

SELECT SIFTINGS.

The horse is a native of Africa, whence he was first introduced into Egypt, and thence into other countries.

In 1816 Lord Schorwerbury gave 16,596 francs for a tooth of Isaac Newton, which is now set in a ring and worn by the eldest branch of that family.

The Taylor family, in Wayne county, Ind., weigh 2,796 pounds. It consists of twelve members, the heaviest of whom weighs 335 pounds, and the average is 233.

The cathedral church, built in Lubbock in the years 1170-1314, has a curious clock. On the end of the hour hand is a little clock which keeps exact time with the large one.

Wasp's nests sometimes take fire, the ignition being caused, it is supposed, by chemical action of the wax upon the paper-like material forming nests. It is believed that many mysterious fires in haystacks and farmers' buildings have had their origin in spontaneous combustion of this nature.

The Chinese minister at Washington is said to be very rich, and, according to a correspondent, is well fixed for clothes, having a wardrobe valued at \$150,000. He never appears twice in public in the same costume, but what he does wear his cast-off garments is a mystery. Perhaps he gives them to his poor relations.

Mrs. Augusta Smith, of St. Louis, is one of the lightest of sleepers. She is awake twenty-two hours out of every day on the average, and when she does slumber it is scarcely more than a doze, during which she is partially conscious of all that is going on around her.

A curious experiment was recently made at Paris to determine the power of a crocodile's jaw. The animal was fixed on a table with its upper jaw connected with a dynamometer. An electric shock caused him to give a sudden snap, 308 pounds was marked on the instrument, and it was calculated that the contractile force of the muscle causing the movement was 1,540 pounds.

The Calcutta correspondent of the London Times says that the census returns from the Northwest Provinces and Oude show that the Chamars, the lowest of the castes, exceed the Brahmans in number by no less than 7,000,000.

HEALTH HINTS.

If an artery is severed, tie a small cord or handkerchief tightly above it until a physician arrives.

The Birn's Medical Review recommends for chilblains equal parts of diluted nitric acid and peppermint water, to be applied daily at first and then twice a day.

A German physician speaks highly of the use of soft soap as a local application for sores or glandular swellings, abscesses, discharging canals and cavities, felons, etc. It is not a new remedy by any means, but one which seems likely to be neglected where it might be of real service.

Milk and lime water are said to prove beneficial in dyspepsia and weakness of the stomach. The way to make the lime water is simply to procure a few lumps of unslacked lime, put the lime in a fruit can, and water until it is slacked and of the consistency of thin cream; the lime settles and leaves the pure and clean lime water at the top.

Pat Him in the Bill.

The following story is told of the Earl of Stamford, "a great sporting nobleman," who died recently in London: He had unlimited faith in the power of money, the supremacy of the aristocracy, and the general worthlessness of all the rest of humanity.

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SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

When so-called silk burns well there's cotton in it. Real silk smolders into ash.

The furniture manufacturers of the United States enjoy a total yearly income of \$120,000,000; and their foreign trade would be larger if their products were more substantial.

Dr. Russell has found by recent analysis that an astonishing amount of carbonic acid gas floats in the air during a genuine London fog, which must render it highly injurious to the system.

The past season's honey crop was very light in Ohio and parts of the East, but in Illinois, Texas and Iowa it was immense. The yield of a single colony and its increase in Texas is reported at 1,200 pounds.

The Geneva international hygienic congress offers a prize of \$400 for the best work on the cause and prevention of blindness, published in any modern language, before the session of the congress in September, 1884.

Scientists must look out a little before giving advice about the introduction of insects to check the ravages of certain kinds of pests. In Ceylon, the coffee bug has done great damage to the plantations. Some persons thought it would be a good thing to introduce the red ants, which feed greedily on the cocoon. Sure enough the ants did that work well, but unfortunately, they also turned their attention to the Malabar coolies and attacked them so fiercely that they were with difficulty induced to work on the estates.

A Spoken Newspaper.

The latest Parisian idea is a spoken daily newspaper. A hall or opera-house of moderate size is to be hired, a small admission fee charged, and every evening a variety of brilliant talkers will rehearse the events of the day.

It is high time the doctors in this land who have been unable to control kidney troubles, should be aroused and compelled to find some remedy, or acknowledge one already found. The suffering public needs help, and must wait for it no longer.

The above quotation is a considerable commotion, as it seems to lift the cover from a subject that has become of national importance. The alarming increase of kidney diseases; their insidious beginnings and frightful endings; and the acknowledged inability of physicians to successfully cope with them, may well awaken the greatest dread of every one who has the slightest symptoms.

Quickly Cleaning a Horse by Steam. "We can make a horse as clean and sleek as a new pin in four minutes," said the stable boss of a Philadelphia street railway company, as a pair of brushes, operated by steam, were making the dust fly from a car horse in the stables.

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A Fireman's Fortune.

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STARTLING STATISTICS.

The Shadow Hanging Over New York City and Its Environs—A Tribune Opinion.

The nation has been horrified at the burning of a Milwaukee hotel, whereby over seventy lives were lost. This event carried terror because it was sudden and appalling, and had the same disastrous results to life and limb come allently they would have been unnoticed, not only by the people of the land but also by the people of the community in which they occurred.

The immediate query which every reader will make upon such a revelation of facts is: What causes this increase? This is a difficult question to answer. The nature of the climate, the habits of life, the adulteration of foods and liquors, all undoubtedly contribute, but no immediate cause can be certainly assigned. Often before the victim knows it the disease has begun.

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Motions of Ships in a Calm.

A correspondent of Knowledge offers a plausible theory to explain the onward motion of a ship in a calm. If a wooden sphere of hemisphere, he says, be dropped from any height into the water, it will sink and rise alternately until it comes to rest on the surface at the exact spot at which it first struck the water.

There are now living under one roof in Boston Highlands the representatives of five continuous generations—a mother, daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter and great-great-granddaughter, the span between the age of the youngest and that of the oldest being ninety-five years.

San Leandro, Cal.—Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y. Dear Sir: I have employed your "Pleasant Purgative Pellets" in my practice for the last four years. I now use no other alternative or cathartic medicine.

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