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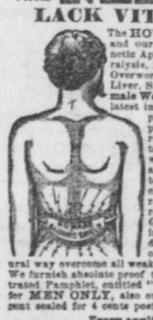

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THE END OF THE WORLD.

The age of the earth is placed by some at five hundred millions of years, and still others, of later time, among them the Duke of Argyll, places it at ten million years, knowing what processes it has gone through. Other planets go through the same process. The reason that other planets differ so much from the earth is that they are in a much earlier or later stage of existence.

The earth must become old. Newton surmised, although he could give no reason for it, that the earth would at one time lose at its water and become dry. Since then it has been found that Newton was correct. As the earth keeps cooling, it will become porous and cavities will be formed in the interior, which will take in the water. It is estimated this process is now in progress, so far that the water diminishes at the rate of about the thickness of a sheet of writing paper each year.

At this rate, in six million years the water will have sunk a mile, and in fifteen million years the water will have dissappeard from the face of the globe. The nitrogen and oxygen in the atmosphere are also diminishing all the time. It is in an inappreciable degree, but the time will come when the air will be so thin that no creatures we know can breathe it and live; the time will come when the world cannot support life. That will be the period old age, and then will come death.

AN ANECDOTE OF BOB INGERSOLL.

Says a correspondent of the Chicago *Mail:* President Clarke, of the Illinois Central Railroad, told me a good story about Bob Ingersoll that has not yet been in print. A long time ago it was, when many counties in the southern part of the State were under township organizations, and the supervisors sat as judges in certain cases. "Bob" was arguing a case before one of these tribunals, of which the judges were evidently more familiar with crops than law practice. He brought all his eloquence to bear on the point, that the case in question was a great injustice to his client, and should be "thrown out of court." Continually returning to that argument, he reached the climax with a burst that, as usual, carried everybody by storm, ending with the same appeal to "throw it out of court, sirs! out of court." It brought the judges up "all standing," and the presiding one slowly reached over, gathered up the papers in the case from the table in front of him, and as he gave them an energetic flip out of the window, turned to Ingersoll with a relieved smile and said: "Bob, she's out!"

NAKED SLAVES IN TIMBUCTOO.

A correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun*, writing of the slaves of Timbuctoo says: This girl was being brought in by the Morocco gate, on the road from the city of Morocco. She was nude, comely of face and figure, with large, dreamy, lovely eyes and streaming long black hair. Her color was of the Olivian type, which shows the red blood coursing in the veins. She was of medium height and aged about sixteen years. Four old Arab "dealers," garbed in all the glitter and tinsel of the Orient, guarded this girl as if she were an Amazon of strength and powers. One old Arab in a loud voice cried out her merits and nationality as they passed on to the centre of the town. Halting, the whole party were suddenly surrounded by intending buyers, both Christian and pagan. They came up to the crouching girl, pulled her arms to and fro, opened her mouth and looked at her teeth, made her stand erect, and then haggled over the price. "She is worth $100," say the Arab dealers in one simultaneous cry, "but will let her go for $90 if you take her now." Our dragoman translates and tells how she will go to Egypt and fetch $200 at a first bid.

MEN OF HIGH STANDING.

Chang, the Chinese giant, is by no means as tall as many celebrated giants of other nations. Chang is seven feet six inches in height. Patrick Cotter, the Irish giant, was eight feet seven and one-half inches. He died in 1802. Eleazer, the Jewish giant, mentioned by Josephus as living in the reign of Vitellius, was ten feet six inches in height. William Evans, porter to Charles I., was eight feet tall. He died in 1632. Goliath, whom David slew, was nine feet four inches in height. Loushkin, drum-major of the Russian Imperial Guards, was eight feet five inches in height. Maximinus, the Roman Emperor from 235 to 238 A. D., was eight feet six inches tall. John Middleton, who was born at Hale, in Lancashire, in the reign of James I., was nine feet six inches in height. His hand was seventeen inches long and eight and one-half inches broad. A human skeleton eight feet six inches in height is preserved in the museum of Trinity College, Dublin.

A little girl was told that she must not go to the currant bushes—that the currants would make her sick. She said that she did not mean to, but Satan tempted her. "Why didn't you pray: 'Get thee behind me, Satan?'" asked her mother. "I did," was the reply, "and he got right behind me and pushed me into the bushes."

Some remarkable cures in this vicinity of long continued and obstinate diseases are attributed to McDonald's Blood Purifier.

Scientific.

Among the last acts of the Hygienic Congress was a denunciation of the modern system of education and competitive examinations as eminently prejudicial to the health of those subjected to it.

A mixture of 70 parts of air and 30 parts of hydrogen gas ignites at a temperature between 1,026 to 1,028° Fahrenheit, while the ignition point of a mixture of coal gas and air in similar proportions varies from 1,202° to 1,215°.

A uranium mineral is found in the feldspar quarries near the seaport of Moss, on the Christiania Fjord, Norway. It contains nearly 81 per cent. of uranoso-uranic oxide, with 0.30 of the cerium earths and 2.42 of the yttrium earths.

Scientific works by Agassiz, Buchner, Huxley, Lubbock, Lewes, Moleschott, Reclus, Adam Smith, Spencer, Vogt, Zimmermann have been added to the list of those already prohibited by ukase from circulation by libraries in Russia.

Two ounces of soda dissolved in a quart of hot water will make a ready and useful solution for cleaning old painted work preparatory to repainting. This mixture, in the above proportions, should be applied when warm, and the woodwork afterward washed with water to remove all traces of the soda.

It is announced in the *Nature* that a grotto from 8 to 10 metres high has been discovered in a rock washed by the sea, in the Morbihan, by M. Gaillard. He has since continued his researches at low water, and found some human bones, ancient earthenware marked with allegorical figures, and coins believed to have been struck by the ancient Gauls.

Recently the dome of St. Peter's in Rome, was reclad at the expense to the Vatican of $40,000. The old sheathing required such continuous repairs that it was deemed better to replace it. The sheets of lead which now cover the dome weigh 708,610 pounds, and would extend over more than an acre and a half of land if they were spread out flat.

"Suppose," said an examiner to a student in engineering, "you had built an engine yourself, performed every part of the work without assistance, and knew that it was in complete order, but when put on the road the pump would not draw water, what would you do?" "I should look into the tank and ascertain if there was any water to draw," replied the student.

Experiments indicate that the effect of light upon plant tissues without chlorophyll, such as roots, rhyizome, blanched plants, and some parasitic plants, is to decrease the intensity of the respiration, more carbonic acid being given off and oxygen absorbed in darkness than in light. The amount of oxygen absorbed is, however, in the same proportion to the carbonic acid given off in light as in darkness.

Elastic rubber tubing, perfectly gas-tight and free from smell, has lately been invented. It is made of two layers of rubber, with pure soft tin-foil between them, and it retains the flexibility and elasticity of a simple rubber tube. It ought to be serviceable as a connection between a heating or illuminating gas supply pipe and a gas-burning apparatus which requires to be movable, if this sort of rubber and tin tubing can be manufactured of sufficient length.

In the course of his Cantor lectures on alloys used for coingage Mr. Chandler Roberts, chemist of the British Mint, said that a short cylinder was the geometrical form which, next to the sphere, presented the smallest surface for the greatest weight, and, consequently, in order to reduce the wear of coins to a minimum, their thickness should be equal to their diameter. Such a form would present many inconveniences; but, on the other hand, coins should not be made too thin, and much may be gained by even a small approach to theoretical requirements.

Casting of bronze statues of Buddha is carried on in Bangkok. The process, says a late official report, is of the kind known "en cire perdue," and the alloy used consists of copper and lead, sometimes with the admixture of a small quantity of zinc. A clay model is first made; upon this a coat of wax is molded, and over this again is put another layer of clay. The whole is then baked, the wax running off through apertures left for that purpose, and, the central core being kept in its place by iron pegs, the alloy is then run into the space previously occupied by the wax.

To prevent the growth of moss or weeds on gravel walks it is recommended to sprinkle salt pretty freely on the paths, (about a pound to the square yard does for one year at least,) care being taken not to let the salt fall on the box borders or the edges of the grass. A damp but not a rainly day is the best for this operation. Some apply a boiling solution of salt (about a pound to the gallon of water) with a common watering pan, so that a pound of the salt will be received by every square yard of walk. A much weaker solution will serve the same purpose if it should be required again.

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A SCHOOL BOOK CASE.

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SHOT HIS MOTHER.

Woods Run, Pa., Dec. 1.—George Rankin while carelessly handling a gun yesterday accidentally shot and killed his aged mother. The young man, who did not know the gun was loaded, is frantic with grief.

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At Worcester, Mass., Levi W. Jackson, a confidence man, whose plan was to hire buildings, employ thirty or more mechanics for repairs, borrow $10 a piece from them and abscond, was sentenced yesterday to five years in the House of Correction.

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