

SNAPSHOTS OF LIGHTNING.

Collection of Photographs of Flashes and Their Work.



FIBROID TUMORS CURED.

Mrs. Hayes' First Letter Appealing to Mrs. Pinkham for Help: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have been under Boston doctors' treatment for a long time without any relief. They tell me I have a fibroid tumor. I cannot sit down without great pain, and the soreness extends up my spine. I have bearing-down pains both back and front. My abdomen is swollen, and I have had flowing spells for three years. My appetite is no good. I cannot walk or be on my feet for any length of time. "The symptoms of Fibroid Tumor given in your little book accurately describe my case, so I write to you for advice."—(Signed) Mrs. E. F. HAYES, 252 Dudley St. (Roxbury), Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Hayes' Second Letter:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Sometime ago I wrote to you describing my symptoms and asked your advice. You replied, and I followed all your directions carefully, and to-day I am a well woman. "The use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound entirely expelled the tumor and strengthened my whole system. I can walk miles now. "Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is worth five dollars a drop. I advise all women who are afflicted with tumors or female trouble of any kind to give it a faithful trial."—(Signed) Mrs. E. F. HAYES, 252 Dudley St. (Roxbury), Boston, Mass. —\$5000 Worth of Original of above letters proving genuineness cannot be produced

Avening Waterloo.

The French Government's position as the favorite of the Derby is recalled to the London Chronicle. Sir William Harcourt's repatriate when Gladstone won the race for France in 1845. On that occasion Frenchmen present at Epsom went wild with excitement shouting "Waterloo avenged!" "Yes," said Sir William Harcourt, who was standing near, "you ran well both times."

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Pine's Cure for consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. SAMUEL, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1903.

Public benefactions in America during ten years aggregate \$910,410,000.

Down East Dolings. Fifteen murders were committed in New England during the month of March just passed, most of them without apparent motive. In only seven cases were arrests made of suspected persons. Five of the victims of the murders were women.

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A Close Shave. A Chicago man went into a barber shop and called for a close shave. The building tumbled down about his ears and after he was dug out by the firemen he was of the opinion that he got all he asked for.

New Kind of Phosphorus. According to consular report from Germany, the new scarlet red phosphorus is not poisonous and is easily changed into new chemical combinations. A German professor has succeeded in making matches, using this phosphorus, which are not poisonous, and can be ignited anywhere, so that a specially prepared friction surface, as is the case with the Swedish matches, is not required.

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MANY USES OF BAMBOO.

Wonderful Japanese Plant Could Be Grown in This Country.

The word bamboo suggests to most Americans a faithful fishing rod or a dandy fan, says the National Geographic Magazine. To the Japanese and Chinese, who are the most practical agriculturists in the world, it is as indispensable as the white pine to the American farmer. They are not only dependent upon it for much of their building material, but make their ropes, mats, kitchen utensils and innumerable other articles out of it.

There are many varieties of the bamboo plant, from the species which is woven into mats to the tall bamboo tree which the Chinaman uses for the mast of his large boat. One variety is cultivated as a vegetable, and the young shoots eaten like asparagus, or they may be salted, pickled or preserved.

The rapidity of growth of the bamboo is perhaps its most wonderful characteristic. There are actual records of a bamboo growing three feet in a single day, or at the rate of one and a half inches an hour.

Varieties of bamboo are found everywhere in Japan, even where there are heavy falls of snow in winter. It is a popular misconception that bamboos grow only in the tropics. Japan is a land of bamboos, and yet where these plants grow it is not so warm in winter as it is in California. Some of these varieties could be grown commercially in the United States.

The Old Virginia and the Vermont. A Washington paper falls into a singular error when it says in its account of the launching of the battleship Virginia, at Newport News, that there was a Virginia building before the Civil War, whose name was changed to Vermont on account of the sentiment which that conflict engendered.

GRASS POISONING TREES. Horticulturists and fruit-growers have long known that grasses are injurious to young apple trees but it seems that they were wrong in attributing the injury to interference with the air, the water and the food supply of the trees.

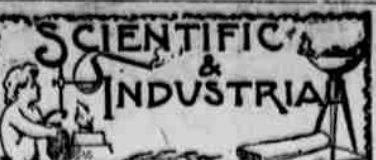
Doctor's Fee Remained in the Well. The queerest fee I ever had offered to me was by an old farmer up in Monroe County," said a prominent physician, who is something of a sportsman. "I was up there last year for trout fishing, and one evening I was summoned from the hotel where I was stopping to attend an old woman in the neighborhood who had suddenly been taken ill. After I had fixed her up her husband said to me: 'Doc, I don't know what your charge is, but I ain't got no ready cash about me. I'll tell you what I'll do, though. See that well over there? There's one of the finest trout you ever see in that there well, an' if you ketch him, he's yours.' I had no tackle with me, and as I had to return to the city next morning, I missed the opportunity to collect my fee."—Philadelphia Record.

Muscle Rays. There would appear to be no longer any doubt that rays are given off by active muscles and nerves. Dr. Hugh Walsham and Leslie Miller point out that experiments are remarkably easy to perform and are absolutely convincing as to the actual existence of the rays. The fluorescent screens are prepared with a hexagonal zinc blende, which is placed in the form of a very thin film on thin paper, gold beater's skin or thin celluloid. The screen is excited and the fluorescent light allowed to die away until it has reached the steady stage. At this point if a muscle in a state of contraction be placed underneath the fluorescent screen it will be seen to originate perceptibly.—Lancet.

Force of Habit. Some six or eight years ago a Judge of the San Francisco Superior Court, a prominent and able lawyer, was subjected to the annoyance of frequent reversals of his decisions by the State Supreme Court. While on the way to his office one morning he was accosted by a friend and fellow attorney with: "Judge, what's up? You've changed your mind."

Bread Laws. There is a curious provision in the British Bread Acts of 1822 and 1833, which are still in force, to the effect that "every person who shall take for sale, or sell or expose for sale any bread made wholly or partially of peas or beans or potatoes, or of any sort of corn or grain other than wheat, shall cause all such bread to be marked with a large Roman letter 'M.'" It would thus appear that the baker who chooses to put potatoes in his bread could escape the charge of adulteration by marking the loaf in the manner described.

Japanese Cats. Cat fanciers all agree that Japan indeed is the country of curious felines, and surely no example of the freak in the cat family is more singular than the tallness variety which abounds in the Land of the Rising Sun. For the most part the cats of Japan are minus a brush although they sometimes have a tailbone undeveloped and a small tuft of hair.



Tame snakes are used in Morocco to clear houses of rats and mice.

In the religious communities where the use of meat is forbidden appendicitis is unknown.

A German geologist estimates that the Dead Sea will be one mass of solid salt within less than five hundred years.

It being possible to telegraph and telephone simultaneously over the same wire makes the combining of telephone and telegraph companies probable.

London children become pals, anaemic and feeble, not in midsummer, but in February and March, owing to the long-continued exclusion of sunshine by the fog.

A method of producing soft zinc has been patented in Europe. Equal parts of zinc and aluminum are melted, to which a small amount of bismuth is added. This alloy is added to molten zinc until volatilization ceases. The zinc is heated to a temperature of from 300 degrees to 1200 degrees Far. It is stated that the soft zinc so produced is of ninety per cent. purity.

The mineral survey now proceeding in Ceylon, in conjunction with the scientific and technical department of the Imperial Institute, led to the discovery of minerals supposed to be monazite and uraninite. The first of these has proved, on analysis, not to be monazite, but thorite, which is a silicate of thorium, containing over sixty-six per cent. of thorium oxide. The supposed uraninite has proved to be a new mineral, which it is proposed to name thoranite.

The latest proposal for intensifying the oxidizing action of air on metals is that of M. Harmet, and has for its object the treatment of cast iron, producing a refined iron or steel. Molten iron is caused to flow through a fine channel surrounded by an annular airblast which thus forms a turpene, driving the metal forward in a fine spray. This spray is collected and allowed to flow together again in a receiving chamber, from which the molten steel can be tapped.

Getting a Good Actress. "Miss Sophie," beloved actress of half the poor in New Orleans, sat at her desk writing when an elderly woman who had made many previous demands upon her was ushered in.

"O, Miss Sophie," she said, breathlessly, "I want to borrow a dollar, please, right away."

"What do you need the money for, Ermengarde?" "Well, now you see I'm going to get married and I need it for the license."

"But if the man you are to marry cannot pay for the license, how is he going to support you?" "That's just what I want to explain to you, Miss Sophie. You see tomorrow is Thanksgiving, and we are coming to your free dinner. Then you always give us something to take home, and in the evening the King's Daughters are going to have a basket distribution, and we shall each get one. That will keep us a week easily, and by that time we'll be on our feet."—Youth's Companion.

The Real Thing. Miss Ethel Barrymore tells the following story of Sir Henry Irving, in which support she appeared when he produced the play "Peter the Great."

It appears that at a rehearsal of the play in question at the Lyceum Theatre, in London, a wonderful climax had been reached, which was to be heightened by the effectual use of the stage thunder and lightning. The stage carpenter was given the order. The words were spoken, and instantly a noise, which resembled a succession of pistol shots, was heard off the wings.

"What on earth are you doing, men?" shouted Sir Henry, rushing behind the scenes. "Do you call that thunder? It's not a bit like it!" "Awfully sorry, sir," responded the carpenter. "But the fact is, sir, I couldn't hear you because of the storm. That was real thunder, sir."—Lippincott's.

Burglar and Litterateur. A crime perpetrated in the salon of the Beaux Arts recently introduced to Paris a criminal who is a strange blend of socialist, litterateur and burglar. A night watchman, going his rounds, found a man pilaging a couple of cases of jewels and art objects. A furious struggle ensued, during which the robber managed to smash the watchman's lantern and tried to cut his own throat with a burglar's chisel, but was overpowered by the help of another watchman. When being interrogated, he repeated the attempt at suicide by snatching a gendarme's sword bayonet. The man turns out to be a curious type of the modern degenerate. He is a Socialist of the most rabid type, for whom Ravachol was a hero, and a "poet" who morbidly obsessed mind is apparent from the titles of his writings. His name is Marc Richard, but his pen-name is Marc Stephane.

Cost of Strikes. In the last twenty years, according to the figures of the labor bureau at Washington, there have been more than 22,000 strikes, involving a loss to employees and employers of over \$400,000,000. The loss to the workmen themselves has been more than twice that of the employers.

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Chinese Will Gamble. The Chinese are inveterate gamblers; they will bet on a cock fight—with trained crickets, of course—as an excuse for betting. They will bet on the height attained in kite flying, the length of time the kite remains up, or the strength of the kite strings when they saw one another. They will even bet on the number of pips in an orange or the number of grains in a handful of rice, with a supplementary wager depending on whether that number should be odd or even.

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