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Bostonians Photograph an Indian's Feat,

But Develop Nothing. Two young men of Boston, while on a journey through India last summer, witnessed an exhibition by a fakir in a small village outside Calcutta. The fakir was performing the usual ex-periment of making a rope descend from the clouds and a man come down the rope, who ascended by the same route after having his head cut off. The exhibition was in an open square before 1,000 spectators. Every one saw plainly what was happening. The two Bostonians had cameras

with them, and took numerous snap shots of the exhibition in its various stages. They intended to write an article upon the subject for a magazine, and illustrate it direct from photographs. They developed the plates with much interest upon their return to Boston recently. They were non-plused when they saw the results. The photographs revealed the fakir, surrounded by the crowd, with astonishment, bewilderment and horror pictured on their faces; but the extraordinary decapitation they had witnessed did not show upon the sensitive plates. The crowd standing around were apparently looking at nothing in the photographs.

What they saw had not happened at all, but they merely saw it in their mind's eye. While there is nothing remarkable in the force of suggestion, when applied to one person, it would not be impossible for an impression, such as the event which the Boston men saw, to be conveyed to one person in hypnotic condition. The circumstances at the Indian fakir's exhibition were, however, entirely different. Here were 1,000 people, fully awake, who all saw in their mind exactly the same picture, and had no doubt that the wonderful events actually happened.

RULES FOR BICYCLISTS. Sarcasm Used as a Means to Teach Cour

tesy on the Road. 1. The one object which all cyclists should keep steadily in view is to become "scorchers." There are three essentials before you can earn this proud title. First, you must totally disregard the convenience or safety of the public. Second, you must ride at minimum rate of fifteen miles an hour. Third, you must develop pronounced curvature of the spine as quickly as is compatible with your other engage-

2. Races should always be held on the high roads at a time of day when traffic is busiest.

3. Should you be unfortunate enough to knock down a pedestrian, do not trouble to stop and apologize or inquire if he's hurt. It is his business to get out of your way, and you should remind him of this obligation in the most forcible language at your disposal. This will tend to make the pastime exceedingly popular among non-cyclists.

4. If you notice an old gentleman crossing the road wait till you get quite close to him, then emit a wild warwhoop, blow your trumpet and enjoy the roaring fun of seeing what

a shock you have given him. 5. A still better plan, if a wayfarer happens to be walking in the middle of the road and going in your direction, is not to signal your approach at all, but to startle him into fits by sud-denly and silently gliding by him when he believes himself to be quite alone. The nearer you can shave his person the better the sport.

6. Of course the last plan is much improved if the wayfarer should be a market woman carrying milk or eggs, and, if in her fright, she drops her can or basket. Unfortunately few cyclists have the good fortune to witness this exquisite bit of rural comedy.

Aluminum.

There is an erroneous idea with reterence to aluminum. While it is true that alumina is present in all clay and nearly all our country rocks there is no process known for extracting it from clay as a practical commercial proposition. The obstacle not yet overcome is the presence of silica, which is reduced as a metal with the aluminum, rendering it brittle and unfit for use. All the aluminum produced for commercial purposes is from cryolite and beauxite, the former coming from Greenland and the latter from the Allegheny mountains and other places. Cryolite is a mineral having the appearance of alum. Beauxite is a brown mineral resembling fine sandstone.

At Rome Do as the Romans Do. Ambrose, bishop of Milan in the fourth century, was once visited by Monica and her son Augustine, the celebrated bishop of Hippo in North Africa. There was one point as to which Augustine was in some trouble, and he therefore asked Ambrose for his guidance in the matter. At Rome, he said, it was the custom to fast on Saturday, while at Milan they fasted not; what course was he, Augustine, to take? "Well," replied Ambrose, "when I am here, I dine as they are in the habit of doing, but when I go to Rome, I do as Romans do." This sensible saying has passed into a proverb, and means "Fall in with the custom of those with whom you hap-

A thorough-going egotist is generally devoid of the sense of humor. Such a person to whom no name need be given, was one time discoursing, chiefly of himself, but incidentally of others. "There's old Dr. Backbite," said he; "that man has the vilest character of any man I ever saw. He never opens his mouth without speaking ill of some one. He's an intolera-ble nuisance." No one replied and the speaker went on. "Now I can't understand that. As for me I make it a rule never to speak any ill of any "LITTLE RED HOUSE."

The Famous House of Nathaniel Hawthorne Will Be Restored.

The "Little Red House," in which Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote "Tangle-wood Tales," "The House of Seven Gables," and other stories, is to be restored. For many years the house, which is situated on the shore of Stockbridge Bowl, near the northwestern end, has been closed to the

A year or two ago there came such a desire from the society and literary people to see it that it was put in charge of an old lady, and was visited almost daily throughout the summer and autumn season. The house was destroyed by fire sometime ago and all that remains is the foundation and a part of the old fashioned chimney. It is on the south side of the highway leading toward Stockbridge from Len-

Many relics, pieces of brick and stone from the foundation, are carried away every year by the numerous curiosity seekers. There are people now living who know when the house was finished, and there are records showing the room in which Hawthorne wrote his famous works while living

There are several famous houses within a radius of a few miles, including the Plunkett house in Pittsfield, which Longfellow made famous by his poem, the "Old Clock on the Stairs," the house of Herman Melville, now or formerly owned by Colonel Lathers, of New York; "The Perch," where Fanny Kemble resided in Lenox;the Sedgwick amusion in Stockbridge, and the Bryant house in Great Barrington. All these are standing. The people feel that a restoration of the "Little Red House" would be a valuable and interesting addition to

SIGN LANGUAGE USELESS. Mistakes That Led Two Men to Use

Hands Instead of Tongues. Jones went out to the Boston deaf and dumb asylum to inspect the institution. On entering he met a man, evidently an inmate, and he at once endeavored to explain to the man by making signs upon his fingers that he wanted to look through the place. The man also made signs which Jones could not comprehend. Then Jones made other and more elaborate motions, which set the man at work with greater violence, and for the next half hour they stood in the hall gesticulating and twisting their fingers without either being able to comprehend what the other meant. Finally Jones became angry, and in an outburst of wrath exclaimed:

"Oh, get out, you idiot. I'm tired of bothering with you!"
Thereupon the man said, "That's

just what I was going to say about "Oh, you can speak, can you? Then

why in thunder didn't you say so and not keep me standing here motioning to you? I thought you were deaf and dumb."

"And I thought you were," said the

"I came here to inspect the asylum," said Jones, "and I took you for a patient."

"That's what I came here for, and I thought you were an attendant." said the man.

Here Jones and the man shook hands and hunted up a genuine tendant and went away happy. After this Jones will always use his tongue first, no matter where he is.

BUSH JUSTICE.

The Judges Disagreed and so the Prisoner Went Free.

There is a very good story going the rounds respecting "bush justice." If it is not true it ought to be. An Australian gum-digger had been accused by a store-keeper of larceny of some gum. The accused was brought up at an improvised court in a pub. Three justices sat in a row at one end of the room, the prisoner, constable and prosecutor at the other. After hearing the evidence one of the justices, after looking at, the justices' guide, said to the prisoner:

"We find you guilty; six months' hard."

No. 2 chimed in with, "You've read the wrong page; it should be page—and three months;" while No. 3 dissented from both awards, and said that under page-the correct sentence was

"I won't have a month," said the storekeeper, "it's not good enough!"
"Silence in the court," roared the constable.

"Well, then I withdraw the case." said, the prosecutor. Case accordingly withdrawn. The storekeeper, it is said got the gum-digger into the back vard and hammered him. Feeling somewhat satisfied then, he gave the gum-digger a one-pound note as a shinplaster, and so the affair ended.

Clergymen are supposed to have a peculiar talent for "improving the occasion. One of them did this in a witty, and, let us hope, an edifying manner: In early life he had met with an accident which left him with a broken nose, a deformity, about which, in spite of his piety, he was known to be a little sensitive. One day a new inquirer propounded the old question: "How happened you to break your nose?" The minister answered solemnly: "To tell the truth, my friend, the accident was caused by my poking my nose into other people's business.

High Mountains in America. It may surprise the reader who is a little rusty on geography to be informed that there are over : N mountains on the North American continent that are over 10,000 feet in height, but such is the case. In Alaska alone there are scores of them, and not less than five in that boreal region exceed

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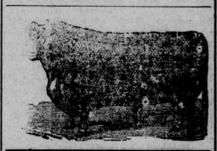


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