

The Paris Exposition. Governor McCormick, the United States commissioner general to the Paris exposition...

New York January 10.—John Taylor Johnson, Bayard Taylor, Park Godwin, and a dozen other well known patrons of art met Gov. McCormick to consult in regard to securing for the Paris exhibit a proper representation of the fine arts from this country.

Why are We Right-Handed? Investigations which were recently carried through by a French physician Dr. Fleury, of Bordeaux...

"Why don't you buy a power press Cook?" inquire several enthusiastic democrats, as we take our locked-up pages of type through the streets on a wheelbarrow to a steam printing press owned by a rich printing firm.

Clippings. What is the difference between a young man and a goose? Why, one is served with a tailor bill and the other is served without a tail or bill.

Those young ladies at fairs who sell five-cent pin-cushions for three dollars ought to be arrested for robbing the males.

"At what age were you married?" asked she inquisitively. But the other lady was equal to the emergency, and quietly responded, "At the parsonage."

The following lines were sung at a colored camp meeting in Pennsylvania: "A floating down the narrow stream! O! sin is milk, religion cream. Sing glory hallelujah!"

It puzzled a little boy the other day to drive his goat. He did not know whether to say, "See, haw," "Get up," or "Shoo." So he compromised and said, "Nancy, go it."

A Kentucky man who went to the Black Hills wrote back to a local paper, saying: "Offer a premium at your coming fair for the biggest fool in the county, and I'll try and get there in time."

"Silence in the court room!" thundered a Kentucky judge, the other morning. "Half a dozen men have been convicted already, without the court's having been able to hear a word of testimony."

A train of cars on a Florida railroad the other day passed a man on horseback, and there was a great hurrying among the passengers, until they discovered that the animal was tied to the fence.

A tramp dropped in this morning meekly inquired the locality of the town of Thunder. He said whenever he asked for work he was told to "go to Thunder," and he supposed they must want some hands there.

A St. Louis girl shook out her stocking Christmas morning, and was bitterly disappointed at discovering no presents. On a closer examination, however, she was made happy by finding a splendid upright piano, which, as it had concealed itself at the extreme toe end of the stocking, had at first escaped her search.

A Springfield evangelist announces that he will preach next Sabbath on the subject: "Ought a Methodist to dance?" Then he should follow with discussion of the question: "Should a Presbyterian drink gin?" "Should a Baptist to play draw-poker?" and "Why should an Episcopalian keep a race-horse?"

Earth from Borneo. In the last century a merchant vessel came into London Dock with yellow fever, and the Captain was suffering severely from it, and no one would go near the sufferer. Dr. Fothergill, however, went on board, partly out of compassion and partly from his desire to study a disease which was new to him, and he removed the Captain to his own house, and finally succeeded in getting him through the fever. When the Captain recovered, he inquired from the Doctor what he was in his debt for, but Fothergill refused to receive any payment. The Captain then wished to know how he could compensate him for such kindness, upon which the doctor replied that there was something he could do for him, if he were making a voyage to the East, and should pass through the Straits of Macassar by Borneo, he would be glad if he would bring him back two barrels full of the earth of Borneo, which the Captain promised to do. However when he reached the spot on his voyage out, he thought of the ridicule he must experience from his crew in so strange an undertaking, and his heart failed him, and he sailed through the straits without fulfilling his intention. On his return by the same route the same thing happened again through his fear of the scoffs of his crew. However, after he had left the straits 500 or possibly 600 miles behind him, his conscience smote him with his ingratitude and the nonfulfillment of his promise, and he put the ship's head about, returned to the spot, and filled the barrels with the earth. On his return he sent it to Dr. Fothergill, who had the surface of a piece of ground thoroughly burned, and he then sprinkled the Borneo earth on it, when it is known fact that here came up all kinds of new and curious plants, said to be 100 different sorts, some geraniums, and new flowers, which have subsequently spread throughout the gardens of England.—Land and Water.

Why are We Right-Handed? Investigations which were recently carried through by a French physician Dr. Fleury, of Bordeaux, have added facts showing that our natural impulse to use the members on the right side of the body is clearly traceable to probably physiological causes. Dr. Fleury, after examining an immense number of human brains, asserts that the left anterior lobe is a little larger than the right one. Again, he shows that, by examining a large number of people, there is an unequal supply of blood to the two sides of the body. The brachiocephalic trunk, which only exists on the right of the arch of the aorta, produces, by a difference in termination, an inequality in the waves of red blood which travel from right to left. Moreover, the diameters of the subclavian arteries on each side are different, that on the left being noticeably larger. On the left lobe of the brain, therefore, being more richly hæmated than the right, becomes stronger; and as, by the intersection of the nervous fiber, it commands the right side of the body, it is obvious that that side will be more readily controlled. This furnishes one reason for the natural preference for the right hand, and another is found in the increased supply of blood from the subclavian artery. The augmentation of blood we have already seen suggested; but the reason for it is here ascribed to the relative size of the artery, and not to any directness of path from the heart. Dr. Fleury has carried his investigations through the whole series of mammalia, and he finds that the right handed peculiarities exist in all that have arteries arranged similar to those of man. At the same time such animals, notably the chimpanzee, the seals and the beavers, are the most adroit and intelligent.—The Eclectic.

The Monotony of Life. The general character of life is that of monotony. Whether we regard the life of man, or the life of beasts we are struck, by the same remarkable fact, that life, to all outward appearance, is a monotonous succession of scenes and movements—but all incidental. We wonder how the interest is kept up. But we never tire of going to bed at night, and we are very sorry when we tire of getting up in the morning. We never weary, except with regret, of breakfasting, dining and supping; and yet these actions are repeated incessantly three hundred and sixty-five times in the year, with renewed excitement on every succeeding occasion. We take off our clothes once every day, and put them on once every day. We do this at nearly the same hour, in daily succession; and when health is good the pleasure derived from so doing is not marred by the repetition of the act; for the ebbing and the flowing of our bodily sensations prepare us, without any effort on our part, for all the vicissitudes of our existence. When hungry, food is agreeable; when weary, sleep or rest is a treat, when warm, cool air is refreshing; when cold, the pleasure derived from a cheerful fire is pure; when excited, repose is kept up by contrast; and we purchase the enjoyment of one feeling by encouraging the reverse. With health, and youth, and prosperity we should never be weary. It is age, and weakness, and poverty that prepares us for a fall; and that that is ready to receive us, when, at last, like a sleep, and the heaviness of the heart gives even the last sleep a welcome.

The Danville Advertiser says: Mr. Smith was in town on Saturday with his hired man, and the two fell a singular story about a lightning stroke. Mr. Smith was on a grain drill in a field, and his hired man was about 12 rods from him, dragging. Suddenly Smith heard the noise of thunder, and became unconscious. The man also heard the noisings, but neither of them saw any flash of lightning. The man went to Smith and in about twenty minutes he was restored to consciousness. Then attention was given to the horses. One of them was standing erect, with one foot lifted a little way from the earth, and the other was kneeling with his nose in the earth, and both were stone dead, and retained their positions until they were pushed over. The supposition is that in this case the electricity went from the earth to the sky.

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