

Quaint Features of Life

One Shave Too Much. OLLY, what a change! I believe I was looking at myself. I wouldn't believe it was my reflection in the glass. Look at those wrinkles! I am getting to be an old man. I'll bet mother (meaning his wife) won't know me when I get home.

A Town Without Taxes. Beverly, formerly the seat of Randolph county, West Virginia, and one of the oldest cities in the state, enjoys the unique distinction, revealing an almost Utopian condition, of being probably the only municipality in West Virginia where its citizens pay no corporation taxes.

Building by Air. The highest church spire in St. Louis is being built in a novel way. Its pinnacle will soar 265 feet above the ground. It is the first grille work spire in America, the entire steeple being constructed of stone lattice, giving free play to heavy winds.

Saved for His Next Life. Believing that there was another life after death, Henry Stevens of Webster, Mass., whose body was found near the New Haven railroad tracks boarded a fortune estimated at from \$5,000 to \$50,000, which he desired to take to his next life.

Never Had His Hair Cut. Maple Falls, Wash., boasts a modern day Samson, in an eccentric old man, who like the hero of old, has never permitted his hair to be trimmed. He wears long locks which hang nearly to the ground. He is a powerfully built man, and stands six feet five inches.

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Two Cents the Limit. After a recent railway accident in Philadelphia among the victims taken to the hospital for treatment was a man who remained in the comatose state, though the physicians worked long and patiently upon him. Careful examination also failed to reveal any specific injuries, and the doctors were puzzled to decide what was responsible for his condition.

FOR CERTAIN RELIEF OF COUGHS AND COLDS. The following is a prescription which has been given out by a prominent doctor who has a reputation for his wonderful skill in the cure of various lung diseases. For this purpose, the following is a list of the ingredients of the medicine.

Losses Bears, Wants \$2,000. When Farmer George Palmer left Parkville, N. J., early last month for his first visit to New York in twenty-one years there adored his chin a beard that had been his pride and boast for twenty years. Palmer arrived primed for a good time. He at once liked up to the Great White Way and looked it over.

Magpie as a Firebrand. One of the season's most destructive field fires, which occurred on the Tejon ranch, near Rose station, Kern County, California, the other day, was started by a great American eagle. That is the report that comes from Baker'sville, as verified by one of the ranch hands.

Half-Cent Leaf to Fortune. About four years ago H. N. Crawford, wife and two adopted sons, who had lived at Attles, Ind., for a number of years, moved to Edwardsville, Mich. Recently a young youngster, boy, whose right name, Lyman Wulfer, was written on the fly leaf. When the young lady saw the same she inquired

pendent, as I have had it cut out twice already." It transpired later that the man was subject to cataplectic attacks, and had learned from bitter experience the necessity of providing against injudicious surgical experiments at such times.

Midwest Dies in Poorhouse. John Harding, of whom Dr. P. Barnum offered \$500 a week to exhibit himself, died in the poorhouse at Norwalk, Conn. Harding's pride would never permit him to place himself on show with the midwests, the giants and the fat women, and so, while he might have amassed a considerable fortune, he died a pauper.

Stevens, though wealthy, lived in a room scantily furnished and prepared his own meals. He worked about the neighborhood haying, digging potatoes, cutting lawns, and cleaning carpets. He was reticent about his wealth; but Saturday, after completing his work for Mrs. A. D. Searle of School street, said he was keeping his money to take with him when he died, so that he could take things easy in his second life. Frequently he spoke about this after life and requested two of his intimate friends to see that his money was buried with him. No will has been found.

George Dinsinger, a veteran raccoon hunter, hunter of Pennsylvania, went out with Jacob Herbin for a hunt on South mountain and when he returned home some time later he not only came empty handed but in need of a surgeon's attention.

The hunters trailed a coon into a hollow tree about midnight. Dinsinger stood below with the lantern, while Herbin climbed the tree. The animal sat quiet until Herbin prodded it with a stick, and then leaped from the tree onto Dinsinger's head. He dropped the lantern and tried to throttle the beast, but it sank its teeth in the back of his neck and began to try to scratch his ears off. A terrific battle followed, which ended in a complete victory for the coon. When Dinsinger was down and the animal trotted off unconcerned. Dinsinger's neck and face are terribly scratched.

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The parrot is, perhaps, of all birds the most apt to take up bad habits. A friend of mine has one which is passionately fond of eating and chewing tobacco. If given a sufficient quantity the bird will make itself positively drunk with the nicotine and will stagger about its cage in exact imitation of the actions of an intoxicated human being. Long practice has made the bird somewhat of a connoisseur respecting its favorite luxury, and it now treats flaccid tobacco with contempt. Its particular delight is the rum-soaked plug affected by sailors.

When William S. Wiring courted his daughter Minerva, Smith declared the young man was after his money. He rejected Wiring, but when the couple eloped Wiring then he would welcome them back. This he did with a rifle as they entered his yard. Wiring being shot so severely that his life was despaired of.

Smith, who stood off the officers with his rifle two days, was sent to prison for five months. Wiring recovered and sued.

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The bird of freedom alighted on an uncovered power wire of the Edison Company and somehow caused a short circuit. Instantly the feathered biped was a mass of flames. It dropped into some stable, and the flames spread with amazing rapidity. All hands were summoned, and after working all night the fire was subdued.

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In the Field of Electricity

Electric Motor Tests. IN THIS power of resistance of a million diamonds and sapphires, upon which revolve the delicate mechanism of the miniature electric motors which act as meters in the lighting commission in New York City and at Albany. Figures showing the results of the periodic inspections of most of these jewel set meters by the lighting companies have been informally laid before the experts of both boards by the Empire State Gas and Electric association. In minute diagrams and tables the occasional vagaries of the pivotal precious stones are made the subject of scientific study.

Trails of Shooting Stars. When a shooting star appears in the sky it sometimes leaves behind it a luminous trail; and although the number of people who have witnessed this phenomenon is not large, and the accounts sometimes given of it have led to disbelief of it, yet there are enough well authenticated instances to establish its authenticity. The meteor trails or meteor trains remain visible to the naked eye for many minutes, and in a number of instances have been observed to last as long as three-quarters of an hour. Prof. Townbridge, who examines the evidence concerning their appearance and origin in the Astrophysical Journal, attributes them to luminous clouds formed by the incandescent meteors in their passage through the upper strata of the atmosphere, and collects a number of valuable facts concerning them. The trails are sometimes bright enough to be seen several hundred miles distant from their origin. Their height above the earth appears to be nearly always about fifty miles, a fact which indicates that the phosphorescence is dependent on the gas pressure where the trails are formed. From experiments which Prof. Townbridge has made with electrical discharges in air at low pressure he is led to compare the phosphorescence of a meteor train to the after-glow which follows certain forms of electrical discharge in partial vacuum tubes. The meteor trail shows some indication of having a tubular form, bright at the edges, less bright in the middle, and this appearance has sometimes made the trails look as if they were double. Excluding such meteor trails as are illuminated by sun-

force. The last victim of religious hatred was Colonel Bonnier of the French army, who was murdered in the street fourteen years ago, before the army had secured its mastery over Timbuktu.

It now takes only nineteen days to travel between Paris and the once forbidden city, and life is as safe there as in most cities of the world. Nowadays it is the surprising that always occurs. We may expect to hear that the turbulent young devotees who looked with suspicion on Lens are acquiring the automobile habit in their old age.

Electric Black Diamonds. A France has recently been taken out in patent by Mr. Bonnet for a method of obtaining carbon in an amorphous fused condition. The apparatus claimed consists of a vessel of bronze or other metal containing two carbon electrodes, between which is a rod of pure carbon. Beneath this rod is a smaller vessel containing carbon bisulphide, which, when vaporized, will produce a high pressure in the vessel, but will not have any action upon the carbon. The carbon bisulphide is first converted into vapor by means of a slight electric current, and as soon as there is a high pressure from this cause, a high tension current is passed through the vessel, with the result that in a few moments the carbon rod is fused and converted into the form of black diamond.

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