THE FALLING APPLE

Theory Which Promises to Eclipse That of Sir Isa c Newton.

While Sir Isaac Newton was idly wandering his way through the shady avenues of an apple orchard but a few centuries back his silent thoughts were abruptly disturbed by a sharp crack upon his cranium. *

On recovering his senses he discovered that a large, ripe descendant of the forbidden fruit had become detached from a well-laden branch and for some unknown reason had made its way toward the ground. though incidentally meeting with an obstacle which retard d its course.

This simple incident set Mr. Newton to thinking and he wondered why the apple should fall downward and not upward.

This gave rise to additional meditation, while others took up the study and it was finally contended that there was a force which caused all things to sink to the earth, and so, upon Sir Isaac's discovery, the laws of attraction and gravitation were founded, until now the Newtonian theory is recognized in physics as a scientific truth.

Robert Stevenson in a lecture before the San Francisco academy of science recently made it known that the illustrious Isaac was "not in it." so to speak, and that his theory as regards the falling of an apple downward was simply the product of a diseased imagination.

Mr. Stevenson does not hold that an apple should make its way heavenward to feed the angels, but contends that the Newtonian laws have nothing to do with the production of the laws of gravitation, and that if the world revolved at a greater velocity than its present limit the inhabitants thereon would be enabled to walk about in the air without the least inconvenience, while apples would fall upward, downward, eastward, westward or any other direction at the mercy of the wind.

He further contended that a horizontal bar would reach the ground much quicker than a falling body, and concluded by stating upon authority that the common saying, "the sun rises," or "the sun sets." is positively false, as the sun is quite stationary, while it is the earth that revolves once every twenty-four hours, thus meeting the sun daily.

Bloomers in Central Park.

One of the most pleasant sights of Central park, on pleasant afternoons, says a New York paper, "is to see the procession of women bicyclists who ride in bloomers and seem to rejoice in their emancipation from skirts. They have ceased to excite astonishment and almost comment, and certainly demonstrate the common sense and appropriateness of a dress that is not only cool, sensible and comfortable, but modest and becoming. The latest bicycles for women are now being made without the drop bar, and we may expect to be able to discriminate between the sexes when on wheels only by the fullness of the trousers and the character of the back hair. An authority on the subject, who rides show, you knaw.' every day, tells me, however, that the majority of the women will always prefer the drop bar as being Cody is not here.'

"Well, I am at your service,' I embraced seven different linguistic stocks, the calendar could not have been an ethnic invention. Since the cotton crop (the seed), except what more distinctive and feminine."

Do Animais | ove Fun?

There seems no reason to doubt Monkeys are full of frolle for its own sake, and enjoy themselves most of all when playing mischievous jokes. A terrier performed his tricks so consciously that when no one praised it for them, it used to become quite sulky. A flock of geese have been known to cause a geese have been known to cause a "Aw, yes; I say, does he speak number of pigs to run the gauntlet any English?" between them, merely to hear the squealing of the porkers as they were bit at by the birds. There was a soldier's horse that was wont to be fastened by a r.ver's bank, and the creature had the ill habit of kicking at passing men, in order to make them fall into the water. The jackdaw will watch boys at their games with ev dent appreciation of the fun, and the amount of roguishness in kittens is perfectly notorious.

ot the Fault of the Sestem. Banks strengthens his memory by the use of a system of mnemonics, to learn which he paid the inventor

Rivers intrusted a package to Banks' care the other evening and the latter apologized next morning for having failed to deliver it.

"The fact is, Rivers," he said, "I forgot all about it.

"But how about the \$25 system of mnemonics "

ply it - that's all."

Truthful, Fut Not Polite. Edith-What a quick turn for repartee Harry Prince has.

Mabel-But he never says anything to wound one's feelings. Edith-And he is so gallant! You should think the world of him. He other day. Somebody remarked: "There are no frills on Mabel Stone," and Harry replied: "On the contra-

Bound to Have Something. Little Boy-If you pray for a thing and don't get it, wot's that a sign of Little Girl-That's a sign it isn't

ry, she is distinctly plain."-Boston

Transcript.

Little Boy-Well, I've prayed for most everything and didn't get it. Guess Ill pray for a new catechism next time.

in a Fix.

Boy-Teacher, I wish you would time is near at hand when wars will make that girl quit winking at me. be no more?" -Teacher-Why don't you look somewhere else?

at some other boy. - Texas Siftinga air really any use."

A THRILLING EXPERIENCE. An Artist on a Sketching Tour Drops

Into a Nest of Snakes. "I had an experience last year which I think was sufficiently thrilling to satisfy the most adventurous mind," said A. D. Cooper, a St. Louis artist, to a Globe-Democrat man. "I was down in Georgia on a sketching tour, and one afternoon wandered off into the forest and sat down on the trunk of a fallen tree to contemplate the beauties of nature. I had only been there a few minutes when my interest was riveted on the wonderful saffron and gray hues of one of the exposed roots of a tree near where I was sitting. These views were almost metallic, and I regretted that I had not brought my colors with me, so that I could make a note of them. In gazing about me I observed on one of the interlacing bows above me a similar effect, though this time it was of a green-

ish-plack tint

"While sitting and admiring those lovely effects of color, to which the sun gave tinseled beauty, I was suddenly seized with a fascination, which even now I recall with a sense of horror; in that second of time I realized that a green snake of considerable size was staring at me with its luminous, flame-colored eyes, within a short distance from where I sat The next instant I happily recovered myself, and started to my feet. At the same moment the saffron-gray trunk near me, which I had so greatly admired only a few minutes before, slowly unwound itself; it was another reptile of the same kind. My supposed greenish-black, metallic tinted bough had at the same instant wriggled down to an open space, unpleasantly near my feet, and several tendril branches, as I had supposed them to be, commenced to show signs of snaky animation. In fact. much to my consternation, I found myself to be in a very hot-bed of snakes: the place was literally alive with them.

"I am no naturalist, and I cannot buffalo or a butterfly, but I only know that it was with a feeling of immense relief that I found myself safe upon the highway, and lost no time in putting a considerable distance between myself and that dread-

SALSBURY WAS FOOLED.

How the Wild West Manager Was Taken in by a Fellow Countryman. "One day there came into my office in London," said Mr. Nate Salsbury to a New York Advertiser man, "a very impassible looking man, about six feet two inches high, and wearing a monocle as if it had been glued into his eye. He looked me

all over and then said: ".Aw-I say, is there any one, aw. who can show me around a bit, you know? I represent the Graphic.

" Well, you look it,' said L "Yes, aw. I aw-wanted to do a bit of pictures and writing about the

"Cody, Cody, Colonel Cody?' he said 'And who may he be? I say. I don't knaw the fellow.'

"I threw up my hands at that. had spent hundreds and thousands of dollars to give London some knowledge of Colonel Cody. I had filled the town with such advertising as it had never known before. " Colonel Cody is Buffalo Bill, I

replied.

" Well, he speaks a little."

"Born in America?" "No; in Patagonia." ... I-aw, say, is he dangerous?

... No: perfectly harmless. " Dear me! born in Patagonia. Is

that New York?" "I looked at him in despair. was a hopeless case. I was wonder-

ing what to do with him when he dropped his monocle and English accent and said with a grin: 'The drinks are on you, old man.' "They were, too, for I had known

An ingenious Trap.

Quite a ghastly story is told of the British general postoffice, concern-ing "invisible ink." A postman had long been suspected of stealing sheets of postage-stamps, but the crime could not be brought home to him. One day he was found with a equare foot or two of them in his possession, and confronted with his "That system," retorted Banks possession, and confronted with his hotly, "is all right. I forgot to apofficial superiors. He maintained, as on former occasions, that he had bought them for his own use. "What! these?" exclaimed his chief, at the same time passing a moist brush over one of the sheets, whereupon the blood-red words, "Stolen from the general postoffice," started out like flame upon it. An eye-witness of the occurrence described it was so prompt in your defense the as most melodramatic, and the ingenious chemical contrivance at once brought the thief to his knees. -Argonaut.

Muscles of the Hand-

The muscles of the hand reach their highest perfection in man; no other animal has a true hand; the muscles of the eyes, ears and nose show that several groups, which in the lower animals are very highly developed, in man are in an almost rudimentary condition.

One Old Lady's opinion. "Don't you think," asked the enthusiastic young minister, "that the

"Goodness, no!" exclaimed Mra Jason. "War's about the only chance Boy-Because if I do, she'll wink the men folks has to show that they

SHE WAS ONLY INQUIRING. n Exercising Her Woman's Privilege

She Met no Warm Reception. A curious looking woman went into one of the biggest dry goods stores and looked and dearfously. She was just as cur o is, too, as she

looked. "Do you live in town?" said she to

the young lady clerk. "Yes," was the reply. "Who owns this store?"

"That gentleman," said the clerk, pointing to the proprietor. "Is he good to you?"

"Well, not any more than he is to the rest," said the clerk, blushing. "You married?" said the woman. "No." said the clerk.

"No thought of it 'mebbe?" "Well, yes. I have thought of it." "Got a gentleman, I hope," said the curious woman, as she handled and inspected the goods she was

buying. .. How old be you, might I ask, if added apologetically, "but I'm awfully interested in mos' folks. I think it's our cuty to get as well acquainted as we can in this world. By the way," she continued, "I'm cur'us to know where you get your dresses made. I want to hev a new dress and I'm bound to hev this one in style. How much did it cost ye?"

The young lady, if we got the story right, was by this time in a regular state of mind and she answered as best she could. The answers were evidently satisfactory, but there is a limit to the

patience even of a dry goods clerk, for when the woman said to her: "Is that your engagement ring?" flashed out in proper resentment: "None of your business, madam."

"Shoo," said the curious woman, without any other apparent resentdidn't mean to be."

And then they both smiled and they parted good friends, for this is favorable to prolonged endurance give you their names, neither can 1 a funny world and the curious wo- upon the track, because the movetell whether their blie would kill a man doesn't know yet that she is ment of a pacing horse produces impertinent.

From Central Asia.

The mysterious ancestry of the frequently been ascribed to far off Polynesia: but now, for the first time, a seemingly convincing proof of this theory has been presented. The native calendar, found only in Central dar of the Polynesians and Melanesi- they become bread-winners. ans. Hitherto it had been thought to be without a parallel in the entire world. With the single exception of the division of the year in the native American calendar into months of in every essential feature. The symbols for the various days, such bility that the dolmen bearers of Japan and of Peru and the pyramid to the same family as those of Central Asia

Couldn't Guess.

College Chum-Who is that pretty girl over there? Junior-The one in the blue dress?

"Goodness, no. She has a nose like a parrot." "The one in black?" "That peaked thing! Of course

"Oh, you mean the one with red

flowers in her hat?" "No, I don't. I mean the one talking to her."

"Eh? You don't call her pretty, do you? She's my sister."

oo Egotistical.

"Sir, I hear you using the word him several years ago as a New donkey very frequently in your con-York newspaper man." versation." "Yes; your ears do not deceive

vou." "Am I to understand that you

apply the word to me?" "Why, what makes you harbor such an unjust suspicion? Don't you know that there are lots of donkeys

in the world besides you?"-Texas Siftings.

A Wave of Reform. after school for whispering to Tom- Most of them move the right arm my Dodd any more. Mother—I'm with the left leg and the left arm glad of that "Yes'm, Tommy sat with the right leg. A man who behind me, and I had to turn my gave up the habit for a time rehead to whisper to him, and the turned to it, for the reason that it teacher always saw me." "You seemed to help him to walk rapidly. won't do it any more, I hope." —New York Sun. "Nome. I've got a seat behind Tommy, and now he'll have to turn his head. -Good News

n the Newspaper Line.

Banks, in the newspaper line-H'mph! Here's a squib credited to the Perkins Junction Banner that I wrote six years ago for the Daily

Rivers, fellow laborer-Do you remember everything you have ever written? "Of course I do."

"What a cave of gloom your mem-

ory must be!" 1 refound Theory.

Mr. Janson-I'll fist bet it was the women that started this here strike. Mrs Janson-Fer the land's sakel Mr. Janson-That's what I said. roaders' wives wouldn't rest till him when he was down." their husbands was in the fashion.

PACERS GROWING IN FAVOR. A Marked Change of Opinion in the Pas-

Ten Years. The increasing popularity of the pacer is shown by the fact that out of thirty-nine newcomers to the list this year fifteen are of the lateralgaited variety, says the Western Breeder. This is a very great change from the condition of things but a few years ago. Then the taste of the people did not run to pacers, and it was fashionable to decry and discourage them. Now most drivers want at least one pacer, and many of them prefer pacers to trotters. It is said that the preference for trotters which so largely prevailed was due in a considerable measure to the influence of Robert Bonner, who never fancied them. This may be true, but we believe the preference for the trotter is one of much more antiquity than this fact would, taken by itself, indicate. It would scarcely have been possible for any one man in it ain't an impertinence? I don't this country to have formed the know's it's any o' my business," she national taste. We believe that the more probable cause of this preference was the fact that when the present system of harness racing was inaugurated in the East trotting horses were found in greater abundance and were, therefore, used in greater numbers on the track. The preference for one gait rather

than the other is largely a matter of individual taste. It used to be said that the pacers would not stay in these races. This has been discovered to be a mistake. Doubtless the old-fashioned "plug" horses that paced with their whole bodies, instead of their legs, were not horses of remarkable stamina. But there has been almost as great improvethe little lady behind the counter ment in the breeding of pacers as trotters, and there are many of them now that the brothers and sisters of great trotting performers, as well as others, pacing bred, that have all ment. "You needn't be so tetchy. the race horse quality possible. So Hope I bain't seemed meddlin.' I far as the method of locomotion affects stamina, the pacing gait should be rather favorable than unless strain on the limbs than the movement of a trotter. It is notorious that pacers come to their speed more easily and require less trainpre-historic tribes of Mexico ing than trotters, and this point is and of Central America has greatly in their favor. The long greatly in their favor. The long course of education which most trotters have to undergo is, without doubt, a drawback for two reasons; first, because it increases the expense necessary to prepare them America and the southern half of for use on the track; and secondly, Mexico, has been identified by Pro- that it increases the probability of fessor Cyrus Thomas with the calen- their being "knocked out" before

COTTONSEED OIL.

The Many Uses to Which This Valuable

Product Is Now Put. "It is astonishing to what a multwenty days, the two systems agree titude of uses cottonseed oil is now put, and how enormously the demand for it has grown, and that as the shark, wind, rain, dog and make it surprising that the merits of lizard are found to have been the the oil were not discovered sooner, same, at least linguistically. As the said C. J. Johnson, of Atlanta, to the American tribes using the calendar Globe-Democrat man. For cenbeen an ethnic invention. Since the was used for planting, was either days of Quatrefages so much new thrown away as waste, used for enlight has been shed upon anthro-pology that it is now within proba-Only of late years was the mercantile value of the oil discovered. It de-Japan and of Peru and the pyramid veloped very rapidly. In two or builders of Central America belong three years mills for crushing the seed and rendering the oil sprang up all over the South, and the new industry increased, until now I believe the cotton seed oil trust is second only to the Standard oil trust in cap-Ital and magnitude of its operations. At first the product was modestly used for cooking purposes in place of lard, but its sphere was very soon ercise. Ine eyes do not need to be taught keenness, as they are always on the watch to supply information u-ually furnished by hearing, but they are taught to attain great power of fixedness, so that the attention may be concentrated without diversion upon the lips of any person speaking.

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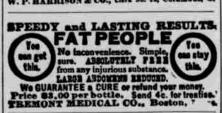
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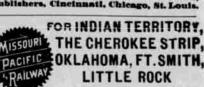
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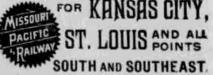
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