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THE WONDERFUL EFFECTS PRODUC-ED BY FLUORINE.

The Diamond Only Able to Absolutely Resist This Powerful Solvent Researches Into the Nature of a Hither's Poorly Known Chemical Element.

The alchemists of the middle ages be-Heved that somewhere in the universe was to be found a universal solvent which would dissolve the most refractory substances as readily as water dissolves sugar. They manied their solvent liquor alkahest, and what time they could snare from the search after the elixir of life and the philosopher's stone was spent in the endeavor to obtain it. Science has yet to prove, by the way, that there was not more method in the madness of the alchemists then is generally supposed, for in the remarkable substance fluorine chemists possess material that approximates very closely to a universal solvent. Its chemical energy is so fierce that, except gold and platinum, nothing can resist it, and even gold and platinum succamb to fluorine in time. The mere contact of most substances with fluorine is sufficient to cause not mere solution, but flame and fierce detonations. light. Dull, inert flint takes fire when exposed to fluorine vapor and becomes a brilliant incandescent mass. Lampblack bursts into flame, while charcoal burns with bright scintillations. Only the diamond is able to resist this powerful solvent, to which it does not succumb even at high temperature. The similar element silicon, which can be obtained in a crystalline form closely resembling the diamond, gives a magnificent display in the presence of fluorine, the crystals becoming white hot and throwing showers of tiery spangles in all directions. The heat is so intense that the crystals melt, showing that their temperature has reached 1,200 degrees C.

Phosphorus combines flercely with fluorine. Prussian blue, on account of the cyanogen it contains, burns with a beautiful pink flame; while from a crystal of icdine placed in fluorine vapor a heavy liquid distills with a pale flame. This liquid-an iodide of fluorine-etches glass, and if thrown into water hisses like hot iron. The last named metal becomes white hot when exposed to fluorine; even iron rust behaves in a similar manner. Nearly all metals are raised to vivid incandescence in a current of the gas, many appearing very beautiful, especially aluminium and zinc. If the latter be slightly warmed, it bursts into a white flame too dazzling to gaze at or describe.

Although it has been known in various states of combination for many years, baving been first discovered by Schwankhardt of Nuremberg, in 1670, and rediscovered by Scheele in 1771. fluorine was not obtained as fluorine in the free state until about sin years ago. when the French chemist Meissan succeeded in isolating it by employing a current of electricity from 26 or 28 Bonsen batteries. The current was passed through the compound of fluorine and hydrogen known as hydrofluoric acid, which is similar to hydrochloric acid. To improve the conductivity of the hydrofluorie acid it was necessary to dissolve another fluorine compound in the liquid. As will readily be imagined, it is not so difficult to obtain free fluorine as to keep it when obtained. Every part of the apparatus used by M. Moissan was made of platinum, with screw joints and washers of lead, which swell on contact with fluorine, all the stoppers being of fluorspar. Fluorine has a powerful affinity for silicon, one of the principal constituents of glass, so was impossible to use sels or tubes to contain the gas. As regards the chemical nature of fluorine, it is a gas at ordinary temperature and is the lightest member of the series of elements containing chlorine, omine and iodine. The attraction of fluorine for hydrogen exceeds that of chlorine and is so great that if a slow current of fluorine gas be passed into a tube of fluorspar containing a drop of water a dark fog is produced, which changes presently to a blue vapor consisting of ozone—the condensed form of oxygen. The last named substance ap-pears to be one of the few materials which has no affinity for fluorine. Nothing is observed to take place between m even when they are heated up to 1,000 degrees F. So far all experiments had been conducted with fluorine gas, which, at the time it was isolated, resisted all at-tempts to reduce it to the liquid state. Six years ago, however, there was no ratory-such as that at the Royal institution-having powerful machinery for producing liquid air or liquid oxygen at the command of the investigator. In fact, liquid air itself was practically unknown. By the aid of this weapon Professors Dewar and Moissan have succeeded in liquefying fluorine. At the extremely low temperature of liquid oxygen it was found that fluorine did attack glass, and it was possible to use glass vessels to hold the newly lique-fied element. — O. F. Townsend in Knowledge.

At Least That's Why One Man Sold Out a Street Stand

I once got a rather curious confession from a professional beggar, which if true, and I believe it was, opened my eyes to the reckless ways in which American beggars are made. "I bad been keeping a sidewalk stand for years," said he, "I worked hard and engated from \$3 to \$4 a week. On that I lived. One night when I started to go home by the Alicsion street Grs I found that my pocket had been picked. It was too far to walk, so I decided to borrow a nickel. The first man to whom I told my story gave me a quarter without hesitation. All the way home I thought it over. A quarter was as much as I made clear at my stand many a day. It all ended by my selling out and going begging, always tolling my first to. story. I have done pretty well since then and like the business.

One day 1 met him in Union square. "How's business?" I asked. He was leaning against a tree, deeply intent on some figures in a book. He slipped the

book into his pocket and began to whine. "Never mind your regular story," I said, "I know it. Answer my question like a man, and you may add a dollar to your bank account."

After a little preliminary skirmish-ing he waxed confidential.

"I make if a rule," he said, "never to walk less than 100 blocks each day. It is a very poor block that doesn't average \$15 cents. Two blocks will more often net me 10 cents." He consulted the book. "Yes, the average of the last six months is \$5 a day-that is, just 5 cents a block. I have been on this beat nearly a year now, and I have my regu lar customers. Excuse me a minute.

He passed through the fog to the other side of the street and touched his bat to an elderly acquaintance of mine who was coming down the broad steps of the Pacific Union club. In a moment he returned with a bright new quarter in his hand.

"I told him my wife was better today," he said, smiling pleasantly, "and that she prayed for him night and day. Well, so long! Your dollar passes the

limit today—and business is over." Can you blame him? Five dollars a day is the wages of a first class mechan-Why should not begging become a profession when people are such easy game?-Overland Monthly.

Disraell's Manner.

I have no doubt Disraeli loses friends by his apparent insouciance and the method in which he walks to his place -without looking at anybody-but I surmise from my own experience that it arises from nearsightedness. I perceive that he cannot tell what o'clock it is that he cannot tell what o'clock it is without using his glass, and somebody told me lately that he saw him hailing a police van, mistaking it for an omni-His face is often baggard and his air weary and disappointed, but he has the brow and eyes of a poet, which are always pleasant to look upon.

He generally says the right thing at the right minute and in the right way, and he is lustily cheered, but sitting among the opposition I have abundant reason to note that he is not completely trusted. It is said that young Stanley and other youngsters of his class believe in him and that the man who is so taciturn in parliament is a charming companion among his familiars and is a gracious and genial host. Some of his postprandial mots steal out and, I should think, make fatal enemies. Somebody asked him lately if Lord Robert M. was not a stupid ass. "No, no," said Benjamin, "not at all; he is a clever ass."-Charles Gavan Duffy.

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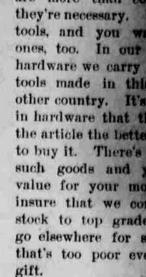
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A Tough Route.

"Somewhere in the south," says Conresuman Sulloway, "a bright colored oy appeared before the civil service commission to be examined for the poition of letter carrier. 'How far is it attion of letter carrier. 'How far is it from the earth to the moon?' was the first question asked by those who were to determine the young man's fitness for the place he sought. 'How fah am it from the earf to de moon?' echoed the applicant. 'My Lawd, boss, if you's gwine to put me on dat route I don't want de job.' With that the young man grabbed his hat and left as though he wars chased.''

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A Picture of Zola.

This is how Zola is described by Stuart Henry in "Hours With Famous Parisians:" A business man, no emotion, no ideals, no imagination, no poetry, in his personal intercourse. He does not try to win or entertain you. He takes no personal interest in you and does not expect you to take any personal interest in him. He talks frankly and freely about everything, but in a secular way. He makes life seem to you merely a commercial career. Fiction for him is editions of 100,000 francs a year. His magisterial and magnificent panoramas of descriptions, un-equaled for their kind, are all measured off in his mind as so many rods of printed matter at so much a rod. No personal magnetism, no sentiment, no perfume, no rose colors. Life has been for him a blunt, rude, brutish thing. He has conquered merely because he has worked harder than any one else. With him naturalistic literature succeeds only by the sweat of the brow. What loins of strength nevertheless! What Titaniq capacities to achieve! He towers over all his Parisian contemporaries, as Victor Hugo towered over his epoch.

The Elephant Corps.

An English newspaper, in an article on the Siamese army, says: "In one re spect the Siamese army is superior to every other, and that is in its elephant corps. Eight hundred of these animals, which are stronger, though smaller, than those of India, are organized into a special corps, commanded by a retired Anglo-Indian officer, and their heads, trunks and other vulnerable parts are protected against bullets by india rub-ber armor."

A Costly Dish.

A Costly Dish. "Oh, mamma, do Christians eat preachers just like the cannibals do?" "Why, no, my child. What put that notion into your head?" "I heard Mrs. Deckon say this morn-ing that she was going to have her min-ister for lunch."—Brooklyn Life.

It Costs Nothing. Thackeray tells If a lord who never new a vacant place on his estate, but he took an acorn out of his pocket and tropped it in. Never lose a chance of mying a kind word, of doing a kindly tet. It costs nothing.

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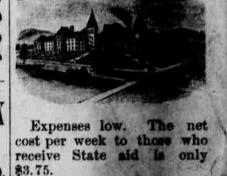
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10.37 a m—Accommodation—For Sykes, Big Run and Punxsutawney.
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136 p. m.—Accommodation for Big Run and Punxsutawney.
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