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vinced That He Had Really Smelt Nothing.

At a certain northern Chautauqua gathering last summer a lecturer, at the opening of his address, came to the front of the platform and took a small vial from his pocket.

"My friends," he said, "before I be gin my address, I wish to test the ventilation of this auditorium. I am going to pour out this oil of peppermint. When the odor reaches you, raise your hands, so that I may see how rapidly

He emptied the vial, and almost in stantly several hands on the front benches went up; then farther back the hands began to go up by the dozens, until at last the people in the last seats caught the odor, and raised their hands.

The lecturer thanked his auditors, and went on with his address. When he had almost finished, and was speak ing of the effect of the imagination on our senses, he paused, and said with a smile that it was only clear water he had poured out of his vial.

The audience had been caught so neatly that even those who had held up their hands joined in the laugh. But one illiterate fellow, whose hand had gone up more promptly and emphatically than any other, did not quite understand.

"What they laughin' at?" he asked, audibly, of the man sitting beside him. "Why," explained the man, "you did not smell peppermint at all; it was only imagination."

"Well," said the other, "I knowed it was somethin' that smelled mighty strong."-Youth's Companion.

LITTLE KNOWN OF HEREDITY

Much Talk on the Subject, But World Still Awaits a Satisfactory Explanation.

There are few subjects on which so much "scientific" nonsense is talked and written as on heredity. Not very much is known of it as regards plants, less of animals, and almost nothing as regards humanity, writes H. Fielding-Hall in the Atlantic. To read books on heredity, especially those of the Eugenic society, is to read a mass of suppositions and hazardous inductions where most of the facts are negative, and only the exceptions are positive. The very meaning of "hereditary" is not understood. If any quality is truly hereditary, then it is always hereditary. It never occurs except as the results of heredity, and it is constant, that is to say, it invariably follows. But there is no quality of which this can be said. That genius is not hereditary is known. Even talent is not. Nor is any aptitude. A lawyer's son more often wants to be a soldier or an artist than a lawyer, notwithstanding the environment, and it is so with most professions. The exceptions seem to be due to training and influence, not to any hereditary transmission. A superficial likeness to parents seems hereditary, but that is all that we can assert, and that outward likeness by There is nothing to attribute to heredity what is due to training or want of training. It excuses supineness in governments and professions.

Without Food Twenty-eight Days. A remarkable feat of involuntary fasting was performed 12 years ago by a corporal in a regiment of French colonial infantry. On his way to work one morning a man heard cries proceeding from a disused mine, near Brest. At the bottom of an excavation nearly 100 feet deep Corporal Andre Desrats was found in so weak a condition that he could hardly articulate a word. When he recovered his rescuers learned that, after accidentally falling into the mine, Desrats had been imprisoned for twenty-eight days without anything to eat or drink. But a pig can beat a man. Dr. W. B. Carpenter in his Manual of Physiology records that a pig weighing 169 pounds was entombed by the fall of a portion of the chalk cliffs at Dover. It was dug out 160 days later, and found to be still alive, but reduced in weight

Of Course.

to 40 pounds.

A New York dramatic writer tells of an actress of great popularity who is just beginning to be obsessed with the notion that the public holds her to be older than she really is.

The writer was assigned to interview this player. He wished to obtain her views with reference to the state of the drama, a topic whereon the actress did not seem particularly anxious to decant.

"It does not seem to me," gently suggested the interviewer, with a smile, "that I am really ascertaining your opinion. You ought to be frank, since your eyes are gray and-"

"Prematurely so, my dear boy, prematurely so," the actress hastened to

assure him.—Judge.

Walking at Billiards.
"I figure out," said one of the bil-liard experts playing in the championship games, "that I walk three miles when I play 400 points. Of course, sometimes I do less than that, provided my average runs by nursing are larger. When I can keep the balls closely together for a good run, that

lessens the distance I have to walk." This cue artist said he once made 100 points and did not circle the table half a dozen times. More amazing still was the assertion that he had seen the late Jacob Schaefer run 150 points without going even once entire-Nebr. ly around the table.



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THINGS THAT ALMOST HAPPEN

Steamboat Captain Tells Why His Hair is Nearly White, Though He Never Had an Accident.

"It is the things that almost happen which cause gray hairs in this business rather than the things that actually occur," said a veteran captain of an excursion boat to a New York Sun man.

"When I was thirty-three years old was running a boat to Coney Island. On one occasion, in the lower bay, fog settled down thicker than mush. I held a compass course and everything went smoothly enough until it was almost time to change the course and head from the bay toward Coney. had heard a boat-by its whistle I knew it was a towing tug-pass me

further up the bay. "Even though I could not see the bow of my boat, I was hanging with my head out of the pilot house window and straining my eyes to see, when my quartermaster, who was standing on the very peak of the bow, called for me to reverse. I rang for full speed astern and threw the wheel hard to port.

"The fog lifted for an instant and dead ahead of me I saw a scow with 'Dynamite' written on its side and a red flag floating above it. I kept the wheel hard over and it seemed to me the engineer was an eternity in getting the engine reversed. We just grazed the scow. I learned afterward that it had been in tow of a tug and that the hawser broke and the tug crew had lost sight of the scow in

"When I got home that night my wife pointed out a gray hair-the first I had ever had.

"In all my experience I've never had a serious accident, but as you see I have a head-full of gray hairs caused by things that almost hap-

M'COY KNEW HUMAN NATURE

Explaining How the Pugilist Was Able to Get His Car Through Jam Where Others Failed.

Kid McCoy drove down in his large, shiny motor. A friend accompanied him. Coming up the avenue was & flock of hooting cars. It seemed impossible for McCoy to find a way through.

"Let's turn down a side street, Kid." said the friend. "We'll make by it."
"Watch me," said McCoy.

He turned his head to one side, and looked into the eyes of the alarmed friend. He drove his car right at the approaching covey. Their drivers set up a quacking like a lot of frightened ducks. McCoy drove on, without looking at the road ahead. All the other cars pulled to one side and made way for him. As he passed, all the other drivers leaned out of their cars to make injurious comment upon Mr.

"Get your bluff in first," said McCoy. "That's the rule in life that applies to motoring as well as to fighting. If I'd dropped back and honked timidly every one of those guys would have curb. Because they thought I was a careless, reckless, E-flat mushhead, who'd as lief have an accident as not, they gave me the right of way."-New York Times.

Aboreviation Gone Mad.

There are people in this country who have so much respect for its government and institutions that they almost consider those guilty of treason who spell the capital of the country "W-a-s-h." It is all they can do to restrain themselves when they get a letter dated "Wash., D. C." They would just as soon see one addressed to "Bos., Mass.," although Balt., Md., or Phila., Pa., does not offend so much. Nobody but a human sloth would think of writing on his envelope "Chic., Ill.," or "Buff., N. Y." Yet the practice of unauthorized contraction has grown to such an extent that it is high time that business houses lay down the law, as found in the back part of nearly any dictionary, against the practice. And if you follow the feelings of the purists in spelling, you'd dock the man or woman a whole day's pay who is so utterly dead to patriotic instincts as to address a letter to "Wash., D. C."-Wall Street Journal.

Upstairs Backward.

Walking upsta'rs backward is urged by a London physician as a useful practice in cases of heart weakness and as helping in a more equal distribution of muscular wear and tear.

'Firstly and most important," he says, "walking upstairs backward would prevent any tendency to hurry. No matter how inveterate a 'stair rush' a man night be, he would have to moderate his pace if going backward. This enforced deliberation would, of course, be of great value in heart disease. The second effect would be to relieve the strain from the ordinary walking and climbing mucles (those on the front of the thigh) and to press into service those on the back of the leg, which ordinarily do no work in climbing stairs. The total result, therefore, might be a saving in muscular wear and tear through a more economical distribution of effort. This, of course, would also be of value in cases of heart weakness."

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