

CURIOUS FACTS.

A Prince Edward, Canada, horse lost an eye one day last week, and now it is related that he breathes through the place occupied by the missing optic.

Thomas Golden, a flagman in Galena, Ills, has a tame robin that he has taught to walk out of the flag house and wave a tiny flag whenever a train comes.

When an Elkhart, Ind., farmer was unloading a load of hay which he had driven to market and sold, he found a very lively rattlesnake in the hay, and in the serpent he found two moles still alive and kicking.

A young woman of Pottstown, the other day, found a cent of the date of 1881 in the yolk of a hen's egg that she had broken for cooking purposes. The date of the egg was not given.

A horse owned in Springfield, Ills., choked while eating corn. Its owner thrust a whip stick down the horse's throat to remove the obstruction, and horse bit the stick in two, leaving a foot or more of it in his throat. A horse doctor came and cleaned out the much obstructed channel.

A Canadian claims to have found a piece of barbed wire in a hen's egg recently.

A novel conflict took place one day last week, near St. Ann's, B. C., between a calf and a grown bull. During the battle the young bovine was caught between the horns of its opponent, and, says the local chronicler, "the conqueror marched off in triumph with his consanguineous and bellowing crown." The calf was extricated only by cutting off a third of the other animal's horns.

An Indiana newspaper is responsible for the statement that some wood choppers in Rock Creek township, cutting down a big white oak, found the tree hollow. When the ax entered the cavity the air rushed out with a whistle, followed by a flow of coal oil. Two barrels were filled and the hole was plugged up for further use.

One of the strangest fights that ever took place in New England waters was that which occurred in Ipswich bay the other day between Capt. Langford and a swordfish. First the captain harpooned the fish, and then the fish harpooned the man through the bottom of the boat, nearly killing him.

A fine specimen of the primitive art of Europe in prehistoric times has been found at Montgaudies by Mons. Eugene Paignon, and presented to the Paris Academy of Sciences. It is a reindeer's antler, bearing carvings showing much idea of form on the part of the ancient artist. Two seals, a fish and three twigs of plants are engraved on one side; and on the other side are two slender animals, probably eels, three figures and an insect.

A remarkable illustration of the enduring character of human hair may now be seen in the British Museum, where has been placed a wig, lately found in a temple at Thebes, which is supposed to have been worn by an Egyptian priest at a period not less than 3400 years ago.

HEADACHE IN SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Prof. N. J. Bystron has examined 7,478 boys and girls in the St. Petersburg schools during the last five years and found headache in 868; that is 11.6 per cent. He states that that percentage of headache increases in a direct progression with the age of the children as well as with the number of hours occupied by them in mental labor; thus, while headache occurred in only five per cent of the children aged eight, it attacked from twenty eight to forty per cent of the pupils aged fourteen to eighteen. The author argues that an essential cause of obstinate headache in school children is the excessive mental strain enforced by the present educational programme which leaves out of consideration the peculiarities of the child's nature and the elementary principles of scientific hygiene. The overstrain brings about an increased irritability of the brain and consecutive disturbances in the cerebral circulation.

—FOR SALE.—Three Alderney cows, one fresh last month, one will be fresh within ten days, the other now milking. Inquire of C. T. ALEXANDER.

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

A contagious disease, believed by Prof. Lemaistre to be new, is now very prevalent among the school children of France. It is commonly known as *perleche*, and it consists of small ulcers at the corners of the mouth, lasting from two to four weeks. Prof. Lemaistre has found a microbe which he suspects to be the cause of the sores, and to be the means of spreading them through drinking water.

Russian geographers report that numerous lakes in Siberia, chiefly in Tobolsk and Tomsk provinces, are rapidly drying up, and that villages now stand on spots covered by extensive sheets of water a hundred years ago. Lake Tchibekly has shown the most remarkable change, its area being 350 square miles a century ago, while it now consists of three small ponds, the largest covering not more than five or six square miles.

One of the most curious papers read at the late meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science was one by Mr. T. C. Mendenhall, in which it was shown that by plotting the proportion of words of the various lengths used by any author, a very regular curve may be obtained, which is characteristic of the peculiar vocabulary of the writer, and gives a means of determining whether two works had the same authorship. The plotting consists in counting a thousand words from any passage, then on a slip of paper drawing a short line in one column for each word of two letters, a similar line in another column for each word of three letters, and so on, the curve being formed by connecting the lower ends of the columns.

Mr. Richard A. Proctor deplora the lack of masterly works on astronomy finding nothing in the literature of the science comparable with the admirable geological works by Lyell, the Geikies, and others.

The earth's internal heat is now being forced into practical service at Pesh, where the deepest artesian well in the world is being sunk to supply hot water for public baths and other purposes. A depth of 3120 feet has been reached, and the well supplies daily 176,000 gallons of water heated to 158 degrees Fahrenheit. The boring is to be continued until the temperature of the water is raised to 176 degrees.

Paper pipes for water and gas have been exhibited in Vienna. They are rolled from sheets of paper, and coated on the inside with an enamel of secret composition. In winding the paper is soaked in melted asphalt, varnished and dusted over with sand. It is claimed that such a pipe will resist some 2000 pounds internal pressure, although the material is only about half an inch thick.

Careful measurement of seventy human skeletons have shown the lower limbs to be equal in only seven. It appears that a person's legs may differ in length from an eight of an inch to an inch and five-eighths, without any deformity being recognizable.

A Hanoverian physician, Dr. Brandes, has found reason for believing that malaria is checked by growths of *anacharis alinastrum*, a somewhat troublesome water plant from Canada, and he recommends the introduction of this plant into marshy districts.

The French Academy of Sciences has been bequeathed the entire fortune of Madame Pinsen, of Mons, for the purpose of founding a prize, to be awarded every five years, for the best work on political economy especially adapted for the working classes.

In the British town of Kimberley, in South Africa, the current used for electric lighting also does duty as a ready means of killing stray dogs.

The world's blind are computed to number about 1,000,000, or about one sightless person to every 1785 blind; in Sweden, one in every 1418; in France, one in every 1191; in Prussia one in every 1111; in England, one in every 1037. The proportion is greatest in Egypt, where, in Cairo, there is one blind person to every twenty inhabitants; while in New Zealand it falls to one in every 3550 inhabitants; Germany has the greatest number of institutes for the blind, thirty-five; England has sixteen; France, thirteen; Austria-Hungary, ten; Italy, nine; Belgium, six; Australia two; while America, Asia and

Africa together are said to possess only six.

In the Swiss village of Meyrin some disused wells have been hermetically sealed to serve as barometers. On a fall of atmospheric pressure, air escapes through a small hole in the well-cover blowing a whistle, and thus give warning of a coming storm; but when the outside pressure is increasing, the air being forced into the well causes a different sound, and announces the probability of fine weather.

PEANUT TALK.

There is a big difference in peanuts, said a corner vender. Some nuts are large and look very fine, but they are tasteless. No matter how carefully they are prepared, and how nicely they are roasted, they are still lacking in all the essentials of a good nut. They are grown on soil that is deficient in some important respect.

A good roaster, like a good cook or good poet, must be born with certain qualifications that can not be acquired by education.

Some dealers roast their nuts too much, others too little. If they are roasted too much the oil is destroyed, and a nut has a good deal of oil in it. If they are not roasted enough, or if they are roasted over a slow fire, the oil is not properly brought out and they are not good; in fact, they have a disagreeable taste.

Some dealers steam them, but that process spoils the good flavor of a nut. Most of the nuts now sold come from Virginia. The Eastern shore nuts are the best. Patrons of a peanut often complain that they find the kernels of the nut soft and flexible instead of being brittle; that is because they have been too long roasted.

If you want to get a nut at its best you should eat it half an hour after it has been roasted. They are good for the day, add then become stale. Some people like them hot, but they are bad for the teeth; besides, they have not yet acquired their proper taste. People who are inclined to be dyspeptic should not eat many; it would be better if they didn't eat them at all. Properly roasted peanuts are healthy for healthy people. An ordinary peanut eater eats one a minute, which is too fast.

Yes, I sell a good many to ladies, but they don't eat them on the street like men do. In fact a really refined person doesn't eat them as he walks along the street. Newsboys and bootblacks and roughs do that.

CHOICE SELECTIONS.

The time is never lost that is devoted to work.

Religion in the heart does not remove the necessity of constant watchfulness.

The man who can not mind his own business is not to be trusted with the King's.

I will challenge any one on the face of the earth to find any reason for not loving God.

To do our work well, or to be careless in doing it, are as much different as working hard is from being idle.

There is nothing by which I have through life more profited than by the just observations, the good opinions and sincere and gentle encouragement of amiable and sensible women.

If you have great talents, industry will improve them; if moderate abilities industry will supply their deficiency. Nothing is denied to well directed labor. Nothing is ever to be obtained without it.

I find that when the saints are under trials and well humbled, little sins raise great cries in the conscience; but in prosperity conscience is a pope, that gives dispensations and great latitude to our hearts.

Grecian mythology said that the fountain Hippocrene was struck out by the foot of the winged horse Pegasus. I have often noticed in life that the brightest and most beautiful fountains of Christian comfort and spiritual life have been struck out by the iron-shod hoof of disaster and calamity.

There is nothing in the world so real and substantial as the love of God. One act of Divine love is more finished thing than a statue of Phidias or Praxiteles. It is more firm than the foundation of the Alps. It is more enduring than the round world which God has made so strong. All things are bubbles to it.

Railroads.

Table with columns for Railroad Name, Direction, and Time. Includes routes like BALD EAGLE VALLEY R.R., LEAVE LOCK HAVEN, and EASTWARD/WESTWARD schedules.

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