### SELECT SIFTINGS.

The French and Indian War cost the colonies in the neighborhood of \$20,000,-

The name Saxon, as applied to the peo-ple, comes from Sachs, meaning knife-

The name Canada is supposed to have been derived from the Huron word Kana-ta, signifying a collection of cabins,

The defence of Thermopyles, which has made immortal the name of Leonidas and his Spartans, took place in August, 480

The establishment of common schools in New England dates dack to 1649, when a provision was made in the Massachusetts code for that purpose.

An engine in use in the zinc mines near Freidensville, Pa., is fed by sixteen boilers, and is of 5,000 horse power. It is said to be the largest one in the world.

Rev. Robert Cushman preached at Plymouth, November 9, 1621, what was the first sermon ever delivered in New England by a regularly-ordained minister,

Among the many curious and interesting works of the largest library in the world, at Paris, is a Chinese chart of the heavens, made about 600 years B. C. In this chart 1,460 stars are correctly inserted, as corroborated by the observations of modern astronomers, -Beston

The Teuton or Germanic race does not begin to affect history until the coming of the events attendant on the downfull of Rome. The Celts figure much earlier, those of Cisalpine Gaul had received the Roman franchise at the hands of Julius Cæsar, and Roman citizenship was also made to embrace the people of Transalpine Gaul, Spain and the British Islands.

Most of the superstitions about the moon come to us directly from old English, Scottish and Irish sources. In Devonshire, England, it is lucky to see the new moon over the right shoulder, but unlucky over the left; but to see it straight before is good fortune to the end of the month. In Renfrewshire, if a man's house be burnt during the wane of the moon it is unlucky, but if the moon is waxing it is lucky. To have money, particularly gold or silver, in your pocket at that time is a token of good fortune, but to be without it is a very bad omen. In Orkney it is considered very unlucky to flit or move from one place to another during the waning of the moon. Old people in some parts of Argyllshire are wont to invoke the divine blessing on the moon after the monthly change. Gaelic word for fortune is derived from that denoting full moon, and a marriage or birth occurring at that period is believed to augur prosperity.

### Curious Clocks,

When the Emperor, Charles V., Spain, retired to the Monastery of St. Yuste, he took with him Torriano, his clock-maker, in order to while away the time by constructing the movements of So wonderful were some of the pieces of work which they made, that the monks would not believe any one except the devil had a hand in them, until the machinery was shown to them by the ex-Emperor. It was ordered by Charles that when he should die all these clocks should cease running-and it is said to be a fact that his orders were obeyed.

Another King of Spain came to Genevao see a clock which had been made by Droz, a merchant of that city. Upon the clock were seated a shepherd, a negro, and a dog. As the hour was struck, the shepherd played upon his flute, and the dog played gently at his feet. But, when the King reached forth to touch an apple that hung from a tree, under which the shepherd rested, the dog flew at him and barked so furiously that a live dog answered him, and the whole party left in haste. Venturing to return, one of the courtiers asked the negro, in Spanish, what time it was, There was no reply; but when the question was repeated in French, an answer was given. This frightened the courtier, who rejoined his companions, and all of them voted that the clock was the work of the evil

Upon the belfry of the Kauthaus, in Coblentz, there is the head of a giantbearded, and helmeted with brass. giant's head is known as "the man in the custom-house;" and whenever a countryman meets a citizen of Coblentz away from that place, instead of saying: "How are all our friends in Coblentz!" he asks: 'How is the man in the custom-house?" At every stroke of the bell which sounds the hours upon the clock, the mouth of the giant opens and shuts with great force, as if it were trying to say, in the words of Longfellow: "Time was...Time is past." - Popular Science

### A "Dull Boy,"

One remarkable point in the career of the late Henry Ward Beecher will be noted by the hopeful and expectant fathers of dull boys-the lateness of the period at which his intellect began to assume shape. This wonderful orator, poet, actor and pulpiteer was a dull boy. He laved to wander in the woods. He hated books, while he had a warm side for nature. At school he was considered something of a dunce, one biographer says. His desire for reading was awakened by a sensational sea story, and he came near being a sailor. But at that point the intellect vivified, and out of the chrysalis came the great man whose fame filled the world. Let not this bit of history be lost upon the parents who are anxiously watching the development of boys who care more for fishing than for books .- New York World,

### A Portune From a Trivial Invention.

Ten thousand dollars a year is a fairsized income even in New York. When it comes to a man from what appears to be a trivial invention it is naturally highly appreciated by the recipient. It is not generally known that the index on the margins of the leaves of books which is so widely used for directories and other works of that class is a patent. The ordinary index for books has been used for centuries, but the Invention of the method of cutting down the margins of the pages until the side of a book looks like a flight of stairs, was the invention of Charles H. Denison, a comparatively young lawyer of this city. Mr. Denison makes a specialty of the practice of patent law. He is approaching farty years of age -New York Tribuna

### SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Improvements having been made in the refining of wood alcohol, it is being largely used, it is said, to replace the ordinary alcohol. Fears have lately been expressed that it is being used in pharmacy as a

substitute for alcohol in tinctures. It is estimated that from 34,000 to 35,-000 cubic miles of rain fall every year upon the surface of the globe. The rivers carry off barely one-lialf; the rest disappears by evaporation, by the absorption of the earth and by being taken up by plants, animals and mineral oxidation.

In a paper before the Meteorological Society of London, the Hon. H. Abercromby has shown that cumulus is the commonest form of clouds in the tropics; cumulostratus and cirro-stratus in the temperate zone; and strutus and fog in the Arctic regions. Although the forms are alike, the prognostic value of any shape is not the same everywhere, woolly clouds denoting fine weather in England and rain in

If the condensed breath collected on the cool window panes of a room where a number of persons have been assembled be burned, a smell of singed hair will show the presence of organic matter; and if the condensed breath be allowed to remain on the windows for a few days, it will be found, on examination by micro-scope, that it is alive with animalculæ. It is the inhalation of air containing such putrescent matter which causes half the sick headache, which might be avoided by a circulation of fresh air.

Mr. Braidwood, Superintendent of the London fire-engine establishments, stated before a committee of the House of Lords, that, by exposure to heat not much ex-ceeding that of boiling water, timber is brought into such a condition that something like spontaneous combustion takes place; and that it may take eight years for the heat from pipes charged with or used to convey steam, hot water or heated air, laid among the joists of a floor, or in the heart of a partition, or elsewhere in a building, incased in timber, to induce the condition necessary to the actual ignition of the timber.

### HEALTH HINTS.

To cure the toothache try a bit of soda in the cavity.

Proffessor Pecholier, of Montpelier, recommends hot baths and quinine for the

abortive treatment of typhoid fever. A writer in the Medical Press says that warts can be readily removed by the inter-nal administration of small doses of sulphate of magnesia.

It is said that corns can be cured by applying a poultice of bread brumbs and vinegar as hot as can be borne. The corn can be picked out without pain. "Soon"

probably means in a day or two. Sunlight is essential to the growth and health of children, and they should be sent out of doors for several hours every day the sun shines. Above all, let the sunshine into the house—the preservation of the life and health of the children is of more importance than to prevent the fading of the carpet.

Dandelion Root is recommended by Dr. Steiger, of Switzerland, as a true hepatic in chronic congestion, or fatty infiltration in jaundice and obesity. prepared a decoction from a handful of fresh, green roots in 700 to 800 grams of water, and obtained 560 grams of fluid, to which a teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda was added. The decoction was taken in three doses during the forenoon. The course lasted three or four weeks .-Health and Home.

### Two Kinds of Fools.

One evening I was walking in the lobby of a Boston theatre with Dr. A. It was the first night of a new play, and Dr. A. was expressing his contempt of the work in no measured terms when the author of the peace came toward us. "Well," he asked, with brisk abruptness, "how do you like my play?" "My dear fellow," Dr. A. answered without an instant's hesitation, "if I had written that play I should be so proud of it there would be no living with me." I dragged Dr. A. along before the gratified author had ceased to beam with satisfaction over this compliment. "I only told him the truth," he said to me; "if I had been fool enough to write that stuff I should be fool enough to be unspeakably proud of it."-Boston Letter.

An authority gives the consumption of corn as follows: 130,000,000 bushels are used for human food, 624,000,000 for working animals, 20,000,000 for seed, 100,000,000 for the production of spirits and glucose, 65,000,000 for export, and 900,000,000 for the food of meat-producing animals."

"November, 1880," wrote Jos. P. Murphy. Springfield, Tenn., "my wife suffered eighteen months with neuralgia and paralysis. By use of St. Jacobs Olf, she could walk." October Ith, 1886, he writes. "My wife recovered entirely." Price fifty cents.

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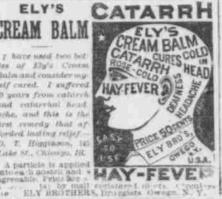
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### The Telegraph Plant.

known sensitive plant (Mimosa pudica) and dionea is singular enough, but the movements of the leaves of Desmodium gyrans seem still more curious, and up to the present have baffled our best observ-The movement may be observed on a light, warm day, when the plant is standing in a temperature of about eighty degrees. The two small lateral leaflet may then be observed to move upward and downward; first the one and then the other, now resting a moment, then starting again with a jerk. The movement is quite spontaneous, the plant not being perceptibly sensitive to the touch. Truly it is a vegetable wonder, and deserves a place in every warm greenhouse on that account. It is easily propagated either by means of seeds or cuttings. It is a rapid grower, and though it is not hand some, still it is a graceful plant. It grows to a height of about two feet. Any light soil will suit it, and the higher the temperature in which it stands the more per eptible are its movements. I do not think it would thrive in winter in a temperature lower than fifty-five degrees. It s a native of India, and is a member of the pea family, — Gardening Illustrated.

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