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COAL MINE THAT WAS ON FIRE, and that the combustion loosened the rocks n the side of the hill. The passengers, who ible to sleep sifelt the concussion, being assured that entirely and was only a forward car off the track went ak to bed and slept till morning, in the resence of what came very near being one the most dreadful accidents ever known the history of railway smash-ups. The enductor had to walk eight miles to a telgraph station before he could call assistme. He summoned wrecking trains from he east and west, and both came with large force of men. who worked bravely to ar the track and take back the wreck. so uld not walk the train, which was about fifteen curs behind time, could move on. F.r. constant de- mately no one was injured, and amid mgratulations next morning among the usengers upon their deliverauce from a readful fate they did not forget stout. and Engineer Gleason, whom they comimented by a series of resolutions and a tirely and I misome purse, which they forwarded to adquarters, with the signature and thanks der her ad- as former occasion, when by his presence mind and braye action he saved the lives mother train load of passengers. It is by th brave deeds that men become heroes on a more exalted field than that of bat-

Effects of Temperature.

he effects of temperature on men do not pend so much on the mean for the day, onth, or year, as on the extreme, as when tedays are hot and the nights comparativecool the energy of the system becomes nousands of mially restored, so that a residence near te sea, or in the vicinity of high mountains, lot climates is, other things being equal, enervating than in the plains, as the ght air is generally cooler. It is commonbelieved that hot climates are necessarily prous to Europeans, by causing frequent er derangements and diseases, dysentery, tiera, and fevers. This, however, is, to ertain extent, a mistake, as the recent tical statistical returns of our army in ashow that in the new barracks, with me careful supervision as regards diet and thing, the sickness and death rates are ch reduced. Pianters and others, who about a good deal, as a rule keep in y good health; but the children of the opeans certainly degenerate, and a ter our three generations die out, unless they emarry with natives and make frequent to colder climates. This fact shows thot climates, probably by interfering the due performance of the various cesses concerned in the formation and fraction of the bodily tissues, eventually the foundations of life among Europeans; how far this result has been caused by habits as regards food, exercise, and Indulgence I cannot say. Rapid changes emperature in this country are often very mons to the young, and old, causing and derangements of the liver when abered that heat occurs, and inflammatory diseases the lungs, colds, etc., when the air besuddenly colder, even in summer .-

The Mouse-Eating Spider. bout three years ago I succeeded in geta live specimen at last, or rather three them, all together, in a nice box fronted wire netting. I bought them from a We, who sells cigars and walking sticks he market wharf in Bahia, a town on coast of Brezil.

or some time after they commenced Troyage they ate nothing, though I put and ccckroaches into their cage. Then flered them bits of fresh-killed raw beef they seemed to suck; and then, as if had whetted its appetite, to my great one killed the other two and sucked till only the dry shells were left of bloating itself visibly in the process. then it began to get cold I filled up the with hay, under which it retired and at to sleep, and in that condition was arded by rail from Southampton to the Gardens in London, where I next in a splendid glass cage, labelled a latin name several inches in length,

composed expressly for it. by call it the "mouse-eating" spider, the it seemed to prefer the bodies of mice to anything else. At first it to drain them of blood as vigorously as served its late companions, but after and that it could have as many as it would cut out the top of the with its sharp nippers, suck the brains eare the rest.

The Gunpewder Plet.

The Gunpowder Put involved he stands on the nine foot thick foundation walls of Philadelphia, Prof. J. E. Hilgard read a the westbound express of the Northern the ancient palace on the river side, just be paper on the "Relative Level of the Atlantation with a severe accident on the Lords. The constitution walls of paper on the "Relative Level of the Atlantation with a severe accident on the Lords. The constitution walls of paper on the "Relative Level of the Atlantation with a severe accident on the Lords. The constitution walls of paper on the "Relative Level of the Atlantation with a severe accident on the lowest like the periode at with a severe accident on the Lords. The conspirators were all sentlemen hibited a relief model showing the restant vellowstone, about twenty-two miles from and they bloodied their delicate fingers at part of the North Atlantic ocean, the Gellowstone, we got the following particular that point to an end of the North Atlantic ocean, the Gellowstone, we got the following particular that point to an end of the North Atlantic ocean, the Gellowstone, we got the following particular that point to an end of the North Atlantic ocean, the Gellowstone, about twenty-two miles from We got the following particult that point to an end. Their object was to of Mexico, and the United States cast of the piles City. S G. Van Wart, of Helena, who put between thirty and forty berrels of gun. Mississippi river. The principal features to passanger on the train. He says the powder into the mine, and to blow the king which he directed attention were the fact and the Prince of Wales, the lords, and the which he actual continental cutline does not was running the Yellowstone River, bishops, to atome. They shortly found a correspond to the present accidental limits bott 2 o'clock Saturday morning, with cellar which answered their purpose better. of land and water, but to the one hendred Here they banked up their barrels under a fathom curve, so that the continental limit potatoes. mail and Palman cars, when the fire- suspicious quantity of coal and other fuel. is far out under the sea. Florida and Yucadiscovered a huge pile of rock moving When the train was laid, it led, however to tan have more than twice their geographical the mountain about thirty yards themselves, and when the explosion came, limits, while the West Indies and the Anit was under their own feet. They were tilles appear as a vasteut marine continuation scattered to the four winds. When the of the Florida peninsula, the mountain sumane time jumping himself and lighting fated members of the conspiracy were sought mits of which only appear above the sea. and found, a number were slain in the ar- | This submarine plateau, extending to the rest, a few escaped, but the remainder were and seven others were arraigned before a ed to the Catholic party.

The ocn requence of all this was the im mediate formation os an imaginary explosive compound, that went by another name than gunpowder-a threefold mixture of this popular rumor, some actual Catholic discontent. and some latent treason, the fright of which lasts, in form at least, to this day. Parliament always looks under the bed at the opening of every new session, the Prayer book turns pale on the 5th of November, and Guy Fawkes is dishonored with a mock procession. But there was a period, and a good long one, when the memory of it reviven in some more fiery form than this now forsil ceremonial. In the nervous imagination of the people the explosive compound was always underneath the government. The mere spark of suggestion was enough to set the whole train fizzing. This, for the mest part, was after the Rebellion, at which time the throne was undermined and overturned by the Puritan party without excising nearly so much scandal. The people were only | could! afraid when the papists were at it. So when Titus Oates, seventy-four years after the Gunpowder Plot, told his enormous lie, they rushed, metaphorically speaking, tothe cellars again to find the "popish plot" which had no existence, to seize and drag to judgment about as many supposed conspirators with supposed dark lanterns and supposed explosive materials concealed as Guy Fawkes had ever actually to do with, and again Westminster Hall had even more bloody it high duties and grave responsibilities. The work on its hands over this fiction of a malicious brain and this credulity of a suspicious people than is had over the veritable plot | a glorious light, but it demands duties and itself. It was a petard which, nevertheless, worked so undesignedly well t at it nearly hoisted Charles the Scond out of his throne because he had the best reason for not believing it, which did hoist all the papists out of Parliament so high that they never came down till George the Fourth's terry passenger on the train. Engineer day, and the ring of the detonation was so ne long be sesson, was the recipient of a gold watch loud that Jame the Second had afterward to put his hanus to his ears and leave the kingdom to the Protestant triumph which has prevailed ever since, The extraor linary peculiarity of this gaseous version of the Gunpowder Plot was that it blew up the royal family after all, and with the nation's joyous consent. - Harper's Monthty.

Electricity as an Aid to Lion Tamers.

The latest application of electricity is an invention made in the interests of loa tamers, which consist of an apparatus of great power, shaped like a stick. about three and a half feet in length. M. Ranspach, the inventor is a lion tamer himself, who has been "a good deal worried" during a long and successful professional career. He has already experimented with it upon the denizens of the cages in his menagerie, and relates the different effects upon the brutes. Three of his lians receiving the shock immediately showed signs of the greatest terror. They were seized with trembling and growled fifully, The tiger was more quickly subdued, became stupefied, and crouched in a corner of the cage. Bruin was more refractory to electricity, which seemed scarcely to effect him He would growl and show his teeth, and was subdued after replated discharges.

The most astonishing effects, however, were perceptible in the boa constrictor. On receiving the discharge, the specimen from Cayenne, nearly twenty feet in length, became at once paralysed and remained motionless for aix hours afterward. When he recovered, he showed signs of numbness for three whole days. Finally, the elephant on being electrified by a touch of the stick upon the tip of his trunk set up a series of wild cries, and became so strange that the tamer feared the brute would break its heavy iron M. Rauspach is said to intend addressing a paper upon the experiments to the Academy of Sicences.

The Oldest Author.

Rev. W. K. Gleig, of England, was one of the warmest friends of the second duke of Wellington, recently deceased. Mr. Gleig is almost an nonagenarian, and is the oldest living author who still wields a pen. "He was present at the battle of New Orleans in 1815," says Labouchere in Truth, "and raw Gen. Pakenham killed and some of the picked regiments of the British army defeated by Gen. Andrew Jackson and a few American backwoodsmen. Mr. Gleig, who subsequently took orders and became chaplain general, wrote a spirited description in his 'Subaltern' of the engagement at New Orleans, and, having started as an author in 1815, has quite lately contributed an article to Blackwood's Magazine. His mind and memory are still entirely unshaken. He was a great favorite with the Iron Duke."-Philadelphia Inquirer.

Curiosity of the Electrical Exhibition.

Am ng the curiosities in operation at the exhibition of electrical inventions in Philadelphia is a magnetic table. It is a small, unpretentious stand, with a plain innocent looking surface, but beneath it is an electromagnet. A handful of nails lay upon it yesterday. Suddenly and without any perceptible cause, each arose and silently stood upon its head, much to the delight and mystification of the small bays. A moment they remained motionless and then suddenly to know there were more in the tumbled in a heap, when the unseen current was shut off by the operator. At his will they would rise, bow and courtesy like dancing master, or stand up their heads like orous tumblers.

The Gulf of Mexico and its Stream

southeast, forms, with the coast line of the put to the torture and tried. Guy Fawkes | United States, a great hight nearly as large again as the Gulf of Mexico, which Prof. special commission in Wesminster Hail, and Hilgard designated the Great Bay of North Coke, the Attorney General, managed the America. Whatever the causes which proproceedings against them. The result was, duced the gulf stream, they must give rise or course, an immediate and horrible execu- to an elevation of the gulf above the Atlantion in the rear of the Hall, and close to the tic in order to occasion the stream-s physcene of their labors. With very natural in- sical fact demonstrated by the most accurate ustice this infamous attempt was attribut- measurements. The explanation of the stream was that the North Atlantic trade winds set the water of the Caribean sea against the "Spanish main" (Central America), deflected northward along the coast of Yucatan, where the flow is through the straits between Yucatan and Cuba, and thence through the Bemini channel uto the Atlantic ocean, thus forming what is k. own as the "Gulf Stream." The part which the Gulf of Mexico has in this is mainly that of a reservoir or "accumulator," maintaining the outflow at a more uniform rate than the assigned cause would a imit of without such a reservoir.

GRAINS OF GOLD.

Love and reason seldom go together. The tree of knowledge is not the tree of

If youth only knew and

Let us encourage the beautiful, for the useful encourages itself.

Nothing is rarer in literary history than a scholar who confesses that he has been refuted in anything,

Sober thought about one's own sober soul and its destiny is by no means a favorite occupation with men.

Liberty is a privilege which carries with right to say what is false implies the duty of declaring that which is true. Liberty is sacrifices greater than any which tyranny exacts, and more is required from freemen than from slaves.

English Schools.

The following were recently among the ture by her majesty's inspectors of schools: No. 2 again, and then she recovered. "Who was Moses?" "He was an Egypt-He lived :n a hark maid of bullrushes, and he kept a golden carf and worshipt braizen snakes and he het nothin' but qwales and manner for forty years. He was kort

by the air of his 'ed while ridin' under the bow of a tree, and he was killed by his son Absion es he was hanging from the bow. His end was peace."

Abraham?" "He was the father of Lot and had tew wives. One was called Hismale and the other Haygur. He ke pwun at home and he hurried the other into the desert, where she became a pillow of salt in the daytime and a p llow of fire at nite."

"Write an account of the Good Samaritan." "A certain man went down from Jerslam to Jeriker and he fell among thawns and the thawns sprank up and choked him. Whereupon he gave tuppins to the hoast and said tak care on him and put him on his hone hass. And he past bye on the hother side."-London Times.

A Young Mother.

Recently there occurred four miles west of Alexandria, Ky., a case of maternity the most remarkable in the history of American obstetrics. The mother, a young colored girl named Rena Freeman, was bern March 5, 1873, and is therefore 11 years and months old. She is small of stature, being about 4 feet 8 inches in height, and weighing bat 90 pounds, and is a child in everything but experience.

After her confinement she acknowledged that she had been seduced by her brother-30, and the father of two children. When taxed with the seduction of his sister-in-law he did not deny the charge. Her accoucher, Dr. T. S. Orr, rays the case is without a parallel in the medical history of this country. He had considerable difficulty with the patient, the infant's size and weight, ten pounds, necessitating the operation of crani otomy. - Cincinnati Inquirer.

Town Where Neither Coal ner Wood Is Wanted.

Not a pound of wood or coal is consumed at Creighton, twenty miles from Pittaburgh, where the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company have their plant. Glass factory and residences are heated and lighted by natural gas. Gas was struck at 1,200 feet in a five inch bore. A torrent of what the owners describe as "rure nitrogen gas" burst out with a force of 250 pounds to the square inch, and after three years is flowing with as much energy as ever. The visitor sees no coal, no wood, no cinders, no ashes, no smoke. In the furnaces is a lurid, steady heat regulated by clock work. No grimy stoker sweats his life away at furnace doors, but instead a calm person with a stained glass shield invites you to look at the glass through the open furnace doors, where glares a heat sufficient to deter a modern Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Overhead gas burners are ablaze in broad day. because it is not worth while to take time to turn the burners off and on, as there plenty of gas and to spare. In the residences a thumb screw regulates the temperature to absolute perfection.

Little Dot's mamma had been ill with severe attack of neuralgia. A visitor called. sick, she's got the morality."

ALL SORTS.

Tis the last roast of summer. A trade scenter-The drummer. The death rate as undertaker's bill. A tie game—gopping the question. A waist of time-an old maid's. A Chinese went-Celestial music.

The heated spell-h-e-a-t-e-d. False hair does not antedate false pride. Spitting on the hands doesn't dig th

The question of the hour-What time o

Maid of hall work-the hotel corridor A supposititious case—The prima donna's

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drawing materials?

A screaming farce-The performance of an amateur opera singer. Should a mustard plaster be classed among

A justice's pantaloons can hardly be called breaches of the peace. The emigration of bank cashiers to Canada

looks like an ex-owed us. The Czar of Russia may be Warsaw off than it he had staid at home. It is the successful trapeze performer who

generally reaches the climb-acts. The last rows of summer—Those taken on

the lake just before leaving for town. The cream of a joke would be lost upon a milkman-he wouldn't know what it was. Life is short—only four letters in it. Three-quarters of it is a "lie" and a half of it is an "if." Pat this on "file" if you would as "lief,"

In China Foo Chow means "Happy City. -Detroit Free Press. Wo thought it meant something good to eat.—Chicago Sun. Well, something good to eat makes a happy city.

in this enlightened century men are able to on top of the ground.

A Bewitched Wedding Dress.

A very singular case has come out recently in regard to a young girl who was engaged to be married. She was poor and her intended husband bought her a wedding dress at an expense of \$50. Before the wedding day the intended bridegroom was taken sick and died. The bride-elect mourned his loss, and finally imagined that he was present about her, and that she would still be married to him. She told her parents how she felt, and they told her that she must get rid of the wedding dress. She sold it for \$10 to an acquaintance and soon recovered her spirits. The girl who bought the dress after she got it imagined that she would lead a bad life, and was so affected that she was out of her head, and her parents sent the dress back when she recovered. No. 1 was soon affected as before, and so written answers in exam nat ons on Scrip- much so that she sent the dress back to 2 was again affected, and an attempt was made to return the dress again to No. 1, but her family declined to receive it. A police officer was sent to take the dress back, after consultation with counsel, but neither party would receive it, and now the friends of the officer are looking to see him go off his base on account of the "What do you know of the patriarch dress. It would seem as though the old Salem witches possessed the dress, and it is barely possible that the garment may be burned.—Boston Globe.

SOME SMILES.

"Heigh-ho!" said Mrs. Sprigg ns, "I see that poor old Mr. Wilkins has died intestate, I allus said high living would ruin his

A little fellow with a tall, stalwart wife was asked by a friend if the contrast between them didn't often expose him to mortifying remarks. 'O, I don't mind that," he said cheerfully; "but since Sarah's grown near sighted I have to look sharp for fear she'll step on me."

Little Freddie was talking to his grandma who was something of a skeptic. "Grandm". do you be ong to the Presbyterian church? "No." "To the Paptist?" "No." "To any church?" "No." "Well, grandma, don't you think it's about time to get in som :-

are you coming down town to night?" "No." "Why not?" "Well, my hired girl left this morning, and Mary will be lonesome by herin-law, Ross Johnson, a burly negro, aged | self." "My hired girl left this morning, too, and that's why I'm coming down. I'd ba awful lonesome with Maggie."

Facts About the Cholera.

Remarkable revelations are reported at a recent meeting of the medical com ni see at Marseilles. Experience has sho . . that the cholera will rage during two coas cutive years in the same place. It has been ascertained that cholera made its app arance at Marseilles last year, a case followed by death having occurred at the hospital in a room containing numerous other patients. The disease made a good many victims. The mayor, who was immediately advise i of the fact, proceeded to the hospital. Energetic measures were taken to prevent further contagion, and in order to avoic a panic in the town, the mayor solicited and secure t the silence of all persons aware of the facts. The chief surgeon, two house surgeons, a warder, and two Sisters of Mercy took an oath to divulge nothing, which oath was strictly kept till the whole proceeding was made known to the medical committee.

The Mouth of the Congo.

has no delta. It discharges into the sea by superstitious people of the curse of Guiteau. a single, unbroken estuary, seven and a haif | Police Officer Fowler was one of the three miles across, in which a sounding line of two | mounted men who guarded the assassin's van hundred fathoms doos not everywhere touch | in his trips from the jail to the court-house bottom, and a current runs of five to seven | throughout the trial. Guiteau, the night knots an hour. This enormous volume ex- the verdict was brought in, in the dark ceeds that of every other known stream ex- court room dimly lighted by candles, glarcept the Amazon. A conservative estimate | ing like a wild beast, invoked a curse upon of the amount of water discharged by it is all who had been connected with the trial. 2,000 000 cubic feet per second. The Miss. There have been a number of deaths of perissippi, when at flood height, carries down sons who were so connected, including in no more than 1,500,000 cubic feet and sinks | their number jurors, doctors, detectives, in the dry season to 228,000. Moreover the jailers, policemen and attorneys. With-Congo never runs low. Li swells and sinks, in two weeks two covered by Guitan s and while waiting in the parlor, asked Dot as the rainy and dry seasons succeed each curse have died - Dr. Wood, of the how her mother was. She replied, "she is other, but within a relatively narrow range army, one of Garfield's surgeons, and now

The Duke of Wellington's Experiment. In a ground-floor room in the of the large public buildlings of London a man sat writ ing at a table covered with papers. He was a short, strongly built figure, with a prominent nose, and a face hard and massive as a granite statue, wearing the set look peculiar to men who have surmounted great difficulties and confronted great perils. Few, in leed, had had more practice in both than this man, for he was no other than the Dake of Wellington, and his crowning victory at Waterloo was still but a few years old.

There was the tinkle of a bell outside, and then a murmur of voices in the antercom; but the Dake never raised his head from his writing, even when his secretary entered and said:

"If it please your Grace, that man with the bullet-proof breast plate has called again, and wishes very much to see your Grace for a moment."

The Duke's face darkened, as well it might, for the man in question was the most pertinac ous bore whom he had ever encountered. The bullet-proof cuirass was his own invention, and he never lost a chance of declaring that the safety of the whole British army depended upon its instant adoption of this "unparal!eled discovery," which he carried about with him, and exhibited at all times and in all places,

Had this been all, he would soon have been disposed of; but unluckily, he had contrived to interest in his invention one or two of the Duke's personal friends, and to get from them latters of recommandation which even Wellington could not easily disregard. Something must clearly be done, however; for although the fellow had hitherto been kept at bay, he was evidently determined to give the Duke no peace till the matter had been fully gone into

For a moment Wellington looked so grim that the secretary began to hope for the order which he would gladly have obeyed, viz., to kick the inventor into the street "Truth lies at the bottom of a well," but | forthwith. But the next instant the iron face cleared again, and over it played the carry on the same business very successfully | very ghost of a smile, like a gleam of winter sunshine up n a precipice.

"Show him in," said he, briefly. The observant secretary noted both the tone and the smile that accompanied it; and he inwardly decided that it would have been better for that inventor if he had not insisted on seeing the Dake.

In came the great discoverer-a tall, slouching, shabby, slightly red rosed man, with a would-be jounty air, which gave way a little, however, befo e the "Iran Duke's" penetrating glance.

"I am glad to think that your Grace app. eciates the merits of my invention," said he, in a patronizing tone. "They are, indeed, too important to be undervalued by any great commander. Your Grace cannot tail to remember the havor made by your gallant troops at Waterloo among the French cuirassiers; whose breastplates were not bullet-proof; whereas, if-"

"Have you got the thing with you?" interrepted Wellington.

The inventor unwrapped a very showy looking cuirass of polished steel, and was just beginning a long lecture upon itsmerits when the Dake cut him short by asking,

"Are you quite sure it is bullet proof?" ' Quite sure, your Grace." "Put it on, then, and go and s'and in that

corner. The other wonderingly ob wed.

"Mr. Temple," shouted We lington to his secretary, "tell the sentry outside to load with ball-cartridge, and come in here to test this cuirass. Quick, now!" But quick though the secretary was, the

inventor was quicker still. Tae moment he realized that he had been set up there on purpose to be fired at, and to be shot dead on the spot if his cuirass turned out to be not bullet proof after all, he leaped headlong through the open window with a yell worthy of a Blackfoot Indian, and darting like a rocket across the courtyard, vanished through the outer sateway; nor did the Duke of Wellington, from that day forth, ever see or hear of him again. - DAVID KEZ, in EDI-TOR'S DRAWER, Harper's Magazine for Oc-

The Chanese War and Tea.

The war in China has visibly affected the tea market. Recently 30,000 caests of black tea, including For Chow, Among, and Formosa, were sold here at an advance of three cents per pound. In London the prices of tea have gone up five cents. From the island of Formos; this country receives annually 250,000 chests of tea, and if the French, who have already se zed Keelung, an important tea exporting point, should Two sides to a question.—"Say, Smith, close up Tamsul, brokers say there will be a big advance in the price of black teas. About 59,000 packages of teas annually have usually come to this country from Foo Chow. - Albany Express.

Life's Burdens.

A large part of life's burdens are self-imposed and wholly needless. Fears of calamities which never happen, a dolsful habit of looking at the worst, a suspicious disposition, a jealous turn of mind-these are the tyrants that load us with burdens heavy to bear and needless to carry. If we should honestly examine the various bardens of our lives, we would be surprised to find how many of them are of this character. Not only may we drop them if we wi'l, but justice to others demands that we should. man or woman habitually unhappy is essentially selfish, and is always a thorn in the community. There are enough crosses and treals in life which must be borne, without manufacturing artificial and nee lless ones; and the more thoroughly we rid ourselves of the latter, the more energy and spirit we can bring to bear apon the former.

"The Curve of Guiteau."

Washington special Chicago Tribuse: The murder of Police Officer Fowler by a negro Unlike most other great rivers, the Congo | rough in the chaingang has reminded some Officer Fowler.