Life's Curious Phases.

Some time ago a gentleman traveling in Louisiana was overtaken by a storm, and suddenly almost felled to the ground by a catfish that struck him on the head, and in a moment he was literally pelted with the fishes, so that his horse ran away and he was in great danger. Several thousand of the fishes were rained down in this way, and it was finally discovered that a whirlwind had scooped them up, carried them off, and hurled them again upon the ground.

NO NAILS.

Japanese houses in the larger cities, such as Tokio, Nagasaki, Hakraadi, etc., are of one general shape, being two stories high, and put together by a curious method of mortising, at which these people are adept, not one nail being used throughout the construction of the building. All interiors are of the bare grain of the wood and are kept scrupulously clean by three and sometimes four washings daily.

SAVED BY A DOG.

A fire occurred in a shop occupied by a grocer named Perry, in Park street west, Luton, a few nights ago. The family were in bed, and were awakened by a dog licking their faces. By that time the flames had obtained a complete hold of the lower part of the building, and the smoke was so dense that the inmates must have been suffocated in a few minues. As it was they escaped with difficulty, and the dog, which was severely scorched, died in a few minutes after being taken out of the burning building.

THE TALLEST BIRD STORY.

The tallest bird known to ethnologists was found by Professor Herbert in the lower occene deposits near Paris, France. It was over 12 feet in height, and could have bitten a man's head off as easily as a woodpecker can nip a cherry. The shell of the egg of the Madagascar bird will hold 240 hen's eggs.

CHOPPED THEIR WAY OUT.

Some sportsmen from Concord, N. H., encamped near Moosehead Lake were caught in the recent tornado in Piscataquis county, Maine. On the morning after the tornado they started to get out of what was a forest when they went in. They took only their guns and blankets. On the first day they walked nine and one-half hours and made only two miles, and on the second day in eleven and one-half hours they advanced only four miles. They had literally to chop their way out. Men whose fortunes were in the woods lost them in a few hours One man had a yoke of oxen and five span of horses at a camp, and had to kill them, as they could not be brought out and food could not be taken to them.

ON A WHALE.

Among the fish stories told to President Arthur last summer was the following: "The harpooner jammed in his iron, and the whale sounded and came up three minutes later just like a rocket, strikin' us in bow and turnin' the boat over in the air. We fell out, and when we crawled in the boat and got clear we saw the whale a rushin' off along the surface with Bob Cairns, a standin' on him, holdin' on to the harpoon. I reckon they was goin' a mile a minute, and it wasn't long afore they was close onto the ship. Bob, declinin' further passage, lept off, and a boat put off and picked him up. He was nigh choaked with flyin' spray, but outside o' that he said it was all agreeable. The old whale's back was covered with barnacles, and that's what made it easy for him to stick on.

AN EVIL EYE.

An old darkey in Raleigh went to Dr. Blacknoll the other day and complained against a young negro out on the farm, who, he said had had an evil eye. As evidence of the fact he said: "My cow died, my mule wouldn't work, then went off in the pasture and died, my dog wouldn't come to my whistle, and finally ran away and has never come back. My crops are of no account; corn won't ripen. A few days ago my wife went int the yard, when our old rooster jumped on the ash-hopper, flapped his wings three times, tried to crow, couldn't, looked my wife square in the eye, went right under the house and died in five minutes. This was bad, but worse things were to happen. Last Wednesday I found my spring lizard laid out on a rock by the spring, dead and cut in two pieces.

TROUT FROM THE CLOUDS.

A Port Hope letter to the Toronto *Globe* says: When Harry Shepherd opened his store—it was raining hard at the time—some of the drops that fell upon the side walk appeared to be pretty large. On examination it proved that five speckled trout between three and four inches long had fallen from the clouds. Mr. Shepherd picked them up and placed them in a pail of water, where they swam around as lively as if they had not taken such an aerial flight. Captain Robbins secured the finny strangers, and now has them in a glass vase for the inspection of the curious.

TRIAL BY TASTE.

At the Royal Courts of Justice recently a somewhat novel incident occurred during the hearing of a case before Justice Lopes and a special jury. The qualities of two samples of coffee being disputed, the Judge suggested that the best way to decide the point would be to have some of each sort made and let the jury tase them. The refreshment contractors, Messrs. Bertram and Roberts, accordingly fitted up one of the consultation rooms of the court as a temporary coffee house, and at luncheon time the jury were therein regaled with cups of hot coffee brewed from both samples. The learned Judge also partook of the coffee, which was sent to his lordship in his private room.—*London News.*

THE FIRST MEERSCHAUM PIPE.

In 1723 there lived in Pesth, the capitol of Hungary, Karol Kowates, a shoemaker, whose ingenuity in cutting and carving on wood, etc., brought him into contact with Count Andrassy, with whom he became a favorite. The Count on his return from a mission to Turkey, brought with him a piece of whitish clay, which had been presented to him as a curiosity, on account of its extraordinary light specific gravity. It struck the shoemaker, that being perous, it must be well adapted for pipes, as it would absorb the nicotine. The experiment was tried, and Karol cut a pipe for himself and one for the Count. But in the pursuit of his trade he could not keep his hands clean, and many a piece of shoemaker's wax became attached to the pipe. The clay, however, instead of assuming a dirty appearance when Karol wiped it off, received wherever the wax had adhered to it a clear brown polish, instead of the dull white it previously had. Attributing this change in the tint to its proper source, he waxed the whole surface, and polishing the pipe again smoked it, and noticed how admirably and beautifully it colored, also how much more sweetly the pipe smoked after being waxed.

The "Homing" Faculty.

I must say that I much doubt whether the faculty which enables dogs and other animals to find their way home is rightly called intelligence, although intelligence, no doubt, frequantly has some share in the result. Human beings are much more intelligent than dogs, and yet how few of them, if placed unexpected in the same circumstances as poor "Jacob"—that is carried off in the dark along streets and roads altogether unknown to them, to a place miles away, where they had never been before, and to the position and bearings of which they had not the very slightest clue—how few of them, I say, would within a reasonable time find their way back again, at least if they trusted to their intelligence alone, and did not ask questions or consult maps. Cats, on the other hand, are rightly regarded as less intelligent than dogs, and yet they ejnoy the reputation of being more skillful in finding their home again. A calf, too, is commonly supposed to be a type rather of stupidity than intelligence, and yet I know of one instance which seems to show that this "homing" faculty is, or may be, at least as strong in a calf as in the most intelligent of dogs. Some fifteen years ago I was staying at a friend's house at Linton, a small market town about ten miles from Cambridge. On the morning after my arrival I perceived that something unusual was going on outside the house, and on making inquiry I was told that a calf six weeks old, which had belonged to my friend, but had been sold the previous afternoon and carried away in a cart to a farmhouse some five miles distant, had come back home to its mother. Now, had the calf come back along the road by which the cart had conveyed it to its new home, much surprise would, no doubt, have been felt at such a signal instance of sagacity in so young an animal; still, there would not have been anything particularly extraordinaryy in the matter. But the calf had not followed the road, which was circuitaus, consequence of the hilly charocter of the country. A boy had seen it start off from the farm, and had followed it the whole of the way, vainly attempting to catch it, and so the routs it had taken was known. It had gone at a quick pace in the most direct line possible from its new home to its old one, and in doing so it had climbed a hill and passed through a wood which crowned the summit of that hill. Here, surely, the faculty which guided the calf was not intelligence alone.

Why Eve Didn't Need a Girl.

A lady writer in one of our exchanges furnishes some of the reasons why Eve did not keep a girl. She says: There has been a great deal said about the faults of women and why they need so much waiting on. Some one (a man of course,) has the presumption to ask, "Why, when Eve was manufactured out of a spare rib, a servant was not made as the same time to wait on her!" She didn't need any. A bright writer has said: Adam never came whining to Eve with a ragged stocking to be darned, buttons to be sewed on, gloves to be mended "right away—quick, now?" He never read the newspaper until the sun went down behind the palm trees, and stretching himself then yawn out, "Is supper ready yet, my dear?" Not he. He made the fire, and hung the kettle over it himself, we'll venture, and pulled the radishes, peeled the potatoes, and did everything else he ought to do. He milked the cows and fed the chickens and looked after the pigs himself, and never brought home half a dozen friends for dinner when Eve hadn't any fresh pomegranates. He never stayed out till eleven o'clock at night and then scolded because Eve was sitting up, and crying inside the gates. He never loafed around corner groceries while Eve was rocking little Cain's cradle at home. He never called Eve up from the cellar to put away his slippers. Not he. When he took them off he put them under the fig tree beside his Sunday boots. In short he did not think she was especially created for the purpose of waiting upon him, and he wasn't under the impression that it disgraced a man to lighten a wife's cares a little. That's the reason Eve didn't need a hired girl, and what is the reason her descendants did.

Burglary Kisses.

One night last week a burglary was committed at the residence of Mr. Leonard, corner of Emerald avenue and thirty-fifth street, and the burglar stole one thing which no police force in the world could recover. It was nothing less than a kiss, and the sweet morsel came near costing the thief his liberty then and there. He entered the house by forcing open a rear window, and at once began a promenade through the apartments in search of valuables. In the bedroom where Mr. Leonard and his wife were sleeping he got a gold watch and chain and some money without disturbing the sleepers. Then he went to the sleeping apartment occupied by the daughter of Mr. Leonard, a pretty blue-eyed maiden of about seventeen summers. Here he obtained some valuable articles of jewelry. As he was about to leave the room with his plunder, however, he turned to look at the face of the fair sleeper in the dim light of the low gas jet, and the sight of the red lips and rosy cheeks buried in the pillow above the delicate lace of the nightrobe was too tempting to resist. He stole softly up to the bed and planted a strong Bridgeport kiss on the unsuspecting but inviting mouth and then rushed from the room. The girl awoke with a start and uttered a south-side scream that aroused the other people in the house, but the burglar escaped through the open window just in time to avoid a shot from Mr. Leonard's pistol. The stolen kiss left behind it a faint odor of alcohol, which, Miss Leonard says was quite apparent to her when she first awoke.—*Tribune.*

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"My Back is now Well.

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Some Hints About Water.

No water that has stood in open vessels or pails during the night should be used for drinking or cooking. By exposure to the air it has lost its "acretion," and has absorbed many of the dust germs floating in the apartment. If convenience requires water to be kept in vessels for several hours, it should be covered unless the vessels are tight. Filtering adds to the purity of water. Drinking water should not be taken from lakes or rivers on a low level. Surface water, or water in lakes, and rivers, which receive the surface wash should be avoided as much as possible. Do not drink much water at a time. More than two tumblers full should not be taken at a meal. Do not drink between meals, unless to quench thirst, as an excess of water weakens the kidneys. Excessive potations, whether of water or other fluids, relax the stomach, impair its secretions, and paralyze its movements. By drinking but little at a time all injury is avoided.

The Meadows of Maryland.

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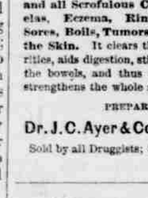

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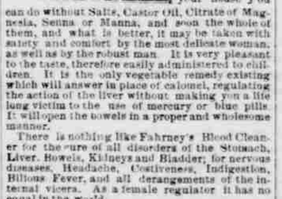

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