

ONCE IN THE...

Careful Search Shows Discrepancies and Concordances in Error.

A minister in North Carolina and another, and also a Bible teacher in Kentucky, have been puzzled over this query: "The word 'its' is found only once in the Bible—where?"

The word "its" is not found in the best concordances of the Bible, such as Cruden's and Young's. Moreover, Worcester's larger dictionary quotes the statement of Trench, "Through the whole of our authorized version of the Bible 'its' does not once occur."

Webster's Unabridged Dictionary also says, "The possessive form, 'its,' is modern, being rarely found in Shakespeare and Milton, and not at all in King James' version of the Bible."

The statement of the revisers of the English Bible in their preface is more precise. They say: "It is well known that 'its' does not occur in the Bible of 1611, and it does not appear to have been introduced into any edition before 1660."

Now, if our North Carolina minister and other readers of the authorized version of the Bible will turn to Leviticus xxv, 5, they will find the following: "That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap."

The word "its" is therefore found in the current version of our English Bible, notwithstanding the statement of Worcester, Webster and other authorities to the contrary.

Moreover, the word appears in various editions, as those of the American Bible society, the Oxford and Cambridge Press issues, the Collins Bibles, Eyre and Spottiswoode's, Bagster's and all the editions of family and pulpit Bibles consulted for this purpose.—Sunday School World

Lord Tennyson as a Carpet Cleaner. Tennyson appeared once in the new character of carpet cleaner. Calling on some friends and finding them absent he wrote them a polite note, but had the misfortune to overturn the ink bottle upon the beautiful white Persian carpet.

The Funny Bone. A most unpleasant sensation is caused by the violent excitation of the ulnar nerve due to a blow on the elbow.

The Advantages of Dead Peers. The emperor of China has enabled the ancestors of Sir Halliday Macartney for three generations. I congratulate these posthumous noble men, wherever their disembodied spirits may be.

One who gives public or private recitations is certain to hear remarkable comments on his work. Most people wish for something emotional and dramatic, where the color is laid on with a heavy brush and sentiment is rampant.

"I like to be cuddled," said a great lady to me one day. "I like that piece about a child being run over by a train. Oh, isn't it run over? Well, you think it's going to be run over, and that's nearly as good."

Questions For Shoppers. Did you ever wait for change in a bargain store? Did you ever get home and find that you had omitted to wait for said change?

An Enthusiast Induced. Mrs. Trulove—What on earth ever induced you to engage yourself to Count Lackpenny?

He Saved the Young Lady, but Slipped and Was Dashed to Pieces. I witnessed a most heroic incident many years ago. In 1865 two ladies and two gentlemen went over the Susquehanna river, opposite a small town in Pennsylvania, to a place called Peter Steps.

But, alas, the rope was too short. He did not wait for a longer one, but inch by inch he picked his way to the oak tree, and by the greatest exertion he managed to get her to the base of the tree.

A Glimpse of New England Life. Apropos of character sketching are the following little bits of New England life seen on a train the other day.

How the Sultan's Food Is Prepared. The food for the sultan of Turkey is cooked by one man and his assistants, and no others touch it.

Railroad English. Slang expressions generally originate with the railroad men, and a person not versed in slang might listen to a crowd of railroad men talking for an hour without getting the slightest impression of their meaning.

The Glowworm Lays Eggs which are themselves luminous; however, the young hatched from them are not possessed of these peculiar properties until after the first transformation.

The Paris Jardin des Plantes owes its origin to a florist, who, in the time of Henry IV, grew all sorts of native and imported plants, to sell flowers as models to the manufacturers of embroideries and dresses.

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The Families of Patterson. Tompkins with a "p" is not more significant than Patterson with two "t's" if tradition is to be trusted.

Not Far Enough Along. Mrs. Westcott—Why don't you wear a fur-lined overcoat, like Mr. Rich?

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A Book Miracle.

Of all the curiosities preserved at Killdare, and of all the miracles recorded as having been performed at that place, none appears more wonderful than that marvelous book which is said to have been written in the time of St. Bridget and to have been dictated by an angel.

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Canary Birds Come from Germany. "There's a funny thing about canary birds," said a Ninth street bird fancier yesterday.

White Animals Among the Japanese. A white fox is often mentioned in the Japanese fables, and a white serpent appears in their pictures of Bente, the goddess of fortune.

Breathing of Insects. Insects generally breathe through special pores in various parts of their body and if these pores are closed by oil they are suffocated.

An Abbreviation Explained. The origin of the symbol "cwt." for hundredweight is as follows: C is the initial letter of the Latin word "centum," meaning a hundred, and wt. are the first and last letters of the word "weight."

Diphtheria and Smokers. It may be not generally known that four men in every six use tobacco; yet a medical man in Vienna asserts that diphtheria is three as prevalent among smokers as those who deny themselves the luxury of the weed.

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