

LOOPING THE DOUBLE LOOP.

Daredevil Feat Performed by Wheelman of Berlin.

The latest novelty in the class of sensational performances known as "looping the loop," is the invention of an ingenious wheelman of Berlin, Bottner by name, who has constructed a double loop and performed the feat of passing through it on his wheel. It is most certainly the pinnacle of mad daring, and will not very soon witness a rival.

In this new loop, as shown in the cut, the performer, after he has passed through half of the large loop and with his head still down, must guide the wheel into the smaller loop and out of it again, his head being again turned toward the earth, upon the



finishing arc of the larger loop. Just imagine with what velocity the performer is hurled through these two loops, and perhaps it may be possible to appreciate the stoical quietude of his nerves, his rare skill in managing his wheel, and above all the presence of mind necessary to a successful exit from the whirl.

Since the greatest possible speed is necessary to overcome the resistance offered by the two loops, the starting point is placed somewhat higher than ordinarily, and the first descent quite a little steeper; the retarding stretch is also built steeper than heretofore.

The whole performance is a ride of death in the true sense of the expression.—Montreal Herald.

Oyster Growing on Set of False Teeth.

The proclivity of the oyster to make its home on anything that comes handy is very well shown in the illustrations here given, which were made from photographs of oyster curios in the possession of the United States fish commission at Washington. Un-



doubtedly the most curious instance of oyster lodgment is that showing a bivalve reposing on a set of false teeth. This particular set of teeth, which was dredged up from the bottom of Chesapeake bay, has had several claimants since it was put on exhibition.—Montreal Herald.

Not What They Seem.

"I knew they used empty tin tobacco cans for advertising in cigar store windows," said the Harlemiter, "and empty champagne bottles in saloon windows, empty cracker boxes in groceries, empty patent medicine receptacles in drugstores and fake hams in meat markets, but my wife ran into a new one on me the other day. She went to a creamery to buy a quart of milk. The clerk said they were all out. She saw at least a dozen bottles in sight all filled up and with about two inches of nice yellow cream on top. The clerk caught her glance.

"Oh," said he, "those bottles are filled with flour with a layer of corn meal on top."—New York Sun.

PROVED THE EARTH IS ROUND.

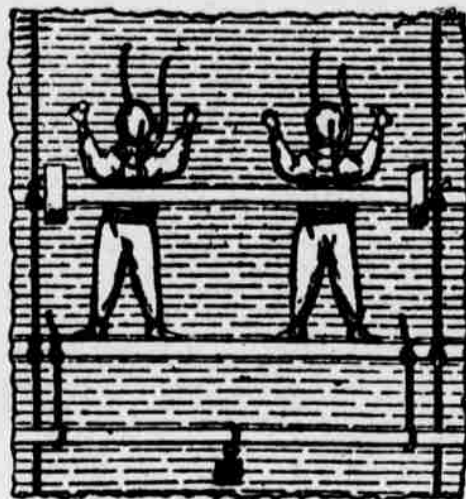
Simple Demonstration Showed Truth of Ancient Belief.

Although it was demonstrated more than 2,000 years ago that the earth is globular in form, there are certain persons who maintain that it is flat. About thirty years ago a controversy on the subject waxed so hot that it was determined to put the matter to direct experiment in order to settle the question once for all.

The place chosen was near Bedford, England, where there is a straight six-mile stretch of water. At both ends and in the middle of this water posts were erected, each of the same definite height above the water level. Upon looking with a telescope along the tops of these three posts it was clearly seen that the center one overtopped the others by about six feet, owing to the curvature of the surface of the earth.

These experiments were recently repeated in a more scientific manner by H. Yule Oldham, who read a paper on the subject before the Glasgow meeting of the British Association. The same results were obtained, with the important difference that by the employment of a tele-photographic lens and camera the six foot prominence of the middle post was recorded in an unmistakable manner.—Philadelphia Record.

Cleaning Hull of Warship.



When it is impracticable for warships to go to dry dock for cleaning, divers work on staging to scrape the bottom.

First White Man to See Okapi.

Major James Harrison has just returned to England after a prolonged journey through the dense forests of central Africa, during the course of which he saw the okapi in its natural habitat. This is particularly dense forest, the trees being thickly interwoven with creepers and tangled undergrowth. On the sixth day his party encountered the spoor of the okapi. This was followed for several hours, when suddenly the party came upon the animal fifteen feet in front of them. Before the major could obtain his rifle from one of the natives accompanying him the okapi had escaped in the thick undergrowth. It stood between ten and eleven feet in height, was of a general tawny color about its body and was striped over the loins. The natives say Major Harrison is the first white man who has seen the animal in its native wilds.

Walking Stick.



Residents of the North Side of Chicago can have walking sticks for the picking up. The woods are full of these strange insects that look exactly like jointed twigs.

Walnut Logs Well Preserved.

Workmen excavating for a bridge over Big Walnut Creek at Columbus, Ohio, found walnut logs perfectly sound, although, estimating from the size of sycamore trees growing on the ground above them, buried for at least 200 years.

MAKE-UP OF AN ACTOR.

Features Easily Altered to Represent Any Character.

Perfect features can be so altered as to represent any character. The



above comedy-servant characterization is obtained from features such as the present ones by the studied use of paints and a particular arrangement of the hair.

Irish comedy-servant character demonstrating the change wrought by grease paints skillfully applied to the



classic features. To complete the effect, the hair has been dressed differently.

Dog Travels 70 Miles to Old Home.

A remarkable instance of a dog's love of home is reported from Cromleigh, Dunblane, Perthshire. A collie dog was given to Mr. Hunter of Herriotshall, Berwickshire, by his brother-in-law, Mr. Gilholm of Cromleigh, and was sent by train to the borderland. The animal worked among the sheep for two days and then suddenly disappeared. It afterward turned up at its old home, having done the seventy mile journey in forty hours.—London Telegraph.

Loie Fuller's Radium Dance.



Loie Fuller is startling Paris with her latest dance. Her dress is rendered luminous with certain salts which, like radium, shine in the dark. On the darkened stage the weirdly luminous drapery has a most eerie effect.

VALUE OF EVENING CLOTHES.

Town Marshal Had Good Reason for Wearing Them.

"The first time that evening clothes were seen in Red Dog, Cal.," said Allen Kelly, author, traveler and grizzly bear hunter, the other night, "happened in this way: Tom Hyde, the town marshal, had to take a prisoner to Sacramento. After delivering him to the proper authorities, he dropped into a music hall to spend the evening. There he saw what is known on the east side as a 'full dress' suit, and seeing its possibilities at a glance he became desperately enamored of it.



"The next day he went to a clothing store and bought a ready-made swallow-tail suit. Upon returning to Red Dog he wore it day and night, and it is needless to say created a sensation. If he hadn't been known as a bad man from Biteer Creek, who

always carried two 44-caliber guns, he certainly would have been mobbed or lynched.

"I was stopping in Red Dog at the time, and meeting him one morning in his 'first-part suit,' as Haverly's Mastodon Minstrels used to call it, I said to him: 'Say, Tom, don't you know that those clothes only should be worn in the evening. Why do you wear them all day?'

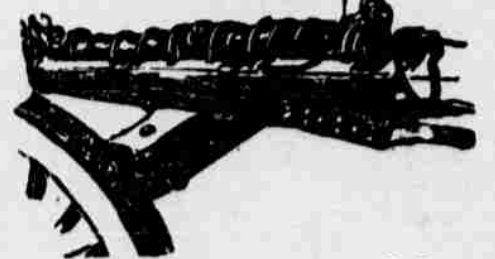
"Colonel," said Tom, 'these are the only clothes I ever saw that I could draw both my guns from my hind jockets at once without getting my d-d coat tails in the way, and I intend to wear them day and night until I cash in.'—New York Times.

Largest Tortoise in the World.

The Zoological Gardens in London have lately become the home of a tortoise imported from the Island of Mauritius which weighs 500 pounds and measures 4 feet 7 inches from head to tail. It was purchased from a family in Mauritius who vouched for having it in their possession for 150 years. Experts who have examined it think its age nearer 300 than 200 years and it seems to be not more than in its prime.

A tortoise still larger than this one was given to the Natural History Museum by the same person. It weighed 870 pounds when it died, and as it was known to be not much more than eighty years old it is to be supposed that its weight would have continued to increase with advancing years.—New York Herald.

Thundered Long Ago.



A cannon of the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

German Band Got Even.

At Saffron Walden, after a German band had played in various parts of the town, a donation was solicited at a china shop. The occupier refused, and a bandsman, it is said, slammed the door with such force that several articles fell from a shelf and were smashed. Compensation was demanded and \$1 was paid. Under the shopkeeper's bedroom window at half past ten at night the band played the Dead March in "Saul."

Rockefeller Orders Many Trees.

John D. Rockefeller has placed an order with a Tarrytown, N. Y., dealer for 10,000 evergreen trees, which will be planted on his estate at Pocant Hills. This is said to be the largest order of its kind ever placed by man.