

The Calaveras Skull.

Of interest in connection with tertiary gold bearing river gravels of California is the story of the Calaveras skull. For a time this skull attracted much attention not only from the people in California, but from scientific men the world over.

A Grim Cathedral.

Once the capital of the kingdom of Portugal, Coimbra possesses a number of interesting monuments. Its cathedral dates from the early period when it upon the west, Toledo in the center and Saragossa to the east were the Christian outposts against the infidel.

Hiding Behind Smoke.

The accuracy of modern naval gunnery is so marvelous that the only hope for a ship to escape being sunk when within range of the guns is to hide itself. That is easier said than done, however, and there is only one way in which it can be done, and that is by means of a "smoke screen."

Hawking in the Old Days.

Falconry, or hawking, was a favorite sport with the nobility and gentry of Europe down to the first half of the seventeenth century. Hawks were trained to mount and pursue game and bring it to their masters and mistresses, coming and going to the call of the latter with marvelous docility.

Still Has Friends.

Two retired tradesmen residing in the country were discussing matters generally, when one asked: "How is your son doing in the city?" "Oh, he doesn't say much about his business," was the reply, "but he writes me that he's got a lot of friends!"

A Much Needed Rest.

"Does your boy take kindly to farm life now that he has finished college?" "Oh, yes!" replied Farmer Cobbles. "He says that after the strenuous four years he's been through it's a pleasure to loaf around home and watch the hired men at work."

Silver.

The handle of a silver spoon gets hot more quickly than that of a pewter spoon when thrust into a cup of hot coffee. In fact, this is an easy and quick way of detecting imitation silver. Silver itself has been found to be the best conductor of heat known.

His Ambition.

"How would you feel if the end of the world came tomorrow?" "I'd be glad of it. I always wanted to be present at a great historical event."—Detroit Saturday Night.

Happiness.

Mankind is always happier for having been happy. So that if you make men happy now you make them happy twenty years hence by the memory of it.—Sydney Smith.

Rice.

Rice will absorb three times its measure of water and a larger quantity of milk or stock.

Our First Canal.

The first canal opened in the United States for the transportation of passengers and merchandise was the Middlesex canal, from Boston to Lowell, in 1804. Colonel L. Baldwin, the engineer, removed the first turf Sept. 10, 1794. The canal was thirty feet wide and four feet deep, had twenty locks, seven aqueducts and fifty bridges.

Until 1831 the canal flourished, but with the building of the Lowell and Boston and the Lowell and Nashua railroads about two-thirds of the business of the canal was diverted to the railroads, and the canal never paid afterward. It was built for \$130,000, but in 1859 the supreme court of Massachusetts issued a decree declaring the franchise forfeited through disuse.

Crab Locomotives.

The queerest locomotives are the types used in mining and called "crabs." Gliding into the black galleries of coal mines and halting at a crevice in the wall from which issues the distant ring of pick and shovel, the crab lets out a flexible tentacle (a steel cable) for perhaps 200 or 300 feet, drawing it back presently with a car of coal in tow.

Tubular Chimes.

Tubes instead of bells for chimes came into use in England half a century ago for three reasons—they have a mellower, more musical tone; they take up much less space than bells, and they weigh much less. The subject of tubular chimes has all the interest that pertains to bells generally. In making a bell the most expert founder cannot predetermine with exactitude the tone of the bell.

Solar Heat.

M. A. Veronnet has attempted to calculate the time the sun's activity could be maintained by (1) chemical action, (2) intra-atomic energy (radium) and (3) the work of gravitational contraction. For the first he gets 2,000 years, for the second only 170 years, while for the third he finds that gravitational contraction, according to the well known theory of Helmholtz, would account for several millions of years of solar heat, as demanded by the geological record.

He Knew All About It.

"Your shoestring's untied, ma'am," cried the little boy to the stout woman who was moving majestically up the street. "I'll tie it for you." The stout lady smilingly thanked him and drew back her skirt in acceptance of his offer. The small boy drew the string tight and smiled back at her.

"Some of those old Roman triumphs must have been magnificent exhibitions." "Yes," replied the Philadelphia citizen. "But none of them could be quite complete. Circumstances, you know, didn't permit them to borrow our Liberty bell."—Washington Star.

The True Intent.

Irate Patient (after the agony)—What do you mean by proclaiming on your sign, "Teeth extracted without pain?" Suave Dentist—Exactly what I say. I assure you the operation doesn't distress me at all. One dollar, please.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

What Happened.

"What is the cause of the rumpus over there?" "A promising young playwright held the unruly up to Nature. Nature took one look and fell in a fit."—Judge.

An Old Punishment.

David Leyes, a Scotchman, for striking his father was sentenced in 1754 to appear "barreddit and barfuitit" in church with an apologetic placard attached to his cranium.

Own Up.

A man should never be ashamed to own he has been in the wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.—Pope.

Good reasons must, of course, give place to better.—Shakespeare.

SPEED OF PROJECTILES.

How the Velocity of Cannon Balls and Bullets is Measured. How fast does a bullet travel? The highest velocity ever given to a cannon ball is 1,626 feet per second. This is equal to a mile in little more than three seconds, or nearly twenty miles a minute.

A rifle bullet does not travel so fast as a cannon ball, the average rate being 1,275 feet per second. This matter of speed is tested in a very interesting way.

A long wooden shed is used, in which a distance of exactly 100 feet has been carefully marked off. At each end of this space is a stand something like a target with a large circular opening where the bulletseye should be. Across each opening is stretched a small electric wire, connected with a delicate instrument in another room.

The rifle from which the firing is done is so aimed that the bullet which flies from it cuts both wires. Obviously the difference in time between the cutting of the two wires marks the speed of the bullet through that 100 feet.

When the first wire is cut an electric current is broken and a rod falls, moving a pointer on a slide in its descent. The breaking of the second wire acts in the same manner on another set of rods, slides and pointers.

The differences in the marks made by the pointers on the slides makes it possible to estimate the difference in their time of falling, and from these calculations accurate figures as to speed are obtained.—London Answers.

SEEKING HAPPINESS.

Little Things That Make Living a Joy Are Not Always Appreciated.

We are told that happiness comes by pieces and that it is these small bits linked together that make our lives worth while. Some of us are not content to take our happiness by degrees or at intervals. We want it all the time in big pieces, and if we cannot have it that way we think that we are deprived of our natural rights and look upon ourselves as injured beings.

It is a rather singular expression of human nature how happiness affects the individual. With some of us it makes us friendlier toward others and anxious that they should experience like joys; with others it makes us too satisfied with ourselves to think very much of our neighbors.

Perhaps those of us who know what the joy of living means have experienced both of these attitudes at different periods of our lives and are in position, therefore, to appreciate a varying viewpoint, but even so it is only after we lose something of that joy of living and have found out for ourselves that there are shadows which no amount of sunlight can disperse that we can really appreciate the blessing of whatever happiness may find its way into our lives.

The little things that count so much in our intercourse with each other are not always regarded as highly as they should be, and for this reason we pass by much that would give us joy if we only knew how and where to find it.—Charleston News and Courier.

Gardens in the Ice.

A glacier when it dislodges itself and sails away over the Arctic ocean never travels alone. In the wake of every large one floats a line of smaller companions. The Eskimos call this phenomenon "the duck and ducklings," and any one who has watched the progress of the wild duck followed by her brood will appreciate the aptitude of the name. Strange as it may seem, plants grow and blossom upon these great ice mountains. When a glacier is at rest moss attaches itself to it, protecting the ice beneath, just as seaweeds does. After a time the moss decays and ferms a soil, in which the seeds of buttercups and dandelions, brought by the wind, take root and flourish.

Professional Pawners.

In many of the main streets of London there are professional pawnbrokers—women, well known to the pawnbrokers, who for small payments take clothes and household goods to pawn for their neighbors. It is stated that the function of the professional pawner is twofold. The woman who pawns through a recognized intermediary gets a larger loan than she would if she did the business herself. For the pawnbroker the professional pawner guarantees the good faith of the owner and will be able to exercise pressure in case of default.—London Express.

Medical.

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When dry, however, guncotton can be made to explode with great violence by being struck sharply between two hard surfaces. Detonation, as such an explosion is called, is quite a different phenomenon from burning. It seems to consist in the instantaneous disintegration of the molecules of the exploding substance. It is as though all the bricks in a great building were in a fraction of a second to be scattered about Greater New York.

One Meaning of the Hyphen.

A spirited defense of the hyphen is made by the Kurjer Polski of Milwaukee, a Polish newspaper which has stood loyally by the president. Commenting upon the admonition of Judge Morris to an Austrian taking out naturalization papers to remember that he was "just a plain American," the editor observes that Lafayette, Kosciuszko, Pulaski and De Kalb were not "just plain Americans;" "they were considered either hyphenated Americans or not Americans at all." This is a point of view too often overlooked; if the hyphen has been emphasized it has often been for the sake of emphasizing Americanism. A citizen who is called by others a Pole or Bohemian or Italian is on the patriotic side when he insists on adding "American" to what others call him. Nor is it just to scold about hyphens until all citizens, whatever their origin, are called simply Americans. There is not a bit of harm in the hyphen, so long as it is clearly understood that it does not separate, but unites.—Springfield Republican.

Message on a Man's Scalp.

We hear much about secret writing, but have not yet heard of anything to beat the simple cunning of one Histaeus, a Greek, at the Persian court in the fifth century, B. C., who wanted to send a private message to a friend at Miletus. He took a slave with bad eyes, and, under pretense of curing him shaved his head.

The message was then written on his scalp, unknown even to him, the hair allowed to grow again, and the slave sent off to Miletus with a letter which all could read, saying how well he had been cured. And the friend, with whom the plan had been arranged, only needed shaving materials to uncover the secret message.—London Chronicle.

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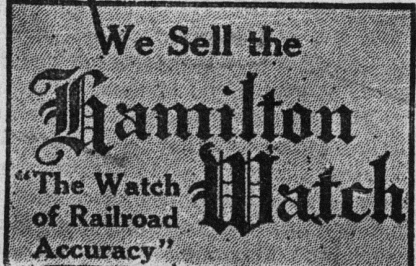
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Medical.

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