A Phenomenon—Their Delicate Sense of Touch—Senside Music—Men With the Pig—A Romance.

OF LAUGHTER.

"Papa, what is a phenomenon?" "A phenomenon, my son, is something out of the ordinary course of nature." "I don't quite understand it yet,

papa."
"Well, my son, when you know a certain thing ought to happen, but the reverse actually does happen, that is a phenomenon. "Give an illustration, papa, and then

I believe I can understand it "Well, if David Davis should steal a circus tent and it for a shirt, that would be natural; but circus should steal his shirt for a tent, that would be a phenomenon."-Paris Beacon.

Their Delicate Sense of Touch.

They were in the grocery store. Said Brown (seeing a blind man about to enter): "Were you aware how delicate the touch of a blind man is ! When nature deprives us of one sense she makes extraordinary acuteness. Let me illustrate by this gentleman. I'll take a scoop of sugar and let him feel of it, and you'll see how quickly he'll tell what

The blind man having entered, he was put to the test. He put his thumb and finger into the scoop, and without hesitation said: "That is sand."

Everybody laughed but the grocer. He made three several attempts at blushing, and then went into the back shop and kicked his dog .- Peck's Sun.

Senside Music.

Guest-"I did not know you had a

Landlord-"Oh, yes, I have one every season." Guest-" How often do they play?"

Landlord-" Only once a day-in the afternoon or evening."
Guest- "Wouldn't it be better to have

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them play in the morning?"
Landlord—"Why in the morning?" Guest—"Because then the guests, rested, refreshed and invigorated by a with rods from a sacred tree manifestly good night's sleep, are better able to adds superhuman virtue to the ordinary stand it."—Philadelphia Call.

The Men With the Pig.

A few days ago two men, who were afterward found to be Detroiters, arrived which is excellent for purging witchcraft. in a town about fifty miles to the west of It is usual also to knock out the front this, leading a pig. It was perhaps big teeth of a notorious witch; the practice enough and heavy enough to be called a appears to be connected with the belief, hog, but they termed it a pig, and as well known in all countries, that witches they turned it over to the care of the assume animal shapes; for in India they landlord at whose inn they proposed to are supposed occasionally to transform rest for the night, one of the men exthemselves into wild beasts, a superplained:

"Be awful careful with that pig. He's a daisy-a new breed just from Scotland. witches is very common among the tribes We've sold him to a farmer out here for much infested by sorcerers; it is employed \$50, and we don't want anything to hap- as an antidote, not merely as a degrading

The landlord took the pig up, and then began to think and cogitate and sus- of power residing in the hair; and thus When the strangers had gone to bed he called in some of the boys, and the beautiful locks, and to the familiar

fellows are sharpers and that's a guessing pig. To-morrow they will give you Asiatic Studies. a chance to guess at his weight at ten cents a guess, and you'll be cleaned out -only you won't. As the fellows sleep we will weigh their pig and beat their

Nobody slept until the pig was taken

der of the night.

ever hits it gets fifty cents."

weighs 170 pounds along about 11 o'clock ter into consideration!"

Then somebody kicked the landlord, tice kicked a merchant, and when the river .- Detroit Free Press.

A Romance, "Oh, Maurice," said a Clifton girl to her lover, "did you know papa had with various ceremonies. bought a new dog !" Maurice started and looked around

anxiously, even nervously. "No, darling." he replied, with a slight two-stop tremulo in his voice.

"He has, Maurice, and he knows so many tricks, too." "Your papa or the dog, darling ?" he inquired, in an abstracted manner.

"The dog, of course, naughty boy,"she answered, playfully tapping him on his chest protector with the middle finger of her lily white hand.

When did he secure this valuable ani-

"Last Monday morning, dear, he brought him home. He has been playing his tricks every day, and the strangest one is that he will go into the water

and catch fish." "Your papa or the dog, dear?"
"The dog, of course," she answered, pettiably this time.

Again the young man from Pearl street | WALKING IN THEIR SLEEP. looked anxiously, even nervously, around

"Did you say he caught fish, darling?"

"Yes, love, and he holds to them so we can hardly pull him away."
"Darling," he whispered, "oh, darling, I was here last night in the rain. It was a very watery rain, too, but, darling be brave now, and tell me if my coat-tail looks like a fish."

Let us turn from this sad scene. - Merchant-Traveler.

Witch Finding in India.

The ordeal by water is universal among the barbarous Non-Aryan tribes of Central India, from the Bheels in the west country to the wild men in the almost unexplored jungles of Bustar and the far east, towards the Bay of Bengal. Here is a description of one water test, taken a few years ago from the mouth of an expert witch finder among the Bheels, who got into a scrape for applying it to an old woman, "A bamboo is stuck up in the middle of any piece of water.
The accused is taken to it, lays
hold of it, and by it descends to the bottom. In the meantime one of the villagers shoots an arrow from his bow, and another runs to pick it up and bring amends by bringing the other senses to it back to the place whence it was shot. If the woman is able to remain under water until this is done she is declared innocent, but if she comes up to breathe before the arrow is returned into the bowman's hand she is a true witch and must be swung as such." In the case from which this account is taken the woman failed in the test, and was consequently swung to and fro, roped up to a tree, with a bandage of red pepper on her eyes; but it is obvious that this kind of ordeal, like almost all primitive ordeals, is contrived so as to depend for its effect much upon the manner in which it is conducted, whereby the operator's favor becomes worth gaining. A skillful archer will shoot just as far as he chooses. Another crdeal is by heat, as for in-

stance, the picking of a coin out of burning oil. But the question extraordinary is by swinging on a sacred tree, or by flogging with switches of a particular wood. Swinging before an idol, with a hook through the muscles of the back, is the well-known rite by which a Hindu effect of a vigorous laying on. In 1865 a woman suspected of bringing cholera into the village was deliberately beaten to death with rods of the castor oil tree, stition analogous to our European lycanthropy. Shaving the heads of female punishment, so that one is tempted to trace its origin to some recondite notion even back toward Samson, to Circe with devils of early Christian times, who are "I've twigged the racket; them two said to have a peculiar attachment for women with fine tresses .- Sir A. Lyall's

Revolting Practices.

A Madagasgar letter to the Springfield Republican says: In this land, where superstition, treachery and murder predomover to the scales and weighed. He inate, it is not strange that funerals are midnight when Signor Augustin drew seconds make 31 687 years. the villagers went home and hunted up strangest and most revolting performance, and put on his clothes. I went up their nickels and dreamed of pigs and ances are indulged in upon these occa- to him and held the light under his eyes. scales and sharpers through the remain- sions. The first funeral which || wit- He took no notice of it, although his Next morning the pig was led around lar rank or position. As the corpse was fastened on his sword and warmed himin front, and, before starting off on his being carried along it was followed by journey, one of the owners remarked to a rabble of mourners who were all the assembled crowd:

"Gentlemen, I'm going to weigh this pig directly. Maybe some of you would like to guess on his weight? I'll take screaming and yelling. At intervals things, got others disarranged, put them in order again, locked the door, and put the ground and a series of athletic games were commenced, in which spear into a court and caught and bridled his all guesses at ten cents each, and who- exercises were the most prominent. When horse. He appeared confused when he the place of burial was reached the did not find the saddle in its accustomed This provoked a large and selected corpse was thrown naked into a shallow stock of winks and smiles, but no one grave and then covered up with earth, walked up until the pig man said that A large pile of rocks was then placed any one person could guess as many over the grave. Some pieces of silver times as he cared to, provided a dime accompanied each guess. Then a rush set with the body in order to give the ghost Three or four merchants put up fifty a start in the next world. When people guesses each. A justice of the peace of rank are buried the ceremony is more took thirty. A lawyer said about extensive and somewhat different. At twenty would do for him. Before there the death of a chief the greater part of was any let up in the guessing about 600 had been registered and paid for. Every soul of 'em guessed at 170 pounds. It was wise disfigure themselves. A coffin is Negretti was a servant about twentycurious what unanimity there was in the | made by cutting a log somewhat longer guessing, but the pig men didn't seem to than the corpse. The log is split lengthnotice it. When all had been given wise, hollowed out, and the body placed a chance the pig was led to the scales, within. The funeral ceremonies are and lol his weight was exactly 174 never complete until the succeeding chief has captured a town or has fought a him time to eat, and then clear the cloth.

"You see, gentlemen," explained the battle in which blood has been shed. He would then lock up the house and arand he kicked the justice, and the just produces a putrefying liquid which is caught in earthern vessels placed under whole town was out kicking itself then divided among those present, Each

Apropes.

Apropos of the season when a young girl's dreams gently turn to thought of

"My sweet," he murmurs soft and low, As sank the sun in crimson glow, "Come, tell me, now, thy soul's desire?" Deep in her eyes he saw the fire That sealed his fats.

Close to his side she nestling pressed, While trustful love shone in her face.
"I want," she said, with blushing grace,
"Another plate."

A London correspondent has discov-

ered that one may say either gown, dress or frock, when alluding to woman's outer gear, without being voted either oldfushioned, vulgar or slangy. More vital questions are being cleared up this year than during any similar period since the

SOME REMARKABLE PREAKS OF SOMNAMBULISTS.

German Who Writes Poetry in His Sleep—Curious Case of an Italian Nobleman.

A story is told of a German studentsomnambulist-who on one occasion arose from his sleep and wrote some verses on a subject which he had vainly wrestled with when awake.

"Are many such stories told of som-nambulists?" asked an Atlanta Constitution man of a well-known physician.

"There are," was the reply. There is a case on record of a man at Milledgeville who used to arise in his sleep and go out on the roof of his house and walk along where it would have been utterly impossible for him to have stood had he been awake. I have heard of a man who was accustomed to go down the steep side of a mountain to a creek, undress, and go in and take a bath. He would then come out, dress and return home, all the time being wholly unconscious of what he was doing.'

"What is somnambulism?" "I don't know, The somnambulist seems to dream, and to have the power to act that a sleeping man has not. Some of them relate as dreams what they do when they take these night walks. There is a story told of a young nebleman in the city of Brenstein who was observed by his brother to rise in his sleep, put on his cloak, and, having opened the casement, to mount by the help of a pulley to the roof of the building. There he was seen to tear in pieces a magpie's nest and wrap the young birds in his cloak. He returned to his apartment, having placed his cloak by him with the birds in it. In the morning he awoke and related the adventure as having occurred in a dream, and was greatly surprised when he was led to the roof of the tower and shown the demolished nest, as well as the magpies concealed in his cloak. "Do somnambulists always go with

their eyes open?" "They usually do, I have noticed that actresses who play 'Lady Macbeth' all accept that idea. Did you never see s woman in the sleep-walking scene in 'Lady Macbeth?'"

The reporter remarked that he had been quite horrified on more than one occasion as a pair of glassy eyes stared vacantly over the footlights.

"Those eyes in the real somnambulist cannot see. They look, but they do not see; they have ears, and hear not.' One of the most interesting cases is re-

ported by Muratori. Says he: "Signor Augustin was an Italian nobleman, dark, thin, melancholy and coldblooded, addicted to the study of the abstract sciences. His attacks occurred at the waning of the moon, and were stronger in autumn and winter than in summer. An eye-witness gives the fol-

lowing description of them:

"One evening toward the end of Octodinner. Signor Augustin took a part in them along with the rest of the company, and afterward retired to repose. At 11 o'clock his servant told us that his master would walk that night, and that we might come and watch him. I examined him after some time with a candle in my hand. He was lying upon his back, and sleeping with open, staring, unmoved eyes. We were told that this was sure sign that he would walk in his sleep. I felt his hands and nessed was that of a man of no praticu- eyes were wide open and staring. He himself in an arm-chair by the fire. He went to his wardrobe, took out some place, but finally mounted the horse and rode to another side of the court and tied his horse. From there he went into the house and walked into a parlor, where he played several airs on a harpsichord. After moving about for two hours he went to his room and threw himself on his bed, where he slept nine or ten hours. The servants declared that they could

four years old, and a sleep-walker from his eleventh year, but his attacks only occurred in March. He would arise in his sleep, arrange the table, stand back of his master's chair long enough to give "while this animal only Whenever a sorcerer, or person of more range for going to bed, and after doing pounds along about 11 o'clock than ordinary distinction departs this so would be awakened. He could reat night, we feed him about five pounds of corn meal in the morning before weighing! You forgot to take this matboo platform in the sun, where it is left stupid for some time. He acted from for several days. The decomposition force of habit, and if a door through which he had passed was afterward shut he would run against it when he returned. pig men looked back from a distant hill the platform. This horrible liquid is If he carried a candle and a bottle was substituted he would not know the difand throwing empty wallets into the receives the liquid in his hand and ference. It is said of Negretta that he sat quickly rubs it all over his body. After down to eat a bowl of salad which he this revolting performance the body is had prepared. It was taken from him wrapped in a kind of cloth and buried and some strongly seasoned cabbage put in its place; but he ate without perceiving the difference. He sniffed ground coffee in place of snuff, which he had demanded. Other sleep-walkers have been known to detect these deceptions. In general, somnambulists do not hear persons who talk aloud in their presence.

A young priest used to arise and write his sermons in his sleep, reading them aloud after doing so, and making cor-rections and interlineations with the most remarkable accuracy, even correcting grammatical errors and incorrectly spelled words. He also composed music and wrote it while asleep, putting in cleffs, sharps and flats.

Somnambulists have been known to fall from dangerous heights, and even to be killed on being awakened while taking their sleep walks. The affliction is said to be hereditary, and is sometimes caused by intemperance,

The Russian government has borrowed \$60,000,000 to build railways.

The Pet Crocodile.

When Herodotus was in Egypt about 450 years before the Christian era, the following was the way in which this formidable reptile was taken prisoner:

"There are many ways of catching crocodiles in Egypt, but the following seems to be best worth relating. The huntsman puts the chine of a pig as a bait on a hook, and lets it down into the river. In the meantime he takes his station on the bank, holding a young pig, which he beats in order to make it squeal out. The crocodile, on hearing this, makes toward the sound, but meeting with the bait on his way, he swallows it down. Then the men begin to pull, and after he is fairly hauled out on dry land, the first thing the huntsman does is to plaster the crocodile's eyes up with mud. If he can succeed in doing this there is no difficulty in managing the beast; otherwise it is a very troublesome affair.

The different treatment which this monster received in different parts of ancient Egypt is curious, and not very easily accounted for. In the southern parts, near the cataracts, the crocodile was an article of food, but probably only with a particular caste, as in Dongola at the present day. In other parts, as the Thebes and near the great Lake Keroun, it was fashionable to have a pet crocodile, who was fed daintily and treated with great respect. "They put, said Herodotus, "pendants of glass and gold in their ears, and rings round their fore-legs; they also give them a regular allowance of bread and meat, and take all possible care of them while alive. When they die the Egyptians embalm them and put them in sacred sepulchres." Fortunately for the credit of Herodotus, a mummy of a crocodile has been found with his ears pierced for pendants, which fact is particularly mentioned by M. Geoffroy St. Hilaire.

Strabo tells an odd story of a crocodile which he saw when he visited Egypt, somewhat more than 400 years after visit of Herodotus. "In this district they honor the crocodile very much, and they have a sacred one which lives in the lake by itself, and is quite tame to the priests. He is called Suchus, and is fed with bread, and meat, and wine, which he gets from strangers who come to see him. Our host, who was a person of importance in the place, accompanied us to the lake, taking with him from the table a small cake, some roasted meat, and a little cup of some sweet liquor. We found the crocodile lying on the margin of the lake. The priests went up to him, and while some opened his mouth, another crammed into it, first the cake, then the meat, and last of all, poured the drink down his throat. The crocodile, after this treat, jumped into the lake and swam over to the other side. - Eye.

A Billion.

What is a billion? In the French system of notation, which is also used in the United States, it is a thousand milber we played at various games after lions; but the English system gives the name billion to a million millions. Sir Henry Bessemer, the famous inventor, who is in the habit of occupying his leisure with curious calculations for the amusement of his grandchildren, tried to convey some idea of the immensity expressed in this little word. He took it successively as a measure of time, of length and of height. Selecting the second as the unit to be used in his first calculation, he began with the startling assertion that a billion seconds have not found them extremely cold, and his yet elapsed since the commencement of pulse best so slowly that his blood the Christian era-nor, indeed, even a seemed not to circulate. It was about sixteenth part of that number. A billion pulled down 170 pounds to a hair, and continually occurring, and that the aside the bed curtains with violence, days, twenty-two hours, forty-five minutes, five seconds. In regard to length, he chose for his unit the English sovereign, a coin of the size of a half-eagle. A chain of a billion sovereigns would be long enough to pass 763 times around the globe or supposing all these coins lay side by side, each in contact with its neighbor, it would form about the earth a golden zone fifty-six feet six inches wide. same chain, were it stretched out straight, would make a line a fraction over 18, 328,445 miles in extent. For measuring height, Sir Henry chose for a unit a single sheet of such paper as that upon which the London Times is printed-a measure of about 1-333 of an inch in thickness. A billion of these thin sheets pressed out flat and piled vertically upon each other would attain the altitude of 47,348 miles. If any one doubts the correctness of these calculations he may go to work and figure the thing out for himself.

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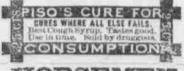
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