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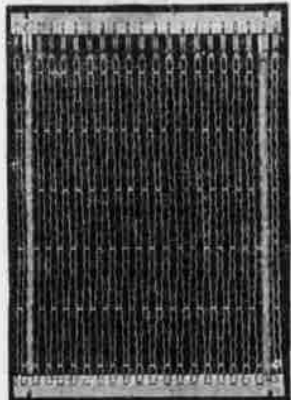
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The Hippopotamus.

When first the Sudan was opened up it was thought desirable to impose a tax on any one killing a "hippo," but experience has shown that the "hippo" is unworthy of the care taken of him. He is most destructive. A bull hippopotamus will upset a small boat. The natives have a curious manner of killing a hippopotamus. They attack him with spears when he is in a sleepy condition in the river, and attach to the spear a rope with a huge float at the end of it. This float hampers the movements of the unwieldy animal, and after several spears have been driven into him he is easily drawn to the bank and dispatched.—London Globe.

Why Burton Committed Suicide.

Burton, the vivacious author of "The Anatomy of Melancholy," who had the reputation of being able to raise laughter in any company, however "mute and morose," was in reality constitutionally depressed, and it is believed that he was at last so overcome by his malady that he ended his life in a fit of melancholy.

A Cold Cold.

"I understand that prima donna Fallas had a cold." "Yes," answered the manager. "How did she contract it?" "Well, it wasn't an ordinary cold. It is what is technically known as a box office chill."—Exchange.

Relatively.

Maud—Do you like Mr. Dinwiddie? Ethel—Oh, yes; I like him, relatively speaking. Maud—Relatively speaking? What do you mean by that? Ethel—You see, I promised to be a sister to him.—St. Louis Republic.

What Shall We Have for Dessert?

This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it to-day. Try

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BLOWING HOT AND COLD.

How Iron and Steel in Losing Heat Rise in Temperature.

The phenomenon of a substance rising in temperature while losing heat, known as "recalescence," which was first observed by Professor Barrett and investigated by Dr. Hopkinson, has been noticed in the case of iron at a high temperature. A piece of iron was heated to about 800 degrees C. and then allowed to cool slowly. At this temperature it is bright red, but on cooling to about 785 degrees C. a sudden disengagement of heat takes place, the iron rises in temperature and glows with a brighter red.

This phenomenon was investigated more accurately by Hopkinson in the case of steel. Round a bar of this metal he wound a coil of copper wire insulated with asbestos and jacketed with layers of asbestos paper. The temperature of the wire was followed during the experiment by connecting the coil to a Wheatstone's bridge to find the variation in its resistance and from this the variation in temperature. The steel bar was then heated bright red in a furnace and allowed to cool. The temperature fell regularly to 680 degrees C., then rose to 712 degrees C., when it again diminished.

COAL TAR PRODUCTS.

Some of the Things We Get From This One Time Substance.

When coal gas was first introduced as an illuminant for large towns the tar which is condensed from the gas was looked upon as a nuisance. However, chemists discovered that coal tar was an exceedingly complicated compound and lent itself admirably to the production of a great number of useful chemicals. So we find today that all the various brilliant and beautiful dyes employed for coloring various kinds of fabrics are produced from this substance.

Coal tar also furnishes the basis for several kinds of medicines, such as trional, sulphonal and so on. Saccharin, which is a substitute for sugar, is also made from coal tar. Carbollic acid (phenol), the most important and best known antiseptic and disinfectant, is a product of coal tar. Benzol, a clear and colorless liquid resembling alcohol to some extent, is another distillate which is employed for removing grease spots.

Then we have naphthalene, a substance which to some extent resembles camphor and is employed, like camphor, to protect woolen fabrics from moths.—Harper's Weekly.

THE FIRST BANKS.

They Were Established in Italy in the Ninth Century.

The first banks of which we have record were established in Italy so far back as 808 by the Lombard Jews, who had benches, or counters, erected in the market places for the exchange of money and bills. It is from their benches, or benches, that banks have taken their name.

The earliest bankers were also goldsmiths and dealers in precious stones, but with the advance of civilization banking became a distinct business. Merchants had deposited their cash in the mint in the Tower of London until Charles I. laid hands upon the money in 1640. In 1645 traders agreed to lodge their money with the goldsmiths of Lombard street, who had strong chests for their own valuables, and this was the origin of banking in Britain.

The chief banks in Europe were established as follows: Venice, 1171; Geneva, 1348; Hamburg, 1619; Holland, 1635; Bank of England, 1694; Scotland, 1695; Ireland, 1783; France, 1803; United States, 1816.

Handwriting on Iron.

It was an accident that led to the discovery of the method of transferring handwriting to iron. An iron founder while experimenting with molten iron under different conditions accidentally dropped a ticket into a mold. He presently found that the type of the ticket was transferred to the iron in distinct characters. Following up the idea which this fact suggested, he procured a hotproof ink, with which he wrote inventively on ordinary writing paper. This paper was introduced into the mold before the molten iron was poured in. When the mold cooled the paper had been consumed by the heat, but the ink, which had remained intact, had left a clear impression on the iron.

Ungainly, but King of Soaring Birds.

No one would be likely to imagine, for example, that so heavy and, in fact, apparently ungainly a bird as a pelican is a king among soaring birds. After much flopping when these great birds have acquired headway the broad wings are spread, and in majestic circles they mount skyward, with only an occasional flap of the wing, often passing beyond the range of one's vision.—Country Life in America.

A Modest Petition.

Little Johnnie had been taught to ask a blessing at the table. One morning there was company present to breakfast, and Johnnie, being a little embarrassed, made the following brief petition. "O Lord, forgive us for this food."—Lippincott's.

Boarding House Amenities.

First Landlady (pointedly)—Well, thank heaven I haven't got no skeletons in my cupboards. Second Landlady (sweetly)—Nobody thought for a minute that you kept your boarders there.

Never pose as an angel until you are sure that your wings have sprouted a good crop of pin feathers.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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UNGLOVED WOMEN.

Hands Uncovered Because of Rings with Large Stones.

One fashion frequently influences another. Jewelry is at this moment exercising an autocratic sway over gloves. Women wear rings with enormous stones, over which the ordinary well-fitting glove is an exceedingly lopsome article of attire.

Four courses are open to her. Either she must submit to gloves a size or two larger than those to which she is accustomed, or she must discard gloves altogether, or she must wear her jewelry outside her gloves as the dandies of the Stuart period did, or she must slash her gloves to reveal the glistening gems beneath—after the manner of the gallants of a still earlier age, as proved by ancient pictures.

There are objections to all these methods, but the least annoying is to leave off gloves. This is what many women are now doing. Stealthily but surely they are feeling their way toward the attitude men have so long assumed—that gloves are only worn regarding from a utilitarian standpoint, as covering to confer warmth upon the hands or to keep them clean. There is one sole occasion upon which a man puts on gloves in deference to the demands of etiquette, and that is when he dances. Neither have women yet dared to leave them off for these affairs, nor for state appearances, at the opera, and at parties in great houses.

Observant of the trend of fashion and of the independent attitude of their good customers, the glove makers have added mittens to their stock. But in this country among the well-dressed set mittens have proved a conspicuous failure both for day and evening wear.

As aspirants for patronage out of doors, women have a bitter quarrel against mittens, for they have found that the mischievous summer sun impresses a faithful portrait of the pattern of the lace on their skins, copying his joke of last year, when "pneumonia blouses" were worn and the shoulders of those who favored them were tattooed with the lines and arabesques of their design. The elegant canvas gloves offered, usually in vain to a sex weary of the restraint of kid, play the same trick and enlarge the apparent size of the hand as well, traits that do not recommend them to women.—London Mail.

The Cow as an Ivory Producer.

Napkin rings, hairpins, walking-stick knobs, brush backs and handles, cigarette cases and holders, and a variety of other small objects are now being made of milk. It appears that much of the cheap imitation ivory now in the trade comes from the cow. There are even alleged pearls worn in earrings, or in other kinds of so-called fancy jewelry, which are literally drops of condensed milk. A nobleman owning immense estates and large farms in the Loiret Department has set up a factory for carrying on this new industry. His cows produce some 200 gallons of milk a day, two-thirds of which is sent to Paris in the season. But in the summer the demand falls off, while the cows continue to yield the usual quantity. Hence, the ingenious nobleman's new departure. The casein obtained from the milk is converted, under great pressure, into a ductile substance called "lactite." The possible uses of which seem to be unlimited. It is this sub-product of milk which is replacing celluloid in the market as imitation ivory. Moreover, lactite can be employed, it appears, in coloring processes for textiles, and for the treatment of wines, notably for the operation called "collage." Cabinetmakers also use it for veneering with it imitation earthenware. Glove makers have just successfully experimented with lactite for producing the glass surface on kid. Tire manufacturers have hopes of employing it instead of gutta-percha. An American inventor affirms that a powder can be extracted therefrom which is just as good as snuff, and a great deal better; but the French nobleman in question has not yet gone in for that particular branch of the new industry on his Loiret estates.—Paris Correspondent, London Telegraph.

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Danger from House Paint.

The French Government is now bringing to the front a question in which every British household has an interest. It is that of the use of white lead and of other compounds of lead in house painting. A Parliamentary commission is investigating the question, and M. Breton, an expert, delegated to report upon the whole question, has just presented the result of his studies in a volume which entirely and emphatically condemns the use of white lead in the mixing of colors. All pigments compounded with lead carbonate are highly poisonous to the workmen and to the occupants of houses. M. Breton urges white zinc as better in every way, especially in work exposed to sea air. He declares that the absolute suppression of white lead has become an imperative necessity. It was in 1780 that Courtois, a French chemist, first advocated white zinc.—London paper.

A Shrewd Diagnosis.

A number of children in Geneva who partook in one hour of meat pies, jam tarts, ham, cherries, green apples, coffee, iced beer, iced water, red wine, raspberries, fruit ices and chocolates were suddenly overtaken by a mysterious illness, which the doctors are inclined to think must have been due to something they had eaten or drunk.—Punch.

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"The hat consists of a wide brim and a crown high enough to contain the topknot. The hats are made of many materials and vary in price from \$2 to \$30. Their form dates back to a time, centuries ago, when a king who was fearful of plots and conspiracies devised the head wear as a protection against his noble enemies. If men could not get their heads together, he argued, they could not engage in a conspiracy, so he issued an edict compelling his courtiers to wear hats with gigantic brims. Then in order to prevent fighting on the street he ordered that these hats be made of a thin porcelain. In case of a fight the hat would certainly be broken. This would necessitate explanations from the noblemen, and street rows were thereby ended.

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The Magic in the Letter R.

"Did you ever notice," asked the observer of things nobody else ever notices, "what a lot of magic there is in that little letter R?"

"For instance, it can turn a golfing tee into a tree, an all into a rail, a gain into a grain, a fog into a frog, a tall into a tail, a hose into a horse, a bid into a bird, a hen into a hern, a heath into a hearth, a bit of heat into a heart, a hat into another kind of hat, a pat into a part, a cat into a cart, a spit into a spirit, a list into a first, a bow into a brow, a peal into a pearl, a peach into a preach, a beach into a breach, a wig into a wring, a stove into a starve, a gab into a grab or a garb, a skit into a skirt, a sting into a string, a tuck into a truck, a bolt into a broil, a mine into a miner, a bush into a brush, a line into a liner, a bar into a brag, a bay into a bray, a payer into a prayer, a band into a brand, a cow into a crow, etc., word without end."—Baltimore American.

Bismarck's Regrets.

Shortly after 1870 Bismarck was complaining that life had brought him no happiness or love. "But," said a friend, "you have made a great nation happy." "Yes," replied the prince, "but many people unhappy. But for me three great wars would not have been waged, 80,000 men would not have perished, and parents, brothers, sisters, widows, would not now be mourning. That I have to settle with God. But I have had little or no peace from what I have done; on the contrary, much vexation, anxiety and toil."—London News.

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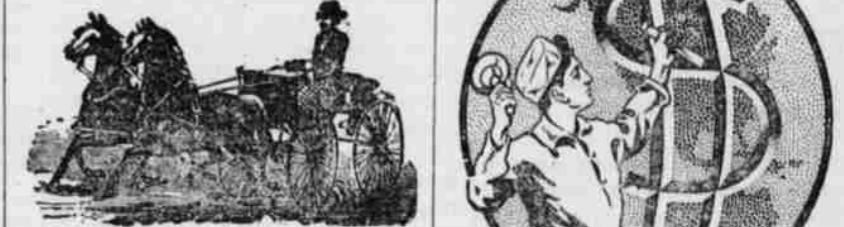
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