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### THE CURIOSITY SHOT.

### Subara Freitchie-Her Existence Ua Been Doubted-Now Vouched For.

A writer in The Boston Transcript thus speaks of Barbara Freitchie. He had taken this trouble to make personal inquiry: "Barbara was born in Lancaster, Pa. Her

husband was a glove maker, and her house projected partly over the creek which separ ates Frederick town from Frederick county This was done in order that the trimmings of the shop might be swept into the creek through a trap in the floor. The road traversed by the army lay close to the creek, which is, or was, about as wide as an ordinary street. Barbara's front door opened on the main street of the town, but the side of her house ran along the crock, parallel with this road. Only one window commanded it, and that was in the attic. The photograph sold in the town always represents the flag, which was about ten inches square, fluttering from this window. It was said at the time of the 'denial' that Barbarn's niece, who was living with her at the time, saw nothing of the occurrence. I found, upon inquiry, that she was hidden under the bed, repeating her German prayers. It would require a plan of the town to show how ingeniously the facts have been twisted to invalidate the peem. The troops did not go through the town, but through the county. The dividing line, however, was directly under Barbara's window. Jackson was not at the head of his column, but dropped behind and dashed into the town to leave a note under a friend's door with whom he intended to pass the fol-

A Shipwreck.

The steamer Central America sailed from Aspinwall for New York, Sept. 8, 1857, with 491 passengers and a crew of 101. The passengers were mostly miners returning from California with their fortunes in gold dust. Three days after leaving port she sprung a leak in a heavy gale. The vesrel filled and careened over, and then there was a curious spectacle. The miners were collecting their gold dust and storing it in belts and handkerchiefs to bind around their bodies. Thousands of dollars were flung about the cabin, and life preservers were put on. The courage exhibited was marvelous; not even the women shed a tear or raised a cry of agony, The Boston brig Marine hove in sight and bere down on the sinking steamer, when the women and children were rescued. Then efforts were made to rescue the crew and male passengers, and when forty had been takep off the vessel went down. The scene which followed surpassed all the romance and horrors of shipwreck; the water was filled with floating human beings, among them "Billy" Birch, the renowned minstrel.

### The Nebular Hypothesis.

Five hundred and twenty-seven lives were

lost.

The original conception of Laplace was that an atmosphere might have at first surcounded the sun, extending beyond the limits of the solar system; that gradual cooling and condensation of this vast rotating nebulons globe enused it to contract; that in the process of contraction successive rings were thrown off to form in one case a zone of small planets, but in general to break up and form each a single globe; that in the formation of such globes a similar process was repeated, ending in the formation of satellites, and, as in one well known case, of a ring of similar antchines. Laplace out forth his conception as a hypothesis, not as a certainty, but it is also true that he formed a high estimate of the probability of its correctness. In the ring system of Saturn astronomers seen to see the process conceived by Laplace going on before their eves, and even think it probable that observation and enlentation will, in the course of time, establish the theory on a stronger basis of probability.

### College Commencements.

Commencements are so called because they ure held at the beginning of the academ

## SCIENCE AND PROGRESS.

FRESH AND VALUABLE INFORMA-TION FROM MANY QUARTERS.

The Lantern Flics or "Cucuyos" of Caba and Brazil Take Kindly to Scientific Experiments-Wha! Was Done in the Line of Photography by This Phosphorescence.

Several species of beeties are luminous in the dark. The common firefly is too well known to need a special description, but its powers are feeble compared with the so called "lantern flies," or "encayes," found in Cuba, Brazil and Mexico. M. Michelet records extraordinary stories of these natural lamps bung on trees in the dark sonthern forests. He tells us that persons traveling by night are accustomed to pick these fire beetles from the bushes and fig them on their boots, so as to show the pathway, and put to flight lurking scrpents. In the morning the insects are carefully replaced on other bushes, so as to be at hand for the next lonely tourist that may need their aid. Mexican ladies are said to mount the cucuyos as gems in their hair, and string them as living diamonds around their waists,

A living specimen of the elater, as these lantern flies are termed by scientists, was

recently presented to the Bridgeport Scientific Society, and a writer in The Scientific lowing Sunday. He overtook the column American dejust as the gun was pointed," scribes it as about one and one-half inches in length

and of a dark brown color. Being desirous of see-

ing what might be BEETLE PROTOGRAPHY. done in the line of photography by this novel phosphoresence, experiments were made in this direction. According to the authority quoted from, the elater or lantern bug was held in the fingers within one inch of the original to be copied, and in such a position as to allow the rays to fall perpendicularly on the negative. The time of exposure to bug light was thirty seconds. The subsequent development was by the usual process. In the cut is shown the copy of a family portrait, said to have been photographed in the experiment described.

### Testing Waste Pipes.

Sanitary News considers the water test among the most severe ones. Air pressure, while not so satisfactory in point of immediate results, has the advantage of being distributed with nearly equal force to every point in the system. The mercurial gauge easily detects the fact of a leak, and the substitution of an odorous smoke for air quickly locates the spot. The peppermint test is well known as being well adapted to old work as well as new. A modifleation of this was tried the other day in this city by a gentleman whose cat was made the detector. An infusion of valerian vas poured down the yent pipe, and pussy was given the run of the rooms and passages where any escape might reach. She located three leaks, and came near uncovering them, too, in her eagerness to reach the, to her, attractive odor.

### That New Material, Woodite.

Engineering gives an account of a new interial bearing the name of "woodite," which is being introduced as a protection to shins of war, and for many other nurnoss, Woodite is a substance bearing a strong rsemblance to native india rubber, but, unlike that material, it never grows sticky, and resists the action of oils and heat. If it he placed on the outside of a vessel a shot may be driven through it, and yet it will close up so completely that it is difficult to find the speck which marks the spot where the shot entered. Woodite is coming into use for many commercial purposes, such as delivery

### PHYSIOLOGY AHD HYGIENE.

### A Physician States the Chances for Recovery in Various Diseases.

Dr. Pye-Smith, an English physician, has recently given expression to some very interesting conclusions' arrived at after a study of the prognosis or probable results of various diseases. Among them are the follow-

Typhus fever is most dangerous to person who have passed their 60th or 50th year, less so to infants and those between 30 and 55, and least daugerous to children about 5, and to young adults.

Smallpox in these particulars closely resembles typins. Whooping cough is dangerous during infancy, and benign after i years of age. Searlet fever seldom takes on and see my goods and work. malignant form when it attacks adults, Acute lobar pneumonia bas usually a favorable issue in youth, and is usually fatal in advanced years. In young adults oneumonia is rarely fatal unless the patient has disease of the kidneys or of the heart, or is of intemperate leabits, Pneumonia is also a dangerous complication of fevers or acute rheumatism. Acute lobar pneumonia, when not fatal, leaves the hing uninjured after recovery and the patient in good health. Acute bronchitis is a frequent cause of death in coung children and old people. Consump tion is most permicious when it is hereditary Consumptive patients, who lose flesh and color and appetite, with but little signs of disease in the lungs, are in a worse case than those who have marked local symptoms, but whose appetite and nutrition are good. It is rare for hemorrhage from either the lungs or the stonach to be immediately fatal, except it proceed from aneurism.

Chronic diseases of the spinal cord are more likely to end favorably in women than in men. Malignant tumors are more rapidly fatal in the young than in the old. Cancers in the aged are exceedingly slow in their process, and may even, in rare cases, atrophy. Stone in the kidney may frequently be cured without operation. The opposite is true of stone in the bladder. Diabetes is rapidly fatal when it occurs in young men, more curable in middle life, and of little danger in later years. Diarrhow is dangerous only in infants and in persons above 60 years of

### ture for Cramps in the Leg.

Many persons of both sexes are greatly troubled with cramps in one or both their legs, usually just after going to bed. It comes on suddenly, and is very severe. Most people jump out of bed and ask some one to rub the leg. Dr. R. W. St. Clair has known the cramp to last for hours, until at length the family physician would be sent for, but he says there is nothing easier than to make the spasm let go its hold, and it can be accomplished without sending for the doctor, who may be tired and in need of a good night's rest.

When he has a patient who is subject to eramp, Dr. St. Clair always advises him to provide himself with a good strong cord. A ong garter will do if nothing else is handy. When the cramp comes on take the cord, wind it around the leg over the place that is eramped, and take an end in each hand and give it a sharp pull one that will burt a little. Instantly the eramp will let up, and the suffers r can go to bed assured it will not come on again that night. For the permanent care, give about six or eight cells of galvanie failtery, with the negative pole applied over the spot that cramps, and the positive pole over the thigh. Give it for ten minutes and repeat every week for a month.

### Perspiration in Disease.

The office of the perspiration is principally to regulate the temperature of the body, and on its appearance in fevers the unusual heat is generally materially lessened. There are, inswever, exceptions to this rule, as profuse perspiration is often caused by extreme weakness; by various tervous conditionssuch as anxiety, irritation or excitementand a variety of other influences. If a high temperature exists while the skin is moist, it

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### BLOOD POISON.

Old dead teet) Who gushing out of at every med malthy? These dead, ulcerated. face. Should certal extracted and good, artificial teeth that neverache. Can be extract-ed without pain. No hum-MMC.

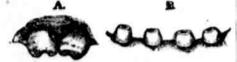


### ABRASION OF THE TEETH.

The above cut shows the teeth of a man 45 years of age, from Dr. Bell in 1831. We meet with this affection in the teeth in various forms and degrees. The ends of the crowns seem very out, having a low degree of vitality and wear down showing a dark yellowish cupped spot in the center. Many are so foolish as to that molar toeth are of little account.

the force of the muscles are extended to the

The best, and orig remedy, is to cover and build up the ends with gold and plathnum, which wears like steel and saves them many years. We make a specialty of fine gold work on building them up, contour fillings, etc



### Cuts A and B are from John Tomes, of Eng iand.

-Two incloors with notches in the ends. A-Two incisors with a certa with scalowish B shows the peg shaped teeth with scalowish pits in the ends

For such tech we have two remedies: First -To fill the pits in the ends with gold. See ond-Extract them and replace them with artificial teeth. But the boues absorb away rapidly so that they will need resetting fre-suently.

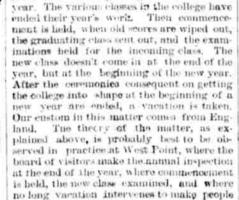
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no long vacation intervenes to make people think commencement is really ending.

### The Dage.

According to Bartlett's "Dictionary of Americanisms" and to Worcester the name "Dago" was at first applied only to Spaniards born in Louisiana; in time the application was extended to take in practically all persons of the Latin races born or living in this country. Neither of the books mentioned gives any derivation for the word. Daga is Italian for stiletto; this may suggest a derivation; another one may be the Spanish name Diego, James.

### Carlyle's "Surior Resartus."

"Sartor Resartas" means "The Stitcher Restitched." The book purports to be extracts from a work on the philosophy of clothes, by Diogenes Tettfelsdrockli; its scope is to show that all forms, creed, and institutions are but the garments in which man has from time to time clothed himself, and that these clothes are for the most part suffy in need of repair.

### What Is Known of Shakespeare.

All that is known with any degree of certainty concerning Shakespeare is that he was born at Strattord-upon-Avon, married and had children there; went to London, where he became an actor, and wrote poems and plays; returned to Stratford, made his will, died, and was buried.

#### Colonial Cabinet Officers.

### In England there is a secretary of state for India, and a secretary of state for the (rest of the) colonies. None of the colonies is a plates, canker sore mouths, etc. To loose the front teeth, is to loose half the power of speech, and more than half the portant. source of income, and therefore that colony

### An Imitation of Latin.

The following are from the whimsical repertory of Dean Swift, who look pleasare in oddities of this kind: Die, heris : go at, an da quarto fincale. Fora ringat ure nos, an da Etrizgat uretale.

Moitis abuti Has an accuti, No tasso finis Mei i divinia.

O m de armis ins imi na dis tres, Can u disco ver Meas alo ver.

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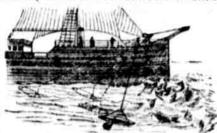
valves, air pump valves, packing, wheel tires, and it is said to be far more efficient for these purposes than either leather or india rubber.

### Execution by Electricity.

The bill signed by Governor Hill June authorizing that criminals shall be put to death by an electric shock, is to go into effect Jan. 1, 1889. The new method of execution will be applied in the punishment of crimes after that date in New York state.

### Calming the Sea with Oil.

There is proof existing which shows that calming the sea with oil is not a new idea. but the revival of a very ancient practice. Of late many experiments have been made which appear to demonstrate the practicability of calming breakers by means of oil jadicionsly distributed on the troubled waters



SHIP WITH A FLOAT CARRYING AN OIL BAG. The reservoir generally used by modern experimenters for spreading the oil is a strong cauvas bag of about five gallons capacity This is filled with oakum saturated with oil, its mouth is tightly closed, and several holes are made in the side with a sail needle. When the wind is astern, one of these bags is often allowed to trail from each angle of the stern or from a point a little further forward. Certain captains, however, prefer to attach the bags to the cathends. The bow of the ship, in plunging and repelling the sea, thus spreads the oil and widens the path where the breakers are suppressed. This arrangement appears to be very efficacious. In order to be thoroughly efficient, says La Natare, the apparatus must be capable of being placed at a certain distance off on the sea, and so arranged that the outflow can be regulated for running with side or rear winds. Unfortunately the problem is far from being solved; but, adhering to the use of bags, the outflow from which cannot be regulated, Adminal Cloue thinks that it would be very advantageous to fix these upon floats that might, after a manner, be directed at will and sent to some distance from the ship. The cut shows the arrange-ment proposed by him to this effect. The float employed, which receives the bag in the center, is eight feet in length and is provided with a rope girdle, to which is attached a tow line passing through a palley fixed to a boom firmly attached to the cathead. The tow line comes on board by passing over the bowsprit. If such a float be put into the sea it will, through the very speed of the ship, gradually come to a position in which it will efficiently protect the front by furnishing a layer of oil extending all along the vessel. An analogous arrangement may be very advantageously applied to lifeboats. These latter should be so arranged as to receive the bags either at the bow or stern or at the sides, suspended from the extremity of a sper if need be,

of heat with a dry surface. Light for the Sick Room. Smilleht is recognized us an intertant aid in recovery from sickness. Unless sloep 11 required in the daytime, as much light and cumshine as the patient can bear agreeably

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posed of two parts of pure salicylic acid and

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Some Objectionable Ways of Our Pretty

Young Damsels.

of their own which are more or less to be re-

gretted, and which it would be well for them

to look to and correct while they may, since

once established no habit is easily to be over-

One of these objectionable ways of ont

pretty damsels is a habit they have in travel-

ing-and one which could have hardly ex-

isted before the days of railways, as stage

coach authorities would never have winked

at it-of taking not only the whole of a seat

in the car, but of turning over the next seat-

and taking the whole of that, whether for

parcels or for the fair travelers' feel-a cus

tom very observable in the frequent suburban

To the authority already quoted it would

seem unnecessary to remind these young

indes that only a single seat was paid for by

each of them, and that therefore no more

should in decency be occupied by them, on

that score alone. But not only do they take

the space that does not belong to them, but

if another traveler comes along, looking for

a sant, no motion of withdrawal from the

usurpation is made, the newcomer has to ask

if the place is occupied, and instead of a

pleasant answer or reasoning, not to say

welcoming, smile, receives a grudging nega-

tive or else no reply at all in words, but in their place as frown

and an angry sweeping aside of the parcels,

As for the feet upon the opposite seat when

it has been turned over, it goes without ray-

ing that a lady, young or old, must be ex-

ceedingly ill or weavy and in a much greater

degree than ordinary railway travel sees, in

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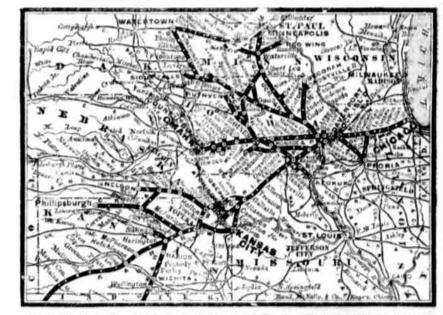
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