

Home Reading.

IN CHURCH—DURING THE LITANY.

"I'm glad we got here early, Nelly; We're not obliged to sit to-day Behind those horrid Smith girls—well I'm glad they go so soon away. How does this cushion match my dress? I think it looks quiet charmingly. 'Bowed sweetly to the Smiths?' Oh! yes— [Responds] . . . "Pride, vanity, hypocrisy. Good Lord, deliver us."

OLD TIME GIANTS.

John Middleton, commonly called the "Child of Hale," whose hand, from the carpus to the end of the middle finger, was seventeen inches; his palm eight inches and a half, and his height nine feet three inches, wanting but six inches of the size of Goliath. He was born at Hale, in Lancashire, in 1578, and was as remarkable for his strength as his height. He was introduced to James the First. The emperor Maximilian, A. D. 235, was eight feet and a half in height; he was, in addition, of most extraordinary bulk; the bracelet of his wife served him for a thumb-ring, and his shoe was longer by a foot than that of any ordinary man. Patrick Cotter, the celebrated Irish giant, born in 1761, was eight feet seven inches, and his shoes were seventeen inches long. The giant Gabara, who lived during the reign of the Roman Emperor Claudius Caesar, is said to have been near ten feet in height. What a stuck up man he must have been! but that is a necessary fault of the whole tribe of giants. Pliny thus refers to him. "The tallest man that hath been seen in our age, in the days of Claudius, the late emperor, was brought out of Arabia. He was nine feet nine inches high." Gabara, however, was eclipsed by a Scotchman named Funnam, who lived in the time of Eugene IL, whose length was eleven feet and a half! But even his great height was not exceptional; as we learn from Jacob le Marie, who, in his voyage to the Straits of Magellan in the year 1615, uncovered several graves at Port Desire, where he found skeletons ten and eleven feet long. Chevalier Scory, however, in his voyage to the Peak of Teneriffe, narrates a still greater marvel. He found in one of the caverns of the mountain the head of a Guancho which had 80 teeth, and the body was fifteen feet long! But even this monster was out-topped by the giant Ferragus, who was killed by Orlando, the nephew of Charlemagne, and who had attained the extraordinary stature of eighteen feet. We hope the travelers and historians from whom we have compiled these facts, have not been drawing the long bow, but really some of them terribly try our faith. The following, for instance: Roland, a celebrated anatomist, who wrote in 1614, states that some years previously there was in the suburbs of St. Germain the tomb of the giant Isoret, who was twenty feet high.

ICE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA.

Professor Hind, St. John, N. B., in a recent paper addressed to his government gives a description of the remarkable effects of "anchor ice" on the coast of Labrador and Newfoundland. It is thus summarized by a correspondent of the Toronto Globe; Anchor ice is a form of ice which occurs both in fresh and sea water, and is known by the Germans under the name of "grundels," to the French Canadians under that of "frazoo," and to the old sedentary seal hunters under the name of "lolly." Anchor ice forms in rapid rivers, and has not unfrequently been described. It is, however, on the borders of the Arctic current, where sea water rapidly cools in the fall of the year, along our coasts that anchor ice manifests itself in a peculiar manner. During the first cold snap, at the beginning of winter, say toward the middle of November and early in December, the sedentary sealers often had small spicules, or needles of ice, formed on the corks of their seal nets, which are set in eight, ten, and sometimes fifteen fathoms of water. If the seal nets are not soon taken up when the corks near the bottom begin to show the ice needles forming about them they are liable to be lost. This spicule accumulates very rapidly, and, being lighter than water, they will enable the corks to raise the whole net to the surface, and if the anchors are not frozen to the bottom of the sea, the net is liable to be drifted away by the tides. It sometimes happens that the anchors of seal nets are frozen to the bottom, and when forcibly detached they bring up masses of frozen sand, and this from a depth of fifty and sometimes

seventy feet below the bottom of the sea; in other words, the "bottom of the sea is frozen." This remarkable phenomenon was inexplicable till Despretz showed that sea water in cooling does not follow the ordinary law which governs fresh water when it cools from forty degrees to the freezing point. But sea water increases in density regularly as it cools, hence the coldest water is always at the bottom. Sea water freezes at twenty-seven degrees Fahrenheit, or five below the freezing point of water; hence, as the coastal waters cool in the fall on the Labrador and northeast Newfoundland shores the bottom layer of water acquires, during a cold snap, a temperature of five degrees below the freezing point of fresh water and from every rough surface, such as stones, bits of sand, seal-net corks, seal-nets themselves, minute spicules of ice form, first at and near the bottom, where the water is coldest, and these very rapidly accumulate, break off and rise to the surface, forming the "lolly." When sealers see "lolly" forming they at once take up their seal nets; and it often happens on the Labrador that seals taken in nets sunk fifty feet below the surface are found frozen solid when brought to the surface.

THE PEDIGREE OF WORDS.

A study of the pedigree of many words, which are in daily use would prove more fascinating than any other kind of mental recreation. Trench in his little work on the "Study of Words" has done much to cultivate the taste for this kind of investigation; but he made only a beginning. The field is inexhaustible. The following brief list will be found of interest: "Jet" derives its name from the Gaggates, a river of Lycia, where was found the black stone which the French call gagate, or jaet which we abbreviate into jet.

Pamphylia, a Greek lady who compiled a history of the world in thirty-five little books has given her name to the "pamphlet." "Punch and Judy" are the relics of an ancient mystery play, in which the actors were Pontius Pilate and Judas Iscariot. "Dollars" is from the German thaler, which is derived from Thal, the valley of Joachim in Bohemia, where the silver works were situated that made this coin.

"Bigot" is from Visigoths, in which the fierce and intolerent Arianism of the Visigoth conqueror of Spain has been handed down to infamy. "Humburg" is from Hamburg; "a piece of Hamburg news" was, in Germany, a proverbial expression for false political rumors. "Extort" and "yeast" are from the same root which signifies something boiling or overflowing.

"Gas" and "gust" have the same parentage. "Blue Jeans Williams" probably does not know that the fabric from which he gets his name was originally made by Moors, at Jean, in Spain.

"Gauze" derives its name from Gaza, where it was first made. Damask silk was first made at Damascus.

The word "Panic" has a curious origin. According to Herodotus the god Pan was supposed to have assisted the Greeks at the battle of Marathon, 490 B. C., striking such a terror into the Persian hosts that they fled to their ships in perfect dismay. From that time the Greek term panikon was used to describe an unreasonable or sudden and overpowering fear.

"Tabby-cat" is all unconscious that her name is derived from Atab, a famous street in Bagdad inhabited by the manufacturers of silken stuffs called Atabi, our taffety; the wavy markings of the watered silks resembling pussy's coat.

"Old Scratch" is the demon Skratzi, who still survives in the superstitions of northern Europe.

"Old Nick" is none other than Nirk, the dangerous water demon of Scandinavian legend.

In the phrase "Deuce take it" the deity Tiv still continues to be invoked. In his book "De Civitate Dei" Augustine speaks of "quesdam de mones diuinos Galli nuncupant."

The lemon takes its name from the city of Lima. Loadstone is a corrupted translation of lydus lapis, the stone of Lydia.

The word money reminds us that the coinage of the Romans was struck at the temple of Juno Morieta, the goddess of counsel.

A TRULY WONDERFUL COUNTRY.

The American engineer thus lumps the wonders of our country: "The greatest cataract in the world is the falls at Niagara, where the waters from the great upper lakes form a river of three-fourths of a mile in width, and then, being suddenly contracted, plunges over the rocks in two columns to the depth of 175 feet. The greatest cave in the world is the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky, where any one can make a voyage on the waters of a subterranean river and catch fish without eyes. The greatest river in the known world is the Mississippi, 4,000 miles long. The largest valley in the world is the valley of the Mississippi. It contains 500,000 square miles, and is one of the most fertile regions of the globe. The greatest city park in the world is in Philadelphia. It contains over 2,700 acres. The greatest grain port in the world is Chicago. The largest lake in the world is Lake Superior, which is truly, an inland sea, being 430 miles long and 1,000 feet deep. The longest railroad at present is the Pacific Railroad, over 3,000 miles in length. The greatest mass of solid iron in the world is the Iron mountain of Missouri. It is 350 ft. high and two miles in circuit. The best specimen of Grecian architecture in the world is the Girard College for Orphans, Philadelphia. The largest aqueduct in the world is the Croton Aqueduct, New York. Its length is 40 1/2 miles, and its cost \$12,500,000. The largest deposits of anthracite coal in the world are in Pennsylvania, the mines of which supply the market with millions of tons annually, and appear to be inexhaustible.

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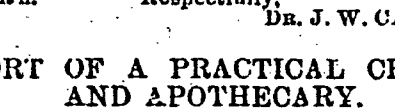
Mr. H. R. STEVENS: Dear Sir—Through the advice and earnest persuasion of Rev. E. S. Best, of this place, I have been taking VEGETINE for dyspepsia, of which I have suffered for years. I have used only two bottles and already feel myself a new man. Respectfully, Dr. J. W. CARTER. Natick, Mass., June 1, 1872.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. In the estate of Martha M. Vance, late of Liberty twp, dec'd. Letters of Administration in the said estate having been granted to the undersigned all persons owing said estate, are requested to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them without delay. D. A. WORDEN, Administrator. Jan. 24, 1877.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. In the estate of O. P. Washburn, late of Liberty, Letters of Administration in the said estate having been granted to the undersigned all persons owing said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them without delay. D. A. WORDEN, Administrator. De Bont's Non. Jan. 24, 1877.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—Whereas, Letters testamentary to the estate of Rufus Smith late of Franklin, twp, dec'd, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against the same, are requested to present them without delay. W. C. SMITH, Executor. Jan. 24, 1877.

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