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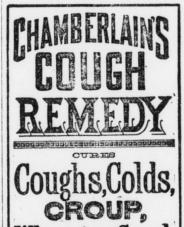
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The man who when struck violently on the head says he "saw stars" is not far from telling the truth. The fact is that there is a phosphorescent power in the eye which does not attract a person's attention under ordinary co ditions, but which is distributed and reveals itself whenever the head gets sudden shock and sometimes ever in the act of sneezhar. A blow on the head results in a pressure of the blood vessels upon the retina, causing either total darkness or a faint blue light in this faint blue light the imaginati discerns the thousands of fantastic forms and figures that by general ac ceptance are termed stars; hence while the astronomical display so fre quently mentioned may be said entirely a creature of the imag there is at least some foundation the idea. The true nature of the sation is never very apparent, the victim, for the simple rea it is invariably experienced uncumstances which render a se introspective investigation out of the

An Odd Nugget of Gold.

There have been many large and oddly shaped gold nuggets found in the United States and elsewhere, but the oddest of them all was that dis covered at the Midhas mine, on Sulky gully, near Melbourne, Australia, in The nugget was flat and almost the exact counterpart in contour of a colossal human hand held open, with the exception of the thumb and forefinger, which were closed together in a manner so as to make it appear that the thumb was holding the finger in place. Its greatest length was twelve and a half inches and its greatest breadth eight inches. It was of the very purest gold, with but a little of foreign substances adhering, mostly between the "fingers," and weighed 617 ounces. It was found in the north-west main drive of the Midhas mine, 120 feet below the surface of the earth and at a spot only fifty feet from where the famous Lady Brassey nugget was discovered the year before. It weighed fifty-one pounds of pure gold

Mme. Rejane at Rehearsal.

Mme. Rejane at one of her rehearsals was endeavoring to impress upon a roung actor the necessity of a tragi-

Put yourself in his place," she said. "But I have never been through such

"Well, then," retorted the actress, "imagine you have lost 300 or 400 louis at baccarat and that you have een dismissed from the company." His face fell.

There you have it," said she. "Keep hat expression and you will win. For a young woman who could not veep to order she tried a heroic cure.

"Very well. I will take the part away from you. You are not pretty

This had the desired effect, and the

oodgates opened. "Weep like that and you will be the hit of the piece," exclaimed Rejane triumphantly.-London M. A. P.

Balzac and Black Coffee.

Balzae was addicted to the use of trong black coffee and depended upon t as a nervous stimulant during the hours which he devoted to composi-Its effect he has himself described in these words:

The coffee falls into your stomach. Immediately everything starts into ac tion. Your ideas begin to move like Grand Army battalions on the battleield, and the battle opens. Memories arrive at a run, standards flying; the light cavalry of comparisons breaks into a magnificent gallop; the artillery of logic dashes up and unlimbers; thoughts come rushing up as sharp shooters; characters spring up on al shoders; characters spring on the sides; the paper becomes covered with link, for the struggle has begun and ends in torrents of black water like the battle in black powder."

Burns as a Tax Collector.

In the olden days candles were taxed articles, and it was the duty of Robert Burns as an excise officer to see that oked the other way, however, a hen passing through the kitchen one ight at William Lorimer's of Kenn shall, where the gudewife was busy making candles, he merely remarked "Faith, madam, ye're thrang the nicht," and passed into the parlor.—St James' Gazette.

The Mountains Bother Them British have had beaps of trou le in Siam to make the natives under of flat. Indeed, the native teachers flat, and when argued with they re-"If it isn't flat why do the moun tains stand up as they do instead of rolling downhill?"

A Financier's Observation.

"Perhaps," replied Mr. Dustin Sta nly most members of royal familiare more anxious to borrow mone than to disburse it."-Washington Sta

A Paradox.

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Little Willie Say, pa, what is a paradox? Pn—Well, my son, a coal stove so one kind of paradox. It won't burn intil it is para up; then it won't burn intil it is shaken down.—Chicago

A Difference.
"I am told that Jones is a regular each. Is that true?"
"No: I would hardly say that. A

The Ham Fair at Paris.
A feature of Parisian life is the ham fair which is held on the Boulevard Richard Le Noir. The name of this fair is wholly misleading, for as far as I have ever seen hams are the very last thing any one ever buys there. Old brass and copper curios, quaint jewelry, rare china, lace, tapestries and books are what most people go out to seek, and a sight not to be easily forgotten is the long, wide boulevard lined with ramshackle stalls laden with every possible kind of lumber and presided over by the most rapacious of brocanteurs. Out of piles of valueless lumber Americans and English diligently seek for their pet kind of curios, and there is not an artist in Paris who cannot point to some bit of furniture in his or her studio and "I got that for 5 francs at the ham No one ever pays more than 5 nes, I notice, but, alas, e five franc bargains every year are becomin: more rare, and even as housekeeping in Paris grows more and more costly so does the furnishing of one's house to keep .- London Queen.

Only a Question of Possibility. Among the customers of a tea store opened in the northwest part of the city the other night was a man who, after buying a pound of coffee, handed a counterfeit half dollar to the shop-

"This money is counterfeit; I'm sor-

ry, sir," said the shopkeeper,
"Yes; I know it," replied the customer, grinning. "Got it here one day
last week, and I've been saving it for
you." Then, noting the smile upon the shopkeeper's face, the customer said, evidently offended, "Perhaps you doubt my word?"
"Oh, not at all, sir; not at all.

couldn't doubt the word of so truthful a man. I was simply smiling because I wondered how it was possible for you to have got the money here. This place was opened only night before last."

Thereupon the customer departed hastily after producing a good coin and slipping the counterfeit into his own pocket.—Philadelphia Times.

Lancashire Humor. There was a Lancashire collier who went out on Sunday with his wheel-barrow because, as he said, "I've lost mi dog, an' a felly looks sich a foo' gooin' a-walkin' bi hisself."

Then there was the workingmen's club committee which wanted to indorse the accounts "audited and found correct and tuppence over" and the customer who, on being told that the price of candles had gone up owing to war, asked whether they were "feightin' bi candle leet."

Also one recalls the laggard Lan-cashire lover who, when asked for a kiss, said he was "gooin' to do it in a bit," and the old ladies who praised a certain Darwin clergyman as "a grand burier," and of the orator who translated "Dieu et mon droit" into "Evil be to him what evil thinks!"-"Lancashire Life and Character," by Frank Orme-

Japanese wrestlers are not to be confused with Japanese exponents of jiu jitsu. The wrestlers belong to the older school, in which weight is a paramount quality. It is a remarkable thing that a race which is on the av-erage four or five inches under the European standard in point of height should have produced a special cult of wrestlers who are giants in stature and strength. The leading wrestlers of Tokyo or Osaka or Hiogo are all men at least six feet in height and weighing perhaps 300 pounds. They are a race apart. Wrestling is an occupation which has been handed Jown from father to son for many generations. And the explanation of their prowess is that they have always been meat eaters, while the rest of Japan, either from choice or necessity, have been in the main vegetarians.

Diamonds Under Water.

An imitation diamond is never se brilliant as a genuine stone. If your eye is not experienced enough to de is to place the stone under water. The imitation stone is practically extinguished, while a genuine diamond sparkles even under water and is distinctly visible. When possible, place a genuine stone beside the possible imi-tation under water, and the contrast will be apparent to the least experienced eyes.

Consistent Theory.
"Don't you believe the husband is the head of the house and should have the final say?"

"Certainly I do."

"Then why don't you come out in the open and say so?"

"Because my wife won't let me."— Exchange.

Well Trained.

Mrs. Boggs-Mr. Meekman is a splendid example of what a man ought to be. Mr. Boggs-Not at all. He's a splendid example of what a wife, two sisters, a grownup daughter and a mother-in-law think a man ought to be.

"Aw, come on!" the little boy was heard to remark. "Be a sport. I'll bet yer any amount o' money up to 5 yer any amount cents."—Harper's.

True Happiness.

About the happiest man in the world should be he that, having a fad, is able to make a living at it.—Chicago Record-Herald.

The arrow that pierces the eagle's breast is often made of his own feath-

THE CAMPHOR LANGUAGE.

Used In Johore Because of a Malay

Superstition. In Johore, on the Malay peninsula, there is employed one of the strangest languages in the world, used for a most curious purpose. This tongue is called Pantang Kapor or "camphor language," and is a medium employed by natives and others engaged in gathering the product of the Malayan camphor tree, but only when they are at

It is a superstition of these natives that should they use the language of the district, the Malay or the aboriginal Jakun, they would be unable to obtain their camphor.

The Malay natives firmly believe that each species of tree has a spirit or guardian angel that presides over its affairs, this spirit being known by the name of Bisan. This divinity's resting place is near the trees. Then, too, the spirit of the camphor tree is held to be extremely jealous of the precious gum, so that it becomes necessary to propiher, inasmuch as she would, should she learn that hunters were in quest of it, endeavor to interpose obstacles to their mission. Accordingly the natives speak in a tongue that the tree spirit may not understand. It was for this purpose that the mysterious "camphor language" was invented, and it consists of an odd mixture of Jakun and Malay words that have been curiously altered and reversed.-Harper's

CRATER LAKES.

Mexico Has Some of the Most Perfect of These Peaceful Pools.

The mere words "crater lake" carry with them a charm and mystery that are akin to romance. But Mexico, with all her romance, has never given abroad any description of some of the most beautiful crater lakes in the world. Valle de Santiago, a little town of the state of Guanajuato boasts four of the most perfect and

beautiful of such lakes.

The village nestles among eleven craters, all formed in some past age by sudden explosions from the interior of the earth, explosions that blew out a great amount of earth, formed low cones and subsided without flow of lava or other demonstration than the single explosion. They are what are known to science as "explosion craters."

The calm restfulness of the crater lake is unlike anything in the world. One finds lakes and solitary pools in forests or mountain fastnesses, and the calm there is akin to witchery, but they are stirred sometimes by passing breezes, and the trees will wave above in the wind. But in a crater lake there is not a breath that will stir it, and even a stone cast into its bosom creates ripples that seem as though they would be swallowed ere they are born. Peace is a word with-out a meaning until one lies silent on the slope of such a crater, with such a lake at his feet.—Mexican Herald.

Bedouins and Water. It is not unusual to hear a Bedouin upon reaching a camp where water is offered him refuse it with the remark, "I drank only yesterday." On the Bedouins' long marches across dry countries the size of the water skins is nicely calculated to just outlast the journey, and they rarely allow them-selves to break the habit of abstemiousness, as this would be sure to make their next water fast all the harder. They are accustomed from infancy to regard water as a most precious com modity and use it with religious econ omy. They know every hollow and nook in the mountains where water may be found. Their camels and goats which they take with them on their marches to supply them with milk and meat, live principally on the scanty herbage and foliage of the thorny mi-mosa. Neither men nor animals drink more than once in forty-eight hours. No wonder they can subsist where invaders quickly perish.

Mice That Subsist on Scorpions.

life that inhabit Death valley is a mouse that has acquired such a taste for scorpions that they form its entire bill of fare. The scorpion carries its formidable armament in the end of its slender, elongated abdomen in the shape of an exceedingly venomous hooked sting. When disturbed it elevates this in the air and goes in search of its disturber. But it is compara-tively slow in its motions, while mice are proverbial for their quickness the world over. The mouse learned many generations ago where the scorpion arries its weapon, and when he meets It he leaps at the uplifted abdomen takes off the sting at a single bite and proceeds to make a meal of his help-less prey. It is supposed to be the only animal that relishes scorpions.

"Gentlemen of the jury," said the judge, "if the evidence shows in your minds that pneumonia was the cause of the man's death the prisoner can-not be convicted."

An hour later a messenger came from the jury room.

"The gentlemen of the jury, my lord," he said, "desire information."
"On what point of evidence?"
"None, my lord. They want to know how to spell 'pneumonia.'"—London

His Last Words.

Detective (in search of clew)—Can you recall the last words your husband addressed to you before he went away? Deserted Wife—Yes. He said, "Maria, for heaven's sake do hush!" Sheffield Union.

THE WORLD TONGUE.

Hardly a Land In Which English te Not Now Heard.

The traveler of today, unless he is going to Tibet or Tierra del Fuego, can get along very well with a knowledge of the English language. The farther he goes the more he is sur-prised at finding that English is really "the" world tongue. In France and Spain and Italy the American traveler is craftily "spotted." He is approached on the streets by those who would for a consideration make him feel quite at home. One of his chief worries is to escape the pests who can speak English and who wish to apprise him of the fact. They may not necessarily desire to mulct him. Sometimes they are seeking merely to "show off." At any rate, they classify distinctly as bores. One may go to Smyrna or Constantinople or Beirut and still find the streets plentifully full of English speaking auisances. At Jerusalem he will be fairly flooded with English. He may penetrate even Damascus, and he will find at least a befezzed hall porter who can converse glibly with him and any number of fluently willing dragomans. He may go to Cairo, and in the shadow of the pyramids he will find blue gowned Bedouins speaking more than passable English. He may go hundreds of miles up the Nile and may be steered through the locks of the first cataract by frizzly haired Nubian boatmen who make insistent demands for backsheesh in very intelligible terms. He may wander donkey back to the tombs of the kings in the Sahara desert and be painfully disillusioned by a few words of concise information or explanation by some barefooted, dusky tent dweller.-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

METEORIC DUST.

Bombards the Earth In an Invisible, Never Ending Shower.

Meteoric dust particles are infinitely finer than grains of sand. They have an interesting origin. Meteors or shooting stars have been bombarding the world from the beginning at a rate estimated at many thousands an hour. of which, however, an average of only five or six are visible to the naked eye in that time.

Owing to our protecting envelope of air few of these missiles reach us. In weight meteors vary from a few ounces to many pounds. Occasionally one is of sufficient dimensions to survive the passage of eighty to a hundred miles through an atmosphere in creasing in density as the earth is approached.

The speed at which they enter the atmosphere, calculated at not less than thirty-five miles a second, generates such intense heat by friction that the iron, of which the meteor principally consists, is immediately reduced to an incandescent vapor, which is the luminous train so frequently seen in the heavens on a clear night. The vapor rapidly cools and condenses in the form of these minute particles, which assume the spherical form, as does shot during its fall from the top of the

Finally the little spheres are scattered by the winds and currents in the upper air and gradually descend in their millions as an invisible, never ending shower. The perfect condition in which these meteors are found is due to the presence of certain noncorrosive elements found by analysis to be present in the metal of meteors which have come to earth .- Chicago

A Clever French Captive.

A person who was supposed to be the French General Mouton, count de Lo-bau, was once captured by an English bau, was once captured by an English vessel, but after a time the captain discovered that his prisoner was the Count de Montrond. "Why did you de-ceive me?" he demanded angrily of the count. "I did not deceive you," replied Montrond; "not at all. You thought I was General Mouton. You told me s You have a fifty gun frigate. for me, who have only a pocket pisto!

The captain did not forgive Montrone and took every opportunity to treat him rudely. One evening at dinner some one proposed the health of the French. As Montrond rose to acknowl edge it the captain cried; "They are all cowards! I make no exceptions!" When Montrond's turn came he gave this sentiment, "The English—they are all gentlemen, but I make exceptions.'

Bay Rum.

Bay rum is manufactured from the dried leaves of Pimento acris. Ba; rum is procured by distillation, and this in a very simple manner. The leaves are picked from the trees an then dried. In this state they are placed in the retort, which is then fil ed with water, and the process of di-tillation is carried on. The vapor then condensed in the usual way an forms what is known as "bay oil," nall quantity of which quired for each puncheon of rum.

He Cited the River.
Indignant Wife—You talk about having "meandered all over the neighbot hood" while you were waiting fo your breakfast. You haven't been ou your bed! Husband (half awake)-Well, didn't you ever see a river mean der without getting out of its bed?-Chicago Tribune.

Turning the Tables.

He (after a quarrel, bitterly)—I was fool when I married you. She—I kney it, but I thought you would improve.

People who fish for compliments de not need long lines. They will get thel best bites in shallow water.