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Power of the Human Jawa

Dr. G. V. Black, a dentist of Jacksonville, Fla., has made some interesting experiments upon the force exerted by the human jaws in the ordinary masti-cation of food, and also the greatest force which the jaws are capable of exerting. By means of a spring instrument provided with a registering device he took records of about 150 "bites" of different persons. Of these 50 have been preserved as characteristic of the ordinary man, woman and child. The smallest pressure recorded was 30 pounds, by a little girl 7 years old. This was with the incisors. Using her molars, the same child exerted a force of 65 pounds. The highest record was made by a physician of 35. The instrument used only registered 270 pounds, and he the persons 10 years of age and over, closed it together without apparent effort. There was no method of determining how far above 270 pounds he could have gone. This test was made with the molars. Several persons exceeded a force of 100 pounds with the incisors and 200 with the molars. The physical condition of the persons experimented upon seemed to have little bearing upon the result. Dr. Black is of the opinion that the condition of the peridental membranes is the controlling factor, rather than muscular strength. Dr. Black found that in the habitual chewing of food much more force is exerted than is necessary.

Fidelity and Affection of a Horse. In the "Memoirs of General Count de Segur," an aid-de-camp of Napoleon, recently published, the following affecting incident is related:

I have said that during the necturnal attack of the Ukra, on Dec. 23, I was in social and industrial life, and they unhersed. My animal had been wound- completely kill all arguments made to ed by a bullet in his chest, from which prove that machinery, the influence of the blood was streaming, and as he invention, displaces labor, so far as socould no longer carry me I had been clety as a whole is concerned. It would forced to leave him, loading his equip- | be absurd to argue for a single moment off, I sat down to rest before the fire, in Viguals and reduced them not only to the wake of my footsteps. In spite of ing me by the light of the compfire value of the argument. The vast numfrom the blood it had lost, and its efforts to follow me, in the midst of the men. who were as surprised and touched as myself, it fell down, struggled for a moment and expired.

Urfn, the Ancient Edesan.

Built half way up the Jebli Nimrud, on a hill above a rushing torrent, it never lacks water or the sound of the perpetual fountain that gained for it in the old days the name Callirrhoe. Water in basins, in drinking places, in small mills; water in the torrents, in the and many European ports. The coa mills; water in the torrents in the does of the Leligh Valley railroad to springs and down the sides of streets; Perth Amboy are among the largest it everywhere is heard the same bubbling sound so dear to oriental ears. And with it are trees innumerable, great forest trees in the gardens, with walnuts and pomegramates, and fruit of all sorts; such immense quantities of coal one of seen in an eastern town, the large courtseats and spreading trees on either cide.

all to share in the charm that water lends. Nowhere else are there such vaulted corridors, tall and wiry, for the market, such splendid carayansaries, built by some magnificent old Turk, of an order since passed away, and where, above all, can be matched the exquisite mosque of Ibrahim-el-Khalil-Abraham, the friend of God-with its stately minaret and marble courtyards reflected in the silent shady pool?-"Six Months In a Syrian Monastery," O. H.

A Wire Walking Rat.

At the corner of Market and Broad streets, Newark, N. J., there is a thick network of telegraph wires and telephone cables. Late one afternoon the loiterers about the corner witnessed a enrious incident. From the roof of the Firemen's insurance building a cable wire extends across Market street to the Postal Telegraph office.

A rat was seen on the wire over the insurance building. He moved slowly along the wire, and by the time he had reached the middle of the street he had a crowd below him that would have delighted the heart of Blondin. He paid no attention to the upturned faces, but continued slowly but surely on his way until he reached the Postal Telegraph building. He lightly leaped from the roof and disappeared. - Philadelphia Record.

Bogus Leather In Shoes.

"For years," said a Maine manufacturer, "shoes of a cheap grade have been made of what is known as leather board. It is a compressed paste. There is a factory in my state which turns out tons of it every month. Many of these shoes are sent to Central and South America, and, as a matter of fact, thousands are sold

"As long as the weather is dry they wear first rate, but when you strike a rain you're gone almost surely. Two wettings, and you want to look out. When you invest in shoes, be sure they are what you want. Leather is expensive, and you can't cover your feet with it for a trifle. "-New York World.

Dean Hole and the Oxford Snob. Dean Hole, the distinguished English churchman, dearly loves a good joke. One day a somewhat snobbish Oxford friend of his, wishing to impress upon the dean the high social character of his familiar acquaintances, wrote him a letter, beginning:

"My dear countess," and then scratching out "countess" substituted "Hole." Whereupon the dean, not to be outdone, began his reply, "My dear queen," and then drew his pen through 'queen'and substituted "Dick."

WORKING FOR PAY.

Are We Making Progress Toward Equality of Opportunity?

Taking the whole number of persons engaged in all remunerative or gainful occupations, I find that in 1860 such persons constituted 26.19 per cent of the whole population. In 1870 this percentage had increased to 32.43, in 1880 to 84.68, while in 1890 it was 36.31, an increase of more than 10 per cent, relatively, in one generation, the period from 1860 to 1890. This, it should be borne in mind, is the percentage of the total number of persons engaged in gainfal occupations of the total population. If we examine now the percent age which this total number of persons engaged in all gainful occupations is of which is the trner comparison, we find that the increase has been as regular, but a little greater, for in 1860 it was 36.72 and in 1890 47.95, an increase of over 11 per cent, relatively, in the 30 years named. This fact alone, it seems to me, answers conclusively and definitely the question we are considering. If the total number of persons engaged in gainful occupations stood still relative to the population, the argument would not be so clearly carried, but with a constant and persistent increase in the relative proportions of this class of people to the whole number of population. and to the whole number 10 years of age and over, there can be no other answer than an affirmative one. These figures prove conclusively that

we are not only making real progress toward a greater opportunity, but toward a greater equality of opportunity meat on my shoulders. When I had that the introduction of machinery has reached our first outpost, about 200 pages | not in many instances displaced indisome galef at the less of my mount, relative poverty but to passperism. The when a plaintive round and an unex- shower example well by made to the inpected contact caused me to farn my dividual, but the frame cited prove that head. It was the poor beast, which so far as the whole body of the people had revived and had dragged itself in is encorred there is no such displacethe distance and the darkness, it had fluence of mechanicy and invention by succeeded in finding me, and recognize the statistical respect fauthor proves the had come up grouning to lay its head on ber of new openings, never before my shoulder. My eyes filled with tears known, resulting from inventions, offers at this last proof of attachment, and I the best proof in this direction, and it was gently stroking it, when, exhausted offers, too, proof that one line of opportunity will be abandoned when another of a more prefitable nature opens. - Carroll D. Wright in Forum.

UNI. IN BLACK DIAMONDS.

of the Thousands of Tons of Come at Perth and South Amboy.

Thousands of tons of coal are shipped from the ports of Perth and South Am bey, at the mouth of the Raritan river every month. It is londed in vessels fo. all points along the Atlantic seaboard the world. The docks of the Pennsyl vania railroad at South Amboy are nearly as large in shipping capacity.

In connection with the handling of gardens everywhere, within and withrailroad companies is to keep their roll ing stock in constant motion. It is conyard of the Serai grass grown, with deered a loss of revenue a car to remain several days at a given point, and The bazaars, too, and the streets seem everything is done to facilitate the rapid movement of the cars, both loaded and empty. For a number of years loaded. cars were kept standing in the storage yards of the Pennsylvania railroad at South Araboy for weeks at a time. At times the company was embarrassed for want of ears to transsport the coal from the mines. The difficulty was finally solved about three years ago. In place of the long string of leaded cars may now be seen immense piles of coal.

When a train arrives from the mines. the various kinds of coal are serted out and the cars drilled to the proper side track for unloading. In close proximity to each side track stands a large derrick with a movable boom extending diagonally into the air about 80 feet. To this boom is attached a large traveling bely, on which are fastened large buckets. The belt is operated by a small steam engine in charge of the man who manipulates the elevator. As the coal drops from the outlet in the car it falls into the buckets on the elevator belt and is carried to the end of the swinging boom, where it is dropped in the center of the pile and distributed by gravity. The coal remains in these piles until it is required for shipment; then it is loaded in cars and transferred to the decks.

The immense piles of coal usually contain from 10,000 to 12,000 tons each. and are worth from \$40,000 to \$50,000, according to the market value of the coal. It is frequently the case that there are 12 of these piles of coal in the storage yard, representing a value of from \$500,000 to \$600,000. It was discovered recently that the coal rusted while in these piles. This did not detract from the burning qualities, but affected the selling value. To prevent this canvas covers were made at a cost of \$1,000 each. When the piles of coal are all covered, the storage yard resembles a large circus. The sight of such an immense quantity of coal is viewed with troit Free Press. astonishment by strangers, although the residents of South Amboy are so accustomed to it that they never give it a second thought.—New York Telegram.

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A Lost Opportunity. "And so she rejected you? I suppose

you told her you were 6 feet?" "Yes, but what has that got to do with it?" Everything, my boy. You should tell her that you were 6 feet once, but that you are only 5 feet 11% now. She'd

have snapped you up as a bargain in-stanter."—Boston Transcript. It Worried Him.

Chaplain-Have you read the death warrant to that Boston murderer? Sheriff-I have.

Chaplain-How did he take it? Sheriff-Very much to heart. He said that the phraseology and composition were faulty from beginning to end .-New York Herald.

Opening His Eyes.

This is the second of the year when the young man who is going to graduate from college this summer begins to wonder how many \$5,000 positions wil. be offered to him the first month after he acquires his degree. He will know all about it before Aug. 1 .- Somerville Journal.

Out of Musical Circles.

Sporting Editor-What kind of music is this "Die Walkure?"

Financial Editor-I guess it must be a kind they play with footnotes. - De-

Retribution.

The girl who lives next door to me is young and persevering.

She practices from 5 a. m. till breakfast time each day;
She plays the same old wornout tunes until
I'm tired of hearing

And makes the same mistakes each time in the same unerring way. She's added to her powers of late by capturing a lover— A tenor flat who comes each night at eight

o'clock or so.

They sing duets and popular airs over again and over, And often it is twelve o'clock before he starts to go.

their scornings.
My youthful sins have found me out. I suffer and am mute, for in my early manhood, in spite of tears and warnings,
I used to spend my evenings in practicing
the flute.

The neighbors rage and swear. I dare not join



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