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THE ANSWER.

AN ORATOR'S MEMORY.

It Sometimes Troubles Him, as Mr. Depew Can Testify.

Few of our greater orators have had good verbal memory. Mr. Depew complains that it is the most embarrassing of his intellectual weaknesses. With a memory which is marvelous for events, and which carries in great detail things which have happened years ago, nevertheless Depew finds it a very severe, sometimes an almost impossible intellectual task, to commit even brief passages to memory. Conkling's verbal memory was not, at least at all times, to be depended upon, although some of his speeches he committed upon three or four readings of them. William H. Seward had a marvelous verbal memory. Having written a speech, it was firmly fixed in his mind after one reading, and that capacity President Cleveland also possesses.

The perfect preparation of a speech was, in Wendell Phillips' view, that one in which the mental operations were assisted in no way by outside aid. Only two or three times in his life did he prepare with pen and paper an address, and he always felt that these two or three speeches were the poorest of his efforts. He was constantly studying the art of oratory. In his daily walk or in his reading metaphors and similes were suggested, which he tucked away in his memory, and he even studied action as he watched the muscular movement of men whom he saw in public places.

He believed that a perfect speech could be prepared only after intense mental concentration. Of course the mind must first be fortified by such reading as provided facts. Having thus saturated his mind with information, he would frequently lie extended for hours upon his sofa with his eyes closed, making mental arrangement of the address. In fact, he used to write his speeches mentally, as Victor Hugo is said to have written some of his poems. A speech thus prepared Phillips thought was always at command of the speaker. It might vary upon every delivery in phraseology. It might be longer at one time than at another, but it would always be practically the same speech.

This method of preparation explains what has been a mystery to many persons. The several reports of his famous lecture on "The Lost Arts" differ in phraseology and even in arrangement. His oration upon Daniel O'Connell has been printed by different publishers, no two of them agreeing either in form or diction, and yet the speech is practically the same. Only one of his orations is left exactly as he delivered it, for he only delivered it once. That was the Phi Beta Kappa oration at Harvard a few years before his death. Mr. Phillips never read one of his speeches in print, and therefore never revised one. He was firmly of the belief that the printed thought and the spoken thought should be expressed in different form, and that the master of one form could not be the master of the other.—Philadelphia Press.

Colorado Moose.

A curious physical formation which has separated animal life from the possible approach of man is one of the Flat Top mountains in Garfield county. This mountain stands up like a gigantic cube. On one side is perceptible the place where the connecting link with its broad and level summit was centuries ago. Marks of a hog back, which once ran out and down to the other mountains, can be plainly seen. From vantage points some miles away fieldglasses will disclose on a clear day moving animals on the great mesa. Those who have been there pronounce them as beyond doubt species of the moose, bearing the flat, broad horns and having the shambling actions of those animals, now unknown to the game seekers in this section of the United States. The animals on the top of this mesa are extremely shy of hunters, and two or three schemes have been tried to capture them, but always failed.

Several parties of Indian hunters who make the top plateau their hunting grounds have attempted to climb the rugged steep that leads to the top, and one Indian who succeeded in scaling it for 40 or 50 feet was killed by falling from his perch. The Indians declare the animals as strongly resembling the moose, although of larger frame and antlers. A party of scientific tourists who saw the animals from a distance with the aid of a glass could give no logical reason for the presence of the remarkable tenants between land and sky. A thin stream of water trickles down one side of the plateau and gives evidence that the animals have water as well as food. How they shelter themselves from the storms of winter which in the White river country are unusually severe, or intense heat of the summer, to which their elevated home must expose them, one can only conjecture.—Denver Field and Farm.

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The Most Crowded Spot on Earth.

The most crowded spot on the earth's surface is that portion of the city of Valetta, island of Malta, known as the "Manderaggio." In the whole of Valetta the proportion is 75,000 human beings to the square mile, but in the Manderaggio there is one locality in which there are 2,574 persons living on a plot of ground less than two acres and a half in extent. This would give no less than 630,000 persons to the square mile, or 1,017.5 to the acre. In Liverpool, the most densely populated portions have only 116.4 to the acre.—St. Louis Republic.

A Ready Answer.

The editor of the Public Men of Today Series when a little boy at Uppingham was detected at a Greek Testament lesson with a Bible on his knee, from which, of course, he was scribbling. His class master stalked up to him. "What have you there, my boy?" "A boy, seeing that no escape was possible, brazened it out with, 'A book, sir, of which no one need be ashamed.'"

A good drink for persons troubled with prickly heat is made by pouring a pint of boiling water on two teaspoonfuls of cream tartar and adding sugar to suit the taste. If this agrees with the system, drink frequently of it.

Most of the bookkeepers and cashiers employed in Japanese business houses are Chinamen, who are given the preference for such positions because of their honesty.

I dislike an eye that twinkles like a star. Those only are beautiful which, like the planets, have a lambent light, are luminous, not sparkling.—Longfellow.

Deceit is the false road to happiness, and all the joys we travel through to vice, like fairy banquets, vanish when we touch them.—Arnold Hill.

It is said that it costs about \$50 to ascend Mount Olympus.

