

WINTER.

For in the north the wandering moon looks down... Open a frozen sea and frozen land...

SIMPLE EXPERIMENTS.

Carbonic Acid Gas Easily Generated From Vinegar and Baking Powder.

That there is chemical in baking powder, and that vinegar and baking powder will make carbonic acid gas...

The simplest kind of apparatus, Professor Johnson demonstrated how carbonic acid gas can be generated from a combination of vinegar and baking powder...

The experiment was conducted in the laboratory of the University of Chicago...

The experiment was repeated several times, and the results were found to be consistent...

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RAKED UP HIS LATIN.

And succeeded in Unearthly Terms That Startled the Waiter.

A western lawyer went into the Platters' cafe a few days ago. He had not always lived in the far west and in his college days in the east was well enough acquainted with the French...

"Nothing here that I'd care for," said he to the clerk hammered attendant. "We can serve you anything for dinner, sir," said the waiter, confident that he could please his customer before he got through with him.

"Have you sine qua non?" "The waiter stared." "What about homot? Have you any?" "No, sir."

"Then let me have some nice ignis fatuus. That's good at this time of the year." "We haven't got it."

"Bring me some tempus fugit then." "That's not, too, sir."

"You must have a plurimus unum." This time the waiter looked bright. "I've heard them speak about it in the kitchen. I'll go and see."

The same clerk emptied handed and dejected. "We haven't got it," he stammered.

"I can't get any of these words," said the lawyer, and he looked at the waiter with a look of surprise.

The "Summer Buttery" in London.

I wonder if you know what a "summer buttery" is? If you were skilled in the ways of the cabby, you would know that it is the small tradesman who turns cabman during the season, returning to his legitimate occupation when autumn sets in.

"Butteries" are being gradually "raked up" by the police, and a man is allowed to take out a cab-driver's license only when he can prove that he is what he represents himself to be.

A cabman's earnings greatly depend, I may say, on luck. According to the weekly wage may range from as low as 10 shillings to as high as £2 at certain seasons.

The hours, as you know, are exceedingly long. Supposing a man takes out at 10 a. m. He drives the same horse from six to seven hours, and then, changing horses, goes on till 3 o'clock in the morning.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC MYSTERIES.

The Surprising Images That Sometimes Show After a Plate is Developed.

It is no uncommon experience to find upon new plates certain images for which there seems no possible explanation, their starting and unaccountable appearance being "wrought in mystery," as many a photographer has expressed himself.

Another instance of the kind, having come a sensational and tragic ending, as a result of an exposure was made upon a view having a river in the foreground. The photographer, while developing this particular plate, was perfectly astounded by an appearance which he had not seen while taking the photograph, and which he could in no way account for.

Again, one day, on the daily morning paper, appeared the account of a traveling photographer who, while engaged in his work, was suddenly struck by a lightning bolt, and killed.

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RHEUMATISM.

New Treats in Store For Sufferers From the Little Understood Disease.

Now we are told that not only are cancer and consumption contagious, as well as several other diseases long regarded as incurable, but that rheumatism may be transmitted from one person to another, by contact as well as by heredity.

It is found to be associated with disorders of the throat and stomach and with distinctly nervous affections. The varieties run from muscular rheumatism to neuritis, yet as to what names are most involved in the worst form of the disease and in what manner they are involved there are as many opinions as there are varieties of the disease.

The rheumatism patients, who sometimes suffer all the pains of gout, has a hard struggle time of it, but without being regarded as a center of physical as well as mental prostration. He is irritable, irascible, impatient, ungrateful, and a prey to all the ailments of a nervous system.

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SHOPPING LONG AGO.

SOME INTERESTING INFORMATION IN "THE PASTON LETTERS."

Conspicuous Which Wives Came to Their Husbands In the Fifteenth Century Have a Quaint Appearance In This Age—Dame Paston as a Housewife.

In the spring of 1440 Dame Agnes Paston wrote to her "right worshipful and dear husband" in haste, the Wednesday next after "Duns qu'errantibus" (the collect for the third Sunday after Easter). Having commended the gracious men of the young gentleman, an her son proposes to marry, she says:

"The person of Stockton told me that if you would buy her a gown her mother would give thereto a goodly fair; the gown needs to be had, and of color it would be a goodly blue or else a bright saffron."

The Mistress Margaret Mauleverer, for whom this gown was "purchased," became the wife of John Paston, and her letters, covering nearly 50 years, are noteworthy in that famous collection, "The Paston Letters," which reveal so many secrets of bygone households, but what is of more worth to us now, giving glimpses of household economy and, by clear comparison, the inner life of the women of the period.

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