SOME INTERESTING PICK-UPS.

The first lighthouses had fires of wood and coal kindled at the top of them.

On an average there are 106 boys born to every 100 girls, but more boys die in infancy than girls.

Judge Daugherty, of Carterville, Mo., has a lot of rare keepsakes, among them an apple twenty-four years old.

The landed surface of the northern hemisphere is about [illegible] square miles as against [illegible] square miles embraced by the southern hemisphere.

The largest umbrella in the world was recently made for a West African king; it is twenty-one feet in diameter and is affixed to a staff of the same length.

Some of the steamship lines now carry air-tight steel caskets for the reception of the bodies of passengers who die in transit. They are used to convey the bodies to the relatives, and to avoid burial at sea.

The Phœnicians were acquainted with the use of extremely hard metals (properly speaking steel) as their monuments and beautiful works in ornamental metallurgy and the cutting and engraving of precious stones show.

SUNDRY SINGULARITIES.

Missouri has a grass widow fourteen years old.

A Philadelphian owns thirty-three finger rings and thirty-four suits of clothes.

John Carney, a Kansas farmer, recently plowed up a gold ring which his daughter had lost seven years previous.

For a audacious [illegible] in Hillsdale, Mich., halted a funeral procession and actually robbed the undertaker and the minister.

A Philadelphian has made an umbrella stand two and one-half feet high, which is composed of one thousand six hundred separate pieces and fifteen kinds of wood.

The wreck, fifty-five years ago, on the coast of Maine of the steamship Royal Tar, which carried a menagerie, has been recalled recently by the finding of several hippopotamus teeth near Rockland.

A curious fad for obtaining Indian relics has taken possession of the people about [illegible], Pa., who go out in numbers armed with spades and pickaxes, to dig for arrow heads and other remains of the red man.

THINGS ONE SHOULD KNOW.

The average life of a coin is twenty-five years.

The average duration of human life is thirty-three years.

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WESTERN GATHERINGS.

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JOLLY JOKELETS.

Mrs. Oldmaid—"How do you like my furniture? You notice it is all of antique pattern." Her Dear Friend—"I see. Nothing could be more appropriate."—Boston Transcript.

Mrs. Cobwigger—"Is the women's reading-room the same as the men's?" Cobwigger—"Exactly, except that they had to take down the sign of 'No Talking Allowed.'"—N. Y. Sun.

"Father," said Mrs. Hicks to her husband, "let's go down and hear that boy preacher to-night. I'm very much interested in him. He and my grandfather were schoolmates."—Harper's Bazar.

"Charley," said young Mrs. Tucker, "do men who go to banquets drink?" "Nearly always," was the reply. "You see, dear, there are times when a man may be excused for drinking." "I have thought of that," she said, pensively, "when I read the speeches in the paper."—Washington Star.

CANNIBAL IRON WORKERS.

The Fan Tribe of Africa Smelt Ore and Thus Make Money.

A gentleman, for thirty years a missionary to the Fan tribe of Africa, has presented to the university of Pennsylvania one of the most important archæological collections ever made. The Fans are the powerful race of cannibals mentioned by Du Chaillu as the ruling people of the equatorial region. The collection shows a considerable degree of civilization and high mechanical skill, especially in metal work. Native iron, it seems, is plentiful, lies near the surface and is smelted by simply building a fire over the exposed ore. A very queer-looking bellows is used, and is said to be effective. The iron hammers weigh about twenty-five pounds, but the anvils, strange to say, are of stone.

The Fans are the only people in equatorial Africa who have a currency, and they are strong monometallists. The money is of iron, wrought into pieces resembling rusty hairpins with flat heads. They are put up in bundles of ten, and a hundred bundles is the market price of a wife.

Man-Eating Wild Men.

In the celebrated "Travailes" of Edward Webb (1590) are dozens of stories that would make Joe Mulhatton turn green with envy. One of the most celebrated of these is his story of the wild men of Prester John, which is as follows: "In the court of Prester John there is a wilde man, and another in the high street of Constantinople, whose allowance is every day a quarter of raw mutton; and when any man dyeth for some notorious offense, then they are allowed every day a quarter of man's flesh. These wilde men are chained fast to a post every day, the one in Prester John's court, the other in the high street of Constantinople, each of them having a mantell about their shoulders, and all over their bodies they have wonderful long haire. They are chained by the neck lest they speedily devour all that cometh within their reach."

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LEAP YEAR.

Legends and Superstitions Connected with That Particular Period of Time.

The advent of "leap year" and the break in the regular order of days make anything in regard to the "bissextile" or "leap year" of more than ordinary interest, says the St. Louis Republic. Leap year has always been regarded with awe and superstition by the people of all countries. The peasantry of England affirm that peas and beans grow the wrong way in their pods—that is, the seeds are set contrary to the way they are in ordinary years. In Belgium the rural folks maintain that leap year is not only unpropitious for all farming operations, but that throughout the year the young of the domestic animals will not thrive as at other times. A similar fatality, they argue, extends to every kind of grass and plant, which becomes stunted or is blighted before attaining its normal size. The same peculiar ideas prevail in Russia, Turkey, Tartary, India and Arabia. The Russian proverb says: "If St. Cassian (February 29) looks on cow she will wither." In Arabia they say: "As weak as a bissextile camel," and in Turkey and Tartary they call all hunchbacks, dwarfs and other deformed men, women and children "leap-year freaks," but there are exceptions to this as well as to all other rules, for we find that in Italy, Greece and Sicily the rural proverb says, referring to leap year: "Plant much corn and vine, it's [the year] good for bread and wine." The ancient Romans considered February 29 a most critical season, always reckoning it among their unlucky days. That this belief has not by any means lost ground is evidenced by a deep-rooted dislike parents have to a child being born on leap day, it being a popular notion that to come into the world at such an odd time is ominous as signifying the babe's speedy exit. A variety of this superstition exists in Tuscany, and according to a piece of the folk-lore of that country when a child is born on leap-day either it or its mother will die before the end of the year. Hampson in his "Medii Ævi Kalendarium" quotes the following from an old Saxon treatise: "Some assert that the bissextus, or leap day, comes through this, that Joshua prayed to God that the sun might stand still for one day's length that he might sweep the heathen from the land. It is true that the sun did stand still, but the bissextus is not through this, as some do think."

COULDN'T BEAR IT.

A Dog That Suffered the Pangs of Jealousy.

That dogs are affectionate is universally allowed, and that they are jealous no observer can doubt; but that a dog may show true philosophy in accepting a hard situation is occasionally proved. Says the London Spectator:

A young man had for some years owned a dog which was his constant companion. Recently, however, he married, and moved with his wife and dog into a house on the opposite side of the street from his father's house, his old home.

The dog was not happy, for attentions which had once been his own were now given to the young wife. His master tried to reconcile him to the altered state of things, and the bride endeavored to win his affection, but he constantly showed his displeasure and misery.

One day the master came home and sat down, putting his arm about his wife. Jack was lying by the fire, and he at once rose, approached the two, and made the usual exhibition of his disapproval.

"Why, Jack!" said his master. "This is all right. She is a good girl," and as he spoke he patted his wife's arm.

Jack looked up at him, turned away, and left the room. In a moment they heard a noise, and going into the hall, found him dragging his bed downstairs. He reached the front door and whined to be let out. The door was opened, and he dragged the bed down the steps, and across the street to his old home, where he scratched for admittance. Since then he has never returned to his master, and has refused all overtures toward reconciliation.

HEREDITARY DISEASE.

Striking Instances of Inherited Physical Ailments.

Readers may remember the horseshoe vein on the forehead which was the badge of all the tribe of Redgauntlet, and there is a well-known family in the south of France which for more than three centuries has boasted a white lock of hair. The Bourbon nose and the thick lip of the Hapsburgs are other instances in point.

Consumption, gout, insanity and cancer are the diseases which show the greatest tendency to run in families. Of the hereditary transmission of gout nearly every noble family in Europe can show the most conclusive proof. With regard to cancer the case is not so clear, but statistics prove that heredity can be more or less distinctly made out in a considerable proportion of those who fall victims to the disease.

The Bonaparte family furnishes a remarkable example of the hereditary transmission of cancer. One of the parents of Napoleon I. died of cancer of the liver or stomach. He himself died of cancer of the stomach, which also proved fatal to his brother Lucien, and to his sister, the beautiful Pauline Borghese.

A hereditary tendency to disease may not show itself till an advanced period of life; as Prof. Huxley, in his autobiographical sketch, has lately told us that a peculiar movement of the hands which was habitual in his mother has recently shown itself in him.

GATHERED THE ALMONDS.

A Heartless Deception Practiced on Industrious Woodpeckers.

An almond grower of this locality hit upon a neat device for gathering his crop last fall, says the Sutter City (Cal.) Enterprise. His trees bore largely, and this early became known to the yellow-hammers, a species of the woodpecker tribe of birds, and they had regularly stored away large quantities of ripe nuts taken from the orchard in the limb of an oak tree near by. The astute orchardist watched operations, and at last hit upon a novel nut and labor-saving plan, and he lost no time in putting it into execution.

The limb was sawed from the tree and replaced by a square-shaped funnel long enough to nearly reach the ground; a bucket was then set underneath. A genuine robbing game then went merrily on. The birds gathered the nuts, which they dropped into the funnel and down into the bucket below, and as regularly as night came the almond-grower would in turn empty it of its contents and set it back for a new supply. This was kept up until the entire crop had been gathered, and the yellow-hammers had departed broken-hearted at the heartless deception practiced upon them.

Basis of Weights and Measures.

British weights and measures—those now in use in the United States—are based upon the weight of a cubic inch of distilled water, which parliament, in the reign of George IV., decided to be 252,458 grains. Recent experiments show that a cubic inch of water at the temperature of maximum density equal 252,286 standard grains. On this account scientists are urging the readjustment of the gallon, bushel, etc.

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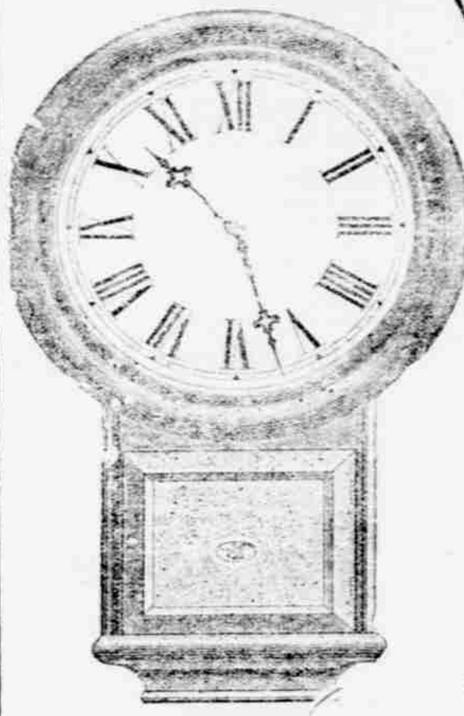

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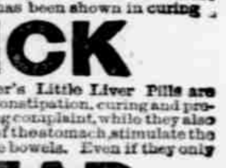

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THE NEGRO'S HUMOR.

He Is Often Funny Without Intending to Be.

Among the old-time negroes in the region was much of a humor very interesting. Their speech, says Col. Richard M. Johnston in the Century, by constant contact with the white man's, which it sought to imitate, had a curtness and vivacity never heard on large seaboard and river plantations. In the lightness of the negro's heart, with an imagination that never sought to be curbed, his words and his deportment often had a fun as racy as any lover of that article reasonably could wish to see. Even his complainings, oftener than otherwise, were put forth with a resentment so peculiar as to provoke as well laughter as sympathy. Witness the following anecdote of the return to his old master, not very long ago, of one of his former slaves after having served anosher person for a year:

"Why, Jim, how happens it that you quit Perkins?" asked the gentleman.

"Well, now, Marse Jack, I gwine up en tell you jes how 't is. I wuck fer dah man all las' year, and I wuck hard, en I make him a good crop. Well, now, de troof is, I did git f'om him a few, but min' you, jes only a few, merlasses en tobarker, en one hat, en a pa'r o' shoes, en one little thing en 'nother. Well, den, Chris'mus come, en he say: 'Jim, I gwine make out' our 'count.' En den he tuck he piece o' paper, en he pen, and he ink-vial, en he 'gin a-settin' down, en when he thoo wid dat job, he 'gin a-addin' up, en a-put'n' down, en a-kyar'n'; en he kyar'd, en he kep' on a-kyar'n', ontwell, bless your soul en body! Marse Jack, when he got thoo, he done kyar's off all what was a comin' to me! En so I makes up my min', I does, to leff dar, en pewoose myself back to you, whar I knows dey not gwine be no sich kyar'n' as dem." Then he joined heartily in the laugh raised by what had just occurred to him as being a good practical joke.

AN IMPORTED WIFE.

A Colonial Frenchman Has a Helpmate Shipped to Him Per Order.

Having made his fortune in the provinces, a wealthy Frenchman wrote to his business correspondent in Paris in the following terms:

"As I have taken a resolution to marry, and do not find a suitable match out here, do not fail to send by the next ship bound hither a young lady of the subjoined qualifications. Let her be of an honest family, between twenty and twenty-five years of age, of a middle stature and well proportioned; her face agreeable, her character blameless, and her constitution strong enough to bear the change of climate, that there may be no occasion to look for a second wife because of the death of the first, soon after she came to hand, which must be provided against as much as possible. Considering the great distance and the dangers of the sea, I demand no portion. If she arrives here on the conditions stipulated, with the present letter indorsed by you, I hereby engage to marry the bearer at fifteen days' sight."

This is a sensible letter, very different from ordinary billet-doux, and it was replied to with punctuality and in the same terms, says the Irish Times. Among goods sent by his correspondent was the following item: "A young gentlewoman, twenty-five years of age, of the quality and shape as conditioned per order, as appears by the affidavits and certificates she has to produce."

A few days, we are told, were devoted to courtship, when the nuptial ceremony took place with great magnificence; "nor did Martinique boast a happier couple than the one thus singularly united."

SOME SPEED MAKERS.

Among Various Kinds of Locomotion the Bicycle Ranks Seventh.

Some curious facts are brought into prominence by a correspondent of Cycling, who has been at the pains to draw up a comparative table of the rates of speed in different modes of locomotion. The express train, of course, stands preeminent. Man has as yet discovered no way of getting about faster on the earth's surface. It will be a surprise, however, to many to learn that the safety bicycle, of which so much is heard nowadays, only occupies in this list the seventh place.

The fastest time in which a train has been known to travel a mile was 49 seconds and a fraction; to accomplish the same distance the fastest bicyclist who has hitherto ridden took 2½ minutes, or just about three times as long. An ice yacht has traveled a mile in 1 minute ten seconds, a running horse in 1 minute 35½ seconds, a torpedo boat in 1 minute 50 seconds, a steam yacht in 2 minutes 12 seconds and a fraction, and a skater on ice, with a favorable wind behind him, in 2 minutes and 12 seconds and rather a large fraction. A little way after the safety bicycle comes the ocean liner; the oarsman is much slower, taking 5 minutes 40 seconds to travel a mile, and the slowest of all is the swimmer, who requires very little short of an hour to perform the same journey.

EARLESS EZEKIEL EADS.

A Freak of Nature, Born Earless—His Hair Was Piebald.

Ezekiel Eads, who died in Greene county, N. Y., in the spring of 1885, was surely a fit subject for a dime museum, even though he never descended to that level, says the Wheeling (W. Va.) Register. Strictly speaking, Eads was in several respects a most remarkable creature. He was born without ears, not even having apertures where the ears should have been. His deformity, sad as it was, may be said to have been partly alleviated by the curious construction of the inner portion of his head, which enabled him to hear common conversation through his mouth.

When addressed he would instantly open his mouth and readily give answers to interrogations put to him in an ordinary tone of voice. But Ezekiel's lack of ears was not his only distinction. He had a heavy crop of black hair spotted with white, the spots themselves being in exact shape of human ears, feet, hands, etc. When he was quite a small boy it was noticed that his black hair was interspersed with oddly shaped spots of white, which, however, did not take on their distinctive shapes until he had passed his fifteenth year.

When Mr. Eads died he left one son, aged forty-five, whose hair was as black as coal, not a single gray hair being discernible, and another son, thirteen years of age, whose hair was as gray as that of a man of seventy.

FOREIGN ARISTOCRACY.

The queen of Italy is a great reader of English novels.

The Grand Duke Paul, of Russia, is so tall that he is obliged to carry his bed with him, as he cannot find one at any public house long enough to hold all of him.

The hair dressing of ladies was an expensive affair in the sixteenth century. Queen Elizabeth at one time was possessed of no fewer than eighty attires of false hair.

Sir James Bacon, since the death of Admiral Sir Provo Wallis, is, at the age of ninety-four, the oldest of the titled classes in England. The oldest titled baronet is Rev. Sir John Warren Hayes, who is ninety-two, and Admiral Sir Lewis Tobias Jones, the eldest knight of the bath, is also ninety-two.

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A Question Put to the Appraisers of the New York Custom House.

A curious question has just been settled by the board of appraisers of the custom house of New York [illegible] change. The question [illegible] constitutes lace—in [illegible] guishing mark of lace [illegible] other thin fabrics [illegible] from a large importation [illegible] in what is called [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] have their being [illegible] at last the decision they set [illegible] of which any woman [illegible] tell at once whether [illegible] in her possession [illegible] acteristic of lace [illegible] from all other [illegible] material of which [illegible] that may be [illegible] Neither does it [illegible] are wrought [illegible] needlework [illegible] fabrics. But [illegible] lace—the real [illegible] lies in the way [illegible] is woven. [illegible] the report of [illegible] essential feature [illegible] guishing characteristic [illegible] processes its formation being [illegible] knitting, as it is the [illegible] ing. The presence [illegible] mesh in a textile [illegible] the fact that it is [illegible].

Clearly this gives [illegible] from which to build up [illegible] of laces. The hexagonal [illegible] lace mesh is what makes [illegible] the fabric is wide or narrow [illegible] or unfinished at the edges. [illegible] lace of all the nets used for [illegible] trimmings, it thus has the [illegible] structure. Chiffon is not [illegible] net and Brussels net [illegible] but the sheerest mull is not [illegible] veilings are properly [illegible] the grenadines, whichever [illegible] how heavily they may be [illegible].

PEOPLE WHO LACK SALT

Venetians Do Not Use It to Prepare Their Food.

Salt does not enter into the [illegible] the poor Venetians. They never [illegible] it, and the hospital for the scrofulous children at Lido is filled by those [illegible] have not had this necessary [illegible] their food. Every evening, says [illegible] ice letter to the Omaha Bee, I [illegible] ticed a poorly-dressed woman [illegible] panied by two small children, a [illegible] and a girl, go to a point on the river [illegible] lean over the edge of the wall and [illegible] bottle with salt water. Becoming [illegible] ous as to the use made of it, I [illegible] proached her, with an apology for [illegible] question, and asked what she did with the sea water. Turning upon me [illegible] sweet, sad face, in which traces of beauty were still visible, she [illegible] that this was the only way she [illegible] giving her children the taste of [illegible] which they required. The tax [illegible] upon this article by the government placed it entirely beyond reach of the poor. Is it right, I ask, that a government should take from its people an article necessary to health?

Italians in America.

The Italians are showing their ability in every direction, and [illegible] the Jews are driving out the [illegible] street peddlers, newsboys and [illegible] shopkeepers, so the citizens of [illegible] Italy are making themselves felt [illegible] in ways at first not open to them. [illegible] the wires were first put under [illegible] the Italians dug the trenches [illegible] mechanicians of other nationalities [illegible] the conduits, made the joints [illegible] the wires. A subway gang at work [illegible] Broadway the other day seemed to be composed entirely of Italians, who laid the wires, used the blowpipe and went about the technical part of the work as intelligently as any gang [illegible] have done. The chief carpenter [illegible] edo, it may be remarked, is an Italian and most of the men who made the erection erect the "cottages" for [illegible] fastidious persons who live there [illegible] his countrymen. The architect who designed most of the cottages [illegible] said to consider this Italian the best man he has ever employed.

Equine Insanity.

When a horse goes insane he is apt to kill himself by butting his head into a corner. At the veterinary hospital of the university of Pennsylvania, the largest of its kind in the country, such cases are treated in an oval box chamber, perfectly dark. When the [illegible] heavily bedded with straw it is [illegible] impossible for a horse to hurt himself. Insanity or "dummies" in horses is quite common. It is sometimes caused by a lesion on the brain, and is incurable, but when caused by stomach disorders it is often treated successfully.

Crescentia.

This country came near having Crescentia as the name of one of its states instead of Maryland. It was originally intended to give that name to the province granted as a proprietary government to Lord Baltimore, but when the charter was presented to Charles I. for his signature he struck out that name and substituted "Maryland," in honor of his queen, Henrietta Maria, of France.

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