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The Largest of Land Animals.

In the American Journal of Science and Arts, Prof. Marsh describes the largest land animal yet known to have existed on the globe. Its name is Atlantosaurus immanis. The thigh bone of this creature is over 8 feet long, with a thickness at the larger end of 23 inches, though the bone has no true head. A comparison of this bone with the femur of a crocodile would indicate that the fossil saurian, if of similar proportions, had a total length of 115 feet. That the reptile was 100 feet long when alive is at least probable. The other bones of this animal that have been found are proportionately gigantic; caudal vertebra has a transverse diameter of over 16 inches.

Penetrative Power of the Electric Light.

Some time ago we mentioned an experiment with the Maxim light made at Saratoga, N. Y., to test the distance at which the electric light would illuminate a given spot, and it was found that a concentrated beam carried seven miles (to Ballston) furnished enough light to read by. A more crucial test of the great penetrating power of the electric light is furnished by the experiments of the officers of the French-Algerian Triangulation Service, who recently saw the electric light from the Spanish station of Zetica, from a distance of more than 164 miles. This observation is proof, if proof were wanted, of the great value of the light for maritime purposes, when it is exhibited from sufficiently elevated positions.—[Scientific American.

Power of a Growing Tree.

Walton Hall had at one time its own corn-mill, and when that inconvenient necessity no longer existed, the mill-stone was laid by in an orchard and forgotten. The diameter of this circular stone measured five feet and a half, while its depth averaged seven inches throughout; its central hole had a diameter of eleven inches. By mere accident some bird or squirrel had dropped the fruit of the filbert tree through this hole on to the earth, and in 1812 the seedling was seen rising up through the unwonted channel. As its stem gradually grew through this aperture, and increased, its power to raise the ponderous mass of stone was speculated upon by many. Would the filbert tree die in the attempt? Would it burst the mill-stone? or would it lift it? In the end the little filbert tree lifted the mill-stone, and by 1868 wore it like a crinoline about its trunk, and Mr. Waterton used to sit upon it under the branching shades.

The Harnessing of Electricity.

Mr. W. H. Barlow, the new President of the Board of Civil Engineers, London, in his recent inaugural address, speaking of the rapid growth of telegraphy and other practical applications of electricity, said that the diminution of power, from increased length of conducting wire, had been surmounted by relays of power at fixed stations. (This was the discovery of Morse.) By employing this ingenious expedient on the Indo-European Telegraph, Calcutta had frequently been put in direct communication with London, a distance of 7,000 miles.

He further stated that Dr. C. W. Siemans had ascertained that, including auxiliary stations, 50 per cent of the original power could be realized by electric wires at a distance of one mile from the motor; and that with adequate provisions against heating it would be no dearer to transmit electro-motive power to a greater than to a smaller distance. Sir William Armstrong, by means of an electro machine and wire, works his circular saw at a distance of a mile from the water wheel that turns the electric machine. By the same means Dr. Werner Siemans works a locomotive that carried thirty persons.

A Seller Sold.

Alphonse Karr, in his "Livre de Bord" tells a nice little story of Auguste Bonieu, a well-known writer on Le Figaro, whose practical jokes made him famous all over Paris. One night Bonieu, having dressed himself for his part in a provincial costume, entered awkwardly a watchmaker's shop, and, with a timid bow, and an apology for disturbing the tradesman began:

"Pardon, monsieur, but what are those little round things hanging up there?"

"Those are called watches."

"Watches! what are they for?"

"To tell the time of the day."

"Why, they must be real handy; do they cost much?"

"From two hundred francs down to twenty-five."

"Bless me, I could afford to buy one. Does it take much trouble to make them go?"

"No; all you have to do is to wind them up every day—this way."

"That seems very easy—but when should I wind the watch—I think that is what you call it—up?"

"In the morning."

"In the morning—why?"

"Because you are always drunk at night, M. Bonieu, and you'd break it if you tried to wind it then!"

The Physical Cause of Intermittent Fever.

The July number of the Zeitschrift, edited by Professor Klebs, contains some particulars of an investigation into the physical cause or poison to which marsh or intermittent fever is due. The inquiry was conducted by Professor Klebs, of Prague, in conjunction with Signor Tommasi, Professor of Pathological Anatomy at Rome. The two investigators spent several weeks during the spring season in Agro Romano, which is notorious for the prevalence of this particular kind of fever. They examined minutely the lower strata of the atmosphere of the district in question, as well as its soil and stagnant waters, and in the former they discovered a microscopic fungus, consisting of numerous movable shining spores of a longish oval shape. This fungus was found to be artificially generated in various kinds of soil. The fluid matter obtained was filtrated and repeatedly washed, and the residuum left after filtration was introduced under the skin of healthy dogs. The animals experimented on all had the fever with the regular typical course. After explaining the results of their various investigations and experiments, these gentlemen are of the opinion that they have discovered the real cause of the disease in question. As the fungus grows into the shape of small rods, Tommasi and Klebs have given it the name of Bacillus malariæ.

On Sunday the teacher of a Sunday school in one of the East Bridgeport churches gave the little ones a description of the flood, and when she had finished inquired if any one could tell who went into the ark with the animals? A perfect chorus of hands flew up in response. Turning to a little fellow the teacher said: "Tell me who went into the ark with the animals?" "P. T. Barnum," promptly replied the youngster. The lesson closed.

The steamboat Arabian sank in the Missouri River, near Kansas City, 22 years ago, with 600 barrels of whisky aboard. George Treadway noted the exact spot, and subsequently bought the cargo at a small price, intending to raise it, but was never able to carry out the project. The course of the river has since changed, and the whiskey, which now lies about forty feet under the sand, is soon to be dug for.

"Barefoot Walker" is well known around Columbus, Ga. He is so called because he has not worn shoes for forty years. At last he died, to all intents and purposes of old age, and his friends made preparations to bury the old man. Just as the funeral ceremonies were beginning old Walker sat up in his coffin and asked what they were doing there. The funeral party went home discouraged.

The Swedish postal authorities have just published a list of the newspapers and periodicals appearing in Sweden. The total number is 316, of which 92 are published in Stockholm. After Stockholm ranks Gothenberg with 20, then Upsala with 14, Malmo with 9, and Gefle and Jonkoping each with 8. Of these 316 publications only about one-third are newspapers, and there are only 10 daily papers—5 in Stockholm, 2 in Gothenburg, and one each in Nordkoping, Malmo, and Helsingborg.

Chauncey Slater, a foreman at the shop of the Elastic Frog Co., in Mansfield, Conn., has fallen heir to $100,000. A few days ago he received a check for nearly the whole amount. He put it in his pocket and kept on at his work. He tells his fellow-workmen that he intends to remain at his work wearing his working clothes, and not imitating in any way the behavior of Coal Oil Johnny and the great caravan of which he was the type.

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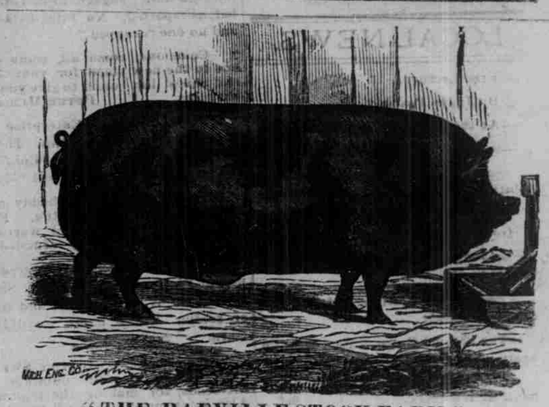

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