

Cured by a Joke. One cannot estimate the power of laughter, even if it is no ways as efficacious as the instance given by Dr. John Brown in his Home Subscribers of the cure of quincy by a joke.

Rescued from the Surf by His Daughter. An elderly gentleman and his daughter, residents of an interior town in Pennsylvania, came to Atlantic city a few days ago, and feeling that a hotel where they could enjoy the sight of the ocean from the house as well as enjoy its cooling breeze and engage in boating and fishing as well as bathing would add to their enjoyment, they engaged rooms at the New Inlet house.

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keep it. A fresh claim is good enough for a fresh tenderfoot, but old timers won't look at anything but a poked claim. You know what quartz is, probably?"

"No." "Every claim has a quartz. Some more some less. You find out by making a quartz here, and then put in so many pounds of salt to the quart. Wild salt claims require more salt, because the wild salt spoils quicker than any thing else."

"Then, again, you often grub stake a man." "But what is a grub stake?" "Well, a grub stake is a stake that the boys hang their grub on so they can carry it. Lots of mining men have been knocked cold by a blow from a grub stake."

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CURIOS FACTS.

Knoxville, Tenn., boasts of a woman with a beard fourteen inches long. At Pompeii, combs have been found exactly like the modern fine tooth kind. The elephant was put upon the coins of Caesar because that animal was called Cæsar in Mauritania.

The late Lord Bessborough died at twelve years of age. There is a compiler and editor of a weekly school newspaper. A Connecticut woman has given her son a large comforter made of hair out from her own head during ten years.

A man in Schenectady has a vine with three thousand bunches of grapes which when pressed will produce sixty-six gallons of wine. A farmer near Bellefontaine, O., has a pig 10 months old, weighing 150 pounds, that was born with two legs, and it walks around on them.

A willow tree in Bristol, N. H., measures 22 feet 8 inches in circumference one foot from the ground, and is 18 feet 3 inches nine feet from the ground. In Elizabeth's time "repeater" watches were so rare that some rustic took one that they heard for the bell and threw it out of the window with the tongue.

Direct descendants of John Alden and Miles Standish, and bearing the very names, are said to be living at Duxbury, Mass., a place that was allotted to those two pilgrims. There is a weekly sale in Paris of loads, which are brought in casks filled with damp rags. One hundred good loads are worth from \$15 to \$17. These are bought for gardens.

The term Quaker was first applied to the sect in derision. When George Fox, the founder was brought before the magistrate he told him to quake before the word of the Lord. L. Cornelius, of Pike county, Pa., is said to have the largest must in America. His was six feet eight inches above the waist, arms above the elbows two feet two inches, about the wrists one foot three inches, thighs four feet two inches, weight seven hundred pounds.

In the year 1710 the weight of fat cattle in the London market averaged only 370 pounds at the average age of five years. In 1785 this was increased to 482 pounds, and in 1830 it was 530 pounds, nearly double that of 1710. It is probable that the average weight at the present age (say, four years old) is at the present moment fully three times that of 1710, and the beef—owing to the superior quality of the cattle and the better methods of fattening—fully fifty per cent more nourishing and economical to the consumer.

A STORY OF THE EMPRESS EUGENIE. Like clever fellows as they are, says the Philadelphia Times, the Orleanists always manage to keep the different members of the Bonaparte family embroiled. Their chief effort was to keep the Empress embittered against Plon and Plon Plon against her.

There has been a good deal of indignation over the case of Sheriff Timberlake of Gray county over to-day. He believes that the old gang are in the plot, and take little interest in the capture of the farmer boys. Another official in high position said to-day: "All this talk about having captured the gang is a mere bluff. The old gang are in the plot, and take little interest in the capture of the farmer boys."

HISTORICAL.

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The original invention and subsequent improvement of the bayonet are due to the French, who first introduced it in the Netherlands in 1647. Between the years 1788 and 1857 six great earthquakes took place in Naples, which lost thereby 1,500 inhabitants per year of that period.

Morocco bindings for books came into use in 1494, being introduced by Genoa, who was the treasurer and ambassador of the King of France. In the seventh century Paulus Aynates defined sugar as "the Indian salt, in color and form like common salt, but in taste and sweetness like honey."

The art of iron smelting was known in England during the time of the Roman occupation, and working in steel was practiced there before the Norman conquest. "Dieu et mon droit" is the motto of the royal family of England. It was first assumed by Richard I. to intimate that he held his sovereignty from God alone.

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MISSOURI ROBBERS.

A Reporter's Adventure.—The Arrests.—Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 10.—An evening paper publishes a story to the effect that G. W. Nunnally was attacked by some of the robbers on their friends last night, about 11:30 A. M. as we were leaving the telegraph office in Independence a man stepped up to him and asked him to go to a neighboring room. They were joined there by another man, and both strangers, representing themselves as newspaper men from Kansas City, persuaded Mr. Nunnally to join them in an expedition out toward the depot.

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THE WESTERN BANDITS.

Information Leading to the Apprehension of Some of the Outlaws Furnished by a Woman. Chicago, Sept. 17.—A. S. Trude, who went from here as special counsel for the Chicago and Alton railroad, in ferreting out facts regarding the recent train robbery, states that his trip was brought about by a short visit to Chicago by a woman, who, he says, was a Chicago resident in this city of a middle-aged woman who, ten days ago, gave the company some valuable pointers leading to the apprehension of the outlaws. She revealed the fact that certain dark and mysterious confederates had been in the west, and had been near the scene of the robbery and gave the names of the participants. As a result of her talk and subsequent investigation, Trude believes the robbery was planned by a man named Clark, an expert professional train robber, formerly in the Missouri and Alton railroad in this city of a middle-aged woman who, ten days ago, gave the company some valuable pointers leading to the apprehension of the outlaws.

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A QUEER WILL STORY.

In Which a Hamiltonian is Interested. The Detroit Free Press of Friday says: A few days since a writer for the Free Press received an intimation that the estate of Walter Harper, whose will he had quoted the entire property, including his interest in the present site of the Harper hospital, valuable business property in Philadelphia, and farming lands in Michigan, to trustees, are to contest its validity, the first step being taken by one of the trustees. The trustee made because of the action taken by the trustees of the hospital to sell or rent a portion of the property on Woodward avenue, claiming thereby a violation of the terms of the bequest. This was incorrect.

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