

IN THE ODD CORNER

QUEER AND CURIOUS THINGS AND EVENTS.

A School in a Cave Out in Central Kansas—It is Indestructible from Cyclones, Safe from Fire and Flood, and Seldom in Need of Repairs.

The Flight of Youth. There are gains for all our losses, There are balms for all our pains; But when youth, the dream, departs, It takes something from our hearts, And it never comes again.

We are stronger, and are better, Under manhood's sterner reign; Still we feel that something sweet Followed youth, with flying feet, And will never come again.

Something beautiful is vanished, And we sigh for it in vain; We behold it everywhere, On the earth, and in the air, But it never comes again.

R. H. Stoddard.

School in a Cave.

Many queer places for holding school have been selected in this country. One district on the Atlantic coast is said to utilize an old boat that lies far up on the sands. Log-cabin and sod school-houses are not unusual, and serve their purpose well. But a district out in central Kansas has a unique school-house, indestructible by cyclones, safe from fire and flood, and seldom in need of repairs. This school-house is a rocky cliff, sixty feet high and many rods long, with a sheer wall on the side toward the river. In the limestone rock of the base of the wall are large caves, and one of them is the district school room. It is not a large school-room, but sufficient, as pupils are few there. It has a wooden door, the walls are smoothly cut and made as presentable as possible, the maps and charts are fastened to the rock, and the seats are set on the earthen floor. Of course the light can come from the front only, but with the assistance of a lamp on cloudy days, it is enough. On one side of the school-room is a large brick fireplace, and the blazing logs make the cave-room cheerful, even on the gloomiest days. There are other caves in the cliff, and if a pupil desires a drink of water he has only to go to a neighboring one where a pure cold spring of splendid water bubbles out of the rocky floor. Another apartment, which adjoins the school-room and is connected with it by an arched passage through the partition wall of rock only three feet thick, is used as a play-room on stormy days. This play-room, twelve by fourteen feet in size, is not so large as the school-room. On the face of the cliff which contains these caves scores of Indian signs are cut deep in the rock, and have been there for generations—presumably records of the tribe that once made these caves their home or frequent camping-place. Altogether, the cave school-room is so comfortable and interesting that it is well liked by the children who are taught there.

Colored Photographs.

Mr. H. J. Mackinder, the professor of geography at Oxford, who last summer made the first complete ascent of Mount Kenia, the great African snow mountain through which the equator passes, took with him an outfit for taking photographs in color. This is the first time the new art has been applied to the illustration of a scientific expedition, and the results Mr. Mackinder attained were quite gratifying. The color photographs were taken by the lives process and show vivid effects in the reproduction of the colors of tropical skies, vegetation and waters. When Mr. Mackinder made his report to the Royal Geographical Society of London recently, he showed a number of the pictures, and the geographers agreed that photography in colors is a most desirable addition to the results of exploring enterprises. One of the color prints was a scene in the Nyika, the scrub desert which extends for a hundred miles inland in the rear of the fertile coastal belt. All who had seen photographs of this waste were impressed with the far more vivid result of color photography. The ordinary photograph gives no idea of the color of the ground, which is uniformly reddish, but Mr. Mackinder's picture showed the red tint of the earth as well as the black bodies of the dwarf bushes, their brown tops and the light blue sky and white clouds above them. It is well known that the chief reason why the African snow mountains were so long unascended was because the natives could not be induced to climb above the snow line. Mr. Mackinder discovered interesting proof that the Wanderobo natives, who live near the base of Kenia, are constantly climbing around its sides and ascend higher than any other African natives have done. He found the remains of grass huts and figs and also many foot-prints, which prove that they often frequent the upper limit of the forest region more than 10,000 feet above sea level. They visited some of his men at an elevation of over 12,000 feet. It was in September when he climbed this mountain directly under the equator. In the night time at the higher elevations he recorded temperatures below the freezing point. The air temperature at the top of the mountain, over 17,000 feet above the sea, was 40 degrees above zero at noon and the lowest temperature on the previous night at 14,700 feet was 23 degrees. There are fifteen glaciers on the mountain sides and evidences of other ice streams which no longer exist. The Lewis glacier is a mile long, the Gregory glacier is rather shorter, and all the others are smaller. All these glaciers head around the top of the mountain, and their lower ends reach levels of 14,450 to 14,900 feet above sea level. Comparatively little water was flowing from the glaciers and the ice which formed them was intensely hard and fed by fine hail rather than snow.

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Saved by His Insanity.

North American Indians always treated with great kindness the insane and the feeble-minded, believing that they would be punished for any injury to persons so unfortunate. General Strong tells how this belief of the Indians enabled Prof. Hayden of the United States geological survey to escape from a dangerous predicament. One day, after having filled his saddlebags and pockets with pieces of various kinds of rock, the professor found that he had wandered far from his party, and started in search of them. Seeing some men on horseback, and supposing that they were his friends, he rode toward them, but to his horror discovered that they were Indians. Knowing that he was in the country of hostiles, he turned his horse and attempted to escape. But his saddlebags and every pocket were full to overflowing, as was also the tin box containing bugs and insects which hung at his side. Thus handicapped, he made but poor headway. The Indians soon overtook him and in sign language ordered him to dismount. They proceeded at once to make an inspection of his possessions. He had nothing with which to defend himself, his outfit being a pocket-knife, hammer, chisel and watch. These they took, and then began to plunge their hands into his pockets, bringing them out filled with the rock specimens. Again and again they did this, until pockets, pouch and saddle-bags were all emptied. As the pile of stones increased upon the ground beside him the Indians burst into loud laughter. Finally they opened the tin box, and when they saw nothing in that but bugs and other insects, they quickly closed it, and looking at one another, and then very closely at Prof. Hayden, they touched their foreheads and made the sign signifying crazy. Then they gave back all his things, even picking up the specimens and replacing them carefully in his pockets, pouch and saddle-bags, and in the sign language told him to mount his horse and go on.

Photographic Time Clock.

One of the simplest and most effective devices invented for the purpose of automatically registering the entry and departure of employees in large establishments is the photographic arrangement described in La Science Francaise. The instrument is both swift and automatic, and from the fact that it combines the cinematograph and the chronometer, it certainly may be said to be "up to date." The apparatus, which is a rectangular box having an object lens in front and a glazed panel on top, photographs the face of the person who stands before the lens by means of a novel but extremely simple arrangement, at the same time includes in the picture the dial of a clock inside the box. Thus, when the sensitive film is developed, there is seen just under the employee's face the hour at which he reached the factory or left it. Instead of signing a time sheet or receiving a time card, the employee, whoever he may be, has only to turn his face toward the apparatus and press the button. Nothing can be simpler. There is no mistake and can be no possible argument. The operation is instantaneous; the constructor has shown by previous experiments that each of his instruments can register about fifty entries a minute. As in the cinematograph, the film unrolls automatically before the objective; but after each individual pose, the shutter works at the pressure of a button. A small electric bulb in the apparatus enables it to be used at night. The clock has a black dial on which the day of the week, the hours and the minutes, in white, and over which move two pointers of white enameled aluminium. Although the price of the apparatus is relatively high, it costs incomparably less than a time-keeper of flesh and blood, while guaranteeing much greater impartiality and exactness.—New York Press.

Used Toes to Shave Himself.

American men think it a very meritorious and remarkable accomplishment to be able to shave themselves. Yet Charles Francis Felt, the armless Belgian artist, who has just died in his seventieth year, performed this arduous office every morning for himself, and did not consider that he was doing anything unusual. When only a baby Felt related how he used to sit in the garden with his mother during the long summer days while she taught him to pluck with his little toes the bright colored flowers, with which their garden abounded. Fortified by this practice his baby feet became daily more flexible and useful to their little master, and when he had reached the age of 6 he could do almost as much with them as his little companions and playmates could do with their hands. In later years, when he commenced the study and pursuit of his favorite art, painting, it was a wonderfully interesting sight to watch the gifted boy at work. He always held his palette with the great toe of his left foot and manipulated the different brushes, crayons and pencils with the toes of his right foot. He always when at table skillfully managed his knife and fork.—New York Press.

HEALTHY WOMEN.

Mary J. Kennedy, manager of Armour & Co.'s Exhibit at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition at Omaha, Neb., writes the following of Peruna, as a cure for that common phase of summer catarrh, known as indigestion. Miss Kennedy says:



"I found the continual change of diet incidental to eight years' traveling completely upset my digestive system. In consulting several physicians they decided I suffered with catarrh of the stomach. Their prescriptions did not seem to help me any, so, reading of the remarkable cures effected by the use of Peruna I decided to try it and soon found myself well repaid. I have now used Peruna for about three months and feel completely rejuvenated. I believe I am permanently cured, and do not hesitate to give unqualified praise to your great remedy, Peruna." The causes of summer catarrh are first, chronic catarrh; second, derangements of the stomach and liver; third, impure blood. Such being the case anyone who knows anything whatever about the operations of Peruna can understand why this remedy is a permanent cure for summer catarrh. It eradicates chronic catarrh from the system, invigorates the stomach and liver, cleanses the blood of all impurities, and therefore permanently cures by removing the cause—a host of maladies peculiar to hot weather. The cause being removed the symptoms disappear of themselves. "Summer Catarrh" sent free to any address by The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio.

Is the Queen an O'Connor?

The queen is of the old Irish royal strain. She is not only a Guelph and a Stuart, she is one of the royal O'Connors. The last Irish sovereign of the whole island was Roderick O'Connor. His sons were slain. His daughter married Hugo de Lacy. Their daughter married a De Burg, earl of Ulster; from them descended Ellen, wife of Robert Bruce, king of Scotland. The granddaughter of Robert Bruce, the Princess Margery, married the lord high steward of Scotland, and through her the Stuarts claimed the Scottish crown. Hence it is easy to trace how the royal blood of Ireland, Scotland and England meets in the person of the reigning Queen Victoria.—Irish Tourist.

Supreme Court Sustains the Foot-Ease Trade-Mark.

Justice Laughlin, in Supreme Court, Buffalo, has ordered a permanent injunction, with costs, and a full accounting of sales, to issue against Paul B. Hudson, the manufacturer of the foot powder called "Dr. Clark's Foot Powder," and also against a retail dealer of Brooklyn, restraining them from making or selling the Dr. Clark's Foot Powder, which is declared, in the decision of the Court, an imitation and infringement of "Foot-Ease," the powder to shake into your shoes for tired, aching feet, now so largely advertised and sold all over the country. Allen R. Olmsted, of Le Roy, N. Y., is the owner of the trade-mark "Foot-Ease," and he is the first individual who ever advertised a foot powder extensively over the country. He will send a sample free to any one who writes him for it. The decision in this case upholds the trade-mark and renders all parties liable who fraudulently attempt to profit by the extensive "Foot-Ease" advertisement. In placing upon the market a counterfeit and similar appearing preparation, labeled and put up in envelopes and boxes like Foot-Ease. Similar suits will be brought against others who are now infringing on the Foot-Ease trade-mark and common law rights.

Summer Food in China.

Black dogs and black cats are the favorites in China in the line of food, because when eaten in midsummer they will insure health and strength.

The most important change made at the recent provincial chapter of the Congregation of the Holy Cross at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, was the transfer of Rev. James A. Burns from the head of the community house to the presidency of Holy Cross college, which is situated in Washington in affiliation with the Catholic University of America. Father Burns, who has been professor of chemistry at Notre Dame after brilliant work at Harvard and Johns Hopkins, is one of the ablest as well as one of the youngest of the Catholic educators of America, and as head of the post graduate institution in Washington he has a great field for further progress.

Ten Chinese Newspapers are Published in Shanghai, and the Success they have achieved has led to the establishment of others at some of the other treaty ports.

Insist on Having Maple City Soap. If you want the best. It is pure, and leaves the clothes sweet and wholesome. Some people put on airs because that is about all they have to put on.

SEND 47 cts.

Advertisement for Wheat and Corn Markets, featuring a picture of a wheat stalk and text about market prices and quality.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME.

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Notre Dame University, one of the great educational institutions of the West, which appears in another column of this paper. Those of our readers who may have occasion to look up a college for their sons during the coming year would do well to correspond with the president, who will send them a catalogue free of charge, as well as all particulars regarding terms, courses of studies, etc.

There is a thorough preparatory school in connection with the university, in which students of all grades will have every opportunity of preparing themselves for higher studies. The Commercial Course, intended for young men preparing for business, may be finished in one or two years according to the ability of the student. St. Edward's Hall, for boys under thirteen, is an unique department of the institution. The higher courses are thorough in every respect, and students will find every opportunity of perfecting themselves in any line of work they may choose to select. Thoroughness in class work, exactness in the care of students, and devotion to the best interests of all, are the distinguishing characteristics of Notre Dame University.

Fifty-six years of active work in the cause of education have made this institution famous all over the country.

"Jim Crow" Cars in Virginia.

The "Jim Crow" car law requiring separated coaches for whites and negroes on the railroads in Virginia went into effect tonight at 12 o'clock, says a recent dispatch from Richmond. All the roads had their shop forces busy for some time preparing their cars ready to meet the requirements of the new law. Every train running after midnight will have separate cars. Local trains, where there are few coaches, will have these partitioned, giving one-half to the whites and the other to the negroes. The railroads made a tremendous fight against the enactment of the law and the negroes protested loudly, but in vain.

The New Railroad to San Francisco.

The Atchafalaya, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Co. has completed an extension of their route to San Francisco, and opened it up recently for passenger business, opening for freight business having been made several weeks ago. Heretofore, San Francisco and the other cities of central California have been connected with the east by only one trans-continental line, and the entry of the Santa Fe route to compete for public patronage may be expected to result in much better freight and passenger transportation for those cities. The Santa Fe road is now the only railroad under one ownership and management all the way from Chicago to San Francisco.

A Welcome Announcement.

It will be learned with universal pleasure that the management of the Temple Theater has made a special arrangement whereby Jessie Bartlett Davis will fill another engagement of one week at this theater at an early date. Many who thought Mrs. Davis would stay longer than one week during her last engagement were disappointed in not seeing her. Her coming appearance will give them another opportunity, but it must not be understood that Mrs. Davis is to continue in vaudeville. It is because of numerous and urgent requests from friends that she has consented to fill another engagement at the Temple.

Marquette, on Lake Superior.

Marquette, on Lake Superior, is one of the most charming summer resorts reached via Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway. Its healthful location, beautiful scenery, good hotels and complete immunity from hay fever, make a summer outing at Marquette, Mich., very attractive from the standpoint of health, rest and comfort. For a copy of "The Lake Superior Country," containing a description of Marquette and the copper country, address, with four (4) cents in stamps to pay postage, Geo. H. Hoarford, General Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Indian Grows Railroad.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad is building a line in Montana down into the Big Horn Basin toward Yellowstone Park, and as the Crow Indian reservation is near at hand, a contract has been made with the red man for grading a section of roadbed. The managers of competitive lines threaten to enter a complaint to the Western Passenger Association, making the charge that the Burlington has made a deal with the "Scalpers."

The tonnage handled by transportation companies at Pittsburg in 1899 aggregated nearly 50,000,000 tons.

To Cure Dandruff Quickly use Cole Dandruff Cure. Money refunded if it fails, so why not try it?

Misery is like a marriageable young lady; it loves company.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE.

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Sacred Heart College, Watertown, Wis., which appears in another column of this paper. This institution is a branch of the great University of Notre Dame, and aims to fit boys for entrance to the university courses as well as to give them a thorough training at moderate cost. For the parent of limited means Sacred Heart College fills a long felt want. Founded in 1873, it has gone on increasing from year to year until now it ranks as one of the foremost colleges of the middle west.

A Novel Social Diversion.

Copake, N. Y., comes to the front with a decided novelty in the way of social diversion. The citizens organized a "graveyard bee" and, going out to the graveyard, straightened up all the toppling monuments and headstones. Following out their original streak, they then returned to town and wound up the evening with a dance.

Best for the Bowels.

No matter what ails you, headache to a cancer, you will never get well until your bowels are put right. CASCARETS help nature, cure you without a gripe or pain, produce easy natural movements, cost you just 10 cents to start getting your health back. CASCARETS Candy Cathartic, the genuine, put up in metal boxes, every tablet has C. C. C. stamped on it. Beware of imitations.

A Cambridge (Mass.) councilman is endeavoring to gain an appropriation of \$5,000 to buy the house of James Russell Lowell for a free library.

All Good Housekeepers.

Testify to the purity of Maple City Self Washing Soap. It saves time and saves clothes. All grocers sell it.

Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Is taken internally. Price, 75c.

Several zinc mines have been discovered in east Tennessee.

Did You Ever Run Across

an old letter—ink all faded out? Couldn't have been Carter's Ink for it doesn't fade.

A Danish army officer is at the head of the Siamese navy.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.

For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. See a bottle.

The beauty of a woman who paints

lan't even skin deep.

Cole's Cough Balsam

is the oldest and best. It will break up a cold quicker than anything else. It is always reliable. Try it.

In Portugal, married women retain

their maiden names.

Many causes induce gray hair, but PARKER'S HAIR

Balm is the best for the youthful color. It restores the hair to its natural color. See a bottle.

Berlin added 42,321 to its population

last year.

When cycling, take a bar of White's Yeast.

You can ride further and easier.

Cold feet are no ground for divorce

in July.

Brown's Teething Cordial makes good

babies out of cross babies.

He who has little has little to fear.

Advertisement for Absolute Security, Genuine Carter's Little Liver Pills, featuring a picture of a bottle and text about its benefits for various ailments.

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Advertisement for Rene Plant, featuring a picture of a plant and text about its medicinal properties and availability.

When pride leads the procession poverty always brings up the rear. I do not believe Plin's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—JAMES P. BOYAN, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900. It is better to be taken by surprise than to be taken by the police.

OVARIAN TROUBLES.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Cures Them.—Two Letters from Women. "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I write to tell you of the good Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me. I was sick in bed about five weeks. The right side of my abdomen pained me and was so swollen and sore that I could not walk. The doctor told my husband I would have to undergo an operation. This I refused to do until I had given your medicine a trial. Before I had taken one bottle the swelling began to disappear. I continued to use your medicine until the swelling was entirely gone. When the doctor came he was very much surprised to see me so much better."—MRS. MARY SMITH, Arlington, Iowa.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I was sick for

two years with falling of the womb, and inflammation of the ovaries and bladder. I was bloated very badly. My left limb would swell so I could not step on my foot. I had such bearing down pains I could not straighten up or walk across the room and such shooting pains would go through me that I thought I could not stand it. My mother got me a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and told me to try it. I took six bottles and now, thanks to your wonderful medicine, I am a well woman."—MRS. ELISE HAYAN, Otisville, Mich.

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