

BIG GUNS OF A CENTURY AGO

Turks at That Time Had the Most Effective Cannon Known to the World.

It would scarcely appear feasible that a shot weighing 800 pounds could have been employed a century ago, yet the Turks, who used the largest cannon in Europe, actually used guns of such caliber at that time. When Sir J. Duckworth passed the Dardanelles to attack Constantinople in 1807 his fleet was dreadfully shattered by the immense shot thrown from the batteries. The Royal George, of 110 guns, was nearly sunk by only one shot, while another cut the mainmast of the Windsor Castle almost in two; a single shot knocked two ports of the Thunderer into one; the Repulse (74 guns) had her wheel shot away and 24 men killed and wounded by a shot, the ship being saved only by the most wonderful exertions. The heaviest shot which struck our ships was of granite, weighing 800 pounds, and was 26 inches in diameter. One such shot, to the astonishment of the tars, stove in the whole starboard bow of the Active, and, having crushed this immense mass of timber, the shot rolled ponderously aft, the crew standing aghast at the singular spectacle. One of those guns was cast in brass. It was composed of two parts, its breech resting against massive stonework, and the difficulty of charging such a monster would not allow of its being fired more than once.-The Dundee Advertiser.

MANAGEMENT OF THE BODY

Extreme Care Should Be Exercised by Those Who Are Afflicted With Defective Heart.

A person with a defective heart must remain, in everything he does, well within the limit of his strength. Though able to walk fifteen blocks, he should not walk more than twelve; though able to work three hours, he should work only two, and rest, if possible, every hour for a few min- lized human being could arrive at utes, to avoid fatigue. When able to years of discretion without becoming get along with seven hours' rest and sleep, he should rest and sleep at least nine hours. His recuperative power is lowered and it takes, when overtired, days and weeks to regain strength which a healthy person recovers in one night. He endangers his future whenever he goes beyond his strength even a little, or only to the point the light of a spying Zeppelin or aerowhere he begins to feel tired. He plane. It may be added that in some may do as much as an average healthy person, but he must divide the work into periods of short duration. What but Sirius. may happen in a year or two must be considered rather than whether, for

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REAL ESSENCE OF HUMOR

It is well known that the essence of humor its incongruity, the conjunction of things that are opposite or dissonant-as the mingling of manliness and gullibility in Fielding's "Parson Adams," of honesty and knavery in 'Gil Blas," or of shrewdness and stupidity in Sancho Panza.

The most laughable of incongruities is that which arises from the clash of dignity and meanness, eminence and vulgarity, the solemn and the comic. . The sense of the comic

is sometimes enhanced by suffering. When the soul is filled with gloom, a ludicrous incident becomes the more ludicrous by contrast. An Englishman who poisoned himself by mistake told one of his friends that when suffering agonies he was deeply conscious of the grimly ludicrous aspects under which one circumstance succeeded another.

The exquisite irony of the contrast between his own internal sensations and the sunny indifference or stolid surprise of all around him, while he was in a galloping haste to escape death, made an impression upon him which rose above the pain-as, for instance, when his porter asked for leave to change his shoes before he went for the doctor.

SEE PORTENTS IN THE STARS

Enthusiastic Frenchmen Profess to View Promises of Victory in Heavenly "Omens."

Patriotic enthusiasm, now at a high pitch in France, has been seeing in the heavens things which it likes to regard as symbolical of French victory in the war. The most talked of "omen" has been a tricolored star seen over the western horizon last autumn and over the eastern during the winter. Prosaic astronomers have unkindly identified this marvelous star with Venus, which, like any other heavenly body, shows the spectral colors when it is near the horizon. It is remarkable how often Venus has been taken for something that it is not. One would think that no civiwell acquainted with that lovely planet under her own name, yet her brilliant light in the evening or morning sky is forever starting some wild rumor. In 1797-also a time of patriotic fervor-Venus was hailed in France as the star of Napoleon. In recent years she has most frequently been taken for parts of France the "tricolor" star of the last few months was not Venus,

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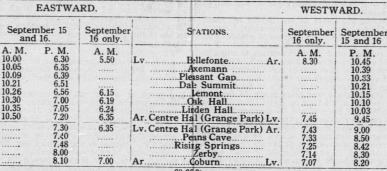
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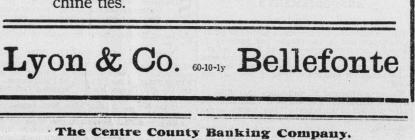
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Marvelous Instrument.

A marvelous instrument, the compound interferometer, has been invented by Prof. C. W. Chamberlain, president and head of the physics department of Denison university. With this instrument it is possible to measure a distance as small as 1-20,000.-000th of an inch. This instrument will in all probability be the most delicate measuring instrument of its kind for many years to come. It is practically impossible for the human mind to realize the smallness of the distance measurable by the compound interferometer, which is 400 times as powerful as the most perfect compound microscope, but some idea can be formed by the use of comparisons. This 1-20,000,000th of an inch is the apparent size of the head of an ordinary pin viewed at a distance of 227 miles, or the size of a 50 cent piece viewed at a distance of 9,000 miles, or the size of a human face viewed at a distance equal to twice the circumference of our mother earth.

The death of Bill Snyder, the baday's news. Bill was not one of the higher order of the monkey family; his kinship to the human race, if he had any, was remote. Yet surely in the manner of his death he displayed a simian resemblance to man. He died as hundreds of thousands of beings higher in the scale of evolution die, as countless numbers of our "best

citizens" die-from overeating. He was as reckless in the indulgence of his appetite for food as the most cultivated member of the human family. and if the circumstances of his death excite surprise, it is that his natural instincts did not preserve him from the fate of the most intelligent human beings.

Bill's death points a dietetic moral for monkeys that exchange the nuts and roots of the jungle for the richer food of zoo captivity and idleness. The application of the moral to mankind need not be considered. A vastly greater number of men die from overeating than from starvation, and the death of a humble simian in the circumstances from this characteristically human ailment, may serve to emphasize the fact.-New York World.

"Rounding Up" Students.

New Armored Motor Car.

A novel type of armored motor car has been designed by a resident of Lowell, Mass. It contains some very original ideas as to protection from rifle and gun fire. The car is shaped exactly like a turtle, the upper and lower shell being joined at a distance of about sixteen inches above the ground. The wheels are almost entirely covered by the armor. The latter is composed of steel shells, curved to represent a turtle back, the inventor claiming that such a construction renders the persons in the car immune from rifle and machine gun fire, as the bullets are deflected into the air. Loopholes for firing, a periscope for steering, emergency doors in the rear and on both sides, a powerful motor under the driver's seat, and a quick-firing gun mounted on a revolving base-these are all parts of the design.

Ingenuity of college students in writing badly after they have "passed off" the required freshman or sophomore course in composition is extraordinary. Perhaps it is a reassertion of native inaptness, perhaps it is sheer carelessness. But the remedy to be adopted at Harvard, after special study of the problem, is a patent one. A standing faculty committee is to be appointed, and "instructors in all courses will be urged to send to the committee any examination book, thesis or other piece of work which has demonstrated the writer's inability to express his thought." The committee will thereupon prescribe additional work in English for the delinquent students. The very warning should end mere slovenliness, and those whose fault lies deeper should be grateful for the discipline .- New York Evening Post.

Parrot Fights for Master.

When R. A. Whitby, a United States' marine, was arrested by the police a parrot that Whitby carried under his arm put up a fight, and the sailor was compelled to call off the bird before the officer could place Whitby in the patrol wagon.

When the prisoner was taken to the city hall the parrot refused to let the police put Whitby in a cell without permitting the bird to occupy the same place of confinement. Whitby and the parrot were both released after a hearing.-Chester (Pa.) Dispatch the far East are now in a position to to Philadelphia Inquirer.

Will Work Asphalt Mines. The enormous deposit of asphalt of Leyte province, in the Philippines, is now to be worked for the eastern market by a local company. This almost inexhaustible deposit lies so near the shore line at Tacloban that ships can anchor and take on cargoes of asphalt from lighters loaded at the mines with practically no overland transportation. There is a large and growing demand in the islands for paving asphalt and all the cities of offer a market.

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