

have fair and pleasant dreams made to order, by opening the shutters a trifle to soft Luna's rays, or by allowing old Sol to intrude upon a morning nap. Without a doubt, many if not all, of the heavenly visions with which religious enthusiasts of all ages have been favored, were inspired by just such material facts. So Gibbon (History of Rome V—538) writes of Peter the Hermit:—"In this austere solitude, his body was emaciated, his fancy was inflamed; whatever he wished he believed; and *whatever he believed he saw in dreams and revelations.*"

Again, the native light of the retina (the "eigenlicht" as the Germans say) is a fruitful inventor of dreams. Close your eyes in a dark room and waiting for some minutes for the after images to die out, study the retinal field. A veritable kaleidoscopic array presents itself, which in the land of Morpheus serves as bricks and mortar for dreamy castles. A beautiful illustration of the "eigenlicht in dreams" is given by Prof. Ladd in a recent issue of Mind.

The duration of dreams is much less than is usually supposed, the average being from two to seven minutes. There are, however, well-authenticated cases of dreams extending over a period of five or six hours, and even of being resumed in the following night where the thread had been dropped previously. On the other hand, Mohammed is said to have wandered in a dream "over all the earth and the heavens" in the time it took a plate (which had begun to fall) to complete the distance from the table to the floor. The tale, although given in all gravity in the Koran, should doubtless be taken cum grano salis, as also the express affirmations of Heroditus, Locke, Lessing, and Butler, that they never once dreamed during their life-time.

Still the question of *why* we dream might be pressed. Our reply, 'to furnish each individual a fresh chapter in his knowledge of himself.' If you would know what sort of a being you are, study your dreams. Every nook and corner (from cellar to garret) of your mental mansion is

ransacked during successive dream-life. A sort of inventory is taken, and you can see how your past life, that is, your character, acts in relation to the growing experiences. Unvarnished, naive, and 'real,' are our reactions in dream-life; and if you would know what you are in yourself, minus all the objective glamour and manifold intrusion of the eye, sound and touch-world of waking life, then study your dreams. R.

BASE BALL.

U. OF P. vs. STATE.

The college team played its first game of the season, with the University on April 16th.

The game was remarkable chiefly for the time required, and for the number of errors which our boys were able to pile up.

Neither team manifested anything like spirit throughout the game. The feature of the play was the heavy hitting of the University team, every man in the team finding the ball and hitting safely. For State the batting was done by Atherton, Thomas, Stuart and Robison, the last two having each a home run to his credit.

Atherton, behind the bat played his usual game, his throwing to bases being exceptionally fine. In the field, Goeckle carried off the honors for the University, while Mackey did the same for State, the latter's one-handed catch of Contrell's liner, being the star play of the game. The score:

PENNSYLVANIA.				STATE.					
R.	H.	O.	A. E.	R.	H.	O.	A. E.		
Thomas, cf.....	3	2	1	0	Mattern, cf.....	1	0	0	2
Hollister, ss.....	2	3	2	3	Miles, 2b.....	1	0	4	0
Contrell, 2b.....	3	2	4	1	Atherton, 3b c.....	0	2	5	4
Goeckle, 1b.....	3	3	7	2	Thomas, rf.....	0	2	1	0
Gelbert, rf.....	1	2	0	0	Stewart, lb.....	1	3	11	0
Coogan, c.....	2	2	9	4	Rice, ss.....	0	0	1	4
Reese, p.....	0	0	0	1	Mackey, lf.....	0	2	2	0
Dickson, p.....	2	2	0	2	Carpenter, c.....	1	0	2	0
Blakeley, 3b.....	3	3	1	2	Robinson, 3b.....	1	1	1	4
Blair, lf.....	2	1	1	1	Hodson, p.....	1	0	0	2
Totals.....	21	19	27	16	Totals.....	6	8	27	14
Pennsylvania.....	4	0	5	1	3	0	2	2	4-21.
State.....	1	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0-6.

Earned runs, Pennsylvania 7, State 2. First base on balls, Thomas 2, Hollister. Goeckle 2. Dickson, Blair 2, Miles 2, Atherton 2, Thomas, Emory 2, Carpenter, Robinson and Hodson. First base on errors, State 1 Pennsylvania 3. Left on bases, State 9, Pennsylvania 6. Struck out, Gelbert, Coogan, Dickson 2, Blakeley, Blair, Mattern, Rice 3, Robinson and Hodson. Home runs, Thomas