nce Where Senatorial Bills Documents are Filed Away

shington Hatelet man had occago into the Senate Document ic other day and was so struck busy and peculiar scene prethat he naturally fell to pumping Thomas H. McKee, the assisperintendent. He said it was one most complicated departments of nate, or House either, for that

branch has been presided over by men of peculiar fitness and ability, McKee, "It is very comtires a good deal of book-keeping ot a short memory to keep people nor. The bilis presented in Conup to the last year aggregated 99,louse and 38,506 in the Senate. to keep run of the bills, do not corrupt, and that no one is killed he miscellaneous and executive by lightning while asleep. ments, together with committee ts of the two Houses, form one of most composite and varied collecfound in any portion of the world." should think it would require great t to keep in hand this complete, and yet be able to find any given document or report?" the Hatchet

arked. It requires five clerks, but it is c," replied Captain McKee. "I have on the work four years' study, two Smith, the superintendent, has been e twelve years.

Do you not receive many peculiar re-

'Oh! yes. Very many people simply for a report, or document, or bill, thout mentioning the number, Coness or session, or even the correct title, nen in fact, there are two or three huned of the same kind of documents, and ey wonder why we cannot hand them Again, some give the title without ming the number or Congress, and the me title, you see, may apply to a bill, a executive document, or miscellaneous ocument, or a report of a committee, ad that of either House."

"What can you do in such cases?" "Well, we have very many ways of rorking out these difficult problems. It a kind of instinct that exercises and ells us better than they, what is

vanted." "Are you not annoyed by those who

want documents?" "No, for the great portion who call know what they want. The great diffi-culty with this class is, however, they generally want too much. There are many professionals who call, but they usually have private claims pending, are quiet and easily satisfied. There is a Mahomedan here with a private claim who is a crank. He calls every few days to see if there is not some new docu-ment issued in his case. Then we have a number of lady callers. They are usually undemonstrative and not so exacting as the gentlemen. A few of them, though, who are playing the role of lob-byist, are nulsances. They would bore the man in the moon by their questions and importunities. A few days ago, one of these lady lobbyists came into the document room and requested that we give her a copy of her bill. We inquired for the name in the bill and were given a name commencing with W. examined over six thousand pages of and informed index matter, that no such bill had ever been before Congress. Then she asked me to try another name beginning with R, and again I carefully examined the index matter, but without finding any such name.

then asked the nature of her claim, and upon being informed, I cited a claim. It commenced with A. "Oh!" exclaimed she, "that is the one I meant ail the time; that is my claim!" I had spent just two hours of hard searching of old, musty papers, and to my utter disgust was informed that a claim which I could have found in ten seconds, was what was desired! It came near trying my patience; but we must be patient, you know." From what source do you receive the greatest number of calls?"

"Clerks and messengers from committees, then agents and attorneys. latter give us much trouble, and are about the most ungrateful of all who call. They seem to think the Senate is under special obligations to support a document-room with its complement of files and men to keep them supplied with all they want—several copies of every-thing issued."

"Do Senators make many calls?" "Yes, and they are peculiar to one branch of the work. They usually want a precedent for some proposition, or the complete history of some act. This requires special work. Superintendent Smith is a specialist in this branch of the work. His methods are as peculiar to his success as are those of Pinkerton or Davenport in working up a complicated case of crime. In his absence this branch of the work falls to me, and I assure you it tells upon the brain and nerve, it being the most laborious of all the duties, The Senators are the most industrious of all public men."

"The newspaper men come often?" "They come and go at will. We have special arrangements for them, and I must say it is a pleasure to wait upon They are the most practicable of all in the use of documents. They take a document for what it is worth, and not because it is given to them, merely. No, we have no holidays. Our work is on

sorts of public documents in the document rooms of the Senate and House, and they number away up over the hundreds of thousands. It requires a good tier: Those succeed best in this life many active minds to keep them in order who pass over it quickly; if we stop we to be plucked out at a moment's notice."

stance of its use is found in the experience of two shipwreeked sailors. They were seven years on an island where their only food was coccanuts and an occa-sional flying fish. They retained good termined to succeed and has an estabhealth, and gained in weight.

SELECT SIFTINGS.

A superstitious notion prevailed among the ancients that those who were stricken with lightning were honored by Jupiter, and therefore to be accounted holy.

A Boston man has a sleigh which is claimed to be the lightest one in the world. It weighs thirty-eight pounds, and its frame is made of hickory and

Buffle was the name of a punishment of infamy formerly inflicted in England upon recreant knights, one part of which consisted in hanging them up by the

Descending into the bowels of the earth it is found that the temperature increases at the mean rate of one degree Fahrenheit for every forty-five feet. this rate water is at a boiling pitch at a al and requires great experience to fitness. There is a mass of bills sixty miles the hardest rocks known to be uncertainty continued he, "and geologists are in a fluid or melted state.

An English electrical journal has discovered the following popular fallacies concerning lightning, viz.: That chewing the splinter from a tree struck by which 61,108 were introduced in lightning will cure the toothache, that such splinters will not burn; that the it is only a small item of the bodies of those killed by lightning shock

The largest room in the world, under one roof and unbroken by pillars, is at of literature, history and statistics in breadth. By daylight it is used for military displays, and a battalion can completely manœuvre in it. Twenty thousand wax tapers are required to light it. The roof of this structure is a single arch of iron, and it exhibits re-markable engineering skill in the architect.

> The question as to the habitability of the planets has lately been discussed with much ability by Professor McFarland. His conclusions are, that the four large outer planets have not sufficiently cooled down to allow life on their surface such as is seen on the earth; that Mars gives all telescopic and spectroscopic proba-bilities of conditions compatible with life as we see it; that the earth certainly for millions of years has been covered with multifarious life; that in respect to Venus and Mercury, no certain evidence or knowledge presents itself, and that the satellites are manifestly not fitted for such life as the earth exhibits, the moon, in particular, having no water and no atmosphere.

The husks upon which the Prodigal Son fed, are not, as the reader is apt to imagine, the husks of maize, that is, of Indian corn. They are the fruit of the

Kharub tree, and from their shape called in the Greek little horns. From the popular notion that they were the food of John the Baptist they are called St. John's bread. Dr. Thompson describes them as "fleshy pods somewhat like those of the honey locust tree from six to ten inches long and one broad, lined inside with a gentinous substance, not wholly unpleasant to the taste when thoroughly ripe. I have seen large orchards of the Kharub in Cypress, where it is still the food which the swine do cat."

Healthy Sleep.

I think we may safely say that every one requires six hours' sleep in the twenty-four, and very many men and women, not to mention fools, require even more. Certainly, too much sleep is harmful; but too little is vastly more so. I would let each man regulate his hours of sleep by what he feels are his real requirements; always urging him to avoid the suspicion of laziness, to take into consideration the bed he lies upon, and to watch the effect on his health of any system of sleep he adopts. If you get up when you first wake, providing you have had six hours of sound, refreshing sleep, you can scarcely get wrong. But make sure of your six hours' minimum, and be wonderfully suspicious of the necessity for further sleep, as it is apt to become, not necessity, but indulgence. Welling-ton could sleep at any moment; Baron Bunson could sleep for half an hour at any time in the midst of his studies, awaking refreshed, and resuming his work with increased vigor. A blessed gift this; such a faculty, combined with that of early rising, is as good as a fortune to a capable man, or, indeed, to almost any man. Sleep is heaviest in the first few hours, gradually becoming lighter, and probably disturbed by dreams, as time wears on, until a slight noise disturbs us, or our rested system resumes full work of its own accord. Everybody knows that in dreaming part of the brain is awake and at work, while the other part is asleep-as much as the brain can sleep; at all events, exercising lessened function. It is therefore obvious that dreamless sleep is most useful, as dreams are evidence of work by some part of the brain, detracting from perfect rest.

A very important factor in securing healthy sleep is the kind of bed we lie upon. Feather beds I cannot commend; indeed, luxuries-and this is an undoubted one-are not to be sought by him whose aim is perfect health and strength. A spring mattress is very ex-cellent, and the harder your couch, to be comfortable, the more likely are you to secure healthy, refreshing sleep, not unduly prolonged. It is a difficult matter to rise early from a feather bed, difficult to awake in a reasonable time, and more so to leave its warmth and cosiness in winter. But the luxury must be sacrificed to the more healthful influence of the mattress. The ciothing should be light and warm; and I cannot but recommend the sheet of paper placed between two blankets as being very warm, for paper is a poor conductor of heat. You get warmth by this means without undue weight of clothing. Then your bedroom must be well ventilated, for you require to take in an extra stock of oxygen durthe order of perpetual motion. It never ing the night to help out the supply for stops.

'There is almost a train load of all air is impure.—Leeds Mercury.

Faith in One's Self.

Queen Elizabeth once said to a coursink." This saying might oft be repeated, and with profit too, if oftener prac-The value of the cocoanut as food is riced. Life being short, we should make as yet but little understood. An in- the most of it while it lasts. Let one trust himself, fet him exert his capabilities to their fullest extent, and sooner or later success will be his. To fail is abdished purpose in view.

HEALTH HINTS.

When a splinter in the eye cannot be removed bathe in cold water and bandage loosely, so as to keep the eye as quiet as possible until the surgeon ar-

When a fishhook has entered any part of the body cut off the line, file off the flattened end and pass the book on through the flesh as you would a needle

When persons have fainted lay them down with the head as low as possible; loosen the clothing; keep back crowding that would interfere with plenty of fresh air; sprinkle water over the face; apply hartshorn to the nose, and if too long in recovering consciousness place heated cloths or plates over the stomach.

Croup attacks children at night, and is distinguished by a peculiar barking sound. One of the earliest symptoms is hearseness. Apply hot water to the throat for fifteen or twenty minutes with a sponge or hot eloth, and give powdered alum mixed with syrup in halftenspoonful doses, repeated every twenty minutes until vomiting takes place. Keep the child warm, so that sweating may be induced.

Ear thquake and Plague.

"Earthquakes are by no means rareties," said a scientist to a Cincinnati Enquirer reporter. Professor Fuchs, the eminent scientist, kept account of them during our centennial year, and counted 104. In January he found ten, February ten, March fourteen, April eight, May seven, June seven, July eight, August five, September seven, October fourteen, November five and December nine. In 1875 he counted ninety-seven; so it would seem that every few days there was a disturbance of some kind. Perhaps you know that the Italians lay the plague or cholera they are having to the earthquake at Ischia, and among superstitious people in general yeu will find that an earthquake is always the forerunner of some terrible event. There would certainly seem something in it by referring to Chapel's list, in which the plague is found to follow many great

earthquakes. I have it here: B. C. 30—Earthquake in Judea, in which 10,000 persons perished, followed by a cattle plague.

A. D. 17—Earthquake in Asia, twelve

cities destroyed, followed by the plague. A. D. 70-Earthquake at Rome, companied by a plague, of which 30,000 inhabitants died.

A. D. 145-Earthquake, accompanied by a plague, at Rhodes.

A. D. 166-Earthquake, inundations and plague at Rome.

A. D. 261-Great earthquakes at Rome, in Africa and in Asia; at Rome and Greece five thousand deaths daily from the plague.

A. D. 333-Salamis destroyed by an earthquake; simultaneous appearance of the plague in Asia. A. D. 558-Earthquake during ten

days at Constantinople, followed by the plague in that city. A. D. 615-Great earthquake in Italy,

followed by a terrible pestilence.

A. D. 683-Violent storms in Italy, and fearful plague. A. D. 823-Earthquakent Aix-la-Chap-

elle and in Saxony; storms and plague A. D. 842—Earthquake in Northern France, followed by a violent cough (probably pneumonia,) of which many persons died.

A. D. 1032-Great earthquake in the East; virulent plague in Armenia and Cappadocia.

A. D. 1068-Earthquake in England followed by great mortality among men and animai A. D. 1085-Earthquake and plague

in Western Lorraine. A. D. 1097-Great flights of meteors,

followed by great mortality.

A. D. 1277, 1221 and 1352—Numerous storms and exceptional mortality in

France. A. D. 1348-Earthquakes and showers of blood; thirty-six German cities destroyed, followed by a pest which lasted

A. D. 1370-Similar perturbations and disease at Florence.

A. D. 1397-Earthquake and epidemic at Montpelier. A. D. 1401- Violent tenpest and plague at Florence.

A. D. 1403-Extraordinary tempest in Thuringia, with a simultaneous appear ance of the pest in Saxony. A. D. 1449-Earthquake and plague in Carniolu.

D. 1456-Tempests, earthquaker and plague in Italy; 30,000 victims.

A. D. 1531-Violent carthquake, followed by the plague, at Lisbon.

A. D. 1607—Numerous earthquakes,

storms and epidemics in Europe. A. D. 1647-Great earthquake, with immense disaster, at Santiago; plague and snow during three days. A. D. 1730-Violent carthquake, fol-

lowed by the plague, at Santiago.

A. D. 1783—Several shocks of earthquake at Rome, followed by diseases of different kinds.

A. D. 1798 - Great flight of meteo: and many pestilential maladies on the con-

A. D. 1831-Earthquake at Amboyna, sulphurous fogs and typhus.

A. D. 1839—Earthquake at Amboyne, accompanied by a violent epidemic, A. D. 1845—Third earthquake at Amboyna, coinciding with a fresh outbreak of the epidemic.

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