Tells of Witnessing

Volcano in Eruption Joseph H. Sinclair, representing the American Geographic society, has returned to this country from a hard trip of exploration through Ecuador, where he had a terrific experience in an endeavor to reach a smoking volcano which had erupted, the whole country for miles around being deluged with a flow of lava. The natives had a wholesome superstitious fear of the great pile and could not be induced to guide the explorer as near as he wanted to go, but by his own efforts and alone he managed to get within seven miles of the cone and this was near enough for him to witness a number of explosions which repeatedly changed the contour of the crater's rim. Little or nothing had been known about the volcano and he

character and location. Mr. Sinclair pointed out that he was not the first white man to see the volcano--a mountain which the natives call Reventador, meaning "Eruptor." Near the place the explorers came on a lone white man who could not tell them how long he had been there nor why he had penetrated so far from civilized association. Nor would be go with them to the mountain. He, too, had been infected by the superstition of the natives, which holds that whenever a human sets foot on the side of the tall volcano Reventador becomes "muy brava." or very brave.

secured valuable data concerning its

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Immunity to Poisons Not Yet Understood

One of the most fascinating chapters in animal poisons is the subject of natural immunity, the fact that some animals are immune to the poi sons of others and remain unburt it stung or bitten by the poisonous animals, whereas all other sorts of beasts succumb.

A case in point is that of desert animals, which are unharmed by a scorpion's sting. The desert fox, the kungaroo rat and other inhabitants of deserts where scorpions abound are in this happy position. Their cousins, living far away from the desert, would at once be seriously injured by a scorpion's sting, whereas the desert breeds remain unburt. It is to be supposed that in the far distant past, before the desert animals had this complete immunity to scorpion venom, those which were stung and could not resist died, leaving no offspring. Their luckier brothers, who happened to have a hardier constitution, survived and left behind them a resistant race of descendants.-The Forum.

Created Cinderella

It was just three centuries since Charles Perrault, creator of Cinderella and Red Riding Hood, was born. Perrault, a Frenchman, never dreamed that the fairy children of his brain would become immortal. He wrote poetry of an exceedingly duli order, and it was by his poems and not by his fairy stories that he hoped to win fame. Perrault conceived and wrote his stories, which he called "Tales of Mother Goose," to please his little son, just as Lewis Carroll, a mathematician, told the tale of Alice in Wonderland to amuse two little girls. Cinderella and her glass slipper was one of Perrault's favorite heroines. Some people have tried to insist that Cinderella's slipper of "verre," or glass, was meant to be a slipper of "vair," or fur, but one cannot imagine Cinderella in anything but a crystal slipper.

What Is a Peddler?

The word peddler is derived from an old English word, "ped." as in Spencer's "Shepheard's Calendar" "A bask is a wicker ped wherein they use to carry fish." It has no connection with the Latin pedls, a foot, as often reported. A peddler is, therefore, one with a ped, basket, or pack, and it has been held in law, one who has the identical article he sells in his "ped." It is, simply speaking, incorrect, there fore, to call an itinerant merchant. who simply takes orders for goods bought from seeing samples he carries, a peddler.

Airplanes Cut Journey

An airplane service for gold dig gers and others concerned with the newly discovered fields in New Guinea is the latest aerial development. The new fields are on a 2,000-foot high plateau, 60 miles from the coast, a cross-country journey of six days, and a fleet of airplanes has reduced the trail to one of 50 minutes. All supplies for the fields are now carried by air, the machines returning to the coast with cargoes of gold and passengers.

Waterproof Glue

Casein glues are exceedingly resistant to the action of water and retain a very high percentage of their original strength, even after long immersion under water. They are comparatively inexpensive, and the materials from which they are made are readily available in the market. They are applied cold and will set without the application of heat.

The Biggest Crater

Two young Swedish students of geology named Wadell and Ygberg, after an expedition in Iceland, have discovered what is believed to be the largest crater in the world, measuring five miles long and a quarter mile wide, and further claim to have discovered warm springs.

Excellent Work Done

by the Navy Stations

There is a constant increase in the number of compass stations maintained by the Navy department along the various coasts. The latest statistics available show that 15,374 ship captains were shown their location during heavy fogs last year, and it is fair to assume that at least 10 per cent of them might have been grounded or wrecked had it not been for the assistance given by radio.

A compass station is a wireless plant where special apparatus is used for telling the definite location of a vessel. A ship is lost in the fog: the wireless operator flashes out the signal, "Q. T. The station receiving the message adjusts the radio compass to meet the direction from which the message comes. This is the "mechanical ear" of the station and the operator can tell exactly the direction down to a point of the compass. Each station getting the message reports to a central station, where calculations are made as to the location of the ship. The distance from shore is told by the strength of the signals. Then within five minutes of the time the vessel sends out the inquiry the reply comes back and the ship's master knows just where he is and pilots his craft accordingly.

Too Much Pessimism

Takes Joy From Life

People that are always looking for all the hardships and difficulties that they may meet travel a hard road if their speech is in line with their thinking. I know farmers that start in with spring work and see their crops ruined by coming disaster, until it has been stored away. A snow and cold spell coming after the oats are in is certain to kill the seed, and all must be done A two days' rain is evidence that it is going to be so wet that nothing will mature. If the surface of the ground is dry we are in the start of a dry spell that will ruin everything. Thus it goes daily to the finish. I claim that a man that really thinks that way lives a mighty poor life. We have to take about everything on faith in this old world and on the whole our faith is justified. A happy philosophy of life is a thing that can be cultivated and is worth while. It is an added treasure to the joy of living. not for one but for many.-George Godfrey in Successful Farming.

Dear Girls

Amelia Gingham, the noted actress, was bright and gay to the end. She said one evening at a dinner in her Riverside drive flat:

"The girl of today is dear-dear in the monetary sense.

"A millionaire's son was drinking tea in a girl sculptor's studio in Greenwich Village. He said, as he poured a little more Bacardi into his

"'I got my month's allowance this morning.'

"'Did you? What are you going to do with it? asked the girl sculptor. 'Well,' said the young man, 'I haven't made up my mind whether to buy another racing car or to ask you out for the evening."

Interesting Old Organ

Count Georg Friedrich Solms-Laubach, flying mate and financial backer of Otto Koennecke, devotes many an evening hour to playing the organ. Count Solms boasts of having one of the oldest and most interesting organs in Germany. It is so rare a specimen of the art of organ building in the Seventeenth century that the management of the Frankfurt exposition on "Music in the Life of the Nations" requested its loan for the duration of the fair. Count Solms readily assented. The ancient organ has only five stops and one manual.

Diligence

Our word, diligence, is from the Latin, "diligencia." It means the quality of being diligent; interested and persevering application; devoted and painstaking effort to acomplish what is undertaken; assiduous industry: careful attention. Industry has the wider sense of the two words, imply ing an habitual devotion to labor for some valuable end, as knowledge or property. Diligence denotes earnest application to some specific object or pursuit which more or less directly has a strong hold on one's interest or feelings.

Hairy Elephants

Historians tell us that, in prehistoric times, mighty mastodons and mammoths were covered from head to tall with a very coarse hair which, in many cases, grew long. So the elephant's forefathers had long hair but, as the world changed with regard to weather conditions, from the bitter frosty glaciers that were encountered to the modern climate of extreme heat and cold, the elephant gradually doffed his overcoat. The hair sometimes seen on the top of his head alone remains as a reminder.

Moderation

There is a wide difference between the confidence which becomes a man and the weakness which disgraces a fool. He who never trusts, is a nig gard of his soul, who starves himself, and by whom no other is enriched; but he who gives to every one his confidence, and every one his praise, squanders the fruit which should serve for the encouragement of integrity and reward of excellence,-Sophia rson, in "Gems for the Toilet."

Large Sums of Money Forwarded by Wire

Money orders to the number of 3,-798,548 and calling for the payment of more than \$250,000,000 were handled last year by the Western Union Telegraph company in its money transfer service, according to Dots and Dashes, a monthly publication of the company. The largest single sum handled was \$250,000, while the smallest was 1 cent. The \$250,-000 order was in connection with a

motion picture contract. The 1-cent transaction grew out of a difference arising when a person in New York sent an acquaintance in Chicago a postcard bearing a 1-cent stamp. The latter, in a sarcastic mood, complained that the communication had been received with postage due. Upon receipt of this letter. the man in New York went to the telegraph office, sent the cent with a caustic message and went off less \$1, the cost of transmission. Instances of 2-cent money orders are said to be quite frequent, involving in practically every case valuable mail held for postage due.

The three greatest sources of money order business are listed by the company publication as workmen em ployed on jobs away from their home town, out-of-town visitors and tourists caught short of funds on their travels, and traveling salesmen. Many firms encourage their representatives to ask for expense money by wire. They regard that as more economical than to have salesmen waiting for money while hotel bills accrue.

Remodeled Barn Made Into Camp for Girls

How an old gray barn in the country near New York city was remodeled into a girls camp by the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor is told by W. H. Matthews in Hygela Magazine.

It was an enormous barn, with numerous stalls, three floors, a silo, barness rooms and a magnificent view of the Catskill mountains. Extensive remodeling was necessary, but it proved less expensive than the original plan to build a group of cottages, and the result was a unique camp.

Fifty-five girls were accommodated for five weeks at a time. The time was a radical departure from the usuat plan of keeping children for two weeks. Congenial counselors, opportunity for wholesome outdoor play and substantial gains in health made the visit at "Greybarns" a strong influence for good in the lives of girls who had never had such an opportunity

Ol' Dobbin

O horse, you are a wonderful thing; no buttons to push, no horns to honk; you start yourself, no clutch to slip; no spark to miss, no gears to strip; no license-buying every year, with plates to screw on front and rear; no gas bills climbing up each day, stealing the joy of mot'ring away; no speed cops chugging in your rear, yelling immons in your ear. Your inner tubes are all O. K. and. bless your heart, they stay that way; your spark plugs never miss and fuss, the way they do in some old bus. Your frame is good for many a mile; your body never changes style. Your wants are few and easy met; you've something on the auto yet.-American Forests and Forest Life

For State Builders

They who preach patience to the peoples as the sole remedy for the ills by which they are oppressed or who while they admit the necessity of a contest, would yet leave the initiative to be taken by their rulers, do not, to my thinking, understand the state of things coming upon us. not enough to precipitate a monarchy into a gulf; the gulf must be closed up, and a durable edifice erected on its site.-From "Faith and the Future," by Mazzini.

Bobwhites and Quails

Many people think that the bobwhite and the quail are distinct species of birds. "Bobwhite" is merely the common name for the native American quail, particularly the "Colinus Virginianus" or Virginia quall. The quail is called "bobwhite" from the note of the male, which is accented on the second syllable and sounds like "bobwhite." In the Southern states the same bird is called "partridge," a name used in the North for the ruffed grouse or pheasant.

Forged Cameos

Hundreds of treasured cameos and intaglios, for which large sums have been paid, are spurious, although many of them are masterpleces of art. To such an extent have cameos been forged that, after a certain French count had spent \$25,000 in forming a collection, so many forgeries were found among them that, in despair of separating the false from the true, he parted with the lot for a fraction of what they had cost him.

Eased His Conscience

In 1882 David Nightingale bought a pair of shoes in John Dickman's store at Peekskill, N. Y., and then left for California without paying for them. Recently Nichringale returned to settle his forty year-old debt He found the shoe an had retired from business, but was still living Nightingale counted out \$4, the orig inal price of the shoes, and then \$2 more, which he estimated was ()

interest to date.

Wrong Beliefs About

Exercise and Heart

The old belief that the heart increased in size according to the increased amount of work it is called upon to perform is a myth, Dr. Mathias J. Seifert, Chicago, says in a study of the effect of exercise upon the heart, prepared for the Gorgas Memorial institute at Kansas City.

If an athlete's heart increases in size it is not because of the exercise he has performed, but because there was something fundamentally wrong with it to begin with Doctor Seifert

"It is now found," he says, "that the predisposition of the heart to enlargement is the result of infectious diseases, such as scarlet fever, pneumonia, rheumatism and too strenuous exercise in youth, as well as to physic

"Exercise for pleasure causes no enlargement of the heart, but on the contrary produces a strengthening of the whole body and, normally, even a smaller heart."

Cubans Cling to Old

Instrument of Death The one machine that the Spanlards are credited with having imported into

uba 134 years ago is still in use. It is the "garrote," instrument of death, which greatly resembles an old picture of an inquisition machine of torture. For many years the garrote served the Spaniards, dealing death to Cuban rebels. Since the expulsion of the Old world rulers it has been used at the Havana penitentiary as the ofticial instrument of execution.

No place but in Cuba is the garrote used officially in executions. A prisoner operates the beheading device and gets money and a time decrease in compensation for his services.

The Havana garrote is said to have taken 184 lives since it has been in Unhan use. Before that it was used in executing Spaniards accused of high treason.-Kansas City Star.

On Molding Character

Now, it is better than nothing for a bad man to have one virtuous im pulse; it is better than nothing for a man in a rocky field to find one place where there is soil and where a handful of corn will grow and wave like the trees of Lebanon; it is a glorious thing for a man to know that there something in the world besides himself, and that he is not omnipolent, omniscient, or omnipresent; it is a good thing for a man once in his tife to feel little, and to know bimself as he is; but how much better it would be if he could fix the vision and turn it into character!-Henry Ward Beecher.

Too Rough

She didn't understand football "Why did they knock that man down soon as he touched the ball?" she "Because he was trying to get a

goal," her brother explained. "But isn't the object of the game to get goals?"

"Yes; but he was-you see, he's on the other side. He was going the wrong way-that is, toward the wrong

'Well I don't see why they should knock him down to tell him that Everybody makes mistakes."-Mon

Rejecting a Compliment

A well-known member of the stock exchange, who is now giving up the close of a strenuous life to philanthropic efforts, was in his hey-day a tremendous gambler in stocks, and. incidentally, he and his partner were rather expert in the gentle art of making enemies. One of these accosted him with the pleasant remark: "Look here, you are the biggest thief on the stock exchange." "Ah," was the an swer. "it is evident you do not know my partner."-London Tit-Bits,

Jail Bird

It was one of those little parties at which an out-of-town girl was a guest of honor in the course of the evening she was introduced to a young man from the prep school. After the introduction, she avoided him with the most deliberate intent. When her hostess asked for an explanation, the young visitor replied that he was from the prep school. The hostess looked perplexed.

"But isn't it a sort of a peniten tiary?" the girl ventured.

English Tongue in France

English in eleven lessons so equipped twenty Paris policemen that they answered 350 questions in the new tanguage. This encouraging result caused the prefect. Jean Chiappe, to order 250 more of the force to go to the school. Frenchmen who have adventured abroad suggest that a notebook and pencil will help out the officers. for they have found it simpler in England and America to write their geustions rather than wrestle with the foreign accent.

Snow Storm Formation

Potentially snow storms form in general region of warmth, strange as it may seem. The area of low burometric pressure, or storm sea, comes whirling eastward across the Gulf states and then generally takes a twist northward along the Atlantic seaboard. When sufficiently far north these warm air currents are chilled and the moisture becomes snow, very often being borne to the earth by the back draft of east wind.

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