

EYEGASSES AND WHY.

The Increase in the Number Worn Not an Evidence of Degeneration of the Eyes.

The question is often asked, particularly by those who can recall the customs and experiences of 25 years ago: "Why do so many persons nowadays wear glasses?"

New employments, new amusements and new fashions are continually being introduced to increase the exertions laid upon these sensitive and delicate organs.

THE CHILDREN OF DREYFUS.

Singular Manner in Which They Discovered the Truth About Their Father.

A pathetic incident connected with the Dreyfus trial is given by the Paris correspondent of London Truth.

Among the anxieties of the wife of the persecuted man not the least was her fear that her children should learn the terrible fate of their father.

POLISHING PETRIFACTIONS.

Solidified Wood Being Prepared for the Paris Exposition in South Dakota.

The polishing works of this city are now engaged on the stupendous job of getting out \$1,000,000 worth of polished chaledony, or petrified wood.

CATARRH CANNOT BE CURED

With local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies.

No Reason to Specify. They were dancing. The music was heavenly. The swish of her silken skirts was delightful.

Blindfolded Superstition. Mrs. Slindiet-Well, that fellow Longhead, who talked about talking board here, is just about the most superstitious man I ever did hear of.

Up and Doing. Mack O'Rell-How is that eldest brother coming on? Luke Warme-He's in New York, running a hotel and doing well.

Faith in Superstition. "I'm just sure that her auburn hair is the result of chemicals," said young Mrs. Torkins in a tone of mystery and confidence.

Inherited. "Mabel seems to take a deep interest in yachting, doesn't she?" "Yes, she is quite carried away with it."

No Cause for Worry. Miss Million (of uncertain age)-The only thing that worries me is the wedding tour. It will be perfectly horrible to have people know-

What She Needed. "The man I marry," she said, "must have no bad habits; he must be handsome, manly, loving, generous, liberal, thoughtful."

Mending Mike's Request. If as a hero I loom up One thing I want to beg: Don't offer me no lovin' cup. I'd rather have a keg.

WHAT DID HE MEAN? "Ah, your son's a smart fellow-got his father's head, eh?-chip of the old block!"-Ally Sloper.

Old Letters. "I cannot read his letters, dear. 'Twould wake my heart to pain once more; His words of love would make me sad- And then his writing was so bad."

The Question. "Pa," said Willie, "may I ask you just one more question before I go to bed?" "Yes, my boy. What is it?"

The Reason. Mr. Jones-Here is a man who tried to kill himself by eating the heads off of phosphorus matches. What an insane idea!

His Way. Young Quer-Arthur Oldbeau is always paying queer compliments. Friend-What's his latest? Young Mother-To-day he congratulated the baby on having such a pretty mother to look like.-Puck.

The Cart Before the Horse. Cox-What does Enliston have in that trailer behind his automobile? Nixon-A reserve power. Cox-Some electrical contrivance? Nixon-No. It's a good, old-fashioned horse.-Harlem Life.

They All Preach. "And why shouldn't there be women preachers?" she asked. "No reason at all," he replied, feelingly. "I never knew a woman who couldn't preach."-Chicago Post.

PHARAOHIC MUMMIES.

Discovery of the Remains of the Great Egyptian Magician of the Time of Rameses II.

Prof. Groff, the Egyptologist, writes from Ghizeh to the Paris Messenger about Pharaohic mummies at the Ghizeh museum, confirming the tradition that the scenes described in the first chapters of the Book of Exodus took place under the reign of Rameses II.

"After having opened the case in which the mummy is kept," he says, "and carefully removing the outer cloth covering there appeared written on the shroud, just over the breast of the mummy: 'His majesty commanded in the seventh year, third month of the season of planting, sixth day, to be put in order the mummy of Prince Hamus.'"

FRIENDS AFTER BATTLE.

The British and Boer Soldiers Joined Hands in Caring for the Wounded.

As the fighting did not finish until after nightfall, it was necessary for the men to bivouac on the field, says the London Mail. This they did cheerfully and in an orderly manner.

No One Feels Death. An Experienced Physician of Long Practice Tells of a Popular Fallacy.

"I have seen thousands of persons die under all sorts of circumstances, and never yet have I seen one display the slightest fear of death." This remarkable statement was made the other day, according to the Philadelphia Record, by a physician who has practiced many years in Philadelphia.

First Flax Pole on the Coast. On the highest ground of a long, low hill distant about one mile to the westward of the little town of Bodega, in Western Sonoma county, Cal., there stands a tall, somewhat decrepit redwood flagstaff.

Hood's Pills

Are prepared from Nature's mild laxatives, and while gentle are reliable and efficient. They Rouse the Liver

Dr. Humphreys'

Specifies act directly upon the disease, without exciting disorder in other parts of the system. They Cure the Sick.

- 1-Fevers, Congestions, Inflammations. 25 2-Worms, Worm Fever, Worm Colic. 25 3-Teething, Colic, Crying, Wakefulness. 25 4-Diarrhea, of Children or Adults. 25 7-Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis. 25 8-Neuritis, Toothache, Faceache. 25 9-Headache, Sick Headache, Vertigo. 25 10-Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Weak Stomach. 25 11-Whitens, Too Profuse Periods. 25 12-Whites, Too Profuse Periods. 25 13-Croup, Laryngitis, Hoarseness. 25 14-Salt Rheum, Erysipelas, Eruptions. 25 15-Rheumatism, Rheumatic Pains. 25 16-Malaria, Chills, Fever and Ague. 25 19-Catarrh, Influenza, Cold in the Head. 25 20-Whooping Cough. 25 27-Kidney Diseases. 1.00 28-Nervous Debility. 1.00 30-Urinary Weakness, Wetting Bed. 25 77-Grip, Hay Fever. 25

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Restore Vitality, Lost Vigor and Manhood. Cure Impotency, Night Emissions and wasting diseases, all effects of self-abuse, or excess and indiscretion. A nerve tonic and blood builder.

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RAILROAD TIME TABLE

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BLOOMSBURG DIVISION. In effect April 23, 1899.

Table with columns for stations (Saratoga, Scranton, etc.), times (A.M., P.M.), and directions (EAST, WEST).

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ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the policy holders of the Fire-Engine Mutual Insurance Company will be held at the City Centre, on Monday, January 8, 1899, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m.

Pennsylvania Railroad.

Time Table in effect Nov. 19, 1899.

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Advertisement for Cascares CANDY CATHARTIC. REGULATE THE LIVER. Pleasant, Painful, Potent, Taste Good. Do Good. Never Sicken, Weaken, or Grip. 10c. Per Doz.

TID-BITS FOR MA' HONEY! and tender little julecets for the children, are all right, but papa and the boys' want a good, big, juicy steak, roast or chop when business or school duties are over, and we can cater to them all.

Philadelphia & Reading Railway

Engines Burn Hard Coal-No Smoke. In effect July 1, 1898. TRAINS LEAVE BLOOMSBURG For New York, Philadelphia, Reading, Pottsville, Harrisburg, weekdays, 11:30 a. m.

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