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WHERE HUXLEY FAILED.

One "ARG" in which he was surprised by a Porter. Rather a good story is told about Professor Huxley when he was delivering a lecture to the Literary and Philosophical Society, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The subject was "The Geographical Distribution of Fossil Reptilians of Animals," consequently numerous diagrams were required. Old Alexander, the porter of the institution and quite a distinguished character among the members of the society, was assisting the professor to hang the diagrams. The screen on which the diagrams were hung was not very large, and Huxley, do as he would, could not prevent the blank corner of one diagram overlapping the illustration of another one on which the professor placed great importance.

THE KINDLY WORD.

If you have a word of cheer That may lift the pathway drear Of a brother pilgrim here, Let him know. Show him you appreciate What he does, and do not wait Till the hour is late. Lays him low. If your heart is in a thought That would brighten his lot, Then, I beg you, hide it not; Tell him so.

HAIR AND BEARDS.

They Have Played Important Parts in the World's History. In centuries past the human hair played an important part in all judicial proceedings. Those that were permitted to wear beard and hair had rights that could not be claimed by the shorn and shaved. When men made oath they touched their beard and hair, and women placed the finger tips of the right hand on their tresses.

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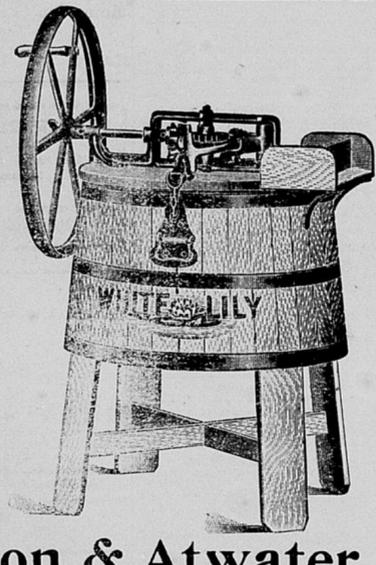
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THE HUMAN RIBS.

Man Has Twelve Pairs, and Woman Has Just the Same. A man who had been sick said he was so thin he could count his ribs. When I heard this statement I asked, "How many did you count?" He was unable to answer. Several friends were standing by, and the query was put to them. Not a man could tell the number of his ribs. One bright chap said in all seriousness that a woman has one more rib than a man, because man lost one in the fashioning of woman.

PARISH REGISTERS.

The Sort of Entries They Kept in the Old Days in England. A vicar, John Printer of Worle, is accused in LISA of having got so drunk "at a Tavern in London, being the house and sign of the Swann in old Fish Street," that he had to be "carried to his Lodgings, or some other convenient place, (he) being so drunk, not hable lym-searf to goo"—that is, walk. He is also charged with being "a common player at Bowles in the churchyard of Worle (his own parish) and a common haunter of Tavernes, alehouses, Beerbeating (belting) and Bul-beating, yea, upon the Sabbath daies, and an usual player at Tables (backgammon) & Charles in the alehouses and Tavernes."

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THE BIRD OF DEATH.

It Is the Only Venomous Member of the Feathered Tribe. Among all the thousands of feathered creatures classified by the trained ornithologists but one, the ript n'dook, or "bird of death," is known to be venomous. This queer and deadly species of the winged and feathered tribe is a native of the island of Papua, or New Guinea. The bird is described as being about the size of a common tame pigeon, of gray plumage and a tail of extraordinary length, ending in a tip of brilliant scarlet red. It is a marsh bird and is found to inhabit only the immense stagnant pools adjoining the lakes of the interior of the island.

MASCULINE DIMPLES.

They Are Not Always Appreciated by Their Owners. "Dimples are just as common among men as among women," says a New York beauty doctor, "only they don't show off to such good advantage. Beard and mustache combine to hide their charm. Anyhow, men are not proud of dimples. They consider them a sign of effeminacy. Now that smooth faces are the fashion, the man with a dimple in cheek or chin is hard put to it to hide that beauty mark. In his extremity he seeks relief from me. "What can I do with these confounded dimples?" he asks. "Take 'em out," I advise. "Can you do it?" he asks. "Sure," says I. "All right," says he, "go ahead."

WATCHES ON BOARD SHIP.

On board a ship's watchmen are established, so that work is shared equally among the sailors. To aid this object also the crews are divided into two divisions, starboard and port. A ship's day commences at noon, and there are seven watches. The watch which is on duty in the forenoon one day has the afternoon next day, and the men who have four hours' rest one night have eight hours the next. This is the reason for having "starboard" watches which are divided by dividing the hours between 4 p. m. and 8 p. m. into two.

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WHY BABIES SUCK THEIR THUMBS.

Sucking is a natural stimulant for babies. A very young baby tries to get the whole hand in its mouth, but finding this fraught with danger, he grows more cautious and finally falls on the thumb as the most enticing member of the hand. Sucking the thumb acts as a safe pick me up to laggard organs. The beneficial effect arising from the habit of deglutition is one of nature's happiest stimulants. It is generally melancholy and fretful children rather than those who are strong and full of life who develop tendencies in this direction. The reason of this is evident. In states of depression, whether casual or chronic, less blood goes to the brain; if, then, the thumb be put into the mouth and a sucking process indulged in the heart will be stimulated, new blood will be sent to the brain and contentment will take the place of peevishness.

FLIES AND MUSIC.

"Flies and music will drive flies from your apartments," declares a man who expounds odd theories. "That sounds like a joke, and, of course, there are some kinds of playing that will chase human beings from a room, but seriously I mean that music is objectionable to insects—in fact, all sounds annoy them." "Whoever saw flies in a boiler shop? No one that I know of, because the vibrations caused by the continuous pounding are so deafening that the insects are the atmospheric disturbances resulting from electric fans. Every one should be familiar with the intensity of the vibrations produced by the strings of a piano. For instance, the best pianos are made of steel, and that a loose glass in a picture frame will buzz when a certain note is struck. Well, when the strength of the sound wave which causes the ill fitting glass to hum, though it may be a dozen feet away, is multiplied a score of times in a second, as is the case when a spirited piano performance is in progress, the effect of the vibrations on the extremely sensitive insects may be imagined. They simply cannot stand a prolonged sound."—Philadelphia Record.

UNCLE SAM PROTECTS MORALES.

San Domingo, Santo Domingo, Jan. 13.—The fugitive President Morales has sought refuge in the American legation here. Negotiations are in progress with the object of inducing General Morales to resign the presidency and leave Santo Domingo. It is claimed here that the step taken by Morales in seeking the protection of the American flag virtually puts an end to the disturbances in this republic.

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WHENEVER COME MICROBES.

A writer in Le Figaro of Paris (Dr. Ox) at the close of a long article on the origin of microbes declares that the bacillus of consumption originally came from blades of rye, wheat and corn and that the human lung is its adopted abode, where it would perish were it not replenished. That rare atmospheres are beneficial to consumptives is not because they are thin, but because rye, wheat, corn, etc., are not grown there.

ANOTHER CHICAGO WOMEN MURDERED.

Chicago, Jan. 15.—Richard Ivens, aged 24, living at 1055 North Halsted street, confessed to the murder of Mrs. Franklin C. Hollister, a well known church worker and singer in the choir of the Wesley Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Hollister was 39 years old, the wife of F. C. Hollister, of Hollister Bros., printers and lived at 498 Fullerton avenue. She left home to attend a funeral and did not return. Her body was found near Ivens' barn. He declares he was drunk when he attacked the woman and did not know who she was.

CELEBRATION.

I think there is a great deal of difference between that species of ceremony which exists with acquaintance and that which should always exist with the best of friends—the one prevents the growth of affection, the other preserves it in youth and age.—Letters of Maria Edgeworth.

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