

A PECULIAR BUSINESS.

Breeding and Catching Leeches For the New York Market.

James Partit and his children earn all the money they make raising leeches, for the work of breeding the blood-suckers on the Partit farm on Toms river, near Lacey, N. J., is nothing compared with the labor of catching them.

Farmer Partit doesn't seem to think a little blood letting hurts one. "They are as good as a dose of spring physic," says he. "Why, me and the boys get so fat and healthy doing nothing all winter that we need something like this to keep us in order. If we fished too long at a time, they might do some harm, but we know when to stop. After the season is over we feel fresher and better than if we hadn't been leeching. They are just like mosquitoes—they suck out all the bad blood and leave the good, and that's why, I suppose, we feel so good after a month's work in the swamp. I think we'd all have malaria down in this wet place if it wasn't for the leeches. No man could wade through such a mudhole without getting malaria unless something helped him."

His farm yields 500,000 leeches a year, and the price is 30 or 30 cents for 100, giving an annual income of \$1,000 to the family. The market is New York or Philadelphia, where the leeches are distributed to the trade.

Half a century ago this would have been a great business, but the belief in leeches has fallen off in this country. Europe clings to the practice, and Paris consumes 3,000,000 leeches yearly, while London finds use for over 7,000,000 a year.

James Partit or his boys, when wading, discovered the presence of the leeches in his swamps. He looked up the subject and decided that he would supply the American market, which hitherto had depended on Europe. He found that buyers preferred the Hungarian fellow of olive green without spots, or else the German leech, with dark green body spotted below with black. He got a few specimens and put them in the pond. They multiplied rapidly after their enemies, the water snakes, were exterminated, and soon the first leech pond in the country was established. The young are ready for market in about a year, but reproduction takes three years. The average life of a leech is 15 or 20 years. Usually a healthy man can fish in the swamp four or five hours without losing enough blood to exhaust him. The leech has three jaws and from 20 to 80 teeth. When these get going, in a short time the leech will swallow five times his weight in blood.

All this is more pleasant than the practice elsewhere about New York of fattening leeches for the market on decrepit old horses which have been condemned to the boneyard.—New York Press.

GETTING PATENTS.

The Discoverers Are Not Usually the Ones to Reap the Reward.

If you look back on the history of human progress, you will find that none of the great epoch making inventions has ever been patented. The man who lit the first fire—whether Prometheus or the party from whom he stole the idea—did not get a patent for it. Neither did the man who made the first wheel, in every sense one of the most revolutionary inventions in the history of man. The same thing may be said of the invention of scap, candles, gun powder, umbrellas and the mariner's compass, or, to come down to our own day, of the steam engine and the electric telegraph.

Patents are mostly concerned with small mechanical details and improvements—it may be in the application of steam and electricity—and by means of these patents enormous profits have been secured to second rate inventors, but the great ideas and discoveries which underlie these details have been given to the world gratis.

There is a general notion that if you did not protect inventions by means of patents inventors would cease to invent and material progress would come to a standstill. But history does not bear this out in the least. Men with great mechanical gifts do not exercise them solely with a view to commercial profit any more than astronomers search the heavens for new worlds with an eye to registering patents and floating companies on the results of their discoveries.—London Truth.

Plaiting.

Very narrow plaiting is a favorite dress trimming. A costume of gray camel's hair is made up in a plain dress fashion. The waist closes at one side, and the skirt, waist and sleeves are, as one enthusiastic young woman expressed it, absolutely smothered in pinked out ruffles of iridescent tulle. In addition to the plaiting these ruffles are plaited, then drawn out a little to make fans, which are laid so as to form bands of tripping from shoulders to waist line as outlines for yokes and to supply the place of the almost collapsed sleeves. One dress has an outlined yoke of very narrow pinked and plaited ruffling. From the seams where the sleeves are sewed in are similar ruffles of varying widths, the lower one being about 15 inches wide and the upper one not over 4 inches wide.—New York Ledger.

To change one's nationality in Russia is not at the command of every purse. The first condition is that you should be a landowner for five years at the shortest, and that during the whole of that period you should have resided upon your property in that country. The next condition is that you should take the oath of allegiance to the czar.

When an Englishman becomes a naturalized Norwegian, his wife and children also change their nationality.

PUNCH AND JUDY.

The Origin of This Ever Popular English Entertainment.

Generations of children have found pleasure in witnessing the antics of Punch and Judy, and after nearly a century of popularity the mimic theater in which their adventures are displayed still gives amusement to both young and old. The origin of this always attractive entertainment is not English, as many who have enjoyed it may suppose; but, according to an old book, Punch and Judy are of Italian ancestry. In the district of Aceza, near Naples, the people are very much addicted to the soaking of wine from grapes, and it is curious that from antiquity they have been famous for their love of droll wit and comic fun.

Many years ago, in the season of the vintage, which is a time when everybody seems to be full of fun and frolic, some comic players came along through Aceza. They began to poke fun at the vintagers, and in the war of wit the players got the worst of it.

Now, there was among the vintagers a fellow with an enormous red nose, long and crooked like a powder horn, and he was the very drollest and wittiest of the whole company. The players were so tickled with his witty sayings, all set off by his odd face and very queer air and manner, that they almost went into hysterics with laughter.

After they went away they began to think that this droll fellow would be a great accession to their company; so they went back and made offers to him. These he accepted, and such was the success of his efforts that the company acquired great fame and a great deal of money. Everybody went to see this witty buffoon, and all were delighted.

This example led to the establishment of a droll or buffoon in all companies of comedians, and he was always called after the original one, whose name was Puccio d'Aniello. This was in the course of time softened into Policciello. The French made it Pollicciello, and the English Punchiello. After a time the English, for the sake of brevity, left off the latter part of the word and called it plain Punch.

How Judy originated history does not record, but it is very easy to surmise her story. Such a merry fellow as Punch had as good a right to a wife as anybody, if he could get one. Why not? One might think that his beetlelike nose would have stood in the way of his finding a woman willing to marry him, but his wit was an offset to this. Women are fond of wit, and Punch would have played his part ill if he could not have made it cover his nose.

Now that we have supposed Punch to have had a wife, and also supposed her name to have been Judy, what more natural than for this amiable couple now and then to have had a bit of a breeze? They lived a wandering life, and like other people in their station, took a little liquor to raise their spirits. After the effect was over, feeling a little peevish, they fell to calling each other hard names, and hard blows followed; so this is their whole history.—Detroit Free Press.

EATEN ALIVE.

A Fish That Watches Its Own Demolition Is a Japanese Delicacy.

The most dainty dish to the Japanese epicure is none other than a living fish. This horrible delicacy is served as follows: Resting on a large dish is a mat formed of rounds of glass held together by plaited threads, on which is a living fish with gills and mouth moving regularly. At its back rises a bank of white shreds resembling damp isinglass, but in reality a colorless seaweed, while the fish itself rests on damp green algae. In front is a pile of small slices of sawfish garnished with a radiating tuft of variegated bamboo leaves. A portion of the raw fish from the pile in front of the living victim is now placed on a saucer and passed to one guest, and so on with the rest till the pile is consumed. Then the carver raises the skin (which has been already loosened) of the living fish, and proceeds to take slice after slice from the upper part. The creature has been carved while still alive, the pile of flesh first served consisting of the lower half of the body. This has been done with such consummate skill that no vital part has been touched. The heart, the liver, the gills and the stomach are left intact, while the damp seaweed on which the flesh rests suffices to keep the lungs in action. The miserable victim looks on with lustrous eyes while its own body is consumed, probably the only instance of a living creature assisting as a spectator at its own entombment.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Brave Man.

"Do I understand you to say," queried the barrister, looking hard at the principal witness, "that upon hearing a noise in the hall you rose quickly, lit a candle and went to the head of the stairs—that a burglar was at the foot of the stairs, and you did not see him? Are you blind?"

"Must I tell the truth?" stammered the witness, blushing to the roots of his hair.

"The whole truth," was the stern reply.

"Then," replied the witness, brushing aside his damp, clinging locks and wiping the perspiration from his clammy brow, "my wife was in front of me."—Pearson's Weekly.

Couldn't Say.

Mr. Frankstown—Miss Bloomfield is as pretty as the day is long. Don't you think so?

Mr. Homewood—I have never seen her except at evening gatherings.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

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Ed. M. Hummel and Emma L. Hummel, his wife, vs. Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

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WHEREAS the Hon. Harold M. McClure, President Judge of the Judicial District, composed of the counties of Snyder, and Union, and Jerusalem Crouse and Z. T. Gernberg, Esqs., Associate Judges in and for said county, have issued their precept, bearing date the 28th day of Sept. A. D., 1901, to me directed for the holding of an Orphans' Court, in and for said county, on the 11th day of Nov. A. D., 1901, and to continue one week. Notice is therefore hereby given to the Coroners, Justices of the Peace and Constables in and for the county of Snyder, to appear in their proper person with their rolls, records, inquiries, examinations and other remembrances to do those things which their offices and in their behalf pertain to be done and witnessed and persons prosecuting in behalf of the Commonwealth against any person or persons are required to be then and there attending and departing without leave at their peril. Justices are requested to be punctual in their attendance at the appointed time agreeably to notice. Given under my hand and seal at the Sheriff's office in Middleburgh, the 11th day of Nov. A. D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety six. ALFRED SPEIGHT, Sheriff.

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