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SPIDERS.—Father Babaz has communicated to the French Academy of Science an account of his experiments with spiders, and the manner in which he ascertained a fact hitherto unknown to naturalists, viz., that most spiders possess not only the faculty of spinning a thread, but also that of projecting one or several, sometimes of the length of five or six meters, which they use to traverse distances with, and affix their thread to a given point for the support of their web. They even seem to have the power of directing the extremity of an ejaculated thread to a given point; they seem to feel for the place where it is most desirable to fix it. Certain spiders, the Thomisa Bufo, for instance, will eject a bunch of threads, which, curling up in the air and shining in the sun with various hues, give the insect the appearance of a peacock displaying his tail. But this is not all: spiders can fly and swim in the air, though they are heavier than alcohol. To perform this feat they turn their back to the ground, and keep their legs closely folded up on their body, and in this posture sail about with perfect ease.

THE CEREBELLUM.—In alluding to the somewhat sharp controversy which has taken place between Prof. Huxley and *The Pall Mall* reviewer of Dr. Tyndall's work on "Sound," *The London Review* says, the point at issue has been much more complicated in the course of the discussion than it need to have been. It is simply this: Was Dr. Tyndall correct in stating that nerves have their origin in the brain, or was the reviewer in *The Pall Mall Gazette* right in stating that no nerves rise from that source? In answering this question there arrises a second query, what is understood by the term brain? To this the reviewer replies, the word brain is the synonym for the cerebral hemispheres only. We cannot regard this as correct; it may be that one individual anatomist has confirmed the term "brain" solely and exclusively to the cerebral hemispheres, but as to the ordinary acceptation of the word there cannot be the smallest doubt. Go into any dissecting room in London, and ask the demonstrator to show you a brain, and he will most assuredly place before you the whole nervous contents of the cranium. Look under the head of "Brain" in any treatise on anatomy which our language possesses, and the same general definition will be found. Hence we think Dr. Tyndall's statement that the nerves arise from the brain was not only accurate as to the general application of the word "bram," but that the contrary assertion is, however equivocally justifiable, most certainly opposed to the terminology of the British School of Science for to which Dr. Tyndall was writing. Indeed, the mere fact—which curiously enough the writer in *The Pall Mall Gazette* cites in his favor—that the cerebellum is styled the lesser brain, is of itself sufficient to decide the question; it shows that the word "brain" is eminently generic, and includes the specific divisions cerebrum, cerebellum, medula oblongata, &c.

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