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"I have a great deal of confidence in some men's ability and a wonderful trust in some men's nerve and steady strength, but not enough to stake my life on either.

"The exhibition that I saw seemed foolhardy. It was in the works of the great Krupp Arms company. One part of the machinery is for flattening bars of steel into plates. For this a special machine is had, which has an immense steel block or table on which to lay the bars, and a great arm sledge, which weighs several tons and comes down with crushing velocity. It is perfectly regulated by machinery, however, and the man at the throttle can stop it with ease at any given distance from the block, providing he has sufficient steadiness of nerve.

"The day I went through the manager accompanied us and requested the man at the check-valve to show us how sure and certain was the machinery. Without reply the mechanic whistled to a lad working some thirty feet away. The boy dropped what he was doing and came running. "Jump up," said the first, and muttered something about showing us the machine. Without reply the lad leaped to the steel table beneath the great iron blocks.

"We were horrified, but the work was too quickly done to permit objection. The moment the lad settled down the engineer grasped the lever and the great sledge with lightning rapidity flew up and down again toward the block. It was all done by the steady fingers at the valve, and it stopped a few inches above the lad's head, who smilingly climbed down and started away.

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His Preference.

A new story by Charles F. Browne (Artemus Ward) is published by the New York Advertiser. As young Browne's health was delicate and his father and only brother had died young, he was urged by his friends to give up certain indulgences and save himself. This caused him to relate the following anecdote to Mr. Knight: "I once knew an old fellow in the west, living mainly by himself, who said he had always been making sacrifices as to appetite, giving up one thing after another for the sake of health. At length, when he was about eighty years old, he had simplified his diet until he was just living on whisky and pork. But one day he said to me: 'I guess I've got to give up the pork—frald it's hurtin' me.'"

Papal Rights.

The pope was the loser in a will case settled the other day. The Marquis de Plessis-Belliere had made him his sole legatee, but the natural heirs contested. The first court, according to the report, decided for the pope. On appeal his holiness lost. The procureur general maintained that the pope, as a sovereign chief of the papacy, had no right to possess property in France. If such a principle were admitted, he said, foreign nations would be able to acquire in France canals, railways and land adjoining forts. Besides, continued the procureur general, the pope is no longer an ordinary sovereign; his sovereignty is of a special nature since 1870. He no longer represents other than a collection of ideas, incapable of acquiring property—viz., Christianity.

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FALLS OF MONTMORENCI.

They Will Be Ruined to Supply Electric Power.

The beauty is likely soon to depart from the far-famed falls of Montmorenci, so familiar to all American tourists to Quebec. The entire waterfall and all the surrounding property have just passed into the hands of the Quebec Electric Light company, the price paid being two hundred and thirty thousand dollars, says the New York Sun. Already the company has been utilizing a portion of the water power from the river above the cataract as motive power for their dynamos, which, situated in a factory near the foot of the falls, furnish all the lights for the illumination of the streets of Quebec. Now they are likely to draw on an largely increased an amount of water for the proposed extension of their operations that there will be little or none left, particularly in the dry season, to come over the precipice.

It is proposed to manufacture electrical motive power for all the factories and other industrial houses in Quebec, as well as storage light for all the passenger cars on the Canadian Pacific railway. New iron supply pipes, twelve hundred feet long and six feet in diameter, are being constructed to take the river above the falls, and some of the water so conducted will be wasted over, one of the new factories being erected half-way up the cliff adjoining the cataract. A lake twenty miles up the river will probably be dammed in order to insure a supply of water in dry seasons. In the purchase of this property is included that of the magnificent manor house overlooking the falls which was the summer residence of Queen Victoria's father, the late duke of Kent, when commander of the forces in Canada in the commencement of the present century. Here it was that the beautiful and accomplished Mme. de St. Laurent presided over the household establishment and petit soupers of his royal highness, whom the French-Canadian beauty accompanied to England, retiring to a convent after the duke's marriage to the mother of the queen.

LAST OF THE DRUIDS.

Strange Welsh Character Who Held to Druid Rites and Beliefs.

We regret to announce the death of the high priest of the sun, at the ripe age of ninety-two, says the Pall Mall Budget. To the eye of faith he was the last of the druids; the profane knew him only as Dr. William Price, of Llantrissant, in Glamorganshire, and characterized him as "a most eccentric man." It must be admitted that they were not altogether without excuse for this opinion. He attempted to imitate the pontifical raiment of his predecessors in the priesthood, wearing a whole fox skin on his head, a light green coat with trousers to match, and a scarlet waistcoat. As a reproduction of druidic costume the profane may perhaps be again excused for thinking this a little unconvincing. Even high priests of the sun are not without human weaknesses, and Dr. Price signalized this truth at the age of eighty-one by marrying his housekeeper, a girl of nineteen. One must allow that this step is a touch of prose in such a character, but he redeemed it shortly afterward by attempting to burn the body of his child on a funeral pyre which he erected in a neighboring field. The druid could hardly take account of the constable.

Known to the Ancients.

The cat-tail of the American swamps is almost exactly the same plant as the Egyptian bulrush. It is no longer used for making paper, as it once was, but from its root is prepared an astringent medicine, while its stems, when prepared dry, are excellent for the manufacture of mats, chair-bottoms and the like.

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LONDON'S COAL CONSUMPTION.

With Less Waste Chili and Peru Would Not Have to Be Ransacked.

Some 13,000,000 tons of coal are burned in London yearly. About 4,000,000 are utilized by the gas manufacturing companies; 9,000,000 are burned in household and industrial fire grates, says the National Review. Each ton contains sufficient ammonia to produce, if treated with sulphuric acid, twenty-two to twenty-eight pounds of sulphate of ammonia. The total loss of this fertilizing agent is, therefore, say 9,990 tons. As the price of sulphate of ammonia is 9 pounds and 10 shillings per ton, the monetary loss is 94,905 pounds every year. If we were less wasteful we should not be so much obliged to ransack Chili and Peru for artificial manures. It is agreeable to learn that the nitrogenous matter in the 4,000,000 tons of coal which are used every year by the gas manufacturing companies is now being made a considerable source of revenue. The value of sulphate of ammonia as a fertilizer is now beyond dispute. Where nitrogen has been deficient in the soil the application of 450 pounds of sulphate of ammonia to each acre gave an increase of nearly four tons of potatoes. Sulphate of ammonia, although not quite so active a fertilizer as nitrate, is held in the soil with greater tenacity. It contains 24 per cent. of ammonia, which is equal to 20 per cent. of nitrogen. Then there are the tarry hydrocarbon compounds, from which (thanks to the discovery of Kirkham and Perkins) beautiful aniline dyes can be extracted. The tar has been a source of such revenue to the gas companies that it may be seriously stated that every year there is more coloring matter sent into the atmosphere of London than would dye all the fabrics woven by English looms within the same time. If we take the waste of the hydrocarbons to equal 20 per cent. of the fuel burned, we shall find that in the 9,000,000 tons of coal burned in the metropolis 1,800,000 tons of hydrocarbons are lost. In other words, some 16,000,000 cubic feet of rich hydrocarbons are every year uselessly thrown into the air of London, and the loss is 400,000 pounds.

Strict Stage Censorship.

The strict censorship of the Italian stage after the fall of Rome is graphically described by Salvini. The words "God," "Redeemer," "madonna," "angel," "saint," "pontiff," "purple," "monsignor," "priest" were forbidden. "Religion," "republic," "unity," "French," "jesuit," "Tartuffe," "foreigner," "patriot" were equally in the index. The colors green, white and red were prohibited; yellow and black and yellow and white were also forbidden. Flowers thrown on the stage must not show any of those colors prominently, and if it chanced that one actress had white and green in her dress, another who wore red ribbons must not come near her.

Sheep as Beasts of Burden.

Sheep are not commonly regarded as useful as beasts of burden, but in a large part of northwest India thousands of sheep carry for many miles the commodities that are purchased by the sale of their own wool. The mountain paths among the foothills of the Himalayas are so precipitous that the sheep, more surefooted than larger beasts, are preferred as burden-carriers. The load for each sheep is from sixteen to twenty pounds. The sheep are driven from village to village, with the wool still growing, and in each town the farmer shears as much wool as he can sell there, and loads the sheep with the grain which he receives in exchange. After his flock has been sheared he turns it toward home, each sheep having on its back a small bag containing the purchased grain.

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IT PUZZLES THE NATURALISTS.

No One Knows Exactly Why Manx Cats Are Born Without Tails.

The peculiar breed of cats found in the isle of Man differs from others only in that they have no tails, and the lack thereof is the insoluble puzzle to naturalists. Since it has become the fashion to explain everything by the principles of evolution, two theories have been offered—one, that owing to the limited range and lack of dense forests the original cats had no use for tails, and consequently (the tails, not the cats) gradually atrophied for lack of use and became rudimentary; another, that the primitive Manx cut off all their cats' tails and in the course of time developed a tailless breed. One thing is certain, the cats are there and they have no tails.

The highbred Chinese cat is a splendid proof of what may be done by kindness and culture. If you were to repeat to a well-to-do but untraveled Chinaman the current saying with us that cats are selfish creatures, utterly devoid of affection, he would be very much astonished, and, if the owner of a thoroughbred, probably indignant. The Chinese cat appears capable of intense attachment to one person, and ages of selection and careful breeding have the species up to a high standard. The Chinese claim that one of these cats—and any cat to some extent—is a valuable clock. In the morning the pupil of its eye is a broad band; it contracts regularly till noon, when it is a mere hairline, and expands again as regularly till night. So when a Chinaman wants to know the time of day he picks up his cat and looks.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

THERE are now about 10,000 chapters and 700,000 members in the Epworth league.

THE Brooklyn Young Women's Christian association has an endowment fund amounting to $100,000.

THE Young Men's guild in connection with the Church of Scotland has now a membership of 21,621, an increase of 711 on the previous year.

MANY Minnesota chapters of the Epworth league send flowers to Asbury hospital, Minneapolis, Thursdays. The express companies carry the flowers without charge to the chapters.

THE members of the Sydney (Aus.) Young Women's Christian association devote much effort to the factory girls. Lately they gave a tea to a thousand of these. Earnest gospel addresses were delivered.

IN the introductory chapter to a new edition of "The Hoosier Schoolmaster" the author, Rev. Edward Eggleston, claims that he originated the phrase "Christian Endeavor." The Epworth Herald says the claim seems to be well-founded.

THE Chicago Christian Endeavor union has a "literature exchange." Parties having good books, papers or magazines which they are willing to give away are placed in communication with others needing them, so that the exchange of the literature may be effected.

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