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### SOLOMON ON ENGLISH BENCH

Judge Suggested That Half-Starved Bear Be Allowed to Eat Lame Pony.

A showman named Viso Markinkovitch, belonging to a band of Serbian Kypses, was charged the other day at West London with ill treating a brown bear and a pony.

Inspector Brockhouse said the bear was tied by the nose and neck to a van, and fell down when its chain was undone. It was in a neglected condition, and when offered some pieces of bread "simply took them like pills," bolting the food ravenously. The pony, which was also tied to the van, was lame. Both animals were being dragged along.

The prisoner, through an interpreter, declared he was ill, and if a doctor would certify him well he would be willing to go to prison for twenty years.

A veterinary surgeon said the bear wanted feeding up, but it was cruelty to allow the pony to live.

"Then it would be better if the bear ate the pony," the judge said, "for the bear would then be fed and the pony would be out of its misery. I understand that these wild and carnivorous animals have to be kept half starved or they become dangerous?"

"That is so," said the witness, "but not so much as in this case."

A remand was granted, not to enable the bear to eat the pony, but to allow the prisoner to engage an attorney.—London Chronicle.

### SCIENTISTS KEEP AT WORK

Turmoil of War Seems to Have Had Little Effect on the Development of Ideas.

So thick and fast come the developments of science in these days that men are losing their sense of astonishment. The impossible becomes the actual so often that it is unsafe to say that anything cannot be done. A few months ago the first telephone message was transmitted across the continent. Today we hear that a still greater distance has been covered by a wireless telephone. Forty years ago a current of electricity could not be made to jump more than a few inches through a vacuum. Today there is no known limit to it, or rather to the capacity of new instruments to detect it. Some electrical engineers believe that messages could be sent to the moon, and perhaps out into infinite space through the ether just as easily as from San Francisco to Honolulu through the atmosphere. With all this, no man can tell what electricity is. All we know about it is that when a certain thing is done certain results follow.—New York Commercial.

### Rare Old Bible.

I. G. Giltner, 224 Harris avenue, is the possessor of a Bible which he says has been in his family more than 100 years, relates the Indianapolis News. This Bible was in the flood in West Indianapolis and was rescued though in a somewhat damaged condition. It is a folio of more than 1,000 pages and contains not only the generally accepted books of the Old and New Testaments, but the apocryphal books of the Old Testament. It is printed in rare old German text, and the illustrations, which are numerous, appear to be of a much earlier date than the book itself. The following is a translation of a part of the full-page title of the book: "Biblia: That is the entire Holy Scripture of the Old and New Testaments with their translation into our German mother-tongue as begun by Herr Doctor Martin Luther in 1534 and completed in 1534; and afterward with the summaries of Herr Johann Sanbert; also with diverse instructive explanations above every chapter, by Herr Doctor Salomon; now provided with entirely new and beautiful copper pictures; with a preface by Herr Johann Michael Dillhorst. Published by the Johann Andrea Trades company, 1738, Nuremberg."

### Motorcyclist Riding Nightmare.

C. H. Sargent, a motorcycle racer of Indianapolis, suffered a broken leg in a race at Vincennes, Labor day, and was in the hospital there for several weeks.

He had a bad night shortly after being taken to the hospital. The ward was quiet when the whole hospital was startled by hearing Sargent yell: "Hold her, Newt, hold her!" a catch saying among motorcyclists when a machine seems to be going too fast for the rider.

One of the internes came rushing in, fearful that Sargent would fall out of bed. When he reached Sargent the latter was lying comfortably with a rather foolish look on his face.

"Did you call?" asked the interne.

"Why, no," said Sargent, "but I could use a drink of water."

### Makes Plants Grow Fast.

Electroculture, as it is called, is the latest thing in agriculture. Electric lighting has been resorted to in an effort to keep plants growing at top speed for 24 hours out of every day. When night comes or when clouds obscure the sun, the lights are turned on. Electricity will also be used to supply heat during the cold weather. So far electroculture is only an experiment, but the experts believe that this treatment will both hasten the harvest and improve the quality of the crop. The experiments are being conducted both indoors and out. Dayton, O., is the scene of the experiment.—American Boy.

### Nearly Smothered.

Chandler, N. C.—Mrs. Augusta Lomax, of this place writes: "I had smothering spells every day, so bad I expected death at any time. I could not sit up in bed. I suffered from womanly troubles. My nerves were unstrung. I had almost given up all hope of ever being better. I tried Cardui and it did me more good than anything I had ever taken. I am better now than I ever expected to be." Thousands of ladies have written similar letters, telling of the merits of Cardui. It relieved their headache, backache and misery, just as it will relieve yours, if you will let it. Try Cardui.—Advertisement

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Subtle Sign of Clanship That May Have Had Its Origin Numerous Centuries Ago.

No eloquence of tongue, nothing that stands written in any book, may sway the heart as does that elusive quality—the race mark in a face. And this is true less of the obvious physical aspect than of its thousandth secret connotations. All the world knows the Hapsburg lip, the jaw line of the Bonapartes; the subtler marks of clanship keep their eloquence for their own. Conspicuously or not, each family group stands before these symbols as the small company of the learned might before some inscription on a desert ruin. Mere strokes and scratches to you and me. To the few who understand here is the key that unlocks the past.

So the family look. In the arch of an eye orbit, the curve of chin, we read the signature of race. Chance imprints maybe, maybe seal of some struggle so profound as to have set our lips at this particular angle, or through dimming attentions to perpetuate a gesture born a thousands years ago in joy or in some stark agony of body or of soul.

The family look. The first we remember; the last we shall forget.—Elizabeth Robins in Harper's Magazine.

### Salt-Water Cataracts.

There are a good many salt-water cataracts in existence. They may be found in Norway, southern Chile and British Columbia, where narrow fjords, or arms of the sea, are obstructed by barriers of rock. The rising tide flows over and filters through such reefs into the great natural reservoirs beyond, but the water is held back at the ebb until it breaks over the obstruction in an irresistible torrent. Most curious of all is the waterfall at Canoe Passage, where the island of Vancouver approaches the British Columbia mainland. Here the flood tide from the Gulf of Georgia to the southward is held back at a narrow cleft between two islands until it pours over in a boiling cascade 18 feet high, with perhaps double the volume of the Rhine. At the turn of the tide, however, the waters from the north rush back into the gulf, producing a cascade of equal height and volume. The waterfall actually flows both ways.

### The Cheerful Japanese Ad.

Japanese advertisers, according to "The Cosmopolitan," in the Boston Evening Transcript, believe in a lavish use of superlatives. "The paper we sell," runs the announcement in a Tokyo stationer's window, "is as solid as the hide of an elephant." "Step inside!" is the call of a big shop in the same city. "You will be welcomed as fondly as a ray of sunshine after a rainy day. Our assistants are as amiable as a father seeking a husband for a dowryless daughter. Goods are dispatched to customers' houses with the rapidity of a shot from the cannon's mouth."

### Remarkable Birth Record.

What is believed to be a record in childbirth was established recently by a Mahratra woman in Bhor state, East India. This woman, at the age of thirty-three, gave birth to quintuplets, two males and three females. All were born alive, but it was not expected they would live, "owing to the want of nursing." The same mother gave birth to three children last year, but all died within three months. A record of bearing eight children in a year is believed to be unequalled in medical annals.

### Ham Sacks.

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### He Was the Limit.

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