## REASON CANNOT BE GUIDE

Product of the Mind, and Is Subject to the Will but Never Superior.

Reason cannot select correct premises; she can only prove the premises you give her. "Oh, what a wonderful creature is man," exclaimed Ben Franklin; "he can find reasons for anything he wishes to do." That is the trouble with reason as a guide. Reason cannot guide. Reason is always guided by something else behind it, which supplies the premises from which reason makes its calculations and records. Reason is a calculating machine. Give it correct premises and it will compute and record the right answer every time. But reason has no power of choice in the matter of premises; like any well regulated calculating machine it automatically accepts the premises fed into it. You have but to watch your own thoughts carefully to prove

Who, or what, then, is responsible for the choice of premises that you feed into your calculator? It is life itself which uses reason. It is life itself which creates reason, the calculator. And why does life need reason? Life needs reason to weigh, compute, compare and record life's institutions and experiences. Without the calculator and recorder, reason, life would endlessly duplicate its experiences and intuitions without learning anything from them. Life is the creator, reason the creature. Life is the actor, reason is acted upon. Life is positive and reason negative. To depend upon reason as guide is to exalt the machine above the mind that made it.

## "ALARM" THAT IS NOISELESS

Yet the Invention May Be Relied Upon to Awaken Even the Soundest Sleeper.

Alarm watches that signal the time for which they are set by a shrill ringing are common, but a "noiseless" alarm watch which accomplishes the same result is entirely new.

The story has been told of a married man who possessed a ringing alarm watch and who, with his wife, was awakened every morning by the silvery tinkle of the watch under his pillow. It took this man's wife five years, so the story goes, to discover that the alarm watch and not the neighbor's alarm clock was really awakening her every morning. The noiseless afarm watch, however, performs its early morning task differently. The noiseless alarm consists of a cord which tightens about the wrist, the pressure gradually increasing until released by the wearer of the watch. This is accomplished by pushing a small slide | violent sports which will do the fat and twisting the stem of the watch a half turn.—World's Advance.

The Pity of Self-Pity. Self-pity is indulged in by most men. Some more, some less. The human mind is so constituted that under certain conditions of stress, it turns upon itself and says: "You poor, abused thing." The ruination which is wrought by it appears in the fact that when a man pities himself he does so for the very reason that ought to lead him to self-condemnation. He pities his weaknesses, rather than reforming them. He coddles his infirmities, when they need to have the punishment which pugilists give each other. No man ever pitied himself when he is doing the hard things-we mean, really doing them. While a man is being brave the thoughts of being abused or ill treated are impossible thoughts to him. The business man who sits down, and while he holds his face in his hands, bemoans: "I am having a hard time," needs the dash of that really cold water which adversity always uses when she would make a strong man. Self-pity untwists the fiber of which manly men are builded. Hard times make great, robust, stalwart men-when the substance is there to work on .- Bloomington Journal.

Most Colid Book in the World. Consisting of but ten pages, yet Aaying claim to the title of the most solid book in the world, a volume recently presented to the Columbian a long white beard. His fellow tribes-Field museum is a unique work, says the World's Advance. It is made up and brought him to see us. Despite of ten slabs of the finest jade, ex- the decrepitude of his body, however, quisitely engraved with Chinese char- there was no trace of senility; his acters. The text is in both Chinese and Manchu, with the most elaborate old creature showed great gratitude Ornamentations on the first and last for a gift of tobacco." pages. This queer jade volume was made at the order of Emperor Kanghsi, who lived from 1662 to 1722, and it is a family document of great historic value. It is supposed that this relic was sold on account of the financial stringency affecting the deposed imperial family, who lived in retirement on a limited income since the establishment of the Chinese republic.

A Venetian Trait. "Our town is considered the Venice

of Sagebrush county." "A town on a prairie? Why, you have to haul your drinking water to this alkali burg."

"That may be true." "Then where does your resemblance

to Venice comes in?" "We have a large floating population."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

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### RECORDS OF SONGS OF BIRDS

Gramophone Has Been Successfully Employed in a New and Interesting Way.

The gramophone is sometimes put to strange uses. The leader of an African hunting expedition, who set out on a motor trip from the Cape of Cairo, recently used it as a decoy for tigers and hippopotami. In tigerhunting it is usual to tether a lamb to a tree; its bleatings attract the tiger within reach of the hunters. Before leaving England the explorer had some records made of bleating lambs, and, says, a recent writer, he tried them on the unsuspecting tigers of the African jungle with considerable suc-

The record makers gained one of their greatest triumphs when they succeeded in getting good nightingale and blackbird records. The chief difficulty was the objection that birds had to the sounds of the recording machines. The clever men got round that by setting up a dummy recording machine, in the horn of which they put some of the birds' favorite food

When the bird entered the horn to get the food the clockwork was set in motion. The little creatures soon grew accustomed to the sound, and so, after much tedious and discouraging labor, successful records were made. These records are selling in thousands all over the world.

### TENANTS DIDN'T MIND HIM

Old Gentleman Merely Was a Harmless Optimist With a Seemingly Peculiar Delusion.

A district visitor was paying calls on the folk in a row of cottages, and was shocked by the conduct of a shabbily-dressed old gentleman, who passed from door to door in a great rage, and threatened the occupants with all manner of dire penalties.

"Dear me, what a peculiar old man!" she exclaimed to one of the tenants. "Why do you permit him to abuse you in that fashion?"

"Oh, we don't mind in the least, ma'am," answered the tenant, with a twinkle in her eyes. "We're quite used to his little ways by now. He's been a harmless lunatic for ten or eleven years."

"You don't say so! Poor old fellow! What particular form does his madness take?"

"Optimism, ma'am. He comes for the rent every Monday, and actually allows himself to fancy that he'll get it!"-London Tit-Bits.

Exercise for Thin Folks

When it comes to the question of exercise, the thin woman will do well to remember the old Greek warning, "Nothing too much." She assuredly needs a certain amount of gentle exercise every day, but she does not need and ought not to take up the woman all the good in the world. There are two outdoor practices, however, which will be of great benefit to the thin woman. One of these is walking, the other is swimming.

When the thin woman walks she should not try to see how much ground she can cover in a certain period of time. Let her walk quietly and at a moderate pace, paying par-

ticular attention to her breathing. Walking in the fresh air will help you to breathe correctly, and it will also give you a splendid appetite for these three meals of good, wholesome food of which you ought to dispose daily. Swimming also will aid your appetite, and it is positively the best and quickest way to develop the bust and shoulders. This is the swimming season; don't fail to learn if you want to gain weight and a healthful symmetrical body.

Papuans Die Young. The average duration of life is shorter in Papua or New Guinea than in any other country, possibly owing to the peculiar diet affected by the natives, who devour with gusto the larva of beetles, dug out of decayed tree trunks and habitually drink sea water when near the coast. "The people die off at about 40," we are told in A. E. Pratt's Two Years Among the New Guinea Cannibals. "We saw one very old man, who may have been about 60 years of age—the only example of longevity that we came across. He was bent almost double, and had men regarded him as a great curiosity senses were unimpaired, and the poor

Styles Soon Change. "So you are going to motor across the continent, Mrs. Whyffer?" "Yes. We start tomorrow."

"I dare say you anticipate a pleasant "Yes, but there is one thought that

troubles me." "And what is that?" "I'm afraid our car will be out of date when we reach our destination."

Great Advantage. "What is your idea of the zero of enjoyment?"

"Why-er-a monologue on a phonograph. "I know somehing less enjoyable than that."

"A monologue on the stage. You can shut off the phonograph."

HOW MEN SLAIN IN BATTLE ARE RECOGNIZED.

Turkey the Only Country Which Refuses to Make Use of Any Contrivances by Which Its Dead Defenders May Be Known.

"A dead man is of no use to the sultan; why, therefore, trouble about him?" replied a Turkish pasha (general) when asked why Turkey, of all the warring nations, omitted to supply some sort of identification means for its lost men.

Every other nation in the present conflict provides means of identifying the dead, and these tags or identification slips are usually sent by the victors to the vanquished after a battle, as a courtesy of war, although it has been noticed that "courtesies of war" are going into the decline just now.

The British and Japanese systems are the most elaborate. Each English soldier has a small oblong card stitched inside his tunic. On it are entered the man's name, regiment, next of kin and other similar information. Besides this, every article of his clothing is stamped with a number which corresponds to one written opposite his name in the regimental records, as well as the county depot of his bat-

The Japanese system is very similar. Each man has three disks-one round his neck, another on his waist belt and a third in his boot-on each of which are three numbers corresponding to the wearer's name, corps and brigade respectively.

Russian soldiers wear a numbered badge shaped like an "ikon"-sacred picture image - which is formally blessed by the priests.

Germany's soldiers carry a metal disk bearing a number, which corresponds with a number at the Berlin war office. After a battle numbers, not names, are telegraphed and certified. And the effectiveness of this system may be judged by the fact that after the fighting around Metz in 1870, when the casualties exceeded forty thousand, complete lists were posted in the capital two days later.

The United States government uses a simple cloth tab woven into the shoulder strap of the tunic. Italy uses a small zinc plate affixed to the trousers at the waist, on which are embossed the soldier's name, place of origin, number and date of enlistment, while the Portuguese cavalry soldier has a number stamped on the leggings.

The French, who formerly used little aluminum name plates, which in war with savages seemed an irresistible attraction to the enemy, now use little cards; but Austria still has an ornate identification badge of gun metal, shaped like a locket, with inside all particulars inscribed on little parch-

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