Wet winters in Germany have been found to result disastrously to insects, each season of flood greatly lessening the "bag crop" of the following sum-

To recent progress in sanitary science Sir Jeseph Fayrer, formerly surgeon-general of the army in India, attributes the fact that England's deathrate has decreased during the present century from forty in the thousand to twenty in the thousand.

An English chemist has confirmed by analyses the opinion that the lack of malleability in heated iron-or "redshortness," as it is called-is due to the presence of oxygen. A red-short specimen contained 1,384 per cent. of oxygen, while samples free from the defect had only 0.750 per cent, or less.

A mountain explorer just returned A mountain explorer just returned THE PITTSBURG WEEKLY POST months' residence at a height of more than 15,000 feet above the sea his pulse, normally only sixty-three beats per minute, seldom fell below one hundred beats per minute, and his respirations were often twice as numerous as at ordinary levels.

After many observations at sea-level and at 15,000 feet above, Prof. S. P. Langley concludes that the mean absorption of light and hear by the atmosphere is at least double the usual estimate of twenty per cent. He believes, also, that dust particles play a more important part in this absorption than is generally supposed.

A new building material-a mixture of cork, silica and lime-is coming into extensive use in Germany. It has the advantage of keeping out heat and cold and is also claimed to be an excellent preventive of damp and a deadener of sound. It is substantial, light and durable, and seems to be especially adapted for ceilings and wall linings.

The Royal Geographical Society, of London, has published a list of 120 stations occupied by Europeans in Central Africa in 1884, with their latitude and longitude. Of these, sixty-one are situated between the equator and the Zambezi, east of the twenty-fifth degree of east longitude; and lifty-nine are west of that meridian, between the equator and Knimen or Cunene.

The flexibility of itacolamite-a remarkable sandstone existing in Georgia and North and South Carolina-seems to be surpassed by that of a magnesian limestone found at the entrance of the Tyne, in England. This limestone is reported to be so flexible that thin layers three feet or more in length may be bent into a circle while damp, retaining that form on being allowed to dry. From experimental measurements of

the temperature of the body during acts of motion the following conclusions baye been reached by a French observer: That the lowest temperature in man, following a peried of rest, is 98 4 degrees; that the temperature rises under the influence of an ascending effort to * 100, 6 degrees, and under the influence of a descending effort to 100, 3 degrees; that it increases after any exertion, but more after an ascending than after a descending one; and that the chemical actions of the organism are augmented after every movement.

A variety of articles made from socalled phosphoric glass, which is composed simply of phosphate of lime, have been exhibited to the French Academy of Sciences by Mons. Sidot. Unlike ordinary kinds, this glass resists the action of fluoric acid, and it will probably be useful to chemists and others on that account. A novel use of it in connection with cremation is supported by Mons. Henry de Parveille, who proposes that the phosphate of lime remaining as the ashes of each burned body be converted into phosphoric glass, and then molded into a vase, medallion, or statuette of the person from whom it has been derived.

The remarkable river Reka rises in Austrian province of Carntola, and disappears in the Karst caves. There are reasons for believing that it flows a long distance underground, emerging twenty miles away on the Timavo, a streams which mysteriously pours out of a hillside. Members of the Austro-German Alpine Club have lately attempted an exploration of the salterranean course of the Reka, and have succeeded in following it about one furlong, passing six waterfalls and reaching a seventh which proved to be impassable without special apparatus .--One of the caverns encountered is reported to be capacious enough to contain St. Peter's Cathedral of Rome. A very general but erroneous belief is

that the breathing of pure oxygen! would rapidly destroy animal life by quickening the combustion in the body as the same gas bastens the burning of the fuel of an ordinary fire. A German physiologist has just shown by exact experiment on men and dogs that the inhalation of pure oxygen produces ne effects at least upon pulse, respiration . ANERGON office, 32 Broadway, New York and body temperature-which distinguists its action from that of pure atmospheric air; and that its use in cases of poisoning with chloroform, a cohol, sulphuretted hydrogen or carbonic oxide offers no advantage over that of pure air. The same experimenter has determired that diluted ozone does not posseas the parcetic influence usually ascribed to it, and that concentrated ozone causes an lojuraous irritation of the mucous membrace when breatling.

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Value of Corn as Food for Live Stock.

Corn is so rich in oil that we may may corn bread is ready buttered; it is, how, ever, very digestible, and in cold weather this olliness is a most valuable factor. as it serves to keep up the heat of the body more directly than starch and similar substances. With oats and barley it may form one third of the grain ration of bard worked draft borses, and will keep their costs glossy, and be in every way a benefit, certainly worth more than its weight in oats. Fed by itself, or in larger quantities it has a tendency to make horses sweat easily. and, it is said, to become quickly exhausted. It is not safe to feed it as freely as oats or barley, as there is danger of impaction, just as there would be if wheat were so fed. No doubt it is best fed ground with oats, and the proportions already indicated are probable the most satisfactory, the meal being fed upon cut hay,

Eor cows in milk, commeal may form with bran the exclusive grain rations, and may be fed at the rate of one pint of cornweal to each hundred pounds of the cow's live weight. No doubt it will be found just as good in Great Britain as here. It gives quality and richness to the milk, color to the butter and abundance to the flow if the cow is a good one; but if she is inclined to lav on fat sech feeding will cause her to fatten, even though in full milk, and if she gets too fat she will go dry. For sheep, corn is excellent, but it

should be fed whole and a little at a time. For swine, the universal experience from Maine to Oregon, and from Canada to Mexico, is that it will make more and better pork than any other food. For poultry, it is in this country universal grain, but it is not always the best. It is admirable for its fattening properties, but for laying bens and growing fowls, it is not well to use too much, "Corn fed" fowls, ducks and geese are exceedingly firm-fleshed and . yet tender. They bear transportation alive with little shrinkage. True, corn makes yellow butter and yellow fat in fowls. English and French tastes demand white fleshed poultry, with pale. lardy fat, and so they fatten poultry on rice, and their fancy market fowls have about as much flavor as boiled rice. -The American market demands vellow fleshed fowls, with fat as yellow as June butter, and corn is the food to produce this in all poultry,-Lancaster Farmer, PROVERES ABOUT LIFE, -The com-

parison of human life to a flood has ever been a favorite figure in every literature, and the proverbs which deal with life and expound its problems under this figure are past numbering. In Japan, the significance of man is forcibly put in the proverb, "As the stars, so man is little in the distance," while the Persian says: "The world is like an old carried away piece by piece; in vain you attempt to stop it with a handful of earth," The passage of life is like the growth and decay of a flower, and this fact forms the burden of many proverbs. The Turk asks, "Have you ever seen a day which ends not in evening ?" and the Arab answers, "Every day in thy life is a leaf in thy history," The Atghan philosophically remarks, "Life is not such a mouthful that man should gulp it down whole." The charging state of man is beautifully set forth in the Syrian proverb, "Happiness of life is lik crystal-when it shines most it soon cracks," and a Japanese proverb pronounces life, "Like a moth falling on a lighted candle," an image to be compared only with that of Job, who pronounces life "A light before the wind, 21

The friendships of life are a fertile source of proverbs. The Urdu says, "The friendship of the base is a wall of sand," and the Arab relieves his mind in the same direction by observing, "A bad friend is like a smith, who if he does not burn you with fire, will injure you with smoke," The origin of "Two souls with but a single thought," is doubtless the Turkish proverb, "Friends are one soul in two bodies," and the Talmud declares, "A man without a a friend is a left hand without a right." The folly of forming friendships with some people is illustrated by the Afghan proverb, "The ass, friendship is kicking," while the Chinese affirm. "Without a mirror a woman cannot see her face; without a friend a man cannot see his actions," but the Japanese correctly appreciate the situation when they say, "A friend at hand it better than all your relatives at a distance."-St. Louis Globe Democrat.

WOMEN'S NAMES,-Annuabella is not Anna-bella or fair Anna, but is the feminine of Hannibal, meaning gift (or grace) of Bel. Arabella is not Arabella, or beautiful altar, but Orabilia, a praying woman. In its Anglacized form of Orabel it was much more common than at present. Maurice has nothing to do with Mauritius, or a Moor, but comes from Almaric-himmelreich -the kingdom of heaven.

Ellen is the feminine of of Alain, Allan or Alan, and has no possible connection with Helen, which comes from a different language and is older by at least 1,000 years. Amy is not from amee, but from amie. Avice, or Avis. does not exactly mean advice, as some seem to think. It comes from Ædwis. and means happy wisdom. Eliza has no connection with Elizabeth. It is the sister of Louisa, and both are the daughters of Heloise, which is Heliwis, bidden wisdom. There is, indeed, another form of Louisa, or rather Louise. which is the feminine of Louis, but it was scarcely heard before the sixteenth

Tue older Heloisa form of the name, Aloisa, Aloisia or Aloysia, was adopted into mediaval English as Alesla-which cur old genealogists, always confused with Alice. Emily and Amelia are not different forms of one name. Emily is from Emylia, the name of an Etruscan rived from Region, and has nothing to do with a queen. It is Rem-alt, exalled purity. Alice, Adelais, Adelaiside, Aliza, Alix and Adelins are all forms of one name, the root of which is ade!, noble. But Anne was never used as identical with Annis or Agnes of which last the old Scottish is a variety; nor as I sturdily maintained, was Elizabeth ever synonymous with Tinbel. - Notes con-

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