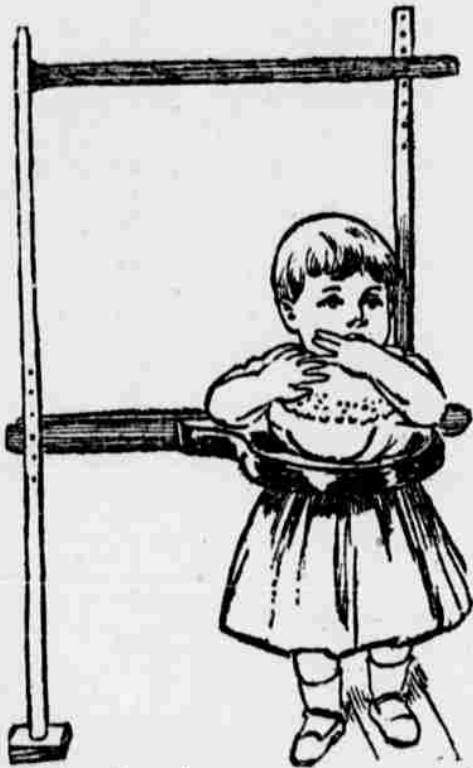


**IS FREAK OF NATURE.**

**Man in England a Peculiar Case of Arrested Development.**

There is a young man in England who at the age of 24 is developing at the rate of only one-sixth of that of the average human being. At present he is learning his alphabet and can count up to ten only. During the last nineteen years he has eaten but three meals a week, has slept twenty-four hours and played twenty-four hours, without the slightest variation. In spite of his twenty-four years he looks no older than a boy of four or five and is only thirty-six inches in height. For the same period his development physically and mentally has been at only one-sixth the ordinary rate, while absolutely regular and perfect in every other way. At his birth this child weighed ten pounds and in no way differed from any other child. He grew and thrived in the usual way until he attained the age of five. Then his progress was suddenly and mysteriously arrested, and since then six years have been the same to him as one year to the normal person. He has attracted the attention of many medical and scientific men, more than one of whom has expressed the conviction that this remarkable man will live to be no less than three centuries old.—New York Herald.

**For Baby's Safety.**

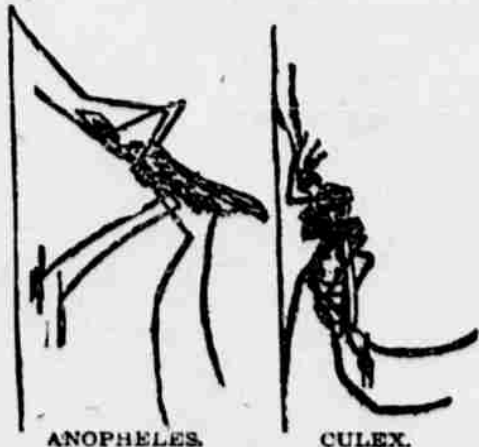


This ingenious arrangement is found in many English country cottages, says the London Mail. The ring is movable and the little one is quite free to romp without danger of getting near the open fire.

**Dog Had Charmed Life.**

A peculiar incident was witnessed on the Admiralty pier, Dover, England, the other day. A dog belonging to a local tradesman ran barking at the engine of the boat express. He was caught twice by the engine, and the second time the whole train passed over him as he lay between the rails. But to the owner's surprise, however, he proved to be only stunned, and in a short time recovered his usual friskiness.

**Mosquito Lore.**

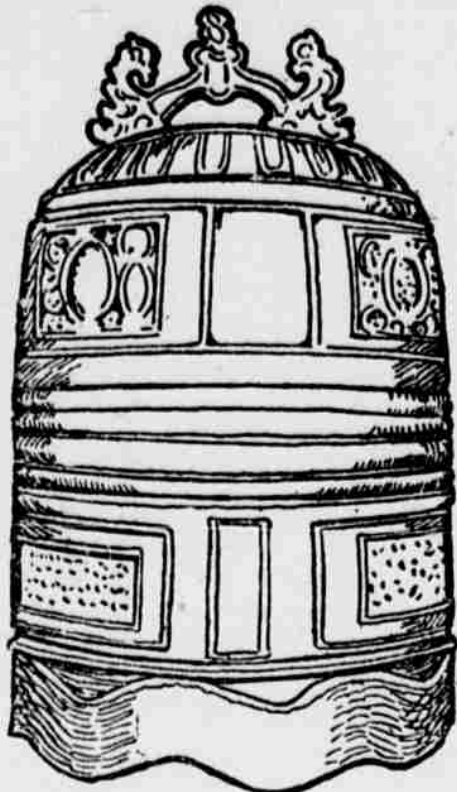


The malaria bearing mosquito attaches itself to a wall with this stand off air. The harmless variety of mosquito clings close to the wall.

**KOREAN BELL HAS HISTORY.**

**Child Cruelly Sacrificed to Give Mel-low Tone.**

A queerly shaped gong, which occupies a position of honor in the center of the city of Seoul, Korea, is said to be one of the largest in the world, and is called "the bell with the wail of a child in its voice." When first cast the bell sounded with a harsh and cracked note, and the superstitious emperor, fearing an ill omen, consulted with his magicians. These gentlemen held a long confab, and finally stated that the bell would



never sound right until a live child was given to it. The mass was then melted again and a live baby was thrown into the molten metal. The wail of agony uttered by the little tot as the bronze engulfed it seemed to be repeated every time the bell was tolled, and to-day the Koreans still claim that the wail of a child can be heard in the voice of the metal.

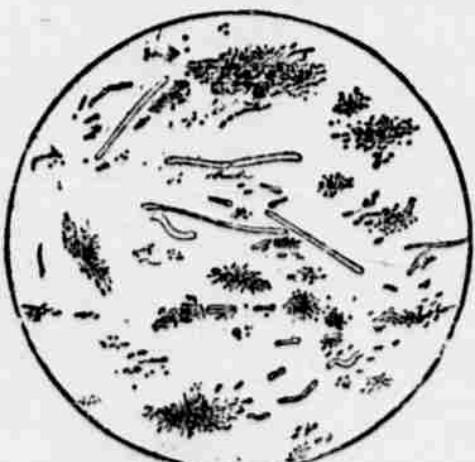
**Ancient British Stronghold for Sale.**

Dunstanburg castle is about to be offered for sale by auction. It was first a British stronghold, then a Roman fortress, and at a much later period was garrisoned for Queen Margaret, after the battle of Hexham, when it was besieged and taken after an assault lasting three days. The legend of "Sir Guy, the Seeker," told in a ballad by M. G. Lewis, is connected with the castle. "Dunstan diamonds" are crystals found in the neighborhood. A deep chasm in the rock at the east of the castle is known as the "Rumbie Churn." In rough weather the sea rushes in, and great clouds of spray are thrown up.—London Chronicle.

**Hen Hatches Out Hawk.**

A hen near East Hampton, Conn., recently hatched out a red-tailed hawk from an egg which had been placed in her nest. The hen shows motherly affection for the hawk, but she may turn against it when she discovers its nature.

**Add Gamey Flavor.**



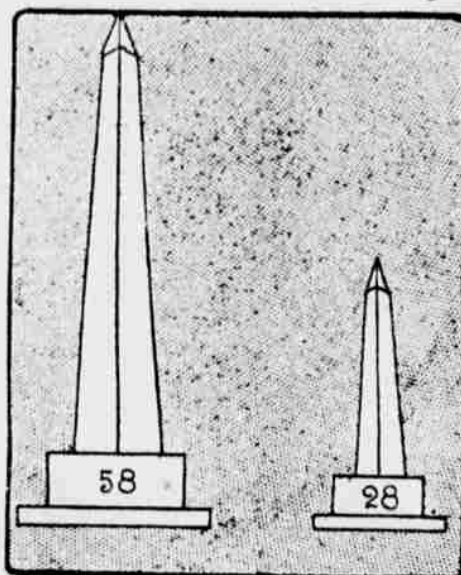
The gamey flavor of the meat is gained by the bacteria feeding upon it. These develop within an hour after food is exposed on pantry shelves, and long before the flavor is appreciable to the senses the bacteria that produce them are abundant.

**SHELLS MADE CATS FIGHT.**

**Laughable Incident During Bombardment of Port Arthur.**

A lady who was in Port Arthur during the bombardments by Admiral Togo's fleet has described the curious effect on cats by the cannonade. "I was at my window during each bombardment," she relates, "but only through the day, because at night I did not dare stir out of bed. In front of me there was a little roof on which five or six cats of the neighborhood collected. Each time there was a bombardment the cats duly arrived, and, having observed them, I on the second occasion proceeded to watch them. With my family we passed the hours looking at them. At each gunshot the cats arched their backs and stiffened their legs and seemed both terrified and furious. Then when a hissing shell arrived it gave the signal for a frightful battle. They jumped at each other, raging like tigers, and seemed to hold each other responsible for what was taking place. The effect was so comical that we could not help laughing, although the occasion did not inspire gaiety. After having fought, the cats retired for a while, as though bewildered, but as soon as the bombardment began again they went through the same business. Each time it was always the same.

**Term of Happiness.**



Married life on the average lasts twenty-eight years, or almost half of the fifty-eight which make up the allotted span.

**Is World's Biggest Clam.**

Rhode Island, "whose clams are still one of its proudest monuments," as an orator recently expressed it, has produced the record quahaug this week. It was taken from Greenwich bay. It weighs one ounce over two pounds.

The shells are five and a half inches long and four and three-quarter inches wide, and when closed naturally the circumference is thirteen and a half inches. This is not a "fish story," for the quahaug has been preserved for exhibition purposes.

**Aged Wall Street Speculator.**

Edward B. Wesley, the oldest speculator in Wall street, is 93 years old, but five days a week nearly all the year around he is found in his office watching the tape.

**Hat on Cap Conceit.**



The hat-cap of to-day is patterned after the fashion of long ago, when all women wore caps and placed their hats over them on going outdoors.

**A RIDE IN THE DEEP.**

**Boston Man Has Devised New Form of Entertainment.**

Now there comes a Boston Jules Verne who grimly promises the amusement-loving public a rare "treat" in the way of entertainment. In truth, it would appear that the most fastidious could find no cause for complaint after trying this thing.

In brief, the affair is a sort of "shoot the chutes," except that the car in which the victims have paid to ride is wholly submerged in the water. To add to the excitement there is no top to the car boat, the theory being that



**The Submarine Boat.**

It will dash through the pond so fast that the water will not have time to get in on the occupants. The inventor promises to take the first ride in the thing if his wife will let him.

**CURES WROUGHT BY MUSIC.**

**Notable Cases Where Sweet Sounds Were Beneficial.**

From the days of Saul and David music has no doubt been the means of alleviating, if not actually curing, many serious cases of mental disease. Modern experience has proved this conclusively, and many instances may be quoted from ancient history.

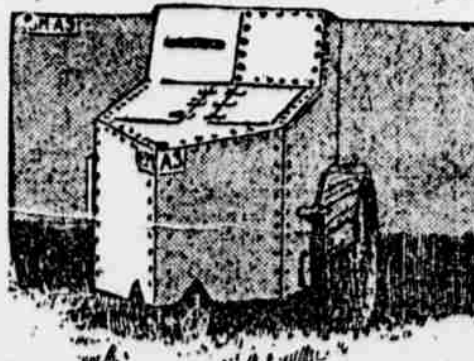
Pythagoras commended music in the treatment of the insane, and Thales, when a pestilence ravaged Sparta, found in music his most powerful means of combating it. Heracles soothed maniacs by it, and Theophrastus held that even the bites of venomous reptiles were rendered less fatal by subjecting victims to the influence of melody.

When Phillip of Spain was in a morbid and desponding condition, Farinelli, the vocalist, was sent for by the queen, with a party of musicians, to sing and play in the adjoining room. The effect was a speedy and rapid cure.

Both Buckman and Hafeland relate instances in which music has cured cases of St. Vitus' dance, and Becker and Schnelder demonstrated practically its influence in different cases of hysteria.

Sir Henry Halford has chronicled the case of a mad Yorkshireman who was restored to sanity by the use of the violin six weeks after its introduction.—Montreal Herald.

**A First-Aid Motor.**



It is a three-wheeled car, clad in bullet-proof steel. Closed it can travel at the rate of six miles an hour. When its wings are opened, as shown in the picture, it is a miniature steel fort.