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Marathon in Uganda.

Fever for long distance races has spread all over the world. Recently they held one in far-off Uganda. It was from Entebbe to Kampula. No one around here may know much about Entebbe and Kampula, but they are 26 miles apart.

Although the staple diet of the natives consists of bananas and potatoes, the men often show great staying power over long distances when carrying letters, and it was hoped that the Olympic time might be beaten. This was not so, however, as the winner took three hours and three minutes over the course, being closely followed home by the second and third men. When, however, it is considered that they were untrained, that they finished fresh enough to leap and run about, that the cyclists merely patrolled the road and did not pace the runners, that the race took place in the hottest part of the day and was partly over a road wet with recent shower, no one will deny the men's ability. It is amusing to note that three of the runners carried umbrellas and that the winner on finishing danced about saying that he was a very fine fellow and knew how to run well.

Nothing Lacking.

A Highland minister, who was rather a pompous gentleman, came to a shepherd's house to baptize a child. "Are you prepared?" he asked the fond parent. "Ou ay, munnister; I have got a grand ham for tea." "I mean spiritually prepared," thundered the cleric. "Af coorse I am; oh, yes. I got two bottles o' first-class whisky from the Inn," replied the imperturbable Celt.—Tit-Bits.

Red Cotton Bug India's Pest.

One of the most destructive as well as one of the most offensive pests that afflict the planters of India is the red cotton bug. The insect has been reported as a cotton pest from every part of the country. Its presence is detected by the offensive odor.

New York's Costly Plant.

Central park in New York city is assessed at the valuation of \$215,000,000, not for the purpose of taxation, but so as to show the amount of real estate value that is exempt from taxes.

Might Happen.

He—"Nothing could ever come between us, could it dear?" She—"I can't think of a single thing, unless I should happen to become engaged to some other man before we get married."—Stray Stories.

DEW PONDS OF THE ANCIENTS.

Description of Prehistoric Method of Obtaining Water Supply.

One of the prehistoric methods used in securing a water supply in sections where it was impossible to secure it from natural sources, or where it became necessary to live on elevated territory for defense was by the construction of dew ponds. These dew ponds were made by hollowing out the earth for a space far in excess of the apparent requirements of such a pond, then thickly covering the whole of the hollow with a coating of straw. The straw in its turn was covered by a layer of well chosen, finely puddled clay, and the upper surface of the clay closely strewn with stones.

Such a pond will gradually become filled with water, the more rapidly the larger it is, even though no rain may fall. During the warmth of a summer day the earth will store a considerable amount of heat, while the pond, protected from the heat by the nonconductivity of the straw, is at the same time chilled by the process of evaporation from the puddled clay. The consequence is that during the night the moisture of the comparatively warm air is condensed on the surface of the cold clay. As the condensation during the nights is in excess of the evaporation during the day, the pond becomes, night by night, gradually filled.—Popular Mechanics.

Meteors Add to Earth's Weight.

The meteors which fall upon the earth in vast numbers every year add their weight to the earth. Thus the earth is increasing a minute quantity in weight each year, but not enough to be perceptible in thousands of years. Except for the escape of light gases from the atmosphere there is no known way in which the earth can lose weight.

Chinese Idea of Government.

Here is a Chinese idea of prosperity in a nation: "When the sword is rusty, the plow bright, the prisons empty, the granaries full, the steps of the temple worn down and those of the law courts grass-grown, when doctors go afoot, the bakers on horseback, and the men of letters drive in their own carriages, then the empire is well governed."

Natural History.

A certain father who is fond of putting his boys through natural history examinations is often surprised by their mental agility. He recently asked them to tell him "what animal is satisfied with the least nourishment." "The moth!" one of them shouted, confidently. "It eats nothing but holes."—Youth's Companion.

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