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COINCIDENCES.

Some of the More Curious Ones That
Have Been Recorded.

The late well known archaeologist, Albert Way, crossing Pall Mall, collided with an old gentleman, an utter stranger. After mutual apologies cards were exchanged. On each card was printed, "Mr. Albert Way." The older gentleman, dying, left his fortune to the other Albert Way.

The planet Neptune, which had for countless ages revolved in the heavens unseen by any one on earth, was discovered simultaneously and independently in 1846 by Professor Adams and M. Leverrier, the two most brilliant astronomers of the day.

Some years ago a shepherd boy placed a sleeper on the railway line between Brighton and Falmer, England, with the result that a train was thrown off the rails. One year later to a day, almost to a minute, that same youth was struck by lightning and instantaneously killed within a couple of miles of the spot at which the accident occurred.

The four King Georges of England all died on the same day of the week.

In 1890, a few weeks before the census taker began the enumeration of the people of Elm Grove, Va., the town authorities counted their own population preparatory to filing articles of incorporation. The following was the remarkable result: Number of males over twenty-one years of age, 148; number of males under twenty-one years of age, 148; number of females over sixteen years of age, 148; number of females under sixteen years of age, 148.

Some years ago in Teheran an English sailor was caught in the act of carrying off some precious stones from the shah's palace. The thief was brought before the "king of kings," who swore that the next time the sailor crossed his path he would at once be put to death. It is a curious fact that this very sailor was crossing the street when the shah was driving in Berlin some time after and was knocked down and instantaneously killed. — Pearson's Weekly.

Hanged and Lived.

In 1705 a housebreaker named Smith was hung up at Tyburn. A reprieve came after he had been suspended for a quarter of an hour, and he was taken down, bled and revived. One William Duell, duly hanged in London in 1740, was taken to Surgeon's hall to be anatomized, but came to life again and was transported. At Cork a man hanged in January, 1767, for a street robbery was immediately after hurried to a surgery, where an incision was made in his windpipe, and he recovered and went to the theater the same evening. And after Fauntleroy, the banker and forger, was executed in 1824 there was a widespread rumor that he had escaped death by the insertion in his throat of a silver tube, which prevented strangulation, and that on being restored to consciousness he went abroad and lived for many years. — London Chronicle.

Shorter Than Tall.

Some time ago the cashier of a bank in a small Missouri town was reported missing, and an examination of his books revealed a large sum of money missing from the bank's vault. The officials immediately sent to Kansas City for a detective. When he arrived he sought the president of the bank to secure a description of the missing cashier. "How tall was your cashier?" he asked. "Goodness knows," was the reply. "But he was \$5,000 short." — Kansas City Star.

Rough on the Kirk Rate.

It was a young Scot's first sermon after he received his license, and unfortunately he became very nervous, lost control of his voice and spoke very loudly indeed. Nearly all his friends went to hear him preach, but one who was unable to attend inquired at the first opportunity as to how he got on. "I'll tell ye one thing," was the candid reply—"it's many a day since the rats in Boulton kirk got such a fright!" — Dundee Advertiser.

A Narrow Escape.

The company had assembled in the church, but the bridegroom was nowhere to be found. Finally a messenger announced that the young man had been run over and killed while on his way to the church. "And just think," she said a month afterward to a friend, "what a narrow escape I had from becoming a widow!"

For Sale.

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The Wife's Reproach.

In an address to a temperance society a lecturer told how drink had once caused the downfall of a brave soldier. In the course of the sad story he said: "Sometimes after a debauch, the man would be repentant, humble. He would promise his wife to do better. But, alas, the years taught her the barrenness of all such promises. And one night, when he was getting to be an old man, thin limbed, stoop shouldered, with red rimmed eyes, he said to his wife sadly: 'You're a clever woman, Jenny, a courageous, active, good woman. You should have married a better man than I am, dear.' "She looked at him, and, thinking of what he had once been, she answered in a quiet voice: "I did, James."

Consoling.

A New England congressman once went to Franklin Pierce demanding an office for a constituent. Pierce sent him to James Guthrie, secretary of the treasury. By and by the congressman returned to the president in great duddage. "What did Guthrie say to you about appointing your friend?" inquired the president. "He said he would be hanged if he would." "Did Guthrie talk that way to you?" "He did." "Well, that's the way he talks to me, too," was Pierce's consoling reply.

Works Both Ways.

T. A. Daly, the poet and humorist, advocated temperance and regular hours in a witty after dinner speech in Philadelphia. Mr. Daly concluded with an adjuration to the business man to proceed directly home from the office, without any stops at this cafe or that. "For," said the humorist, "the man who goes straight home will always go home straight." — New York Tribune.

On the Warpath.

Little Johnny, who had been told about Indians painting their faces before going on the warpath, came rushing downstairs one morning with a frightened look on his face and cried to his mother, who was preparing breakfast: "Mother! Oh, mother! run for your life; sister's going to fight." — London Opinion.

A Slow Coach.

A gentleman was one day, in the old coaching times, traveling by a coach which moved at a very slow pace. "Pray," said he to the guard, "what is the name of this coach?" "The Regulator," was the reply. "And a very appropriate name too," said the traveler, "for I see all the other coaches go by it."

ATE THEIR OWN WORDS.

Meals That, Even Though They Were Spicy, Were Not Palatable.

"Eating one's own words" is not so fanciful as it sounds. There have been cases where the feat was accomplished.

Isaac Volmar possibly saw no humor in the command issued by Bernard, duke of Saxony, that he should be forced to eat the manuscript of some poetical satires he had written against his lordship, and the enforcement of the order probably went much against his stomach, even though the satires were described as "spicy" by the historian.

Nor was it a matter of laughter to the jurist Philip Oldenburger when he was condemned to eat a pamphlet of his own composition and had the lesson emphasized by a good stiff flogging.

Arcine's "Dictionary of Anecdotes" (Boston, 1860) quotes from some unnamed traveler a detailed account of how an unfortunate Russian author submitted to a similar penalty at Moscow. He had published a quarto volume on "The Liberties of the People" and had taken occasion to inveigh against the venality of the bureaucrats and even question the conduct of the autocrat himself. Naturally the author was taken into custody.

"After being tried in a summary way," continued the traveler, "his production was deemed to be a libel, and he was condemned to eat his own words. The singularity of such a sentence induced me to see it put into execution. A scaffold was erected in one of the most public streets of the city. The imperial provost, the magistrates, the physicians and surgeons attended. The book was separated from the binding, the margin cut off and every leaf rolled up like a lottery ticket when taken out of the wheel. The author was then served with them, leaf by leaf, by the provost, who put them into his mouth to the no small diversion of the spectators, and he was obliged to swallow this unpalatable food on pain of the knout—in Russia more feared than death.

"As soon as the medical gentlemen were of opinion that he had received into his stomach as much at a time as was consistent with his safety, the transgressor was sent back to prison, and the business was resumed the two following days. In three very hearty but unpleasant meals every leaf of the book was actually swallowed."

There is an impish humor in the conduct of a certain Austrian general mentioned by Oelrich in his "Dissertatio de Bibliothecarum et Librorum Fatis" (1756). This officer had signed a note for 2,000 florins, and when it fell due and was presented to him by his creditors he forced those men at the pistol point to eat it.

To close with an instance that belongs to the spacious times of Queen Elizabeth. Tom Nash, defending the memory of his recently deceased friend, Robert Greene, from the aspersions of Gabriel Harvey, thus berates the latter: "Had he lived, Gabriel, and thou shouldst unjustly and odiously libel against him as thou hast done, he would have made thee an example of ignominy to all ages that are to come and driven thee to eat thy own book buttered, as I saw him make an apparition once in a tavern at his citation, wax and all, very handsomely served 'twixt two dishes." — New York Tribune.

The Green Rose.

The general verdict upon the green rose is that it is more curious than beautiful. To botanists it is particularly interesting, since it is a proof that all parts of a plant above the root are modifications of the same thing, and in the green rose every part may be called a leaf. This flower is a variety of the common China rose brought to England in the year 1835. It also gives a strong support to the view held by many botanists that all flowers were originally green and that the colors in flowers are analogous to the autumn tints of leaves. In the green rose the flowers generally put on a reddish tint when they begin to fade. — Harper's Weekly.

His Bluff Called.

"So you advertised for your lost purse, pretending that the person who found it was recognized?" "Yes." "How did the bluff work?" "Didn't work at all. Next day this ad. appeared in the same paper: 'The recognized gentleman who picked up the purse on Boylston street requests the loser to call at his house.'" — Boston Transcript.

Home Birds.

"When my wife and I were first married we used to call each other 'Birdie.'" "Do you still do it?" "No. I call her a parrot and a magpie, and she usually refers to me as a jay."

A GLIMPSE OF MONTENEGRO.

Where the King May Cossip From a Window With His Subjects.

Once over the mountain and across the Montenegrin frontier, the first impression is that of the absolute desolation of the country. Nothing but bleak, gray, stony mountain ranges, one after the other, as far as the eye can reach, into the misty distance. Not a habitation, not a tree of any size, not a sign of life. The outlook suggests an imaginative lithograph of the beginning of the world.

Only one evidence of human existence is seen. Along the road side are numerous flat bottomed pockets of land, where a little cultivable soil has washed down the rocky slopes, and in each of these pockets a few potato plants have been carefully set out. Often the pocket is so small as to contain only a dozen plants, but in a land so sterile and stony every square foot of soil is thrifflily utilized. No houses are visible, and people must come miles to cultivate these struggling patches.

Cetinje lies in the middle of a small, fertile plain, which was once the bed of an ancient lake, surrounded by grim hills. It is a town of about 3,500 inhabitants—hardly more than a village—and yet it is the capital of a nation that has for generations preserved its identity against far greater neighbors whose rapacity for territorial expansion is too well known to require comment. In her sturdy spirit of self defense little Montenegro leaves naught for criticism.

There is not much of the formality of a European capital about Cetinje. The reigning monarch can frequently be seen leaning out of a window in casual conversation with one of his subjects.

The principal hotel of the town is kept by a magnificent looking man, who at the time of my visit was minister of war. The conduct of his hotel was decidedly unceremonious, except that the Austrian minister and the Italian minister appeared for dinner every night in full dress. Probably each one felt that the dignity of his country must be maintained at all hazards, and neither one could take it on himself to suggest a sartorial disarrangement.

Strict formality is exercised in some branches of the government. A telegram which I sent to the telegraph office at 9 o'clock one morning was returned to me unopened at 5 o'clock that afternoon with the criticism that I should have written it in ink instead of lead pencil. — Cor. New York Post.

Found a Way.

A widow of an old Lyceum theater servant applied to Irving for some sort of occupation about the theater whereby she might earn a living. Irving appealed to Loveday, his manager.

"There is absolutely no vacancy of any kind," said Loveday.

"Can't you give her a job to look after the theater cats? I think we've too many mice about, not to mention rats."

"No," said Loveday, "there are two women already on that job."

"Hum, ha, let me see," said Irving reflectively, then suddenly brightening with an idea. "Very well, then; give her the job of looking after the two women who are looking after the cats."

The widow was at once engaged on the permanent staff of the theater. — London Mail.

Forest Air.

There is a general impression that the humidity of the air is greater in the woods than in the open fields. This is contradicted, however, by the result of observations made in Germany. It was found there that the humidity, both relative and absolute, was slightly greater in the open than in the woods, and this was true equally in the morning and in the afternoon. As to the temperature of the air among the trees, it was a trifle higher than in the open in the morning and in a more marked degree in the afternoon.

An Able Pumper.

Visiting his home town after many years' absence, a gentleman met Sam, the village fool. "Hello, Sam," he said. "Glad to see you. What are you doing now? Still pumping the church organ?" "Yessir, I'm still pumping the organ. An' say, Charlie, I'm gettin' to be a pretty fine pumper. The other day they had a big organist over from New Haven, an' I pumped a piece he couldn't play!" — Everybody's.

Costly, but Lasting.

Johnny—What! Only married a year and yet you are so downcast? Wally—Ah, my dear fellow, I never imagined that a wife would prove such a costly article. Johnny—Yes, a wife is a costly article, that's true, but then you must remember that she lasts a man a precious long time.

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Next Orient Move Will Be On To Del Rio.

"The next movement that the Orient railroad will make after finishing to Alpine," declared a man in close touch with the construction work, "is to rush a connection with the City of Mexico."

"There is a reason for this and I will tell you why" the gentleman continued. "The little tonnage that the Orient can hope to get out of short Texas hauls amounts to nothing. It is the long hauls, the through Mexico business that will put the road on a dividend paying basis."

"And just stop to consider the difference of time and cost getting a connection on the other line and on this one. There they will have to go through several hundred miles of country, part of which is the roughest on earth, to get a connection with the western coast. It will cost millions and millions of dollars. This way there is but 170 miles of road to build and over a hundred of it is graded, to get a through connection, from Kansas City, a center of commerce in this country, to the very heart of Mexico."

A majority of stockholders are favorable to this line. They are going to insist that the next be the closing of the gap between Del Rio and San Angelo. This will probably be under way in six months.—Del Rio Herald.

Do you know that fully nine out of every ten cases of rheumatism are simply rheumatism of the muscle due to cold or damp, or chronic rheumatism, and require no internal treatment whatever? Apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely and see how quickly it gives relief. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Harriman Line Wants Orient.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 10.—A short line to Kansas City from Los Angeles is planned by the Southern Pacific, following its separation from the Union Pacific. It will be accomplished by taking over the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railroad, now in receiver's hands, and completing the construction of the Orient road now being hurried to Alpine, Texas. A connection is made with the Southern Pacific, 1137 miles from Los Angeles. The length of the new road between Los Angeles and the Kansas City gateway will be about the same as the route operated by the Santa Fe and the Rock Island, but a saving in time may be made by avoiding grades. The Kansas City, Mexico & Orient runs through a practically level country in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, and the Southern Pacific to New Orleans is the lowest in grade across the mountains. It is understood that the Southern Pacific also takes over the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient road in Mexico, thus increasing its strategic position on the west by commanding the entrance to the harbor of Topolobampo. The road will open up a rich cattle country in Mexico and Texas, and its surveys make it the shortest line between Kansas City and the Pacific ocean.

Medicines that aid nature are always most effective. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. It allays the cough, relieves the lungs, opens the secretory and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Thousands have testified to its superior excellence. Sold by all dealers.—Adv.

Coleman, Texas, January 12.—W. O. Ginn, a prominent stockman of Coleman County, died yesterday morning at Miller's view and was buried at Leader, this county. Mr. Ginn was a pioneer citizen and very popular. He leaves a large family.

When given as soon as the croupy cough appears Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will ward off an attack of croup and prevent all danger and cause of anxiety. Thousands of mothers use it successfully. Sold by all dealers. Adv.

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The Editor and You.

Did you ever stop to think of the difference between the treatment accorded you by the editor and that which you accord him? If he should knock your business through the columns of his paper, or say anything complimentary about your person, you would nurse a grudge against him, and run down his paper; that you have told people on the streets that it could not come into your home, and then when you come along and tell him that your daughter has graduated, he prattles her to the sky, and says she is the pride of the community, the smartest thing on earth and that her noble parents have just cause to be proud of her.

Now is such the case with the editor? He hears that you have ridiculed him, and runs down his paper; that you have told people on the streets that it could not come into your home, and then when you come along and tell him that your daughter has graduated, he prattles her to the sky, and says she is the pride of the community, the smartest thing on earth and that her noble parents have just cause to be proud of her.

You can mark his paper "ridiculed," stick it back in the post-office and boast of the fact to all your friends, humiliating him as much as you can, but if your soul gets into trouble, rather than hurt your feelings, he will suppress everything connected with the unfortunate case, at the risk of being called a numskull who can never get hold of the news.

He hears of your commendation, feels the sting of it all, and some times suffers financially as a consequence, but never uses the columns of his paper to even up. On the other hand if you have anything to boast of, he will boast it for you, if honor comes to you or yours he takes local pride in heralding it abroad, and if death steals into your home, he will go to the bottom of his heart for tender expressions of condolence for those who are left to mourn.

You might a mistake to talk of these things with endeavoring by words and deeds to better the editor and his usefulness in the community. You might put a brighter polish on your Christianity by following his example.—Del Rio Herald.

Mrs. Laura Decker has again assumed charge of the dining room of the Decker Hotel and her efforts will be offered to keep the service of her Hotel at its usual high standard.

She will continue to be in charge and will not again rent the Hotel to other parties.

TEXAS INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS DALLAS, TEXAS Prize Crop Contest, 1912.

Advertisement for the Texas Industrial Congress Prize Crop Contest, 1912. It features several illustrations of crop yields: 167 1/2 bushels per acre (largest prize-winning yield), 62 5/8 bu. per acre (lowest prize-winning yield), 51 bu. per acre (general average of all contestants), 1 13/100 bales per acre (lowest prize-winning yield), and 2 38/100 bales per acre (largest prize-winning yield). It also includes a comparison of corn and cotton yields.

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BILL NYE'S HUMOR.

It is Not Sufficiently Appreciated These Days, Says a Writer.

There are too few of this generation who appreciate the humor of Bill Nye. The fame of Mark Twain outrivaled his. The two were entirely apart in their methods. Nye convulses you in the twinkling of an eye. Mark Twain draws your sense of humor with the deliberation of one preparing you for the treat. Nye was closer to the west than Twain, and he was later. Twain went west with the gold seekers. Nye followed the railroads. Twain followed the newspaper business with uneven success in Virginia City, Nev., and became discouraged with his own possibilities as a writer.

It was one of his early bulletins of humor that lost Nye his place on one Laramie (Wyo.) paper and induced his friends to launch the Boomerang. Some of these same friends helped defeat his ambitions as a lawyer. They thought Nye's accession to the prosecuting attorneyship would make a joke of the office. It is as likely that the responsibilities of the office and the prospect of a legal career would have turned Nye's talents into serious channels. But, fortunately or unfortunately, Nye's propensity for humor burgeoned early in his western career.

When he was a justice of the peace in Laramie his office was over a livery stable. At the foot of the stairway Nye nailed this placard: "Twist the tail of the gray mule and take the elevator."

If his humor was spontaneous, his sense of injustice was just as keen. Philosophy there was in his work. Humor is, in fact, largely philosophy.

"Men will fight," wrote Nye, "until it is educated out of them. Most wars are arranged by people who stay at home and sell groceries to the widows and orphans and old maids at 100 per cent advance."—Collier's Weekly.

He Wasn't Impressed.

Sir Womys Reid wrote as follows of one of his early experiences as a reporter: "On the first occasion of witnessing an execution, as I stood trembling at the foot of the scaffold on which the victim was about to appear, I noticed an old reporter for whom I entertained a great personal respect pacing up and down beside me reading the New Testament. In the passion of horror and pity that filled my young heart I concluded that my friend was seeking spiritual comfort in view of the event in which we were about to take part as spectators and recorders. I said something to him about the horror of the act we were shortly to witness. He looked up with a placid smile from his reading and said gently, for he was essentially a gentleman, 'Yes, very sad, very sad, but let us be thankful it isn't raining.' And then he calmly returned to his daily reading of the word."

A Gentle Hint.

A bachelor had courted a girl for a long time without coming to the point. One evening he took her to a concert. The orchestra played No. 6, a selection that seemed to the bachelor very beautiful. He bent over his companion and whispered: "How lovely that is! What is it?—do you know?" She smiled demurely and replied in a low, thrilling voice: "It is the 'Maiden's Prayer.'" "The 'Maiden's Prayer?'" he repeated in astonishment. "Why?" But she hid him her program, pointing to No. 6 with her finger. He read and stared, for the real name of the selection was Mendelssohn's "Wedding March." He sought the ring next day.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Well Planted.

The bundle in a rural district in Perthshire had become too feeble to perform his duties as minister's man and gravedigger and had to get an assistant. The two did not agree well, but after a few months Sandy (the bundle) died, and Tammas had to perform the last service for his late partner. The minister strolled up to Tammas while he was giving the finishing touches to the grave and casually remarked, "Have you put Sandy well down, Tammas?" "I lie that, sir," said Tammas very decidedly. "Sandy may get up, but he'll be among the hindmost."

No Cause For Fear.

Husband—That's a foolish habit you women have of carrying your purses in your hands when in the street.

Wife—Why is it?

Husband—Because a thief could easily snatch them and get away.

Wife—Well, if the husbands of other women don't give them any more to put in their purses than you give me to put in mine the thief would starve to death.

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CURIOS STREET NAMES.

They Have Some Queer Ones Abroad, Especially in London.

Europe is the land of queer street names. In London especially there is a bewildering variety. Bermondsey boasts a Pickle Hering street. Near Gray's Inn there is to be found a Cold Bath square. Most of the Nightingale lanes and Love lanes are hidden, ironically enough, in the slums of the east end of the British metropolis.

Houndsditch, according to Stow, derives its unsavory title from the city ditch "full of dead dogs." Formerly London possessed plenty of equally cacophonous thoroughfares. Crackbray court was in Whitechapel and Dead Man's lane adjoined Dirty lane in Southwark. King Edward street, the site of the general postoffice, was called for centuries Stinking lane. Appropriately enough, Cutthroat lane led out of the notorious Ratcliff highway, now civilized into St. George's street. Hangman's lane stood near the Tower, and there was a Bandy leg alley in Fleet street; Break neck court, opposite the Old Bailey where Goldsmith lived when he first settled in London. This has disappeared. But there is a Gutto lane in Cheapside and Bleeding heart yard, familiar to readers of "Little Dorrit," will still be found at Hatton Garden.

In Brussels some of the street names are downright bizarre. The Short Street of the Long Chair, the Street of the Red Haired Women and the Street of Sorrows are remarkable enough to catch the least observant eye. The Street of the One Person is, as one might guess, an extremely narrow one. But the most curious of all Brussels names of streets surely belong to the Street of the Unerackable Silver Coconut. This, in its original, appears as one ponderous word of thirty-six letters.

Among the odd street names of Paris may be mentioned the Street of the Little Windows, the Street of the Mule's Foot, the Street of the Holy Fathers, the Street of the Daughters of Calvary, the Street of the Dry Tree, the Street of the Empty Pocket and the Boulevard of the Good News.—New York Press.

An Odious Comparison.

Will Irwin has a friend who went abroad while Victoria was still on the throne, and in London saw Bernhardt play Cleopatra. The scene came where Cleopatra receives news of Mark Antony's defeat at Actium. Bernhardt was at her best as Egypt's fiery queen that night. She stabbed the unfortunate slave who had borne the tidings to her, stormed, raved, frothed at the mouth, wrecked the palace and finally, as the curtain fell, dropped in a shuddering, convulsive heap in the wreckage.

Amid the thunderous applause Irwin's friend heard a middle aged British matron in the next seat remarking to herself in tones of satisfaction:

"How different—how very different from the home life of our own dear queen!"—Saturday Evening Post.

A Few First Aid Hints.

These hints are meant for public instruction for those of the lady who may have occasion to extend first aid in case of accidents: Don't put your finger on an open wound; don't put a quid of tobacco on a wound, no matter how small it may be; don't use cowbubs or hornets' nest to stop bleeding; don't dose the patient with whisky, brandy, rum or gin; don't bind or cover a wound with a handkerchief or rag (if you cannot get a first aid packet use clean old muslin that has been dipped in boiling water for a few minutes); don't sit a patient up when he is very pale or weak; don't wash a wound, and don't remove blood clots.

A Careful Horse.

A traveler in Indiana noticed that a farmer was having trouble with his horse. It would start, go slowly for a short distance, and then stop again. Thereupon the farmer would have great difficulty in getting it started. Finally the traveler approached and asked so innocently: "Is your horse sick?" "Not as I know of." "Is he balky?" "No. But he is so danged 'traid I'll say whoa and he won't hear me that he stops every once in awhile to listen."—Everybody's.

What Happens.

In a written examination on physical geography one of the questions was: "What happens when there is an eclipse of the moon?" A boy with rather an admirable knack of getting out of a difficult wrote the following answer: "A great many people come out to look at it."—London Answers.

Frightful Polar Winds

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Commissioners Court

Commissioners Court was in special session Monday, January 13 with Judge E. S. Bryant presiding, W. J. Fields and Arthur Stuart Commissioners of precincts N. 1 and 3 respectively being present, with County Clerk J. D. Lowrey and T. B. Adams sheriff being in attendance.
The bond of E. C. Saunders as county surveyor in the sum of 1500 was approved.
There was no other business before the court.

Dr. L. F. Robichaux is in Sonora finishing up some work.

Roy Hudepeth was in from ranch several days this week on business.

G. W. Logan from the Roosevelt neighborhood was a business visitor in Sonora Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Barton and the boys left for San Antonio Thursday on a visit.

R. F. Eirwood, W. R. Wyatt, and Chas. Schnaubert of the Juco country were business visitors in Sonora Monday.

W. T. O. Holmon and Homer Holman were in from the ranch this week.

Ang. Moos the Edwards County ranchman was a visitor in town this week.

Almost all families in Sonora have some one or more suffering from cold and gripe.

Felix Harrison who has sheep in Carta Valley was in Sonora this week looking after his son Will who has been very sick.

Geo. S. Allison one of the largest land and cattle owners in Sutton county was in Sonora Tuesday to attend the meeting of the directors of the First National Bank.

A Girl's Wild Midnight Ride

To warn people of a feature forest fire in the Catskills a young girl rode horseback at midnight and saved many lives. Her deed was glorious but lives are often saved by Dr. King's New Discovery in curing lung trouble, coughs and colds which might have ended in consumption or pneumonia.
"I cured me of a dreadful cough and lung disease," writes W. R. Patterson, Wedington, Tex., "after four in our family had died with consumption and I gained 87 pounds." Nothing so sure and safe for all throat and lung trouble. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Nathan's Pharmacy.

Election of Bank Officers.

At the regular annual meeting of the Shareholders of the First National Bank of Sonora Tuesday Jan. 16, the old directors were re-elected as follows: D. J. Wyatt, Will Whitehead, C. S. Allison, W. L. Aldwell, E. F. Vander Stucken, E. E. Sawyer. The directors re-elected the officers as follows: W. L. Aldwell, president; E. F. Vander Stucken, vice president; Roy E. Aldwell, assistant cashier.

Bert Page of Mayer was trading in Sonora Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Sessom were trading in Sonora Friday.

Sam Holland came down from Eldorado Wednesday with a load of feed.

Frank Bissitt of Junction was a business visitor in Sonora Wednesday.

Will Whitehead was up from the ranch several days this week on business.

E. C. Beam, manager of the Sonora Pecos exchange returned from a business and pleasure trip to San Angelo Tuesday.

B. B. Doobar and Tom Sardner were among the ranchmen in Sonora this week. The Dundar ranch is 12 miles south of Sonora.

Mrs. Thomas Bond and son Thomas were in town several days this week. Mrs. Bond spread sunshine among many of the homes of her friends while in town.

Joe Turney has been on a visit to his stock pasturing in Kinney county. He reports they are doing well and the ranch is good.

Mat Krines has been in town the past week. The gripe took him at the ranch but when he came to town he felt better because so many others were not feeling so well.

J. C. Wilson who is visiting his son Will Wilson on the ranch 16 miles south of Sonora, was in town Friday on business.

Dave Cooper son of J. T. Cooper formerly of Sonora but now of Prescott, Arizona, was in Sonora Friday on business. Dave says the folks are all in good health and doing well.

Will Wilkerson of the stock firm of Meurs & Wilkerson who have part of the Sol Mayer ranch leased was a business visitor in Sonora Tuesday.

When buying a cough medicine for children bear in mind that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is most effective for colds, croup and whooping cough and that it contains no harmful drugs. For sale by all dealers.

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A. A. Helton and Miss Oa Kilpatrick of Christoval were married in Sonora on Tuesday January 14, 1913 at the office of Justice of the Peace B. C. DeWitt. They will make their home in the Fort Stockton country.

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The children of the late Victoria Miers wish to thank the neighbors of Mrs. Savell and friends for the kind attentions offered and administered during and prior to her demise.

Hector McKenzie of San Angelo a well known sheep speculator was in Sonora this week.

Pay your road tax to Treasurer J. E. Grimland before the first of February and save two dollars.

S. C. Potter has lumber on the ground for a new residence in West Sonora. Joe Berger the contractor has the job.

R. E. Erans of Eldorado was a business visitor in Sonora this week. "Bob" is a ways ready to trade.

Jack Wardlaw who after a few months on the Pecos ranch and a visit to the home folks at Ballinger is back in Sonora but expects to return to Ballinger to remain until spring.

Pat Lee and family are over from the Howard Wells ranch and Mrs. Lee will remain on an extended visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. Dock Simmons.

A. J. Bisel the Page wire fence man is in Sonora having his eye tooth worked on. He has just returned from a business trip to New Mexico where he has a alum mine.

Constipation is the cause of many ailments and disorders that make life miserable. Take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, keep your bowels regular and you will avoid these diseases. For sale by all dealers.

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Well its over with, and the Eldorado vote lost the C. U. house bonds, there is not another town in Texas that can boast of that. 10 by 11 votes and 82 against. It in town well H— that the limit. —Eldorado Success.

Kind heartedness.

"A great, big, able bodied man like you ought to be ashamed to ask a stranger for money," said the well-to-do citizen. "I know I ought," answered Meandering Mike. "But, mister, I'm just naturally too kind hearted to tap 'im on de head and take it away from him." —Sala rad.

Mrs. Laura Decker has again assumed charge of the dining room of the Decker Hotel and her efforts will be offered to keep the service of her Hotel at its usual high standard.

She will continue to be in charge and will not again rent the Hotel to other parties.

Mr. and Mrs. Fayette Mays of Regan county, were in Sonora Thursday. Mr. Mays is manager for the Ward Cattle Co. ranch in Regan county and was looking after the Company's interest down on the Jackson ranch. Mrs. Mays is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Stuart.

A Department of Health.

The organization of a department of health, under a secretary, with a seat in the Cabinet, is again being strongly urged, and the sentiment in its favor is undoubtedly stronger now than ever before. Much of the old fear of Federal usurpation of State's rights has passed away. We began to realize that the United States can help materially in sanitary and health work without trenching on rights or powers of the States. No trouble whatever has been encountered with the Department of Agriculture; but, on the contrary, it has tended to encourage and stimulate agriculture. Sanitation is receiving a great deal more attention today than it ever has before, and we all realize how much can be accomplished with a little authority given to a department of health or sanitation. The Bureau of Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, operating under the Treasury Department, has been able to accomplish a fair amount of good; but its efficiency can be increased, and it can accomplish far more, if raised to the dignity of a department and given a position in the Cabinet.

Dr. John A. Wyeth, ex president of the American Medical Association, pleads for the proposed department. His contention is that the best National sanitation can only be induced by virtue of a National law, under which prompt and vigorous measures could be enforced, and from which there could be no appeal. This would bind the medical services of the Nation into a well disciplined army, and would educate the intelligent public everywhere into cooperative obedience to its mandates. The medical profession of the country, consisting of 130,000 busy practitioners, backed by the American Medical Association, it is claimed, is working earnestly to effect the advance step for the public good. In other words, the entire body of physicians and surgeons in the United States is warmly in favor of a health department without regard to school or practice.

The question of State rights is not involved, Dr. Wyeth insists. Without any interference in any way with the prerogatives of the various State boards, these can be employed in successful cooperation for the general welfare. No single State or group of States should be made to bear alone the expense of fighting an epidemic. It is not fair to the State or to its neighbors who are threatened. Epidemics do not respect interstate boundary lines. Mosquitoes which carry the germs of yellow fever, flies which transport and widely distribute the germs of typhoid fever, rats which harbor the insect which cause bubonic plague over the world, are no respecters of interstate lines. A stream, vitally polluted in one community, may flow through a dozen States, carrying its poisonous to the helpless people who are compelled to use its waters. It is estimated by the National Health Association for the Advancement of Science that 630,000 deaths occurred in 1910, which would not have occurred under the operation of a National department of health backed by the authority and the resources of the general Government with the co-operation of the States and people in the enforcement of its regulations. In addition there were 150,000 cases of illness with confinement in bed for a varied period of time in each case— all of which suffering and loss of productive power might have been obviated by the operation of this national health control.

Dr. Wyeth argues that the beneficial results of such a department of the Government would save a great volume of unnecessary deaths and suffering. Further more, it would greatly increase the usefulness and saving power of the people, a thousandfold more than the expense of the administration of the new governmental functions. The matter has been before congress several times in various forms; and there is before that body at present, in the Owen bill, a proposition to organize a bureau of National sanitation. If the several efforts to secure from the Federal Government great considerations of these questions can be united and combined in one cause, there is little reason to doubt that Congress would agree to some legislation looking to a better protection of the health and sanitary welfare of the country.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Dr. King's New Discovery KILLS THE COUGH, CURES THE LUNGS.

Birthday Party.

Miss Etta Adams celebrated her eighth birthday Saturday Jan 11th. and had for guests the following:
Lonelise Fowler, Katheline Fowler, Oris Chalk, George D. Chalk, Emma Word, Vesta Worrell, Della Halbert, William Field, Mary Field, Mora Stokes, Joanna Stokes, Ben L. Wheat, Millard Cope, Benj. Bellows, Jossie Mae Bellows, Hazel Whitehead, Clara Newell, Gertrude North, Amanda Eastland, U. A. Mae Rose, Jamie McConight, Johnie Sanlev, Enor Fields, Violet Stanley, Rosa Word, Mattie Martin, Gussie Worrell, Mrs. R. H. Chalk.

Orient Heads to Front to Laspert Work.

After attending to the election of officers in San Angelo Wednesday, E. Dickinson and other Orient officials who are here from Kansas City, left Tuesday morning for Fort Stockton to look over the work now being done at the front. The party was composed of the following: E. Dickinson, president and general receiver; A. H. Dickinson, superintendent of the northern division; R. E. Parker, chief engineer, and N. J. O'Brien, general manager of the Texas division. Engineer Parker will not stop at Fort Stockton, but will continue his inspection tour to Alpin, the next point toward which the construction department is working. All the officials express themselves as being well pleased with the manner in which the Orient is progressing along all lines. It is not believed that many weeks will pass before the receivership will end.

It is the general opinion among men who are in position to know that the election of officers which was held in San Angelo Wednesday is a good indication of the way the official will line up the reorganization after the receivership is concluded. While the receivership is in force Wednesday's election is merely for corporate purposes, the existence of the corporation not having ended when the road went into the hands of the receivers.

One of the noticeable features connected with the election is the fact that E. Dickinson replaces Arthur Stowell as president. Mr. Stowell, it is understood, will continue to hold some high official place after the road is reorganized, though it is generally conceded now that Mr. Dickinson is destined to be the road's president, despite the fact that he had to contend with other receivers who vote against him on many important propositions.—Standard.

A Hero in A Lighthouse

For years J. S. Donahue, So. Mayer, Mich., a civil war captain as a lighthouse keeper, averted an awful wreck but a queen fact is he might have been a wreck, himself if Electric Bitters had not prevented. "They cured me of kidney trouble and chills," he writes "after I had taken other so called cures for years without benefit and they also improved my sight. Now at seventy, I am feeling fine." For dyspepsia, indigestion, all stomach liver and kidney troubles try them without equal. Try them Only 10c. at Nathan's Pharmacy ady.

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Notice To Members Sonora Club.

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STOCK NEWS.

Russell & Martin of Sonora bought 650 cows and steers from Abb Rice of Val Verde County at p. t. They also bought 150 2 & 3 year old steers at p. t. from J. A. Cauthorn of Sonora.

H. H. Sparks & Bros 1250 head of New Mexico muttons arrived this week from the railroad. They were big smooth fellows, well woolled, high graded and weighed 108 pounds when shipped. Ferd Sparks accompanied them from San Angelo.

L. J. Wardlaw and brother Jack Wardlaw bought from Wardlaw & Whitehead 11 sections near the Pecos at \$2.75 bonus less what is due the State. L. J. and Jack Wardlaw will fence the pasture wolf proof.

Mrs. Laura Decker has again assumed charge of the dining room of the Decker Hotel and her efforts will be offered to keep the service of her Hotel at its usual high standard. She will continue to be in charge and will not again rent the Hotel to other parties.

Found.

In the Field's pasture on Friday January 17, a roll of bedding. Owner may have same way by proving property and applying to T. B. Adams, sheriff.

The Kansas City Star of January 3rd shows how the Receivership of the Orient railroad using up more money than the management under the owners or stock and bond holders consumed in the management before the road was placed in the courts. Stock and bond holders when familiar with the conditions will probably get busy, take the matter out of the hands of the courts and reorganize under the management of E. Dickinson and save the investments made.

ELECTRIC BITTERS THE BEST FOR BILIOUSNESS AND HEADACHE.

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FARM LIFE COMMISSION

Texas Secretaries Study Farm
Life Conditions—Head of
Farmers' Union to
Manage Bureau.

The Texas Farm Life Commission is going to inaugurate a movement to "keep the boys on the farm" and they propose to do this by making farm life more attractive and the business of farming more remunerative. Many of the youngsters, attracted by the glare of the city, leave the farm before realizing the wonderful possibilities that surround them in their country homes. Then there are problems in production and marketing that must be solved through organized effort.

The commission will study every phase of agriculture and will endeavor to provide the machinery for taking out the waste in methods of producing and marketing farm products.

The commission was organized by the Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association and is composed of fifteen members. Mr. S. A. Lindsey of Tyler is chairman of the commission and Peter Radford of Fort Worth manager. The following are the commissioners: H. Lass, Brookshire; S. D. Steedman, Hagerman; J. T. S. Gant, Archer City; Geo. B. Dealey, Dallas; W. E. Proctor, Tyler; E. W. Knox, San Antonio; Joe Hirsch, Corpus Christi; Mrs. E. P. Turner, Dallas; A. Caswell Ellis, Austin; E. J. Kyle, College Station; Edwin Chamberlain, San Antonio; E. W. Kirkpatrick, McKinney; C. W. Post, Post City; and R. J. Kleberg, Kingsville.

The commission will hold a meeting at an early date to outline the work and appoint sub-committees and otherwise organize its forces for aggressive work in every county in Texas.

Mr. Peter Radford, manager of the commission, is president of the Farmers' union, and his general knowledge of agricultural conditions in the state and wide personal acquaintance among the farmers well qualifies him for the work. Mr. Radford will spend most of his time on the road in the interest of the movement. The state headquarters of the organization will be in Fort Worth.

RIGHT TO ISSUE REFUNDING BONDS.

Rates Not Affected by
King of Securities.

on, Texas.—The right to re-issuing securities in excess to abroad Commission valuation that is denied railroads by the Texas, although such securities legally issued prior to the opinion of men engaged in financing railroads was sought by the Texas Welfare Commission, recently Mr. R. S. Lovett, executive of the Harriman lines, gave views in part, as follows:

Every railroad company ought to be given the right to issue bonds at par, to refund existing obligations. The existing bonds of the Houston & Texas Central, for instance, (and it is true of every other railroad company in the state except those who have recently issued bonds under the ruling of the Commission) have been outstanding for more than twenty years. They have been held by innocent investors for this long period. The railroad company has, year after year, paid semi-annually the interest on these bonds. The Railroad Commission during all that time has been sitting at Austin, with full power (unlimited power almost) over the railroads, with the state treasury at its disposal, with the Legislature willing to appropriate any amount that the Commission deemed necessary to carry on its work. If there is any illegality in any of these bonds the Commission should have found it out long ago and applied the remedy. I submit that after the lapse of twenty years it is too late to talk about the validity of outstanding railroad bonds. That subject ought to be foreclosed by time, if nothing else."

Mr. E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe, made the following statement in regard to the matter:

"I do not think it is fair treatment of people who own these securities, who buy them innocently, for the state to take such action as will render them worthless, or partially worthless."

The Hadley Commission, appointed by Congress to investigate railroad matters, recommended that no attempt be made to scale down old securities.

The contention has never been made except by uninformed persons that the refunding of outstanding securities would affect freight rates.

BLACK DIAMONDS.

Their Origin a Riddle That Science Seems Unable to Solve.

Genuine black diamonds, although considerably more valuable than the ordinary white diamond, are not used for gems, having an appearance no more attractive than a bit of stone or fragment of coal, being dark gray, brownish or black in color and opaque, without crystalline form. They are somewhat harder than the crystal or gem diamond, being, in fact, about the hardest substance known and are found in irregular pieces ranging in size from one-half to 500 carats. The origin of the black diamond is a subject on which science remains silent. They are found in but one spot on the earth—an area of not over 225 miles square, in Brazil. Here they are recovered from the gravel and washings of the river beds. No fine specimens of the gem diamond have ever been found in the black diamond fields. Yet—and this is the point over which science has vainly puzzled—both black and white or gem diamonds are simply pure carbon, being of practically identical composition. The gem diamond is translucent and crystalline in form, while the other is not. The black diamond is harder, tougher and not so brittle, and there the difference ends.

Practically the entire output of black diamonds is used for tipping diamond drills, the precious bits of carbon being set in pieces of soft steel or iron. These diamond pointed drills will cut through any substance known and have eaten their way through the hardest known rock down to a depth of 6,000 feet. Ordinary gem diamonds would be crushed under the enormous pressure it is necessary to put upon the drills when the bore has gone to a great depth. No substance is known which could be used in place of the black diamonds for drill points used in boring for mineral deposits, and should the supply become exhausted there would be no more deep borings, as there were none before the black diamond was discovered.

The diamond drill is a decidedly expensive tool, as it is usual to place eight stones in each bit or three point, and fair sized stones of drill to four carats each are more satisfactory and economical in the long run than small ones. As the carbon is worth about \$85 per carat, a single drill armed with stones of medium size would cost in the neighborhood of \$2,500.—Harper's Weekly.

The Marseillaise.

The famous battle hymn known as the "Marseillaise" is generally attributed to Rouget de Lille, a French engineer officer, who, it is said, composed it in 1792 to cheer up the conscripts at Strasbourg. It derived its name from a body of troops from Marseilles marching into Paris playing the tune. The piece became instantaneously popular, and from that day to this it has never failed, wherever sung or played, to arouse the martial ardor of the hearers to the highest pitch. As an inspiration for fighting it is beyond doubt the most successful musical composition ever known. The author of the immortal piece was pensioned by Louis Philippe in 1830 and died in 1836.—New York American.

Fish That Cannot Swim.

More than one species of fish is met with that cannot swim, the most singular of which is the mud fish, a Brazilian fish, whose organs of locomotion only enable it to crawl or walk or hop after the manner of a toad, to which animal this fish to some extent bears a resemblance. It is provided with a long, upturned snout. Other examples of nonswimming fishes include the sea horse, another most peculiarly shaped inhabitant of the sea, and the starfish, of which there are many specimens, which walk and crawl on the shore and rocks, both being unable to swim.

He Had the Last Word.

A lecturer was annoyed by a man in the audience who insisted on rising and asking questions. "Sit down, you ass!" said a second man, jumping up. "Sit down, you ass," cried a third man; "you are both asses."

"There seem to be plenty of asses about tonight," put in the lecturer calmly, "but for heaven's sake let us hear one at a time."

"Well, you go on then," said the first man, resuming his seat.—Boston Transcript.

Careful Auntie.

"You will never see your Aunt Maria again until you get to heaven," a little girl was solemnly told by her mother the other day, according to the London Globe. "Will she ask me to wipe my feet?" was her only response. It throws a flood of light on Aunt Maria's character and history.

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that any one trespassing on our ranches 25 miles southeast of Sonora for the purpose of hunting, cutting timber, hauling wood, hog hunting, working live stock, injuring our wolf proof or other fences or any way trespassing upon us will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

E. F. & A. Vander Stucken.

RHEUMATISM.

Why It Is Wise Not to Ignore "Growing Pains" in Children.

Acute inflammatory rheumatism attacks people of all ages and conditions and is dreaded not only because of the intense pain that accompanies it, but also because it often leaves behind it a permanently injured heart. This complication is especially frequent in children. Severe pain, with redness and swelling of the joints, makes the diagnosis easy in most cases of inflammatory rheumatism in adults, but in young children these symptoms may be too slight to be observed, while at the same time the heart is suffering serious damage.

So called "growing pains" may be the beginning of an attack of acute rheumatism, or a child, although it does not give up its play, may complain that there is pain in the soles of its feet when it stands. If these pains are accompanied by the least redness or swelling of any joint and if there is also fever the diagnosis of inflammatory rheumatism is clear.

The child should be put at once to bed and kept there all through the acute stage of the disease. In this way the attack may sometimes be shortened, and the shorter it is the less danger there is of the heart being affected. The medical treatment of the case should be in the hands of a competent physician. Fortunately there are today remedies for the quick control of rheumatism that were unknown a few years ago, when it sometimes ran a course of many weeks.

While the pain is severe, the clothing should be arranged with a view to the greatest possible comfort for the patient. The night-dress should be of soft flannel and should fasten all the way down the front, because the profuse sweats characteristic of this disease make frequent changes necessary. It is well to have a soft blanket under the patient, and the bedclothes must be light, as well as warm. Where the joints are much swollen and very painful the clothes will have to be lifted away from the body by a wooden cradle. The nurse must be deft and careful, because in the acute stage the least clumsiness may cause the most acute agony, so that even a heavy footfall is dreaded by the patient.—Youth's Companion.

Deschappelles.

Deschappelles, the greatest whist player the world has ever seen, had but one hand and was an advanced Republican. His manual dexterity was remarkable, and it was very interesting to watch him with his one hand—and that his left—collect the cards, sort them, play them and gather them in tricks. Late in life, when he had developed into ardent republicanism, he was supposed to have been mixed up in some of the attempts at revolution which broke out in the earlier days of the reign of Louis Philippe. His papers were seized, and it was proved that he had drawn up a list of persons to be disposed of. Among them was an elderly acquaintance, so described: "Vatry (Alphonse) to be guillotined—Reason—citizen in title. Vatry is a bad whist player."

Snails "Eyes."

We are all familiar with the peculiar structures which the common snail protrudes from its head as it travels along, seemingly exploring the territory around by what we are accustomed to describe as "eyes." But this is a misapprehension. It appears that, if the ends bearing the so called "eyes" are cut off, the snail, after a little while, proceeds on its way in exactly the usual way, blushing out its tentacles and behaving much as before. It is therefore doubtful whether this "eye" has any visual function at all. It seems rather that the tentacles, by touch or in some other way, inform the snail of the presence and character of neighboring objects.

Confused Terms.

The superintendent asked the Sunday school: "With what remarkable weapon did Samson slay the Philistines?"

For awhile there was no answer. The superintendent, to revive the children's memory, commenced tapping his jaw with the tip of his finger, at the same time saying: "What's this?"

Quick as thought a little fellow replied quite innocently: "The jawbone of an ass, sir"—National Monthly.

A Criterion of Age.

Birmingham—Your daughter is to marry a young man named Hill. I believe? Manchester—Yes. He belongs to one of the very oldest families in the country. Birmingham—I didn't know that he came from a particularly old family. Manchester—Oh, yes. You often hear people use the expression, "As old as the Hills."

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch known as the Lost Lake ranch 12 miles south east of Sonora, and other ranches owned and controlled by me, for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting hogs without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

A. F. CLARKSON,
Sonora, Texas.

ATOP THE SPIRE.

Thrilling Incident in the Life of James Freeman Clarke.

When James Freeman Clarke, the famous Unitarian minister and author, was a young man he visited Salisbury, England. Here the beautiful cathedral lifts its spire 401 feet into the air. The spire is topped by a ball, and on the ball stands a cross. From the ground the ball looks like an orange, but its diameter is really greater than a man's height.

Workmen were repairing the spire. Mr. Clarke saw them crawling round the slim steeple in the golden afternoon like bugs on a bean stalk. The impulse came to him to climb the spire and stand on the horizontal beam of the cross. Accordingly at dusk, when the workmen had left, the young American slipped in and made his way up the stairs to the little window which opened to the workmen's staging. To run up the scaffolding to the ball was easy. Then came the slightly more bulging curve of the ball. A short platform gave him foothold. He reached up, put his hands on the base of the cross and pulled himself up. To gain the cross arm was merely "slipping" up a good sized tree, and soon he stood on the horizontal timber and, reaching up, touched the top of the cross.

After enjoying his moment of exaltation he slid to the foot of the cross and, with his arms round the post, slipped down over the great abdomen of the ball. His feet touched nothing. The little plank from which he had reached up was not there!

Here was a peril and one for a cool head and sure eye. Of course he could not look down. The hugging hold that he had to keep on the bottom of the cross shortened the reach of his body and made it less than when he had stood on the plank and reached up to the cross with his hands. He must drop so that his feet should meet the plank, for he would never be able to pull himself back if he should let himself down at arm's length, and his feet hung over empty air.

Now his good head began to work. He looked up at the cross and tried to recall exactly the angle at which he had reached for it, to make his memory tell him just how the edge of that square post had appeared. A few inches to the right or to the left would mean dropping into vacancy.

Bending his head away back, he strained his eye up the cross and figured his angle of approach. He cautiously warned himself to the right and made up his mind that here directly under his feet must be the plank. Then he dropped. The world knows that he lived to tell the tale.

A Curious Puzzle.

Ask your arithmetic teacher at school to double the number of his pupils, add 3, multiply this sum by 5, add to it the number of pupils absent on that day, multiply the result by 10, add to it the number of his own aunts, and then tell you his answer. From his answer you subtract 150 and the remainder will be the correct number of his pupils present and absent and the number of his aunts as well. For example: Supposing the number of pupils is 6, doubled equals 12, plus 3 equals 15, multiplied by 5 equals 75, plus 3 equals 78, multiplied by 10 equals 780, plus three equals 783. Subtracting 150 from 783 leaves 633. Therefore you can safely announce to your teacher that he has 6 pupils, 3 absent pupils and 3 aunts.

Dresden Runs a Paper.

Dresden appears to be the only town where the principle of municipal ownership extends to newspapers. On his death some years ago the proprietor of the leading Dresden newspaper bequeathed all his property to the town where he had built up his fortune, and the municipality has since run the paper on strictly business lines. The profits, in accordance with the terms of Dr. Gun's will, are devoted to beautifying and extending the open spaces of the town.

Provocation.

Judge—Pat, I wouldn't think you would hit a little man like that.

Pat—Suppose he called you an Irish slob?

Judge—But I'm not an Irishman.

Pat—Suppose he called you a Dutch slob?

Judge—But I'm not a Dutchman.

Pat—Well, suppose he called you the kind of a slob that you are?—Life.

Nerve.

"Beebe has a nerve."

"Why so?"

"I threatened to sue him for the \$100 he owes me."

"Yes?"

"And he asked me to sue him for \$200 and give him the other hundred."

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W. J. FIELDS,
Sonora, Texas.

WONDERS OF FLIGHT.

Puzzling Aerial Feats of the Graceful Black Headed Gull.

"Flight is the master feat of wild life, the master physical feat of all," writes George Dewar in "Mintures." "There are feats of birds and insects—of plants, too—subtler than those of the wing, more mystic in the doing. Thus the way finder feasts are more curious and far harder to follow—the means by which the emperor moth can discover where is the empress, which we have caught and imprisoned in a dark box; the means by which the root of a tree knows its crooked path round obstacles to food; the means by which the wreathing stem of the black bryony can recognize and correct its error after it has stretched out and felt for support in a vain direction. In these there are feats of physical intelligence stranger to consider than anything which the swiftest, deftest flier does with its wings."

"But the feat of flight is the most brilliant of all animal accomplishments. Its sure, swift, easy triumph, its grace, the supreme beauty of its action—these make an animal's flight matchless as a spectacle. All that is athletic and all that is aesthetic in movement here combine.

"A black headed gull is floating and gliding, not quite flat on the air. The tip of one wing—say the right—inclines skyward, the tip of the other earthward. Thus he moves forward, up or down or quite parallel with the earth or water for a little distance, wings full stretched and rigid. Then comes a very perceptible change. No flap or stroke of the wing appears to be made to fresh progress, but the bird turns its body slightly, and with the body the full spread, rigid wings. The result is that the right wing now inclines earthward and the left skyward, and so the bird proceeds for another twenty yards.

"The turn is so slight, so easy one can hardly imagine the bird has won through its new impetus. How can those wings in this smooth, lazy action have stirred the thin air enough to draw from it sustaining force? And how is it that without a perceptible stroke the bird is not only upheld, but driven forward, though not traveling with the wind? Perhaps we must seek an answer in the marvelous perfection of wing in a gull. The least movement of the tip of that wing—movement we are not conscious of when the bird is swung high above us—may serve the purpose of flight. The faintest touch of the wing tip may be a master touch."

George Eliot and "Romola."

George Eliot's first arrangement with the publisher of "Romola" was for no less a sum than 10,000 guineas. "As that is so very large a figure," he said, "I must run it in fifteen numbers of the Cornhill." "No," she answered; "it must finish in twelve numbers or the artistic effect of the story will be lost. I quite understand the necessity for its prolongation from a commercial point of view, so we'll say 7,000 guineas instead of the 10,000." And 7,000 guineas was accordingly paid for the copyright. Three thousand guineas seems a large sum to give up for an artistic scruple, but she did it.

The Stinging Tree.

The stinging tree of Australia somewhat resembles a gigantic nettle. It has an unpleasant odor, and the natives and native animals are careful to avoid it. When a man is stung by the tree—or, to put it more precisely, pricked by the tree's thorn—the little wound gives him at first no pain whatever. But in a few minutes a maddening pain is set up; the victim shrieks and rolls upon the ground. For months afterward when water touches the stung part great agony ensues. Dogs when stung rush about with pitious whines, biting pieces of flesh from the place that has been stung.

Keeping Up Style.

Mr. Minks—That girl was decent enough to black the stoves before going, I see.

Mrs. Minks—No; I blackened them myself, and it's lucky I did.

Mr. Minks—Lucky?

Mrs. Minks—Yes, indeed. Mrs. De Fashion and Mrs. De Style called right in the midst of it, and I just put a little more blacking on my face and went to the door and told them I wasn't in. They said they'd call again.—New York Weekly.

Sure of One Thing.

Mark Lemon in one of his books tells of a fat little boy who passed his instructor on the street without bowing.

"What has become of your manners, sir?" cried the teacher, shocked and frowning. "It seems to me that you are better fed than taught."

"Yes, sir," replied the boy solemnly. "I feeds myself, sir."

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