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Walking Leaves and Twigs.
The walking and climbing leaves of Australia were for over half a century considered the greatest of natural wonders. A party of sailors wandered inland and sat down to rest under a tree. A great wind shook to earth several dead and brown leaves. These presently began to show signs of life and crawl toward the trunk, which they ascended, and attached themselves to their respective twigs.

Hence the sailors, who promptly ran away, said the place was bewitched. But the simple fact turned out to be that the so-called "leaves" were really leaf-shaped insects, having long, pendulous legs, which could be folded out of sight, and possessing the chameleon-like power of varying their color to correspond with that of the foliage they are clinging to. Upon being shaken to the ground, instinct taught them to seek shelter of the friendly leaves again as soon as possible.

These walking leaves are frequently found in the woods of Illinois. The farmers call them "animated twigs," as they exactly resemble a bit of the tree. They are green when the trees are green, but as soon as the foliage changes they become brown. The writer of this was sitting under a tree reading in the woods of southern Illinois when one of these "twigs," as it was supposed to be, dropped on the page. It moved and thus revealed its identity. Its nature seemed to be that of a worm, and its vitality that of the very lowest. It died as soon as removed, and served as a bookmark for many years.—Detroit Free Press.

A Cheeky Man.
The cheekiest man of the season has been found. He entered a local barber shop not far from the city hall and asked if he might wash his face. The tonsorial juggler said, "Of course."

"I'd like a clean towel, if you please," said the stranger suavely.
"One could have heard a pin drop as the barber acquiesced and handed him a clean towel.

"May I brush my hair?" said the fastidious caller, as he stepped toward a looking glass. The barber left his customer and pinched himself to see if he was really alive.
"I have a good, clear glass here. Now, just a little oil for my hair. There!" said the stranger, as he rolled Corinthian bangs on his marble-white brow.

The barber opened his mouth wider.
"Now, just a little wax on my mustache," said the visitor. He suited the action to the word and twisted the ends of his mustache to his satisfaction.
"I am much obliged, sir," said the extra nice stranger, as he adjusted his hat, strolled to the door and disappeared.

A liberal fanning and application of cool water relieved the proprietor, but it was an hour or two before he fully recovered.—Manchester Union.

Antiquity of the Domesticated Horse.
The horse was probably first domesticated on the plains of Central Asia. This must have been at a very remote period, for on the sculptured monuments of ancient Assyria we find highbred, carefully caparisoned steeds given in admirable outline, showing how familiar and how favorite an object the horse must have been to the Assyrians. The mane is long and flowing or curled or in tassels. Three horses abreast drew the chariot in which were three warriors. Saddle horses led by grooms or bearing horsemen are delineated, sometimes in the thick of battle.

The horse was doubtless introduced into Egypt as late as the time of Hyksos, and sculptured representations of it are often conventional types peculiar to later Egyptian art. Instead of the life and energy displayed by the Assyrian horse, there is a rather weak attempt to represent life and energy and the effect produced is mechanical. Probably the horse of the Delta did not compare in beauty or speed with the Assyrian horse. Berjeau says he was more like the Dutch horse of our day.—Caroline K. Sherman in Chicago Herald.

He Got the Seat.
A nice young man got into a tram car a few evenings ago, and saw to his delight the only vacant seat was by the side of a young lady acquaintance. He made for that seat with joyous strides, and her eyes answered his with delighted looks. But just as he got there an elderly party walked up and dropped into the coveted seat. The young man approached more slowly and accosted the young lady.

"How is your brother?" he asked: "is he able to get out?"
"Oh, yes!" she answered.
"Will he be very badly marked?" he continued, and the old gentleman grew suddenly interested.

"Oh, no!" she said, "with the exception of a few marks on his forehead."
"Were you not afraid of taking it?" the young man continued, while the old gentleman broke out in a cold perspiration.
"Not at all," she replied; "I had been vaccinated, you know."

The seat was vacated instantly, the two innocent young hearts beat as half a dozen, and the prattle of "nice talk" strewed that part of the car, while an old gentleman scowled upon them from the distant corner.—London Tit-Bits.

The Cavalry of the Romans.
Devoted as the Romans were to war, the cavalry was an important part of the army. A great deal of adverse criticism has been passed upon their horsemanship and skill in managing the cavalry. The Prussian hussar officer, Warnering, pronounces Caesar an indifferent cavalry general and ridicules his arrangements where cavalry are concerned. Caesar, however, conquered all the same. His famous horse, credited with having a human fore foot, was equal to the star eyed goddess herself for victory.—Chicago Herald.

There is a hotel in Boston that is frequently mistaken for a church by strangers who pass one of its entrances. At the end of the corridor and visible from the street there is a peculiar feature of the stairway which, from a little distance, resembles the pipes of an organ.

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