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This latter improvement will, to a large degree, do away with the vicious pounding which has proved so destructive to modern roadbeds. The perfect balancing of the engine will be largely due to the working of the two cylinders so near her center, and these same cylinders, working as they do from such a central point of vantage, will help out in the matter of speed to a great degree. —Phil. Cor. Boston Post.

Sermon by Telephone in England.

The transmission of sermons by telephone to those who from various causes are unable to attend church services which was experimented with in England last year, has turned out so successful that steps are being taken to extend its use on a large scale. Provided with the receiver specially used, it is said that invalids can hear perfectly while in bed. In a quiet room the tolling of the bell before service is distinctly audible, the prayers can be followed, the responses emphasized and every word of the sermon distinguished, while solos in the anthem are heard as distinctly as in the church.

Twenty-four calls were recently received at the telephone office for connection with a local church in an English town, and as the number of subscribers there probably numbered not more than sixty, it is evident that the privilege of hearing the sermon without going to the church for it was appreciated. In many of the large towns in England, especially in Manchester, Nottingham, Stafford, Wolverhampton, the church telephone service has come to be quite an institution.—New York Recorder.

Farming Does Pay Sometimes.

"Well, I suppose you have heard a great many big stories of our wonderful crop," remarked Hon. Thomas Simpson, of Winona, "but I have just heard one which I know is true and which well indicates the greatness of this year's crop in the grains besides wheat." Mr. Simpson then related to the reporter the history of two Winona boys in South Dakota this summer, withholding the names of the young men. Last spring they rented 3,200 acres in South Dakota at fifty cents an acre and put in a crop of flax. From this farm they obtained 50,000 bushels of flax, an average of a little over fifteen bushels to the acre. Selling this at ninety-five cents per bushel the young farmers realized $47,500. Their estimated expense was five dollars per acre, or $16,000, and this, deducted from the gross receipts, leaves a profit or $31,500 for one summer's work for two young men. The grain is now in the elevators.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Noble Deed of a Tramp.

Rarely indeed is anything seen in the papers to the credit of the genus tramp, but it is likely that many of them are as brave as Thomas Burns, whose prompt and daring deed recently saved the life of a little Italian girl, and shamed hundreds who inactively witnessed the incident. She had fallen into the fountain of the City Hall park, New York city. Crowds of well dressed people saw her peril, but not one of them made an effort to save her. They stared in speechless dismay, some of them probably thinking that water might injure their garments, when Thomas Burns, whose attire denoted him to be of the tramp order, hurriedly made his way to the front, plunged in and saved the imperiled child, whose unconscious body already lay at the bottom of the fountain.—Yankee Blade.

Prize Fat Men of the Northwest.

The competition for the prizes for the greatest amount of adipose tissue finally narrowed down to three candidates. The prize for the fattest man was carried off by F. S. Hammond, of Alpina, who tipped the beam at 373 pounds. Mr. Hammond is but twenty-three years old and six feet high. The prize consisted of a fine overcoat. The second prize, a handsome cane, was won by Joseph McKeo, proprietor of the Cactus Call House, who weighed 289 pounds, and is 6 feet 4 inches in height.—Portland Oregonian.

Irish Literature.

It is stated that Sir Charles Gavan Duffy is engaged on a long cherished project—the preparation of a series of notable Irish publications—somewhat after the style of Cassell's "National Library" volumes. The veteran statesman, though in rather weak health, is still as great an enthusiast in the matter of popular Irish literature as when, nigh fifty years ago, in conjunction with Thomas Davis and John Blake Dillon, he started the Dublin Nation.—London Star.

A Curious Hunter.

Dunbar Jack, who is one of the best hunters in all the down east region, is deaf and dumb. He has a camp near Beddington. He trapped four bears and a large number of otters, muskrats and minks last season. Trapping and hunting is the greater part of his business.—Bangor Commercial.

STONE FIGHTS IN CORÉA.

An Oriental Pastime That Must Be Attended with Great Danger.

Kite flying, which is universal in this country, ceases suddenly on the 15th of the first Corean month, and the next day stone fights take its place as the chief public amusement. In the eastern part of Seoul, the capital, there are large open spaces that have not been built upon, and here occur the most serious and interesting fights. One section of the city is pitted against another, but any one can take a hand on either side at pleasure. There are no recognized leaders, but the mass of fighters readily follows the lead of any one who shows himself to be a little more reckless than the rest.

Two mobs, consisting of fifty, seventy or a hundred men each, are drawn up against each other, with an interval of perhaps fifty yards between them. There is an incessant shower of stones, and each man's business is to hit as many men as he can, and especially to avoid all the stones directed at him. From ten to twenty men on each side are armed with stout clubs and wear thick wadded helmets. These form the skirmishing line. They sally out from their respective sides and, meeting in mid career, strike out viciously at each other's heads, each man holding up his cloak with his left hand as a shield to ward off the blows of his adversary.

After the club fight has lasted about thirty seconds one or the other begins to give way, which is the signal for a rush of the others. Almost invariably the other side breaks and runs, and sometimes are chased into their houses, but generally some of the pursuing party press too closely on the fugitives. Then the latter suddenly turn and deal a few staggering blows, which check the pursuers, and in a few seconds the tables are turned, and those who a moment ago are flushed with victory are now in full flight with their enemies. Thus the battle goes back and forth across the fields, while the neighboring embankments are crowded with spectators. The effect of the thundering cheers of the spectators upon the combatants is marvelous.

They charge upon each other as if in actual battle, and show what would be bravery if exerted in some useful cause. Near the river are numerous villages numbering from 100 to 500 houses each. They are situated along the banks at intervals of about half a mile. These keep up a continual series of fights among themselves during the season, one village being arrayed against the other. The defeated party fly across the marshy field to their own village, followed by their enemies, who enter after them, seizing anything on which they can lay their hands—iron files, doors—to mark their victory. Then the whole village rises against the invaders, and they fly, glad if they can get back without broken heads.

The first stone fight of the season was rather more disastrous than usual. It is reported that six men were killed; but this is probably an exaggeration. A company of soldiers were ordered out to stop it, which they found some difficulty in doing with fixed bayonets.—Japanese Paper.

Before Learning a Language.

Some students begin a language for the mere love of knowing foreign tongues; others acquire them either for professional purposes or with the aim of gaining access to foreign literatures. But whatever be the motive it is well to set out with some knowledge of the science of language—some insight into the relations of languages to each other—some grasp of the theories of modern scholars about the origin and development of speech. To learn language without knowing anything of the science of language is like acquiring the art of putting up electric fixtures without any knowledge of the principles of electrical science.

To approach it, on the other hand, from the standpoint of universal principles is to make the study of it easier and progress in any particular tongue much more rapid. By knowing, for example, the laws of consonantal interchange, we may often discover the meaning of words without being obliged to refer for them to the dictionary. In this way every new language learned makes more easy the acquirement of other tongues of the same or of allied stocks.—Boston Herald.

Unsafe Money to Carry.

My father was once with his ship at Rangoon. One day during a heavy thunderstorm he was driving in a cab to his agents, when he saw a "coolie" (porter) drop down in the street. He got out of the cab at once and went to the man, but he was dead. There was a burned patch in his waistcloth, on the right side, and some blackened copper "pice" lay on the ground. The man had just received them for carrying a load, and, as the clothes of the poorer natives of India and Burmah have no pockets, he had twisted them into his waistcloth, and this money must have attracted the lightning. But the most curious part of it was that the queen's head on one of the coins was clearly impressed on his side, and even the words "Queen Victoria" were clearly defined.—London Tit-Bits.

A Booby Prize.

A very cute "booby" prize given at a party was a cabbage, tied with a pink ribbon. When it was untied the top was lifted up and the inside contained fine candy. The center of the cabbage had been hollowed out, then lined with tissue paper, filled with the sweets, the top put back and tied on. It created much merriment.—Ellye H. Glover in Good Housekeeping.

Telling Fortunes.

In England a ring, a button and a coin are often placed in the wedding cake. She who secures the ring is to be the next bride; the button, the old maid; the coin secures a wealthy suitor. A ring put in posset "infuses magic power," and "will tell the fair if haply she will wed."—Cassell's Family Magazine.

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