's a synonym?" "It's one of those things where you get two words for the price of one."

No Way Out. "Papa, wasn't that the man that cheated his sister out of a farm one time?" "Yes, Bobby."

"Didn't I hear you tell mamma the other day that he was an old rascal?" "I presume so."

"Then why did you tell him you were glad to see him?" "My son, I— I lied to him; that's all."

Dinks—Ballooning is getting to be more and more popular every day. They say it is an easy fad to drop into.

Winks—Yes, and a still easier fad to drop out of.

Her Tributes. "I think I know my own failings," Ze said. "If you do," his wife replied, "your knowledge takes a much wider range than I have ever given you credit for."

When you engage a servant, especially in a position of trust, you demand references. You are not content to just read these references and take them for what they say. You enquire into their genuineness. When you give your health into the care of a medicine should you not exercise equal care? Anybody can claim cures for a medicine. But proof is a different matter. The closest scrutiny of the claims of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is invited. Does it cure dyspepsia, "stomach trouble" or weak heart, sluggish liver, worn out nerves? Does it enrich and purify the blood and make new life by making new blood? Hundreds of thousands of people testify that it does. Look up the testimony and decide whether you can afford to be sick with such a remedy within reach.

—In the matter of feeding, too much care cannot be exercised, as on the ability of the horse to properly assimilate his system the feed he eats depends his usefulness. So far as can be ascertained should be given that which is the easiest digested, so that all the nutritious parts will be absorbed into his system and go to make flesh, bone and fibre.

Mercantile Appraisement for Centre County.

- MERCANTILE APPRAISEMENT. Notice is hereby given that the following persons and firms have been appraised and are hereby liable for mercantile license taxes for the year 1913: AARONSBURG. Bover, A. F., implements. Bover, A. M., meats. Bover, E. O., merchant. Kramer, N., gen. store. Keister, G. W., implements. Mensch, R. W., gen. store. Musser, C. H., gen. store. Stover, A. S., wall paper. Donovan, Jerry, scrap iron. Miller, Geo. C., gen. store. Obrian, G. W., gen. store. BOALSBERG. Bricker, Howard, confection. Bell, Mrs. Lou D., gen. store. Brouse, W. H. Harrison, R. B., gen. store. House, Flora, meats. Lahler Bros., meats. Stover, O. W., implements. Stuart, F. P., gen. store. Weber, S. E., grain and coal. Welland Bros. & Co. BLANCHARD. Bowers, W. A. Kunes Bros., gen. mdse. Kunes, N. C., groceries. Kunes, N. C., merchant. Moon, A. R., cigars. Quisley, J. A., gen. store. Snyder, Cora A., millinery. Williams, A. C., gen. store. BENOIRE. Emerick, Lyman, gen. store. Ghaner, W. H., gen. store. Lykens, E. E., gen. store. Haugh, John, gen. store. BELLEVILLE. Alters, H. F., cigars. Altkens, Mrs. J. A., ladies furnishings. Blackford, clothing. Blackford, Clyde, cigars. Brackbill, W. R., furniture. Blair, F. P., gen. store. Brainer, H., gen. store. Brouse, R. S., groceries. Beezer, P. L., meats. Beyer, H. E., gen. store. Beck, R. A., cigars and soap. Belleville Fuel & Supply Co. coal. Belleville Lumber Co. Beezer, Geo. A., garage. Claster Underseilix Store Co. clothing. Coxey, W. C., groceries. Carpenetti, L., coffee & tob. Carpenetti, J., confectionery. Crider, P. B. & Son, lumber. Casseber, C. D., jewelry. Hansen, E. E., confectionery. Dabbs, John G., implements. Daggert, W. L., cigars. Daggert, Louis, cigars. Danach, W. A., & ice store. Davis, Mc. J., cigars. Eckenroth, E. J., wall paper. Egan, A., clothing. Finklistein, J. E., ice store. Gross, J. W. & Bro., groceries. Garman, E. P., gen. store. Hansen & Meen & Co., flour and feed. Gepphart, M. C., instruments. Hanning, Frank E., furniture. Green Pharmacy Co., drugs. Gillean Grocery Co., groceries. Garbrick Bros., machinists. Gensler, Peter, gen. store. Gilliam, J. S., dry goods. Harper, G. E., gen. merch. Hansen & Sheffer, meat. Hazel Bros., groceries. Hazel, G. W., mdse. Hunter, J. D., stationery. Joseph & Co., gen. store. Katz & Co., gen. store. Keichline, W. W., confectionery. Keichline, J. S., grocery. Kline, Henry, cigars. Krumrin, Sidney, drugs. Lyon & Co., gen. store. Lyon, W. A., meats. Linn, H. S., china hall. Morris & Sheffer, gen. store. Montgomery & Co., clothing. Moerschbacher, Chas., confectionery and tobacco. Potter-Hoy, hardware. Meese, John Store, gen. store. Mingle, A. C., shoes. Miller, G. A., est., stoves and tinware. Miller, David, groceries. McClure, W. M., Art. business. McGinnley, J. C., implements. McGinnley, A. L. McGinnley, Jno., cigars. McSuley, Jno., wall paper. Moran, Miss S. J., ladies furnishings. Noonan, J. A., cigars. Naziney, Frank E., furniture. Oliveine, John Store, hardware. Parrish, C. M., drugs. Potter-Hoy, Hardware Co., hardware. Patchis, James, cigars. Ray, H. S., cigars. Rhoads, E. K., estate coal & grain. Rote, Jas. L. Plumber. Sobrin, John Jr., autos. Schad, A. E., plumbing. Schaeffer, H. P., hdw. Singer Sewing Machine Co., sewing machines. Sourbeck, J. D., confectionery. Shuey, C. C., groceries. Schuch, J. C., harness. Seihler & Co., groceries. Spielmyer, G. R. & Co., children's goods. Starr, B. R., groceries. Shope, W. R., lumber. Shaughnessy, Thos., cigars and confectionery. Thompson, Edw., cigars. Thal, J. P., confectionery. Twitmore, W. T., stoves and tinware. Taylor, R. B., coal. United Five & Ten Cent Store, novelties. Walker, W. H., fish. Willard, D. J., gen. store. Wagner, C. R., cigars. Walte, J. S., & Co., imp'mts. Wallace, D. C., cigars & tob. Wian, J. S., harness. Yeager, H. C., shoes. Zeller, J. & Son, drugs. CENTRE HALL. Boozer, D. A., harness. Benner, G. O., gen. store. Dauberman, J. G., butcher. Emery, C. F., gen. store. Emerick, Geo. H. Foreman, R. D., coal & grain. Geary, R. P., gen. merch. Goodhart, F. V., gen. merch. Odenkirk, W. A., gen. store. Henney, Mrs. E. L., millinery. Duggs & Son, gen. store. Lutz, J. F., produce. Luse, A. T. & Son, lumber. Murray & Binzer, drugs. Rover, Edward, cigars. Runkle, J. W., cigars. Smith, T. J., hardware. Smith, S. W., gen. store. Weber, J. H. & S. E., grain and coal. Zettler Bros., planing mill wood. COBURN. Coburn Grain Co., grain & coal. Dinges, Cloyd, gen. merch. Glasgow, J. W., gen. store. Harter, J. E., gen. store. Howard Creamery Co., cigars & butter. Krader, W. C., gen. store. Kerstetter, J. W., gen. store. Meyer, C. H. & Co., lumber. Rote, S. G., gen. mdse. Stover, L. E., cigars. Brooks, Jacob. CLARENCE. Buddiner, T. Co., gen. mdse. Daugherty, R. B., gen. merch. Elliott, A., meats. Heaton, T. L., gen. mdse. Katchik, Jno. M., cigars. Kato Supply Co., gen. mdse. Meehan, Joseph, groceries. Takas, J. V., groceries. Tobolsky, Michael, meats. Tobias, Andy, meats. Watson, C. H., cigars. CURTIN. Bald Eagle Supply Co., gen. store. Deitz, J. F., groceries. Shawley, Thomas, produce. Heaton, James. FLEMING. Alexander, J. B., coal. Bruns, J. W., gen. store. Buck, D., grain. Earon, W. H., coal. Egan, E. J., gen. store. Harper, Theodore. Hazel, A. F., flour and feed. Holt, J. F. & S. W., gen. store. Peterson, H. L., cigars. Resides, Emanuel. Sters, J. C. & Sons, gen. store. BELLEVILLE, R. F. D. Hunter, J. C., groceries. Kline, E. J., produce. Young, H. G. GATESBURG. Deamit, S. E., gen. store. Rider, M. C., groceries. HOWARD. Fitzpatrick, A. J., cigars. Forney, F. S., & ice store. Holter, H. C., furniture. Hoy, Jno. W. Jordan, Mrs. Zelma, groc. Kline, W. A., gen. store. Kline, H. A., produce. Long, W. H., grain. Lucas, C. H., confectionery. Moore, H. R., jewelry. Moore, C. R., & Son, furniture. Pletcher, T. A., saddlery. Weber, W. B., produce. Pletcher, Chas. E., wagons. Schenck, A. A., hardware. Weber, B. & Son, gen. store. Williams, Frank. HUBERSBURG. Hoy, Geo. F., gen. store. Gray, Irvin G., gen. store. Henderson, J. E., groceries. Miller, W. S. & A., coal. Nason, J. C., gen. mdse. and lumber. Parsons, W. P. Tallheim, W. G. & Son, gen. store. Turner, J. H., gen. store. Stover, G. B., cigars. LINDEN HALL. Keller, Mrs. J. W., gen. store. Ross, J. H., gen. store. Welland, Jno., gen. store. LEMONT. Gillespie, G. H. A. H., gen. mer. Hoy, R. K., implements. Lenker, J. E., gen. store. Mitchell, John, hardware. Nelson, J. C., gen. store. Schreck Bros., carriages. Williams, Geo. C., furniture. MAURERHILL. Eberts, O. D., gen. store. MINGOVILLE. Workman, C. C., groceries. MONROE. Berner, Albert, groceries. Clymer, H. R., groceries. Shaw, W. T., gen. store. Bodensack, John, meats. Groe, A. A., gen. store. Lucas, J. T., gen. store. Schanars, C., groceries. MUNSON. Eisenhauer, Fred, cigars. MILLER. Auman, N. A., groceries. Auman, E. L., Milling Co. Columbus, Solomon, scrap iron. Campbell, S. M., furniture. Frank, A. A. & Son, gen. store. Hartman, J. H. B., hardware. Hosterman & Stover, hardware. Houser, W. H., merchant. Letzel, P. P. & Son, produce. Mauck, Miss Mary, millinery. Sumner, E. W., Art. groceries. Meyer, T. F. McMullen, E. B., flour and feed. McManaway, H. F., hardware. McClellan, C. E., groceries. Neiman, D. J. Co., clothing. Hartline, H. G., gen. store. Stover, R. S., jeweler. Spook, J. C., stock food. Spiselman, J., gen. mer. Stover, W. A., meat. Schreckengast, E. R. Schreckengast, E. R., cigars. Weiser, F., cigars. MADISONBURG. Everett, T. B., gen. store. Hazel, J. B., gen. store.