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THE FLYING FROG.
 A Four Winged Reptile That Inhabits Tropical Africa.
 The curiosity of tropical Africa is the wonderful flying frog, first described by Bishop of the equatorial African expedition, which returned to Europe in the fall of 1894. This oddity of the reptile family is about the size of a common bullfrog and resembles other members of the order of batrachians in everything but its feet, each of which is webbed and enormously enlarged, so much so as to form splendid substitutes for true wings. The creature has five toes on each of the other feet, which makes four separate membranes on each of his hind feet and three on each fore foot, or fourteen in all. In his description of it Bishop says, "Each leg terminates in a sort of fan, and with these the little reptile paddles the air like a locust or like a partially deflated bird testing its pinions for the first time."
 Although somewhat awkward in its flight, the winged frog can dart through the air at a speed of about ten yards per second and can keep itself going forward at that rate for from ten to fifteen seconds. The average distance of these spirits of grasshopper-like flight is from 75 to 125 yards, but Bishop mentions instances where the flying frog cleared sandy stretches 200 yards in width.

BEQUESTS OF HEARTS.
 The Dying Wish of Bruce and the Bequests of hearts have been by no means uncommon. Richard Coeur de Lion bequeathed his heart to the canon of Rouen cathedral, and in July, 1838, this remarkable relic was once again brought to light after the lapse of six centuries. The heart, which is said to have been surprisingly large, was enclosed in boxes of lead and silver and withered, as it was described, to the semblance of a faded leaf.
 Bruce's heart was by his dying wish entrusted to Douglas to fulfill a vow which he had been unable to execute in person of visiting the sepulcher of Christ. Douglas, "tender and true," promised to fulfill his sovereign's last request and after Bruce's death, having received the heart incased in a casket of gold, set forth upon his mission. Proceeding to Spain, however, he fell in the thick of a fight with the Moors, and previous to his final charge cast the heart of Bruce from his breast, when he perished into the ranks of the Indians, crying, "Onward as thou wert wont; Douglas will follow thee!" Bruce's heart was afterward recovered by Sir Simon Lockhart, by whom it was brought to Scotland and buried along with the bones of Douglas in the abbey of Melrose. When the remains of Bruce were disinterred at Dunfermline in 1819 the disinterment was found to be a heart, as to permit of the removal of the heart.

DIED WITH HIS CHUM.
 A Deed of Heroism That Stirred an Empire.
 In the reminiscences of General Sir Evelyn Wood, himself a brave English soldier, a touching instance of courage and self sacrifice is given. One June in a detachment of English marines was crossing the Wornosoro road under fire from the Russian batteries. All of the men reached shelter in the trenches except a seaman, John Hewitt. As he was running a terrific roar was heard. His mate knew the voice of a huge cannon, the terror of the army, and yelled:
 "Look out! It is Whistling Dick!"
 But at the moment Hewitt was struck by the enormous mass of iron on the knees and thrown to the ground. He called to his special chum:
 "Oh, Welch, save me!"
 The fuse was hissing, but Stephen Welch ran out of the trenches and, seizing the great shell, tried to roll it off his comrade.
 It exploded with such terrific force that not an atom of the bodies of Hewitt and Welch was found. Even in the moment when each had his exit, the other's hand held the shell of the whole English army. One of the officers searched out Welch's old mother in her poor home and undertook her support while she lived, and the story of his death helped his comrades to nobler conceptions of a soldier's duty.

POISONED ARROWS.
 The Use of Poisoned Arrows—Back to Prehistoric Ages.
 The use of poisoned arrows in primitive warfare is undoubtedly of very ancient origin. The custom is mentioned by Strabo, Pliny and Aristotle all of whom agree that it was well known in both prehistoric Europe and Asia. In later times the Celts and Gauls poisoned their arrows and spear shafts with the juice of the hellebore, and the American and Australian savages with serpent venom and virus from decaying flesh.
 The very earliest mention of the Scythians refers to them as "a people who prepare arrow poison by mixing serpent venom with the virus of putrid blood serum." At the time of the discovery of America the Indians were as well skilled in the science of preparing arrow poison as the Scythians or any other early tribe of European or Asiatic people. The favorite mode as practiced by the American aborigines was to kill some wild animal, a deer or buffalo preferred, remove its liver and cause a heavily envenomed reptile to strike its fangs into it until its meat turned green with poison. If one serpent did not supply enough, others were obtained, and the work of enraging the creatures and causing them to strike the liver was kept up until the desired results were obtained. One large liver thus prepared would furnish poison enough to coat the shafts of 10,000 arrows. The Smithsonian institute has hundreds of these poisoned arrows, the microscope showing that most of them have been poisoned with rattlesnake venom.

THE LAVISH JENKINS.
 In October, 1886, a religiously minded Buckenhamshire farmer named Jenkins brought his firstborn to the parish church to be christened, and this was to be the name: Abel Benjamin Caleb Daniel Ezra Felix Gabriel Haggai Isaac Jacob Kish Levi Mahon Nehemiah Obadiah Peter Quartus Reclab Samuel Tobiah Uziel Vaniah Word Xystus Zechariah. It will be observed that the names are all arranged in alphabetical order and are as far as possible selected from Scripture. It was only with the very greatest difficulty that the clergyman dissuaded Mr. Jenkins from doing the lasting wrong to his child that he had unwittingly devised, but eventually it was decided to christen the boy simply Abel—Chambers' Journal.

An Editor's Toast.
 At an editorial convention one of the country editors offered the following toast:
 "To save an editor from starvation take his newspaper and pay him for it promptly. To save him from bankruptcy advertise in his paper liberally. To save him from despair send him every item of news of which you can get hold. To save him from profanity write your correspondence plainly on one side of the sheet and send it in as early as possible. To save him from mistakes bury him. Dead people are the only ones that never make mistakes. Newspaper readers would do well to remember that there are no perfect people, editors or readers."
 Wrinkles.
 If our forehead is rigid with wrinkles before forty, who will be at seventy? There is one consoling thought about these marks of time and trouble—the death agony almost always erases them. Even the extremely aged in death often wear a smooth and peaceful brow, thus leaving our last memory of them calm and tranquil. But our business is with life. Scowling is a silent kind of scolding. It shows that our souls need sweetening. For pity's sake let us take a sudron or a glad iron or a smoothing tool of some sort and straighten the creases out of our faces before they become indelibly engraved upon our faces.

Kindly Fruits.
 The expression in the prayer book, "Kindly fruits of the earth," has for most persons no definite meaning on account of the difference in significance now attached to the word kindly from that used when the expression was first written. The word kindly that connection meant as nearly as possible "of its kind," and the expression "kindly fruits of the earth" meant "fruits of the earth each after its kind."
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Patrol.
 "What does Bifkins remind you of?"
 "I hate to tell."
 "Because it's a reflection on Bifkins?"
 "No; on me."
 "I don't understand."
 "Well, I'll explain. Every time I see Bifkins he reminds me of a little bill I've owed him for over a year."
 London Tit-Bits.

A COSTLY DROP CURTAIN.
 The One Melissander Didn't Paint For a French Theater.
 The enterprising manager of a theater called upon the famous French artist, Jean Louis Ernest Melissander, on one occasion, says Mr. Robert Kemp in Fenwick and Paletti, and asked him to paint a drop scene for a certain theater and name his own terms.
 "You have seen my pictures, then?" asked Melissander.
 "Oh, yes," exclaimed the manager, "but it is your name I want! It will draw crowds to my theater."
 "And how large do you wish this curtain to be?" inquired the artist.
 "Ah, well, we will say 15 by 18 meters!"
 Melissander took up a pencil and proceeded to make a calculation. At last he looked up and said with imperturbable gravity:
 "I have calculated and find that my pictures are valued at 80,000 francs per meter. Your curtain, therefore, will cost you just 21,000,000 francs. But that is not all. It takes me twelve months to paint twenty-five centimeters of canvas. It will therefore take me just 120 years to finish your curtain. You should have come to me earlier, monsieur. I am too old for the undertaking now. Good morning!"

CONQUESTS OF SILENCE.
 Men Whose Greatness Was Not Measured by Their Speeches.
 Washington never made a speech. In the zenith of his fame he once attempted it, failed and gave it up, confused and ashamed. In framing the constitution of the United States the labor was almost wholly performed in committee of the whole, of which George Washington was day after day chairman, and he made but two speeches during the convention, of a very few words each. The convention, however, acknowledged the master spirit, and historians affirm that had it not been for his personal popularity and the thirty words of his speech, proclaiming the best that could be united upon, the constitution would have been rejected by the people.
 Thomas Jefferson never made a speech. He couldn't do it.
 Napoleon, whose executive ability is almost without a parallel, said that his difficulty was in finding men of deeds rather than words. When asked how he maintained his influence over his superiors in age and experience when commander in chief of an army he replied: "By reserve."
 The greatness of a man is not measured by the length of his speeches and their number.

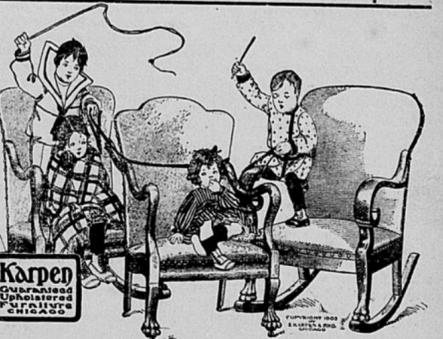
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 The Trial by Ordeal That Finds a Place in Perak.
 In Perak lawyers find no business, for a modified form of trial by ordeal decides all disputes. In place of the legal practitioner the pleadings is a native boy who is assigned to one or the other of the sides and is given a bamboo tube in which is sealed the pleading of the person or party whom he represents.
 When all is ready two stakes are driven into the bed of a stream, and by aid of a bamboo pole the heads of the two boys are submerged at the same time.
 By grasping the stakes they are enabled to remain under water for quite awhile after their natural inclination would bring them to the surface, but at least one of them gives in and, releasing his hold of the stake, comes to the air.
 He is immediately seized, and the tube he holds is cast aside. The other lad is led ashore, his tube opened, and the document contained therein stands almost without a finding men of the decision in the case.—New York Herald.

Getting Posted.
 William (a five-year-old)—Mamma, is it the divorce that always gets the alimony? His Mother—Yes, dear, as a rule. William—Well, which is the divorce, the man or the lady? His Mamma—Why, what questions to ask! What do you want to know for? William—Cause me and Sadie are playing divorce, and I am trying to make her give me the alimony.—Brooklyn Life.

An Impossible Intention.
 The irritable employer turned to his typewriter with a sudden start.
 "Why don't you write it just as I say it?" he demanded.
 "Because my typewriter hasn't the command," she quietly responded.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Your Mission.
 Set yourself earnestly to see what you were made to do, and then set yourself earnestly to do it, and the loftier your purpose is the more sure you will be to make the world richer with every enrichment of your self.
 A rich man without charity is a rogue, and perhaps it would be no difficult matter to prove that he is also a fool.—Fielding.

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