

WHY DOES HE TREAT ME SO?

The Question Happily Answered by a Gray-Haired Philosopher.

(From the Brooklyn Eagle.) "Are you the gentleman who answers the questions sent to the Eagle?" The voice was filled with music, and as the bent and gray philosopher who officiates as encyclopedia for the institution looked up his eyes were blinded. A flash of golden hair! A bewildering sea of blue eyes! A struggle between the red and white roses!

THE ZERO-MOTOR.

Steam Possibly to be Superseded by Ammonia and Water.

There is at the Navy Yard at Washington an apparatus known as the Gangee ice machine. In fact, it has no distinct name as yet, but when it shall be completed, some three months hence, it will be known as the Zero-Motor. The machine has excited great interest among various persons, but Professor Gangee has only exhibited it in motion to President Garfield, Secretaries Hunt and Windom and a few prominent officials. The primary idea of the inventor was to secure a machine for the economical manufacture of ice, and he constructed a compound-ammoniacal engine, to which was attached a steam-engine of peculiar construction and an ammoniacal pump, all three of which are connected by the same shaft.

Notes on Notables.

Lady Colley has visited the resting-place of her late husband. Six years ago yesterday David Livingstone, the African explorer, died. Millais has commissions for portraits amounting in money value to \$200,000. Queen Margherita is one of the most skilful sewing women in Italy. Oliver Wendell Holmes has been a professor at Harvard for thirty-four years. Lord Cairns is a good lawyer and a good debater, but is not an inventive genius. Lord Derby, it is thought, will succeed to Lord Beaconsfield's blue ribbon of the Garter.

life on the railroad, besides writing poems and a life of his gifted father.

Earl Beaconsfield's steward, Mr. Frederick Baum, registered the death of his employer at the registry office in East Chapel street, near Curzon street. The record is as follows: "Benjamin Diraelli, male, age 76; rank or profession, first Earl of Beaconsfield; cause of death, asthma; certified by Jos. Kidd; person present at death, Frederick Baum. Address, 19 Curzon street, 21st April, 1881." When the Czar received the diplomatic corps for the first time the Czarina was present, yet, contrary to custom, the ambassadors' wives were not invited to the audience. The slight was no doubt unintentional, but it has been much commented upon. The Emperor wore a Cossack uniform, in which dress neither he nor his father had ever been seen at the court. This incident excited much curiosity among the corps diplomatique.

A Tragedy.

A figure is kneeling, as if in prayer, On the grassy banks of a mountain stream, Pallid and wan, and the thick matted hair Falls carelessly over his haggard mien. The children are playing—be, ho, be, ho! And the birds are singing so merrily; There's never a one on earth, I trow, So wretched, forsaken, and sad as he.

How Herrmann Was Sold.

In the course of a professional tour recently undertaken in South America by the prestidigitator, Herrmann, he was engaged while at Buenos Ayres to give an evening performance at the house of the Austro-Hungarian Minister, who had invited a large party of friends to witness Herrmann's ingenious feats, and had hired a party of Patagonians, five in number, then exhibiting in Buenos Ayres and about sailing for Europe.

REVOLTING DISCOVERY.

A Terrible Disclosure in the Eternal City The following at first hair-raising and then harrowing tale comes from Rome. For sometime the inhabitants of a certain part of Pelerino street had been shuddering and telling tales of a haunted house in the neighborhood from which at night came sighs of woe and the sound of clanking chains. Some good people believed that a ghost was at the bottom of the affair, while others thought differently, though they could not deny the evidence of their senses in regard to such noises as are commonly made by ghosts in old houses, even in Rome, though when they come forth into the streets of the Eternal City on great occasions they are accustomed to squeak and gibber. At last the authorities got wind of the affair and the police were sent to search the haunted dwelling, in which they found an aged pair who, though they did not stand in the odor of sanctity, were nevertheless evidently not ghosts. The police sought the spirit high and low, but could find no trace of it until at last they came upon a narrow subterranean passage leading from the cellar, and there discovered a poor old woman chained and wasted nearly to a skeleton. It was shown in the trial that followed that this unfortunate creature was the sister of the man who with his wife inhabited the house, and that the pair were gradually starving her to death for the sake of getting possession of her property.

Count Henning Hamilton, Chamberlain to the King of Sweden, Grand Chancellor of the Universities and wearer of almost innumerable orders, has been suddenly stripped of all his dignities. The Swedish papers are reticent upon the subject, but it is rumored that the cause of his disgrace was the discovery of a series of forgeries amounting to \$200,000.

Prince Bismarck, while conferring in his private cabinet with a diplomat, happened to speak of the Earl of Beaconsfield, and to show his esteem for the English Conservative leader said, pointing to the wall, "There hangs the portrait of my sovereign, there on the right that of my wife, and on the left there that of Lord Beaconsfield."

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