

THINGS NEW, QUAIN, ODD AND INTERESTING, GATHERED HERE FROM ALL QUARTERS OF THE HABITABLE GLOBE

SOME FAMOUS CENTENARIANS OF OLD ENGLAND.

(The King)



THOMAS LAUGHER, 111.

ISABEL WALTER, 113.

PETER GARDEN, 113.

THOMAS PARR, 113.

COUNTESS OF DESMOND, 112.

HENRY JENKINS, 113.

MANY CENTENARIANS.

HE FELL TEN STORIES.

Marked Increase in Their Number in Recent Years.

England has had ten celebrated centenarians, whose joint ages reached the total of 1,381 years. Arranged in order of seniority their names are as follows: Henry Jenkins, 108; Catherine Countess of Desmond, 102; Thomas Parr, 102; Peter Garden, 101; Jane Scrimshaw, 100; John Phillips, 100; Isabel Walker, 100; Thomas Laugher, 100; Patrick Gibson, 100; and John Tait, 100.

Weismuller Thinks He Rode Down on a Beam.

To fall ten stories and live is an experience vouchsafed to few men. Frank Weismuller, of No. 235 Troutman-st., Brooklyn, who, so far as is known, is the only man in this part of the country to pass safely through such a nerve racking experience, says one such event in a lifetime is sufficient.



ESCAPING FROM A BURNING HOUSE. By tying a wet towel loosely over the mouth and nose and crawling along the floor, stairways, halls and rooms may be traversed in safety where otherwise heat and smoke would prove fatal.

SAFETY IN TIME OF FIRE.

How It May Best Be Sought—Rules for Home Protection.

Baltimore's terrible fire has turned people's minds all over the country to fire protection, and in consequence the fire departments of all large cities have received hundreds of householders' letters that ask, first, how best to prevent fires in dwellings, and, second, how, a fire having started, the inmates of a burning dwelling may best escape.

GOVERNMENT LIBRARIES.

Proposition to Remove Fiction from Department Shelves.

Washington, March 12.—The attention of Congress was recently called to the works of fiction in the libraries of the various government departments of the city, and the proposition was made to remove such fiction to the Carnegie Library, which at present is conspicuous for its empty shelves.



FRANK WEISMULLER. He fell ten stories in the Hotel Darlington collapse, but escaped with a few slight bruises.

Kingdom. In the person of Mrs. Johnson, of the Rumpier Castle Inn, 99, contributes to the number of aged centenarians Mrs. Castle, Water-gate, 100.—(The King)

FRIED CUPIDS.

Burton Holmes has been travelling in the summer and telling of his travels during the winter for a dozen years. During that time he has visited almost every country on the globe, and now that he is in New-York, he is continually meeting friends whom he first knew in Japan, Alaska, Hawaii, India, Algeria or some other foreign country.

ROUTINE OF CHINESE SCHOOL.

Each Chinese schoolboy must furnish his own desk and table for school work, and the "Four-Precedent Articles" which are the ink stick, a case of India ink, a brush for writing and paper. With these one must begin the study of the Chinese classics.

DOGS IN GERMANY.

Are Divided Into Three Classes and Taxed Accordingly.

Like everything else in Germany, dogs are divided into classes. The first class contains the dogs that are kept as pets by people in easy circumstances. To the second class belong those dogs that are used for hunting. The third class includes all dogs that are kept for working animals by milkmen, butchers, peddlers, etc., in or near towns and cities.

people who keep dogs for working purposes. When you see some of the dogs for which people pay nearly a year in taxes you are willing to admit that the variety of dog which seems to be the most fancied as a pet in Germany is the short-legged, elongated, discolored. Some of these dogs are so long that they are really pitiful sights. Fox-terriers are quite common, and, in fact, nearly every variety of dog is found here. Bull-dogs, however, are very seldom seen.

In all cities and large towns dogs are required to be muzzled whenever they are on the streets or in public places. Small dogs that are not muzzled are kept in a leash with a muzzle. When the tax upon a dog is paid, the dog is registered and the owner is given a tag which is attached to the collar. After a dog has been captured once and its owner warned, if it is captured again the fine is much heavier. The only dogs that are allowed upon the streets without muzzles are those that are unquestionably under three months of age. After a dog is captured he is taken to the pound and kept there three days. At the end of that time, if uncalled for, he is either sold or disposed of.



A SHELF IN THE UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON. The presence of works of fiction in these libraries paid for by Uncle Sam has aroused criticism.

HIGH LEAPING RUSSIAN DOGS.

Perhaps the most vigorous and agile dogs in the world are Russian wolfhounds. Built something like a greyhound, but with more muscular limbs and shaggy coats, they are capable of feats of agility truly astonishing.

TWO LIVES SAVED BY A HORSE.

A Maiden physician had an adventure some time ago which he does not care to repeat, although it gave him a much higher appreciation of the intelligence of his pet driving horse than he had previously entertained. He was returning home from a patient late at night, in company with a clergyman, when the horse stopped short at one of the most dangerous crossings within the city's limits.



RUSSIAN WOLFHOUND LEAPING A BARRIER 12 FEET HIGH.

skin, and bears the date 1775-74. The office bought it for \$20 from the Astor Library, in 1888. There are three distinct libraries belonging to the Interior Department, one of which is devoted exclusively to general literature. For years it received an annual appropriation from Congress of \$50,000, but in 1888 the appropriation was cut off and the library has since been maintained by the sale of its books.

COREAN ARCHITECTURE.

The Korean style of architecture is suited to any climate, but in the winter months it is very cold. The houses are made of bamboo frame work, plastered within and without with adobe mud. The roof is thatched with rice straw, which is weather proof. The inside may be made into one room by the sliding back of a screenlike partition.