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NOTE.—All sale prices on Rugs will be withdrawn after Feb. 1st. Freight transportation will be paid within 100 miles of Oil City.

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A Dream Superstition.

I heard what was to me at least a new piece of superstition the other day, and when I think of the risks I've run all these years because I did not know of it my blood runs cold. I met a woman from Virginia in market, and the talk falling on dreams I recalled a most blood curdling nightmare I had had the night before.

"I must tell you what I dreamed last night," I said.

"Let me ask first whether it's a pleasant or an unpleasant dream?" said the lady from Virginia.

"Decidedly unpleasant."

"Then for mercy's sake don't tell it!" said she. "Never tell a bad dream on Saturday, for we say in Virginia: Friday night's dream on Saturday told is sure to come true, no matter how old."

—Washington Post.

Curious Fish Spearings.

In spite of the march of civilization there remains much that is still primitive in Sicily, and a curious sight at Palermo is to see the fishermen spear-ing fish in the harbor by the aid of glass bottomed buckets, says the Wide World Magazine. There are many corners of the world where fish are speared, but perhaps the use of the glass bottomed bucket in this connection is to be seen only at Palermo. The fishermen lean far over the side of their boats and hold the bucket on the water with one hand, poking their heads into it as if engaged in the halloven game of ducking for apples. They hold a spear poised in the free hand and thus await the arrival of their victims, who are sighted through the glass bottom of the bucket, which acts as a kind of telescope.

No Change.

The prince of Monaco, who, having had both an English and an American wife, knows whereof he speaks, said of marriage:

"Through marriage a Frenchwoman gains her liberty, an Englishwoman loses hers and an American woman continues to do as she likes."

Welcome Caller.

Visitor—What lovely furniture! Little Tommy—Yes. I think the man we bought it from is sorry now he sold it. Anyway he's always calling—London Tit-Bits

How Royalty Sleeps.

"Unconscious lies the head that wears a crown," says the poet. But the precautions that are taken to assure undisturbed rest to King George of England must at least be quiet to his pillow. The outside of the royal palace is, of course, guarded by soldiers and detectives all night, and several alert watchmen pace up and down the corridors through the hours of darkness, says the London correspondent of the New York Sun.

These men are shod in thick felt slippers so that their footsteps will not wake the royal sleeper, and one of them is always near the king's room until his majesty is called by his valet in the morning.

Every door and window in the palace is frequently examined, and it would be impossible for any intruder to get in without being discovered. The king is as well protected as the czar of Russia, who has a guard of armed Cossacks outside of his room, or the king of Spain, who is watched by a squad of specially picked soldiers, who keep the keys of all the doors of the palace during the night.

Oratory and Seasickness.

According to A. C. Benson, it was the habit of the late Professor Sidgwick, when crossing the English channel, "to take his stand in some secluded part of the vessel and to pour out audibly and rhetorically his repertoire of English verse, accompanying it with a good deal of emphatic gesticulation. I believe that the first experiment was successful and that he secured immunity from nausea. But he said the second time that he tried it he was interrupted by one of the officers with a message from the captain begging him to desist on the ground that some of the lady passengers were frightened by his behavior, being under the impression that he was mentally deranged. He complied with the request, and, deprived of its intellectual prophylactic, his brain succumbed to physical sensations."

Storms of Life.

As storm following storm and wave succeeding wave give additional hardness to the shell that incloses the pearl, so do the storms and waves of life add force to the character of man.

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Henry J. McCarty,

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A Typhoon in Japan.

My room on the second floor rocked and swayed, and it seemed as though the building could not hold together. After awhile I grew accustomed to the motion and the noise of breaking glass and dropped off to sleep, but a terrific crash right by my ear brought me up with a start. The sheet iron shutters of my windows had finally succumbed to the fury of the gale and, although fully eight inches outside of the glass, had bent in until the windows, sash and all, lay shattered on the floor. A drenching torrent whirled in through the crack between the resisting shutters, seized a screen and hurried it clear across the room to my bed and then seized the bed and bounced it savagely up and down. Then part of the roof took leave and slid past my window with the nerve racking clatter of coal pouring into an empty steel bin.

By dawn the typhoon was satisfied. "Oh what it had done and moved on out to sea. I retrieved my saturated clothes and went downstairs.—Melvin A. Hall in Century.

Unconscious Memory.

The memory of sleepwalkers is occasionally prodigious under the influence of the dominating impulse that moves them. There is an instance of a poor and illiterate basket maker, who was unable to read or write, yet in a state of sleep he would preach fluent sermons, which were afterward recognized as having formed portions of discourses he was accustomed to hear in the parish church as a child more than forty years before. Quite as strange a case of "unconscious memory" is referred to by Dr. Abercrombie. A girl given to sleepwalking was in the habit of imitating the violin with her lips, giving the preliminary tuning and scraping and flourishing with the utmost fidelity. It puzzled the physician a good deal until he ascertained that when a child she lived in a room adjoining a fiddler who often performed on his violin in her hearing. —Pearson's Weekly.

A Faint Hearted Poet.

Samuel Rogers, the English poet, whose home in London was noted as a literary center, was very fond of the society of ladies and was a great favorite with them. Yet he never married, and in his latter years he used to regret not having done so. Rogers' "nearest approximation to the nuptial tie" was with a girl whom he had ever seen. At the end of the London season she said to him at a ball, "I go tomorrow to Worthing." He did not go with her. Some months afterward, being at Ranleigh, he saw that the attention of every one was drawn toward a large party that had just entered, in the center of which was a lady leaning on the arm of her husband. Stepping forward to see this wonderful beauty, he found it was his love. She merely said, "You never came to Worthing."

Mission of the Russian Fleets.

A Russian fleet under command of Admiral Lesofsky lay in New York harbor during the winter of 1863-4, and another was in San Francisco harbor for the same period. Thurlow Weed is authority for the statement that Farragut in his presence at dinner asked Lesofsky why he was idling the winter away. The Russian answered, "I am here under sealed orders, to be broken only in a contingency that has not yet occurred." In general conversation he allowed it to appear that the particular contingency was that a foreign power should attack the United States. The same authority records a confirmation of this matter by Prince Gortschakoff in St. Petersburg, who showed the Czar Alexander's own order.—New York Sun.

Auto-Hallucination.

Answering the question "Will you please explain how a person is lifted by four persons placing their index fingers under his shoulders and legs by means of slight lifting force at time of inhaling a long breath by each person and by the person about to be lifted?" Edgar Lucien Larkin in the New York American says:

"I have been asked this question many times. If a person actually has been lifted and those doing the lifting think that the law of gravity is partially suspended, then the lifters are under self hallucination or auto suggestion in so far as their impression of lifting is concerned. They actually lift far more than they think, but they will not admit this, as they are partially self hallucinated in the belief that the body of the person will rise. And if they really succeed in lifting the man two inches they think it a feat. Auto hallucination is a remarkable neurological phenomenon and is now being studied by mentalists here and in Europe with minute care and research."

Foolishness of Betting.

Being firmly convinced that a certain contest would terminate in conformity with his opinions, a farmer in New York state wagered his new automobile against a wheelbarrow on the result of the contest in question—and lost. Giving up the property, he grudgingly trudged seven miles to his home. Probably his family noticed that he had a growth on. Considered in the calm, clear, cold light of pure reason, the gentleman succeeded in proving himself a near relative to a California canary—otherwise known as a donkey. Had he won the bet the result would have been pretty much the same, for betting is not argument, evidence or proof of anything. It adds no force, power or dignity to any opinion or set of opinions. It is merely the outpouring of the gambling spirit, and that is a spirit that has led many a man to utter beggary who might have adorned a home and ornamented a community. —Detroit Free Press.

A Tall Story.

The long leggedest man we know is our friend H. Bingham Palmer. He can take steps above five feet long, in spite of which he is devoted to horseback riding.

Recently he came into the office to chat awhile, and we noticed that he limped.

"Corn?" was asked sympathetically.

"Nope—accident," he answered, as answers one who doesn't care to talk about something. That aroused our curiosity, and we couldn't help showing it, probably, for he sighed and confessed:

"I was ridin' through the park Monday, and I was just ridin' along and ridin' along and not thinkin' of anythin' in particular, and my foot slipped out of the stirrup."

"Well?"

"Well, the darn horse stepped on it!" —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Dirigible Balloons.

The dirigible balloon is by no means a modern invention, as many people seem to think. As a matter of fact, as long ago as 1784 General Meusnier proposed the construction of an elongated balloon which might be propelled through the air. Experiments were made with it by two brothers named Robert, who made several ascents and attained a speed of three miles an hour, though the method of propulsion was only aerial cars worked by hand. Nothing further was attempted until 1852, when Henri Giffard built dirigibles which, by means of a light steam engine, he propelled at nearly seven miles an hour, and since then various experiments have been made which ultimately ended in the wonderful triumph of Zeppelin.—New York Press.

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