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Somnambulism.

suspicious noise in his burnyard, and,

going our with a club and bactern, in

an angle between the chicken coop and

barn he saw a colored neighbor stand-

ing bolt upright, with his eyes closed.

After receiving a sharp blow on his

"Where is I?" he asked. "Is dat you,

Farmer Jones? I spect I'ze been walk-

ing in my sleep again. I often dees

walk in my sleep and jus' stand round

and don't know where I is."-New

A Feminine Sherlock.

Mrs. A.—Why in the world do you leave that little puff of powder on your

York Herald.

breath.-Chicago News.

head the intruder opened his eyes.

A RUSTY KEY

It Cleared Up a Porgotten Murder | Low These Strange Creatures Attach and Hanged the Murderer.

People of certain temperament some-times attain their wishes by langing to "Small things sometimes tell big tales and unravel mysteries of long standing," times attain their wishes by hanging to said an old detective who has seen long to the skirts of persons of larger capacity, service in running down criminals in various parts of the country. "The most singular case that ever fell under my care arm, which is represented on the Atlantic was a case in which a white man had been murdered in some mysterious way, first dersal fin-i. c., the fix on the back and the body was put away and all efforts to locate it were out of the question. Suspicion tell on a negro, and he by means of which they can attach themwas arrested, but subsequently was re-cased because of the absence of proof to sides of larger fish. Thes there are the connect him with the crime. The body shark sucker, the swordfish sucker, the was missing, and it was certain that the hillish sucker, etc. Being excellent nan had been murdered and robbed by swimmers, it is difficult to see why they tonic person familiar with the auround-ings. The negro had worked for him, but had been discharged because of Im-known that they travel with sharks con-

"Ten years lapsed. All interest in the lave actually been found smariated and crime had died out. One day some negro exhausted from carrying about their unblackberry pickers came across a key invited gnests, which hong on the limb of a bush. Be- An eminent which hong on the limb of a bush. Be-cause of the growth of the bush the hun-thought it very probable that the object dle of the key was partially buried in the suckers is to share the fragments the limb. Right under the bush the ne- of food with their hosts, but whatever gross found the bleached and decaying bones of a human form. When the matter was reported, I was sent out to investigate the matter, and I gathered up the bones, cut the bush down and took everything to the police station. We could have a practical matter which over the list of missing were

went back over the list of missing men.
"There was a captain connected with the department who pessessed a wonders ing himself perhaps a "hanger on" to ful memory, and he turned all of his attention to the rusty key, which was still tention to the rusty key, which was still enoughed the limb of the lash. I ought to attent had find make him do the catching. In here that the negro had remained in the community and had by his ludustry description of how the Indians of long bought a few acres of land on which has go used these fishes to aid in the capstood the house which had figured in the ture of others: atosi the house which had agured in the large of others:

"Collumbra from honce proceeding on force. Cut that key out for me, and the faction with the chief and, without whose Water runs Bayling into the Sca.

consitation with the chief and, without telling me where he was going, added me to go with him.

"We traveled about four miles and drove up to a little house late in the evening. There was nobedy at home. I guess we might as well go in, the captain gail, and, pulling the key from his pocket, he showed it into the lock, turned it and opened the door. We waited for the nextro after locking the door again, but Guinean, like an Arrey out of a Bowe. negro after locking the door again, but he never returned. The house was watched all night, but the negro never came. We grew suspicious and soon learned that he had fled upon hearing of fast, that he let not loose till half dup out the discovery in the brier patch. Flight of the Water."-Los Angeles Times strengthened the evidence of his guilt. returned, tried and convicted and finally

"The key which solved the mystery had got caught in a twig that spring up in the brief patch, and but for this fact the mystery would have never been solved." -New Orleans Times Democrat.

Enlightened the Lawyer.

"I presume, my good fellow, you're a borer?" said a lawyer to a plainly Inhorer?" said dressed witness. "You are right. I am a workman, sir," replied the witness, who was a civil

engineer.
"Familiar with the use of the pick,

above and spade, I presume?"

"To some extent. These are not the principal implements of my trade "Perhaps you will condescend to en-

lighten me as to your principal implements?" "It is hardly worth while. You don't

understand their nature or use "Probably not," loftily, "but I insist on knowing what they are," "Brains,"—London Tir-Bits.

The newspaper laws of Mexico are very stringent. If any person is mentioned in a newspaper article and feets offended about it, he can easily send the editor of the paper and the writer limits of truth and justice, but that makes no difference. The editor incommunicado has a chance to think about the law, and the aggrieved person smiles pleasantly. After awhile the law gets in its work, the case is larestigated, and the editor is punished,

THE MEXICAN EDITOR.

According to the theory of the Mexican law, every person has a right to go about entirely free from annoyance by other persons. If the person violates the law, the newspaper has no right to say so. It can lay information before the courts if it wants to, but it must not say in its columns that it has done so. Then the law will step in and take charge of the offender, but the representatives of the paper will not be allowed to attend the trial, and only the bare result, after weeks of waiting, can be told to the public.

If the offense charged against the editer is regarded by the first magistrate to whom the complaint is made as being especially grave, the paper is genbeen received and passed upon. Then a squad of police descends upon the printing office. Sometimes all the emthe editor. Then the doors of the building are closed, official seals are placed upon them, and a guard is statloned to see that no one tries to ennothing. The laws under which he is arrested are modeled after those of the code Napoleon, and for three days he is held incommunicade, while the auborities bunt up evidence. Then he is given a hearing. In the meantime his paper has been suppressed, and in many cases it pever comes to life again. even though the editor may eventually clear himself of all blame,-Pittsburg

MOTHERS OF GREAT MEN.

Gound's mother was fond of paint-

ing and music, Chopin's mother, like himself, was very dellente.

Schumann's mother was gifted with musical ability, Spohe's mother was an excellent

judge of music, but no musician. Militon's letters often allude to his nother in the most affectionate terms. Buieigh said that he owed all his officees of deportment to his mother. Goethe pays several tributes in his writings to the character of his mother.

Wordsworth's mother had a character as pecaliar as that of her gifted

Sydney Smith's mother was a clever inversationalist and very quick at

Hayda dedicated one of his most Important instrumental compositions to his mother.

Gibbon's mother was passionately fond of reading and encouraged her son to follow her example.

Charles Darwin's mother had a decided taste for all branches of natural history.-Philadelphia Inquirer.

Statt Borers.

A remarkable application of Biblical precept is still to be found among the Seeks, who do not all live in Servia, but a must correct what I had said, as I are also scattered over Turkey, Monte-did not want anybody to go away with negro, Result and conthern Hungary. They are very quarrelsome, and the condetta flourishes among them. It

are by no means uncommon. Now, neededing to the unwritten law a man who has made a hole in another's head must submit to having his own head perforated in like manner, unless be prefers to pay about \$100 damages, which is seldom the case. So there has arisen among the Seris a peculiar profession, that of the "medigs," or trepanners, who for a moderate fee will bore a tiole in your skull and guarautee the wound to heal in two weeks.

SCENES FAMOUS IN HISTORY.

Courthonse Where Patrick Henry

The scene of Patrick Henry's great peech on the stamp act is one of the out charming little buildings in Ameri-, the old courthouse at Williamsburg. which was designed by Sir Christo-Wren, the architect of St. Paul's thedral and other of the most famous the Chicago Herald. It stands today an excellent state of preservation and looks very small compared with the ordi-nary county courthouse of modern Ameren; but, unlike many of them, it is a

The room in which the house of burgeous met on that memorable occasion a unchanged and is still used for indi-cial purposes. Every Saturday morning a justice of the pure occupies the bench-ual imposes time upon the petty of enders, mostly near re, who are brought be-fore him. The remainder of the build-ing, which is of a single story, furnishes

It is an interesting historical fact that Patrick Henry wrote his famous resolu-tions upon the dy leaf of Thomas Jeffer-son's volume of "Cake's Commentary Upon Littleton," and it was from Jeferson's modest chamber that this brief less harrister went to the little court-house in May, 1703, to deliver the speech against taxation without representation which made him the most fumous man of the hour and as notations in England as he was popular in the American colo-

Jefferson and Henry met a few years before at the house of Mr. Dandridge, the Eugland with father of Martin Washington, where £14,500,000. they spent several pleasant days together and begsta a friendship that lasted until political differences divided them toward the end of their lives. When Henry came frequently to Williamsburg, he shared Jefferson's hed for the lack of money to pay a hotel bill, and thus their intimacy

Brevity Takes Time. Mrs. A.—Why in the world do you leave that little puff of powder on your chin?

Mrs. Z.—For my husband to blow off, You know be is such an observing man.

Mrs. A.—is there any reason why you should wish him to blow it off?

Mrs. Z.—Yes. I can detect his breath.—Chicago News.

Breedly Takes Time.

A Scottish ministes was once asked how long he would : guire to prepare a speech. "That depeads," said be, "upon how much time I am to occupy in its delicery. If I am to speak for a quarter of an hour, I should like a week to prepare if I am to speak for helf an hour, three days will do; if I am to go on as long as I like, I am ready new."

HOW THE CHINESE GET RAIN

It Is Very Ensy For Him to Get Into the Celestial Eligidea.

It is one of the peculiarities of the Chinese that, while they have develophas led to any confidence in the uniformity of nature. Neither the peoplenor their rulers have any fixed opinion of the article to prison. The state mor their rulers have any fixed opinion ments may have been far within the as to the cause of minfall. The plan in some provinces when the need of min is felt is to borrow a god from a neigh boring district and petition him for the desired result. If his answer is satisfactory, he is returned to his home with every mark of honor; otherwise he may be put out in the sun as a bint to wake up and do his duty. A bunch for even the truth is libelous, and libel of willow is usually thrust into his is one of the offenses most severely hand, as willow is sensitive to meis-

Another plan in extensive use is the building of special temples in which are wells containing several from ta ides. When there is a scarcity of rain, a messenger starts out with a tablet marked with the date of the journey and the name of the district making the petition. Arriving at another city, he pays a sum of money and is allowed to draw another tablet from the well, throwing in his own by way of exchange. On the return Journey he is supposed to cut only bran and travel at top speed day and night. Sometimes be passes through districts as greatly in need of rain as his own. Then the people in these places waylay him and, temperarily berrowing his tablet, get the rain intended for another place.

Prayers are invally made in the fifth ad sixth months, when the minfall is always due, and a limit of ten days b set for their effective operation. Under such conditions rate usually falls during the prescribed time. When the proyers are in progress, the unibrella. ter. For three days the editor can do ban, in some provinces foreigners have amoun other objects, comes under the been ambbed for enrrying this intro iess article at that time. New York Commercial Advertiser.

> A THIEF AMONG THE ANGELS Spurgeon Corrected this Opinion of

> What He Might Do. One day the mayor of Cambridge who had tried to curb Mr. Spurgeon's tendencies to sensationalism. Inquired gation that if a thief got into beaven

> "Yes, sir," the young prencher replied, "I told them that if it were passible for an ungodly man to go to heaven without having his nature shanged he would be more the better for being there, and then, by way of illustration, I said that were a thief to get in among the glorified he would remain a thief still, and he would go around the place pleking the august

> "But, my dear young friend," nifed the mayor seriously, "don't you know that the angels haven't any pockets?" "No, sir," replied young Spurge n, with equal gravity. "I did not know that, but I am glad to be assured of the fact from a gentleman who does know. I will take care to put it all right the first opportunity I get."

The next Monday morning Spurgeon walked into the univor's place of business and said to him cheerfully, "I set that matter right yesterday, sir." "What matter?" he inquired.

Why, about the angels' pockets." "What did you say?"

"Oh, sir, I just told the people I was sorry to say that I had made a mistake the last time I prenched to them, but that I had met a gentleman, the mayor of Cambridge, who had assured me that the angels had no pockets, so a fulse notion about heaven. I would therefore say that if a thief got among the angels without having his nature follows tant bullet holes in the skull changed he would try to steal the feathers out of their wings!"-Homi-

Black Mirrors.

Crystal gazing is still popular, but the very latest tiling in use is a black mirror, in which the sibyls sny they enn see many things. These little black mirrors come from India, where a spot of ink has always been a favorite vehicle for divination. The native boy who has "the second sight" is told to look fixedly at a spot of ink, which is powed into his hand. The black mirror is said to be every bit as good as the ink, and it is certainly more cleanly. It is made of a piece of black giass set in a wooden frame and is small enough to be held inside the hand,-London Chronicle,

A Suspicious Case. Greene-Do you suppose Ketchum is honest, or has he designs on me, do you think? Brown-Why, what has he been do-

Greene-He borrowed an umbrella at my house last night, and he returned it the first thing this morning. It looks suspleious, don't you tlink? - Boston

An Obliging Reshand. "Why do you offer such a large reward for the return of that ugly dog?" "To please my wife,"

"But such a reward is sure to bring "No. it won't. He's dend,"-San Francisco Chroniele.

More Interesting. "Were you interested in that account of the Washington man who suddenly disappeared?"

"Weil, I'd have been more interested in an account of a man who gradually disappeared?"-New York World.

In 1694 the capital of the Bank of England was £1,200,000. It is now

MY LAWI. "He not for kind yet mastering ate,

Where wieller lines mak stry word;

A Broken Beart.

I should like to narrate the following, which is mostly true: Some years ago I was playing in a p if match in India (Bangalore versus Madrass when a hawk my adversary to allow me to drop snother ball, but he wan one of our canny brethren and replied, "Eh. no, man; lost ball, lost hole." This did not admit of argument. Some weeks afterward I went for a walk before breakfast, and, climbing a rocky eminence to see th view, I came across a hawk's nest and by it a dead hawk and in the nest my golf ball. Both the hawk and the ball were quite warm. I sent the lawk to the curator of the pursuan and asked for a post morteen. His verilier was "a broken heart," and on my telling him the story he had no doubt that the poor bird

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