

Fire Kings and Fire Eaters.

One Richardson gained much notoriety by a kind of deflance of fire. This appears to be the man mentioned by Mine, de Sevigne. He waited upon her from Vitry, and dropped into his mouth melted sealing-wax, "as if it had slightest semblance of pain; nor did his tongue show the least sign of burning or injury whatever. The lively letter writer, while treating the display almost as a miracle, nevertheless asked in a halfbantering tone what, would be come of the proofs of innocence so much depended on in former ages, from the ordeal by fire. Richardson probably exhibited his marvels in various parts of Europe; for Evelyn was present at one such display at Lady Sutherland's.

After d n ier the fire king devoured flaming brimstone by way of dessert; thewest and swallowed burning coals; meited a beer glass and then ate it up, or drank it down; put a live coal on his tongue, placed an oyster on the coal, blew this strange substitute for a fire-place with bellows, and so continued until the oyster was roasted or scalloped; he melted pitch and wax with sulphur, and drank off the mixture in a flaming state; and finally held a thick piece of red hot iron between his teeth. A learned French publication, the Journal des Savans, gave detailed accounts of Richarson's marvels ; and in the same journal M. Panthot afterwards explained how they ware done, according to revela-tions made to him by Richardson's servant. The exhibitor rubbed with some chemical substance the hands and other parts of the skin to be exposed to the fire ; the powerful liquor hardened the scarf-skin into a kind of leather, and, after many repetitions of the experiment, this hardening became permanent. Some blacksmith it is known, can handle a piece of iron nearly red hot, the skin of the hand having became indurated by long practice at the hot trade. In roast- JUST published by the PEABODY MEDICAL ing bits of steak and raw oysters on his tongue, Richardson is said to have secretly placed a thin slice of yeal between the tongue and the burning coal, and that this and the moisture of the mouth shielded him from injury. As to swallowing such dainties as flaming sulphur and pitch, he was wont to retire immediately from the audience, drink off warm water and oil, and so obtain relief by an emetic.

Early in the last century a fire-cater named Hilterkeit exhibited in London; but a'l we hear of him is that he had Although eighty years of age, this man would take burning coals from the fire and cat them; place a bundle of lighted matches in his mouth, and blow out the sulphur fumes through his nostrils; carry a red hot heater around the room between his teeth ; broil a piece of beefsteak on hot charcoal placed on his tongue, and drink infinite satisfaction: and such is his infinite satisfaction: and such is his passion for this terrible element that if he were to come hungry into your kitchen while a sirloin was roasting, would eat up the fire and leave the beet." We may fairly surmise that Parell adapted some such presention. June 31, 1875. Powell adopted some such precautionary measures as his predecessor Richardson. About the same time, the beginning of the reign of George III., several scientific men made some valuable experiments to ascertain what degree of heat the human trame could endure for a short time with impunity, apart LUIS Wanted from any sophistication or secret preparation. M. M. Duhamel and lissot recorded their observations on a young girl, who entered an oven and remained there ten minutes at a temperature of 288 degrees Fahrenheit, and on another who braved a heat of 325 degrees Fahrenheit for five minutes Dr. Solander, first clothed and then unclothed, remained for some minutes in an oven at 210 degrees ; Sir Joseph Banks at a little higher temperature ; and Dr. Bladgeu at 280 degrees. Eggs were at the same time roasted hard in a few minutes, an l a beefsteak baked (for it was really baking) in about half an hour. The experimenters could not touch any of their metal buttons or buckles without burning their fingers. All the temperatures here named, except one, greatly exceed that of boiling water. Sixty or seventy years ago there was a Signora Girardelli, wh a tonisl. el the sight seers of London by standing with her naked feet on a plate of red hot iron, drawing a similar plate over her hair and tongue, washing her hands in boiling oil, putting melted lead into her mouth and keeping it there till it solidified-or so it seemed to the spectators at any rate. A famous man was M. Chabert, the fire king, fire eater and "poison-swal-lower," rather less than half a century ago. By trade a baker at Paris, he gained much notoriety by his fire-re-sisting qualities. According to the stories told of him, he would rush into a burning house and bring out the in-mates. Once, passing a smith's forge, he took out a white hot piece of iron he took out a white hot piece of iron to the spectators at any rate. with his naked hand, placed the end on an anvil and bade the smith hammer away. The son of Vulcan, too much alarmed, ran away, fearing that a denizen of the nether regions had made his such as the provided by M.J. Buck's store. Night calls may be made at Mr. Buck's residence. [5-12,76.]

dishes of baked viands with his hands; the King, fearful of sad results from such proclivities, discharged him with a small pension. He went to Vienna, family, sat in a tar harrel, flaming and a negro. Coming to England he exbeen so much cold water," without the hibited at White Conduit House. he entered a huge oven, took in a leg of mutton, shut the door, sang some French songs, and came out with the



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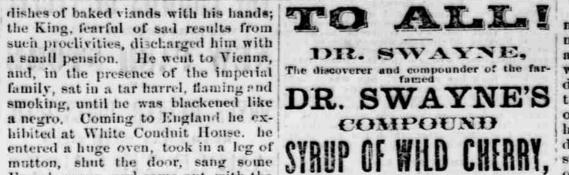
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VICTIMS OF CONSUMPTION have descended to their graves who might have been cared if they had used "Swayne's Com-pound Syrup of Wild Cherry" in time. PHYSICIANS RECOMMEND IT.

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I took a stick about eighteen inches in length, and fastened a piece of iron to one end of it, so that the stick would stand upon that end of itself. Then I put this in the center of a large tub half full of water and placed the spider on top of the stick. I wanted to see if it could get to the "land," which was the edge of the tub, without any help. He r.n down first one side of the

stick and then the other. Each time he would stop when he touched the water, and shaking his foot as the cat does would run up again. At last he came to the conclusion that he was entitely surrounded by water-on an island in fact. After remaining perfectly quiet for a long while, during which, [11-3.] I have no doubt, he was arranging his plans, he began running around the top of the stick, and throwing out great coils of web with his hind feet. In a few minutes little fine strings of web were floating away in the slight breeze that was blowing. After a little one of these threads touched the edge of the tub, and stuck fast, as all spider webs will do. This was just what Mr. Spider was looking for, and the next minute he took hold of his web, and gave a jerk as a sailor does with a rope

when he wishes to see how strong it is, or make it fast. Having satisfied himself that it was fast at the other end, he gathered it in till it was tight and straight, and then ran on it to the shore -a rescued castaway.

- Christian News.

STRENGTH OF MATERIALS .- Gold may be hammered so that it is only 1,300,000th of an inch thick. A grain of iron may be divided into 4,000,000 parts. Still chemistry tells as there are ultimate parts called atoms or molecules, which are absolutely invisi-

ble. These atoms are attracted to each other by the attractions of cohesion, and repelled by the force of repulsion. By the action of both these but all we hear of him is that he had the honor of appearing before three or four members of the royal family. About the middle of the century the great hero in this line was Powell, who was visited and described by Strutt. Although eighty years of age, this forces the atoms are kept in a state of ed to a length of 131 miles. Our ideas of great or small are no guide to be used in judging of what is truly great and small in nature. The built over a Hill monument might be built over a mile high, without crushing the stones at its base. When bars of iron are stretched until they break, those which are the strongest increase in length less than the weaker one. A pieces of wood, having a breadth and thickness of four feet, if supported at its ends, would be bent oue millioneth of an WHOLESALE AND RETAIL inch by a weight of three pounds placed at its centre, and a weight of one-tenth of an ounce would bend it one seven millioneth of an inch. NEXT DOOR TO POST OFFICE. Cooking Stoves, **Heating Stoves.** TIN, COPPER & SHEET -IRON WARE Having recently taken possession of the new-ivfitted up and commodious building on High street, two doors east of the Bank and nearly opposite the Mountain House, the subscriber is better prepared than ever to manufacture all articles in the TIN. COPPER and SHEET-HRON WARE line, all of which will be furnished to buyers at the very lowest living prices. The subscriber also proposes to keep a full and varied assortment of



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There is, indeed, a will known and often repeated story of parrot in Brazil which excited und speculation 200 years ago, and which Locke thought worthy of a place in the minds of a grave philosophical discussion in his Essay on the limits Understanding, which has been a gavied as indicating something of the kind; but it is not more wooldred than many other trustworthy and dotes of parrots, which may cade to explained by supposing these bias to posseess—as they certainly do passe possess—as they certainly do posses in common with many other animals. memory and association of idea bocke quotes the story from & William Temple's Memoirs of whe passed in Christendom from 1524 1679. Sir William Temple suga had a mind to know from Prize hand a mind to know from Prim Maurice's own month the account of common bot much credited story has of an old parrot he had in Brail, dis ing h's government there that spin and answered questions like a mes-able creature; so that those of his train there generally concluded in be witchery, or possession." Heas cordingly asked Primee Maurice about to cordingly asked Primee Maurice about the end the parrot, he sent has and that when it was brought in the room where he was, with a goat mon room where he was, with a gratuin Putchmen about him, it presented claimed: "What company of the toen are here?" They asked what h then are here?" Tiny asked which thought that man was, pointing total Prince. The parrot answered: "Sam general or other?" When they brogge it close to him, he asked: "When come you?" It answered: The Marinuan." The Prince then sel. "To whom do you belong?" The parrot replied : "To a Portugues" The Prince asked : "What do you h there?" The parrot said : "I lok after the chickens." The Price Langhed, and said : "You take an of the chickens?" The parrot splick "Yes: and I know well enough how for do it ;" and began to cluck like a her calling chickens. The patrol append only to have been a well-trained tod. accustomed to say certain things and ready to say them, but them only or occasion such as atose from the preand the questions addressed to 1 -----A ROCK PHENOMENOX .- One of the most charming valleys gian lovests is the Dietharz or Sta wasser Dale, in the northwest parties of the mountain range that his in he Duely of Coberg Gotha. The saide-t valleys, embellished with picturesque groups of rocks, and invess by sparkling brooks, extend for had from the holiow, in which lie the iwo ancient villages, Tampach ad Dietharz. The lovely Schmulsness grund cises faom Tampach up to th Falkenstein. It possesses that dotacter of sweetly poetical melander that appeals most to those heurs the are forced to go through the will misunderstood, despised and scatted It is such natures that know the value of a hilly tract like this; for neither here nor far around is the mountains is a human dwelling to be found. In this valley, where the Schmalwassergrund is entered ind the Dietharz, at about ten minutes distance from the village harl by the excellent carriage road which hade up to the Falkenstein and to the idyllie Oberhof, there stands a conously shaped reck. Rising to a height of twenty or thirty metres, it just prward from the plain and assume the for a of a human face, which see in profile bears a surprising neerblance to his late Majory Napolett III., Emperor of France. It is strange that Nature, by formitons circumstances, should have been able to create so grotesque a figure. 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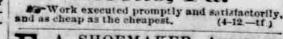
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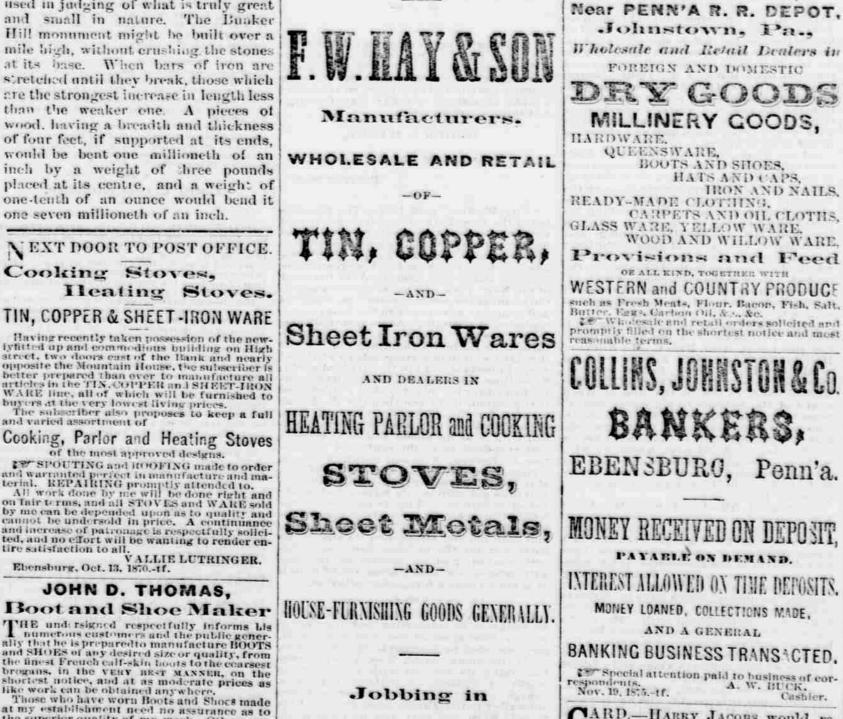
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