Vagaries of Fashion

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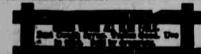
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How far away can a spider see a fly After several years of ingenious experimenting Mr. and Mrs. Peckham, the naturalists, have concluded that laying season, which extends over but the greatest distance at waten spellers are able to see objects distinctly is about one foot. Beyond that distance, then, we may assume that a fly caught detection by its enemy, if its move ments and struggles to get away did not betray it. The same observers think that spiders have the senses of color and smell, but feebly developeo.

Pirmics in Guiana. It is reported through Science that an American commercial traveler in Guiana has recently discovered in that country villages inhabited by little peo ple, averaging only about four feet and a half in beight. Humboldt, when in South American many years ago, heard stories of dwarfs living in those tegians, but he saw none, and seems to have given little credit to the reports about them that reached his cars. It will be remembered that Stanley, in his last expedition in Africe, found communities of dwarfs whose exist ence had also been previously reported, but generally doubted

The ice-covered regions of the tar North doubtless contain many treasures which the juhabitants of suppler climes would fain possess. Deposits of coal have been found in Greenland. and precious metals are known to exlst within the Arctic circle. Whether these riches of the North will ever bedistributed through the marts of the world is a question for the next century to answer. At present the most | bodied tramp. northerly mine in existence is said to be that of Omalik on the Fish River. in the northwestern corner of Alaska, in latitude sixty-five degrees north. It produces lend and silver, principally the first-named, and its lodes are very rich. But the severity of the climate is a serious obstruction to the work-

the following spring.

A Real Vacuum. What would seem to be an absolute vacuum was recently produced by Prof. Elmer Gates of Washington in an exceedingly simple manner. He took a "test-tube," which is a tube of glass closed at one end, and which, in this case, was composed of a kind of glass that melts only at a very high temperature. Into the tube he poured molten glass of another kind, which melts at comparatively low temperature. After the latter had cooled, and thus formed a solid mass completely filling the tube, he attached a suction pump to the open end of the tube, and then applied heat until the softer glass inside was again melted. The next step was to withdraw the molten glass by means of the pump, enough being left to close completely the end of the tube, when it was allowed once more to cool. As no air could enter the space left vacant by the withdrawal of the molten glass, a perfect vacuum is be lieved to have been produced there.

Ants with Umbrellus.

The doings of ants are among the most interesting things that naturalists find to study. No members of the insect world present more startling suggestions of intelligence and forethought governing their actions. It is not correct, however, to explain the habits and conduct of ants by human analogies. For instance, it was once sup-Unequaled for Quickly Healing posed that the so-called "parasol ants." living in hot tropical countries, carried little leaves above their heads for the sake of protection from the sun, Later investigations have shown that the ants actually do carry leaves, suspended by the stem which they hold in their laws, and that columns of them thus furnished with leaves like an army with banners march in regular order; but that the leaves, instead of being intended to shelter the ants from the sunshine, are deposited by them around their nests to form a soil in which grows a kind of fungus that they are fond of. So the parasol ant is not a dandy, but a farmer

Light and Perfumes,

A garden full of flowers is more fragram when shadowed by a cloud than when bathed in sunshine; at least, that is the conclusion to which the recent experiments of Monsieur Mesnard lead. He asserts that it is light, and not, as commonly believed, oxygen which exerts the greatest influence in destroying odors. According to the same authority, the intensity of the perfume given off by a flower depends upon the relation between the pressure of water in the cells of the plant. which tends to drive out the essential oils that cause the odor, and the action of the sunlight, which tends to diminish the water pressure in the cells. Sprinkling the plant increases the turgescence in the cells, and so augments the perfume. A cloud passing over the sun arrests the action of the light, thus permitting air increase of turgescence, and as a consequence, more copious production of perfume. At night the air around a flower-bed you still have some juice left in you.

is heavy with odors, because then their emanation is not opposed by the sun-

Tramps and Panics.

If tramps became tramps and re of the tropical woods the strangest is mained so because they could not find that one whose seed, it is said, will die work to do, there would be a close cor respondence between the number of only grows when it finds a restingtramps and prevailing industrial conditions. Their ranks would be greatly other tree, where there is not a particle increased in time of panic, and dimin of earth or moisture; and in all the ished in time of prosperity.

The first of these tendencies is strong ly marked. Professor McCook, of Yale ful Latin name, which, it might be sup-University, who has made a thorough study of the subject, finds that after finence upon it, but it does not seem each of the panics of 1873 and 1895 to. This plant is the wild fig. there was a great rise in the number movement continued.

different workmen; then incompetent single men; and sober, capable, mar ried men the last of all. When times in the reverse order. The men from whom tramps are recruited are usually the first to go, because they are intemperate, shiftless, and generally unmar-robber and monster it has given a res

But Professor McCook's statistics show further, that there is nothing like a complete reclaiming of the tramps, even when business is at its best. In increase in the number of tramps, although a small one. It was not until and, feeding upon the moisture will 1877 that improved business conditions which the hot atmosphere is laden, i

a considerable percentage of the men one which descend to the earth. Some main tramps afterward because they do not choose to work. They have along the branch, and, reaching the found that they can live and be fairly trunk. trips lightly down its spira and they like it. As Professor McCook the same instinct that leads a borse again when he gets a chance.

Therefore the first remedy for the tramp evil is work. The withholding of private charity, and the exaction by work for food and shelter, will put a and surely they envelop it. The emnew face on the world to the able- brace of the fig is death. At last the

in vagabondage he must work not less pieces, and its place is taken by the hard, but harder than under other con- ogre that has strangled it. ditions, the nomad life will lose its charm for him. Young's Companion.

Keeping Everlastingly at It.

From its scrap book the Cleveland ing of the mine, which has to be aban-World reprints the following very probdoned every year about the beginning able experience of an advertisement. of October, only to be resurred late in teaching the wisdom of persistency. which, when sided by pleasing variety, adroltness and artistic perfection removing all the "source of some pain" or reference "to that old 'ad.' again." that impressed the mind of the old

seen at all.

The third time it slips in its own proper

And the fourth time appears with a strangely sweet face;

The fifth time, when seen, we unconsciously read it: The sixth time we mutter: "We're sure we don't need it."

The seventh the "Ad" is a source of some pain: At the eighth we blurt out: "There

that old 'Ad.' again!" The ninth time we read it in less than a minute:

The tenth time we wonder is there's any thing in it: At the eleventh we say: "We will ask

'cross the way. Should it turn up a twelfth time: "How

can such things pay?" Thirteen times makes us think it may be a good thing;

While the fourteenth perusul a longing will bring:

Fifteen times having read it, we imagine we'll try it: Our wife, on the sixteenth, suggests that

we buy it: On the seventeenth, now 'tis the talk of

the home: On the eighteenth we're reminded that pay-day has come

The nineteenth rolls round; it is ordered and paid for:

O, twentieth reader, that's what "Advers." are made for.

Almost as Cheap as Walking. It is calculated that the theatrical pro-

fession in England will save \$125,000 work of women.-London Times. a year by the reduction in fares which the railway companies have conceded to traveling companies.

Mother of Seven Noted Men. Mrs. Bardsley, mother of the Bishop

age of 94, had seven sons, all of whom took holy orders. Her husband, too, was a clergyman. They were intimate friends of Charlotte Bronte

Led to Crime. Kindly individual (going through prison)-My good man, tell me what

brought you here.

Embezzler-I tried to keep a bicycle Date. Dynamite Not So Dangerous.

Dynamite, contrary to general belief, is comparatively harmless so long as it is kept from the materials which are used to explode it. Gunpowder is far 12,510,000 and France only 67,000. more dangerous in transportation than

dynamite. After a man passes fifty he can look up the road any time and see his grave. Then he becomes serious

Some people are nice to you because

A VEGETABLE OGRE.

the Wild Fig Kills the Tree that Gives it She't T.

But of all the venetable inhabitants if it falls upon the ground, and which place on the rock or a fence, or on an-West India forest this tree is the greatest criminal. It has a long and beautiposed, would have some subduing in-

Let us imagine that some hungry of trainps. Even after industrial con bird, taking in its beak one of these figs, ditions began to improve, the upward flies to a neighboring tree, and alighting on a lofty branch, eats the fruit The reason is obvious. When times One seed is left. The sun is warm and become dull, a weeding-out process the air most, and after a while the tiny among workmen begins. The drinking perm begins to sprout, and the minute men are the first to be dropped; then in leaves, breaking their thin shell, shoot upward-tender little innocent, putting up its slender arms in a "please-help me" sort of way; while its spider-lik in a spider's web would be safe from improve, these classes are taken back legs are reaching out to get a firm hold on its aerial home. The little plant seems so harmless, and the hospitable forest giant cannot know to what a ing-place. After a while the fig semis up a stem, and its root, peeping over the edge of the lofty branch, finds the ground eighty or one hundred feet by low. But nature has endowed this 1876, for example, there was a further sprig with daring, and, nothing daunted, the siender thread leaps into the all effected a diminution in the number, drops slowly and holdly to the ground and then the fall was only ten per cent. and here takes root. As the plant grows The conclusion seems inevitable that, it lets fall other long feeders, one by who become tramps in the first place of the tentacles have by this time because they are thrown out of work re- found that the tree itself affords an easy descent, and one day a root starts comfortable and happy without work. stairs, and thus reaches the soil. Others, finding this way so easy, follow suggests, they remain nomads from and so the roots increase in number and size, nouristiling their maste who has once run away to run away above. It has now grown in strength

and vigor, and, wrapping themselves around the trunk of the tree that supports them, the roots strain and presupon it ernelly. It is a struggle for life the authorities of a full equivalent in but their forest host is doomed. Slowly great tree dies, and little by little, rot-When he finds that to secure support ting branch by branch, it falls to

> The wild fig belongs to the same fam-By as the bonyan. It is found in the East and West Indies and in Australia. and has the same destructive habits everywhere. Sometimes it grows to an immense size. The wood is soft, and the natives make bowls, trays and spoons of it. The fruit is about as large as an apricot. St. Nicholas.

Little Farms in Japan.

Japan, and not France or Belgium, would appear to be the land of petite. versifier to a sorrowful admission of a culture. According to a recent Amerithen existing unpleasant side, is irre-can bulletin a couple of acres is considered a large tract for farming pur-An "Ad.," when first looked at, is searce poses. Most of the farms are smaller, and on a little plot a surprising variety And again on the sight unnoticed may of crops is cultivated a few square feet of wheat, barley, maize and mill a plot of beans perhaps ten feet wide by twenty feet long, a similar area of pointoes and peas and a patch of onions "about as big as a grave;" beetroot, lettuce, turnips, sweet potatoes and other crops occupy the rest of the area. The farmer examines his growing crops every morning, just as an engineer inspects his machinery, and if anything is wrong he puts it right. If a weed appears in the bean patch be pulls it up; if a hill of potatoes or anything else fails it is at once replanted. When he cuts down a tree he always plants another. As soon as one crop is barvested the soil is worked over, manured, and forthwith resown to another crop. It is estimated that ninetenths of the agricultural land of Japan is devoted to rice, and as this is a crop requiring much water the paddy fields are banked up into terraces, one above the other, and divided off into small plots twenty-five feet or thirty feet square, with ridges of earth between them to prevent the water from flowing away when they are flooded. All farming lands are irrigated by a system that is a thousand years old. Some of the ditches are walled up with bamboo wicker work and some with tiles and stone. Nearly half the total population of Japan is engaged in agriculture. Slik and tea, the two chief exports of the country, are raised almost by the

Black Friday.

Several Black Fridays formed noted epochs in financial history. There was one in London in 1866, Friday, May 11, caused by the failure of Overend, Gurof Carlisle, who died recently at the ney & Co. the previous day. The United States Black Friday was September 24 1869 when a group of speculators forced the price of gold to 1621/2, and thus produced a panic. There was a famous Black Friday in English history, Dec. 6, 1745, when the news reached London that the Pretender and his forces were in Derby. Thousands of the population fled from the metropolls, and complete order and tranin repair on a sman salary. Up-to- quility were not restored for several days.

Europe's Population

Within the last decade the population of Europe has increased by about 30, 000,000, of whom Russia contributed

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There are in the United States 40,000 deaf mutes.

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CATARRH IN THE BEAD.

A Constitutional Lisense, Requiring a

Constitutional Remedy. Catarrh in the head consists of inflammation of the mucuous membrane in the nasal passages, and sometimes it considerable portion of the face. Catarrh in the head frequently destroys the senses of taste and smell, and tendency is always debilitating. The best authorities say catarrh is just as surely a constitut onal disease as is scrofula. It is caused and promoted by impure blood. The teaching of experience proves that the true way to cure catarrh is to purify the blood. The One True Blood Purifier is Hood's Sarsaparilla. Thousands of such statements ave been written by honest, straightforward men and women; they have been published year after year; and ger u neness is beyond any possible question.

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There was a prize of \$ 50 offered not long ago for the best and simplest invention. This prize was carried off by a Mrs. Lettie Cox of Blue Spring, Neb. The invention was a work table.

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> women possess the initiatory power of

concecting new dishes, or of exercising

that originality in the kitchen, that they

use with such marvelous results in the

Sir W. McGregor has come across an extraordinary language on the west coast of Pritish New Guiana, It is spoken by the Dungerwab tribe and is remarkable as possessing some unusualy long words. For example, says Sir William, our numeral "ten" is expressed in Dungerwab by a word of twenty-six letters.

My doctor said I would die, but Piso's Cure for Consumption cured me.-Amos Kelner, Cherry Valley, Hls., Nov. 23, '95.

The dowager duchess of Manchester may be said to be the pioneer of American heiresses in this country. She had not so many dollars as the women who have come after, but she had more than the usual share of beauty, grace and wit. Her maiden name, as all society knows, was Consuelo Yznaga and she was one the most noted and popular belies of New York, when Viscount Mandeville wooed and won her in 1876.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put to the country than all other diseases july to ge her, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a lead disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitu-tional disease and therefore requires con-stitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh ture, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful it acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials

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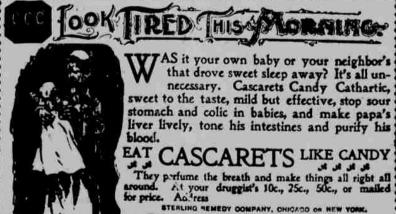
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