

A curious indication of an anomalous state of affairs in athletics at the university of Illinois is seen in the fact that while President Draper has put himself on record as emphatically in favor of collegiate and intercollegiate athletics, and while the university advertises officially that "much attention is paid to athletics," there, the young men recently debated in one of their debating societies the question: "Resolved, That foot ball should be prohibited at the university of Illinois." The question, after a thorough treatment, was decided in the affirmative.

It is said that there are three times as many teachers employed in the Sunday schools in Massachusetts as are employed in the public schools in that state, and the Congregationalist says that Sunday school teaching has reached a stage of development when teachers, in addition to piety, must have mental equipment.

Of the candidates for the British army who fail to pass the tests four out of five are rejected because of defective vision. The "eyesight" test consists of being able to count correctly with both eyes, as well as each eye separately, a number of small black dots exhibited on a card ten feet from the candidate.

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Prof. Mahaffy was once traveling in England, and in the same compartment with him was a melancholy gentleman dressed in black, who inquired of Dr. Mahaffy, was he saved? "Yes," was the reply, "but it was a very narrow squeak, and I don't like talking much about it."

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Don't judge the picture by the frame around it.

Mortal beauty is but bud in blossom.

In speaking of the late Dean Vaughan of Llandaff, the World of London, says: "Mrs. Vaughan is probably the only person now living who could disclose the number of bishoprics which her husband refused between 1855 and 1863. Lord Palmerston is said to have at one time offered Dr. Vaughan every see which became vacant, and the queen and the prince consort, were most anxious that he should accept a bishopric, and so also were the divines of very different church views as Archbishops Sumner, Longley and Tait, Bishops Wilberforce, Lonsdale and Hamilton, and Deans Milman, Wellesley and Stanley."

Many accidents caused by hot crimping-iron have been reported but none has been more strange and serious than that which occurred to Mrs. Pool, of Plainfield, N. J., a few days ago. Mrs. Pool was curling her hair, when the hot iron slipped and struck the center of her left eye. Cold water was at once applied, and considerable relief was had for a time. Later, however, the eye pained so badly that Mrs. Pool fainted. The next day the right eye was affected and the attending oculist now says that it is likely the sight of both will be lost.

Says the Portland (Me.) Express: "The sight of a young man going to school these mornings with his books under one arm and a big bull dog pipe projecting from his mouth is one of the end-of-the-century incidents that teach people that the youth of today is somewhat different from the one of 'ye olden times.' One would think so; but it is unfair to the youth of today to take the urchin mentioned as a sample. There were boys who were no honor to their friends even in the good old times."

J. E. Galbraith, who has been appointed traffic manager of the Cleveland Terminal and Valley Railroad Company, with headquarters at Cleveland, will also be the general agent of the B. and O. at that point. These two positions were formerly held by L. Rush Brockenbrough, who is now general freight agent of the B. and O. lines west of the Ohio river, with headquarters at Pittsburg.

Of the 250 stamps which have been issued the values have ranged from 1 cent to \$5,000. Five dollars is the highest value among postage stamps, but newspaper stamps reach the \$100 mark, while a revenue stamp may represent \$5,000.

Holiday Excursions.

On December 7 and 21 the Big Four Route and Chesapeake and Ohio Ry. will sell excursion tickets from points northwest, both one way and round trip, at greatly reduced rates to points in Virginia, North and South Carolina and other southern states. Round trip tickets will be good twenty-one days returning. Write for particulars and pamphlet descriptive of climate and Virginia farm land, U. L. Trutt, Northwestern Passenger Agent, 234 Clark St. Chicago.

There is a dearth of deep water sailors at San Francisco because of the rush for Alaska.

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On one farm near Flint, Mich., there are 1,120,000 cabbages.

LENGTH OF A THOUGHT.

Surprising Results of Experiments Made by a Noted British Scientist.

How long does it take a man to think? Professor Richet, at the recent meeting of the British association, gave the results of his investigations into this subject. He found that by mentally running up the notes of the musical scale for one or more octaves and then dividing the total time by the number of notes thought of, the time taken for each note was one-eleventh of a second. There are various ways of arriving at conclusions as to the amount of time necessary for realizing any physical sensation or mental impression. If the skin be touched repeatedly with light blows from a small hammer a person may, according to Professor Richet, distinguish the fact that the blows are separate and not continuous pressure when they follow one another as frequently as 1,000 a second. The smallest intervals of sound can be much better distinguished with one ear than with both. Thus the separateness of the clicks of a revolving toothed wheel was noted by one observer when they did not exceed sixty to the second, but using both ears he could not distinguish them when they occurred often than fifteen times a second.

The sharp sound of the electric spark of an induction coil was distinguished with one ear when the rate was as high as 500 to the second. Sight is much less keen than hearing in distinguishing differences. If a disc half white and half black be revolved, it will appear gray when its revolutions exceed twenty-four per second. It has been found that we can hear far more rapidly than we can count, so that if a clock-clicking movement runs faster than ten to the second we can count four clicks, while with twenty to the second we can only count two of them.

The Birds' Balance of Power.

In a recent lecture Prof. Wilmer Stone of Philadelphia cited many facts to show that birds are nature's great check on the excess of insects, and that they keep the balance between plants and insect life. Ten thousand caterpillars, it has been estimated, could destroy every blade of grass on an acre of cultivated ground. In thirty days from the time it is hatched an ordinary caterpillar increases 10,000 times in bulk, and the food it lives and grows on is vegetable. The insect population of a single cherry tree infested with aphides was calculated by a prominent entomologist at no less than 12,000,000! The bird population of cultivated districts has been estimated at from 700 to 1,000 per square mile. This is small compared with the number of insects, yet as each bird consumes hundreds of insects every day the latter are prevented from becoming the scourge they would be but for their feathered enemies.

Use of Old Gold.

One of the most sensible "fads" among the girls just now is to save up all their old jewelry, old gold thimbles which have the tops worn off, gold fob chains, gold bracelets, and pins, and even necklaces, and take them to some reliable jeweler, who will either melt them down and make what she wants out of them, or else will exchange them, allowing her for the weight of the gold. One girl made a collection for several years of broken bits of jewelry and, with some of her grandmother's added to them, sold them to her own jeweler and now is the happy possessor of a beautiful pearl necklace which she got in exchange.—Harper's Bazar.

His Sermons too Strong.

Rev. Archimedes Colbert, pastor of a church at Mile Run, Ohio, has preached some sermons so strong that he made many enemies. Monday night he was shot from ambush and will die.

O Yes!

Houston, Tex., has a lawyer named Crank. And there are others.

THINGS TO KNOW.

The relative size of the earth as compared with the sun is, approximately, that of a grain of sand to an orange.

The palatry of Spain is supposed to have been introduced into that country by the Moors. It is still in common use among the peasants.

The eye of the vulture is so constructed that it is a high power telescope, enabling the bird to see objects at an almost incredible distance.

The Eastern hemisphere, on which dwen ninety-two per cent of the population of the world, has 170,792 miles of railway, or forty-six per cent of all the railways.

A snake does not climb a tree or brush by coiling around it, but by holding on with the points of its scales. A snake on a pane of glass is almost helpless.

The old log cabin in Front Royal, Va., in which George Washington lived while surveying between 1748 and 1752, is still standing in fair condition and is used as a spring house.

It is said that the patterns on the finger-tips are not only unchangeable through life, but the chance of the finger prints of two persons being alike is less than one chance in 64,000,000,000.

In China government appointments are determined by the literary attainment of the applicants, and numerous instances are known of men spending many years in preparing for the government examination.

The number of miners employed in gold mining in New South Wales during 1896 was 12,669 in reefing, 9,482 Europeans and 710 Chinese in alluvial working, making a total of 22,207 men, an increase of 773 on the number so employed during 1895.

An English paper tells a story of the Rev. Mr. Watkinson, a Wesleyan preacher. Some time ago he was staying with a good woman who was yearning for the good old times and mourning the degeneracy of modern days and customs. The Wesleyan ministers of the early part of this century, she said, rose early, and dear Mr. Wesley was in his study at 4 o'clock in the morning. "It is not son's dry reply; "were Mrs. Watkinson anything like Mrs. Wesley I should be up at 2 o'clock."

M. Mounet-Sully, the famous tragedian of Paris, is having built for himself a splendid house near Bergamo. The construction is to be of commingled Roman and Byzantine character architecturally, and is described as a veritable palace. The country around is smiling and replete. The actor intends to dwell in the palace permanently when he retires from the stage. He is a native of the Perigord district, and wants to end his days near the spot where he was born, and far from the tumult of Paris.

Paris has, apart from two places where paupers can spend the night, fourteen asylums for the homeless, which last year lodged 144,037 persons, of whom 15,557 were women and 2,065 children. Among the lodgers were 246 professors and teachers, 18 students, 5 authors, 3 journalists, 120 actors and singers, 30 musicians and 16 music teachers.

Railroad Economy.

The Baltimore and Ohio South Western Railway has been experimenting with electric motors on turn-tables. Turning locomotives at divisional points and terminals is a service of much annoyance and no little expense to railroad companies. It generally takes four men to turn a locomotive, and while they are doing so their regular work is abandoned.

Experiments were made with an electric motor on the 60-foot turntable at Chillicothe with such success that the Park Street turn-table in Cincinnati was similarly equipped. The result has been rather astonishing in the matter of expense. The current was purchased from the power plant, and it cost on an average of less than one-half a cent for each time the table was turned. When this same table was operated by hand it cost 12 cents for each engine. The yearly saving is about \$709.

A parcel containing flowers, without sufficient postage attached, was deposited in the Battle Creek, Mich., postoffice the other day. Law and custom demanded that it be sent to the dead-letter office, but the clerks surmised that the flowers were intended for a funeral and took up a collection among themselves so that the parcel was sent on its way without delay. There was no clue as to the identity of the person who mailed it, and it was a clear case of casting their bread upon the waters by the postal clerks, even if it did cost them but a few cents at the most.

There Is a Class of People

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over 1/4 as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cents and 25 cents per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

Indianapolis Journal: "This," observed the Egyptologist, "is the remains of Thothmes II., who fought in the great war with Thebes." "Yes," murmured the mummy, "and didn't I get done up, though?" He wearily resigned himself to the unwrapping process.

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Speaking of the last achievement in India of the "gallant Gordons," Black and White says: "Not the least of the splendid anecdotes with which the Gordons have enriched our military history comes to their fellow countrymen this morning, and the name of the piper who, shot through both feet, sat and played his friends on to victory, will long be a cherished memory. Let your boys hear that story; they will be the better for it."

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Dr. Edward Bedloe, of Philadelphia, who has been appointed United States consul at Canton, China, "is today," says the Philadelphia Press, "an honored guest at the famous banquets of the east, and is one of the founders of Philadelphia's famous Clover Club. He has served in various responsible diplomatic positions in Italy, China and Egypt, under the administrations of Presidents Hayes and Harrison.

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