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*No. 13—Accommodation.....8:18 A. M.
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ABSENT MINDED PROFESSOR.

Incidents That Made Him a Source of Amusement to His Friends.

Many stories are told of the absent-mindedness of the late Sir John Burdon-Sanderson, formerly regius professor of medicine at Oxford, who was familiarly known as "The Burder."

He used to delight his classes by stuffing one chalky duster after another into his pockets, and finally using his pocket handkerchief to clean the blackboard. At his own dinner table he would carefully carve the joint and serve his guests, and then fall to on his own plate utterly oblivious to the fact that he had forgotten to help himself.

The late Sir Henry Acland had a story he always enjoyed of the professor's absent-mindedness. While a guest at his house, Sanderson one day asked Miss Acland if he might have his luncheon earlier than usual, as he wished to have a walk before returning to the schools. At the appointed hour lunch was duly served, and the professor left the house. Ten minutes later, at his usual luncheon hour, he returned, rang the bell, and asked the astonished servant to bring up lunch. It was duly served, and he made a second hearty repast, utterly ignorant that it was an encore.

Lady Sanderson left him one evening to conduct his guests into the dining room. When she came down into the hall she found him helping them into their overcoats, shaking hands and saying good night.—London Daily Mail.

Noodles and Macaroni.

"Many persons believe noodles originated in Germany," says a New York Italian arm of the law, "but such is not the case, for noodles, macaroni, spragheti and vermicelli are the same, only of different shapes and sizes. Noodles is a hand-made preparation of the mountains, and nearly every Italian and German family in America makes it by hand. Italians never bake macaroni or paste in any form. The only way to eat it is boiled. In Italy the cooking of this dish is left to the head of the family, whether he be rich or poor, if he has the time. The paste is dropped into boiling water, and when done is drained in a colander. A pot-roast gravy is made, with lima beans, tomatoes and mushrooms added. Then a layer of macaroni is put in a platter and covered with the sauce, some Italian pepper and grated Parmesan cheese; then another layer, and more sauce, pepper and cheese, until the dish is filled. That makes an artistic dish. Careless people simply dump the macaroni into a deep dish, pour on all the sauce, pepper and cheese and stir everything together."

A Dethroned Queen.

Queen Nwaling, a dusky central African potentate, now decrepit and discredited, is said to have been the last ruler of Mororo. She once possessed much influence, partly due to superstitious fear. She claimed the power of intercourse with the spirit world, and surrounded herself with much mystery. She lived completely hidden in a hut, from which she was supposed never to emerge. When approached for any purpose, the replies to questions were given in a high, squeaky voice, intended to be accepted as the voice of spirits.

Cost of Artillery in France.

In the arsenals of France, according to a French paper, there are \$8,000,000 worth of antiquated and useless artillery. The French navy uses fifty or sixty different models of guns, which makes the question of furnishing projectiles very difficult, and the powder used in the navy is so unstable that one-quarter of it has to be changed every year. It lasts on board ship only five years and in hot climates only two years.

High Authority.

A rebellious husband was objecting to doing certain work about the house, and he quoted Scripture to his wife, showing that the household duties should properly be assigned to the woman. The good wife replied by reading to her astonished husband 2 Kings 21:13: "I will wipe out Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down." That husband has wiped the dishes ever since.

Origin of the Word "Tip."

It is said that the word "tip" originated a couple of centuries ago in the days of the coffee-houses. At the doors of eating rooms there hung brass-bound boxes bearing the phrase "To Insure Promptness," and into the slit in the top customers were expected to drop coins for the waiter. The initial letter of that phrase came in time to be used as a word.

How Shark Are Killed.

The engineers in the British Navy have a very effective way of killing sharks. They seal up a dynamite cartridge in an empty can, and put the can inside a large piece of pork. The pork is thrown overboard on a wire which has been connected with an electric battery. When the shark takes the bait, the engineer presses a button, which explodes the cartridge and kills the fish.

Old Age Annuity.

Any one in Denmark who pays the state six pounds and ten shillings when he is twenty-one is entitled to an annuity of thirteen pounds when he becomes sixty-five. But if he dies before that time the state gets all the money.

LAKE CALLED SPEAKING GOD.

Superstition Arising From Beating of Waves on Beach.

Manitoba Lake, which lies northwest of Fort Garry, and has given a title to the province formed out of the Red River region derives its name from a small island from which in the stillness of the night issues a mysterious noise. On no account will the Ojibway approach or land on this island, supposing it to be the home of the Manitou, the "Speaking God." The cause of this curious sound is the beating of the waves against the "shingle" or large pebbles lining the shores. Along the northern coast of the island is a long, low cliff of fine grained compact limestone, which, under the stroke of the hammer, clicks like steel. The waves beating on the shore at the foot of the cliff cause the fallen fragments to rub against each other and to give out a sound resembling the chimes of distant bells. The phenomenon occurs when the gales blow from the north, and then when the winds subside, low wailing sounds, like whispering voices, are heard in the air. Travelers assert that the effect is impressive, and that they have been awakened at night under the impression they were listening to church bells.

How Ostriches are Selected.

In selecting ostriches for menageries or zoological gardens, the swiftest are chosen; not because it will be necessary for them to run in their new quarters, but because swiftness is a good indication of health and robustness.

One of these agents visited a pen of ostriches in Africa. At his call, two beautiful birds came up to him. Being desirous of testing their speed, he arranged with the keeper that they should run a race; so he caressed the birds, and showed them a handful of figs, of which they are very fond.

The ostriches were held while the visitor walked to a certain distance. At a signal they were set free, and began to run for the figs. They came bounding along at a terrific rate, taking twelve or fourteen feet at a stride.

They ran neck and neck for more than half the distance, their wings working like arms and making a great sound. Presently one drew ahead, and, looking behind, as a boy in a foot race might do, to see where his rival was, and finding the other one beaten, the winner slackened his pace and gently trotted up for the prize of figs.

Colors of the Sea.

Sea colors are generally unstable. The beautiful sea-plants that tempt us in the rock-pools along the shore lose their brilliancy when taken from the water. The dying dolphin shows all the colors of pearls or opals, coming and going on his shimmering side. The sea itself is chameleon like in its changing hues. One who has ever sat upon the shore and watched the colors coming and going upon its surface will find it hard to tell what is the color of the sea. As a rule, bright green indicates shoal water, the lighter the tint the more shallow the depth. Dark blue water is a sign of great depth. But even blue water at a distance takes on a dark green hue. Careful observations have shown that even in the deepest water the basal color is some tint of green. In our own experience we have observed that when the lead was thrown in mid ocean, where the surface color was dark blue, the plunge revealed a flash of brilliant green in the opening water.

Fate of Pins and Hairpins.

By a series of experiments conducted in his back garden, a gentleman has discovered the answer to the conundrum, "What becomes of pins?" He has found that pins are resolved into dust. Hairpins, which he watched for one hundred and fifty-four days, disappeared by rusting away at the end of that time. Bright pins took nearly eighteen months to disappear; polished steel needles nearly two years and a half; brass pins had but little endurance; steel pens at the end fifteen months had nearly gone, while their wooden holders were still intact.

Alphabet of Other Races.

The letters in the alphabet of the different nations vary in number. The Sandwich Islanders have twenty, the Burmese eighteen, Italian twenty, Bengal twenty-one, Hebrew, Syriac, Chaldee, and Samaritan twenty-two each, Latin, twenty-three, Greek, twenty-four, German, Dutch and English twenty-six each, Spanish and Slavonic twenty-seven each, Arabic twenty-eight, Persian and Coptic thirty-two, Georgian thirty-five, Armenian thirty-eight, Russian forty-one, old Muscovite forty-three. Sanscrit and many of the Oriental languages have fifty each.

Animal Immunity to Drugs.

Certain substances which are deadly in their effects upon men can be taken by the brute creation with impunity. Horses can take large doses of antimony, dogs of mercury, goats of tobacco, mice of hemlock, and rabbits of belladonna, without injury. On the other hand, dogs and cats are much more susceptible to the influence of chloroform than man, and are much sooner killed by it.

The Empress' Wedding Gift.

The Empress of Germany's private wedding present to her relations always consists of a very plain traveling clock, for she values among all other virtues that of punctuality.

HEAT PRODUCING FLOWERS.

Generate Sufficient Heat to Melt Surrounding Snow.

The saidanella or snowbell of the Alps is a dainty little plant about three inches high, bearing two pendulous fringed white or violet bells on each flower stalk. They may often be found with the snow still firmly frozen round the stem, and the question naturally arises how did the blossoms, so much larger in circumference, make their way through? Botanists tell us that the plant forms its flower buds under the snow, and in the process of breathing evolves so much heat that the encircling snow is melted and trickles down the stalk, round which it frequently freezes again. Thus gradually a dome shaped cavity is formed round the blossom, and the process is continued till in many cases they succeed in reaching the surface.

A modified form of the same heat producing power may be noticed in the foxglove. On a comparatively cool day, when little wind is stirring, a thermometer inserted in the bell-like flowers of a plant growing in a shady place will frequently register a temperature one to two degrees higher than that of surrounding air, and even more startling results are obtained from plants in which a number of small flowers are congregated together within an outer sheath or spathe, as in the arums.

Against the Rummage Sale.

Medical men are inclined to make war on the rummage sale as a menace to health, it having been proved to be a conveyor of contagious diseases. A more unsanitary device was never imagined. The stuff sent to the rubbish; much of the wearing apparel has been resurrected from trash heaps or unused closets, and is of no real use to any one. The danger of lurking germs is very real, and it seems almost criminally reckless to expose innocent children to it. Women have become so sensible in their practice of good works that the rummage sale appears like an anachronism.

Significance of Play.

Play distinguishes the higher from the lower animals, and it signifies possibility of education. Fishes do not play at all; the lower mammals can hardly be taught to play, and birds are entirely devoid of the instinct. But the kitten and the lamb are essentially playing animals. The human young, however, are the true players, and in reality it is play that develops them into manhood. "Children," says Dr. Hutchinson, "are born little amorphous bundles of possibilities and are played into shape."

Palace of King of Siam.

One of the most remarkable buildings in the world is the palace of the King of Siam. It is enclosed in dazzling white walls over a mile in circumference. Within these walls are temples, public offices, seraglios, stables for the sacred elephant, accommodation for one thousand troops, cavalry, war elephants, and an arsenal. There is also a very fine theater, where English, French and German companies frequently perform before the Royal household. The King himself is extremely fond of theatricals.

Peat That Burns Like Coal.

Osmon is the new peat success. It is manufactured in Switzerland. The peat is dried under the influence of the electric current and then further treated so that under the action of electric cosmos a new compound is formed. Recent tests indicate that it burns as well as coal, without giving off odor or smoke. The percentage of ash is said to be slight and no trace of sulphur is found in the fuel. It is said to be free from all corrosive influences on the boilers and furnaces in which it is burned.

Courtship in Tibet.

Courtship, as conducted in Tibet, would scarcely arouse the enthusiasm of the modern-minded maid. Bargaining between the suitor and the father of the girl goes on for weeks, without any reference to the wishes of the woman. The requisite price having been paid, she is led to the house of her husband, where she is subjected to a severe beating, in order properly to humble her spirit, and made to run round the village loudly proclaiming the merits and valor of her husband.

Where Women Rule.

A remnant of the Sevis tribe of Indians inhabits the island of Tibour, in the Gulf of California, and is ruled entirely by the women. Formerly the tribe numbered about five thousand, but is now shrunk to a few hundred, living a life of almost complete isolation, and refusing to intermarry with any of the Indians of the mainland. The woman is master of the household, and a council of matrons is at the head of public affairs.

A Botanical Clock.

A botanical clock, a very pretty flower, has been discovered in the Isthmus of Tehantepec. In the morning, it is white, at noon it is red, and at night blue; and the changes of color are so regular that the time of day can be told from the tint of the flower.

Pray for Insects Swallowed.

The Tibetans offer daily prayers for the minute insects which they have swallowed inadvertently in their meat and drink, and the formula insures the rebirth of these microbes in heaven.

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