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Early Saws and Knives.

The saw appears to be the earliest tool that has been traced in Egyptian history. It was found first in the form of a notched bronze knife in the third dynasty, or about 5,000 years before the Christian era, and was followed in the fourth and fifth dynasties by larger-toothed saws, which were used by carpenters; but there were no dated specimens until the seventh century before the Christian era, when the Assyrians used iron saws. The first knives on record were made out of flint, and were, in fact, saws with minute teeth.

Influence of Rome.

There are many customs which still proclaim the ancient rule and influence of Rome that have persisted through the centuries since the departure of her glory. For instance, there is the old Pyrrhic dance, the robes with bells on sleeves and girdles. The Roumanians still shout in unison to prevent Saturn from hearing the voice of the infant Jupiter; and even their oxen proclaim the "glory that was Rome" in their names, for here you may see Caesar and Brutus as yoke fellows, and there Cassius and Augustus.

Prehistoric Germs.

In these days, when disease microbes are so much discussed, it is hard to realize that disease germs have been on this earth for millions of years. The fact of their long existence isn't mere theory, for certain minute forms discovered in limestone formation prove conclusively that bacteria lived and flourished in prehistoric times. These prehistoric bacteria show many of the characteristics common to our twentieth-century germ.

Shotguns and Rifles.

When a shotgun or rifle is cleaned a cork of proper size should be inserted in the end of the barrel. By preventing the entrance of dirt, this will preserve its value as well as its usefulness. This practice is not followed to the same extent as it should be even among those who take special pride in their arms. It is said that a bit of camphor inserted in the barrel will assist in preventing the accumulation of dirt.

AND THE CAT CAME BACK

Experiment Which Shows Just How Difficult It Is to Lose Feline.

Did you ever try to lose a cat? I mean a cat that your wife didn't want hanging round the house and had ordered you to carry off eight or ten miles and drop into the lap of nature, "Zim" asks in Cartoons Magazine. Maybe you think cats have no idea of the points of the compass. Well, you're wrong, for they have the human race cheated in their powers of orientation. Last night I placed an unwelcome feline in a bag, bade it godspeed, and sent a boy on a bicycle with full instructions and a bill of lading as to his destination and thanked goodness that not one corpse of its blood had been shed in the commission of the act. This morning Grimalkin sat in his accustomed corner on the porch, ready for breakfast.

No, it was not Grimalkin's ghost. It was Grimalkin in the flesh.

"Be-n't you superstitious about cats, mister? I be!" said the boy. "I let it out of the bag head first, but I think I ought to've took it out tail first, so I'm going to try it again tonight and take it out 'tuther end to, and ride me bicycle home hind end foremost, so's to make the cat b'lieve he's running a back track and discomfuddle him so's he won't know where he's at!"

WELL DEVELOPED AT THAT



The Soph—A football player can't be any good if he has a yellow streak.
The Junior—Yet a football route is no good unless he has a "yeller" streak.

PLACER GOLD REGION.

An important source of placer gold in Alaska is in the Solomon and Casadepaga region, about thirty miles east of Nome. In this region dredge mining has yielded good returns. The region is part of the great tundra belt of northern Alaska; and is therefore without timber. In most places the bedrock is masked by a thick mat of moss or other vegetation which has made it difficult to decipher its intricate geology. Nevertheless the area has been topographically and geologically surveyed by the United States geological survey, department of the interior, on a scale of one mile to one inch. The resulting map, with descriptive text has been published under the title "Geology and Mineral Resources of the Solomon and Casadepaga Quadrangles, Seward Peninsula, Alaska" (bulletin 433), by P. S. Smith. This report can be had from the director of the geological survey, Washington, D. C.

SUBSTITUTE FOR BELTING.

An American inventor asserts he has discovered a cheap and useful substitute for flexible leather belt used for driving light machinery. This is a piece of ordinary friction insulating tape, such as is used in any electrical shop. This is twisted on itself, and no coupling is necessary, the ends sticking together when joined and twisted.

DIFFERENT WAYS.

"Parents used to find great pleasure in explaining how the mechanical toys work."
"They used to. Now father stands and looks on while the small boy shows him how to start the family motorcar."

SERIOUS.

"She's only flirting with him."
"It's more serious than that. I saw her looking up his rating."
—Boston Evening Transcript.

EVERYBODY'S SATISFIED.

Chestnut—Hello! What are you?
Robin—I'm a little bird.
Chestnut—That's funny; I'm a little barred, too.

NOVELS OF GREAT LENGTH

Modern Serials Do Not Compare at All With Those That Gave Pleasure to Our Ancestors.

The historian Freeman once said: "I never let a man die at the end of a chapter." The modern serial, or continued story, exemplifies a like theory of pausing at the very brink of an absorbing event. We consider a year-long serial one of considerable length; yet in France, in 1610, the first two parts of the "Astree," one of the most celebrated of Gallic novels, were published four or five years before the third part, and several more in advance of the fourth and fifth parts.

About the same time flourished Mile. de Seudery, memorable as the author of the first romances of any note written by a woman. She composed and published by installments novels of a length unknown to the readers of today. Every story was originally issued in batches of small octaves, sometimes running to a score or so. She has been described as "the most pitiless writer of fiction that the world has ever known."

The same seventeenth century illustrates, again, the willingness of French writers to bide their time. The poet Malherbe wished to console a friend on the death of his wife. By the time the poem was finished the gentleman had been consoled, remarried, and was himself dead!

ALUM A VALUABLE REMEDY

Especially Good in the Treatment of Eruptions That Are Caused by Poison Oak.

Experience seems to show that alum is a pretty good "household remedy" for the treatment of poison oak eruptions. Indeed, it is asserted by the Southern Clinic that the poisoning may be prevented from developing the usual symptoms by the early use of alum. The method of using it is to dip a small cake of crystallized alum into warm water and apply it to the affected surfaces. Even if this does not prevent the development of symptoms it cannot do any harm.

A better method of preventing the development of symptoms is that of sponging off the surfaces of skin which are suspected of coming in contact with the poison, with chloroform, benzol, or gasoline. This seems to be an almost infallible means of preventing the disease, due to the fact that the poisonous substance is a resin which clings to the surface of the skin and irritates it, and this resin is dissolved by any one of the fluids just mentioned. Chloroform also helps to allay the pain and itching after the symptoms have developed, and apparently shortens the course of the disease.

LIONS GIVEN A CHANCE.

Two of Colonel Roosevelt's big game hunting companions in Africa, Clifford Fuller and Kenyon Painter, are going back after lions as soon as the British war measures are relaxed. Fuller told the Northern Ohio Fish and Game association at its convention at Cleveland. Fuller said the Germans and British have been so busy shooting each other that the lions have been left alone and are multiplying rapidly.

ADVICE TO WORRIERS.

About 3,000 years ago Solomon advised the sluggard to go to the ant and learn lessons of industry and thrift. Now some emulator of Israel's philosopher-king, who writes bulletins for the public health service from the security of his government job in Washington, advises worriers to consider the birds, the foxes, the squirrels and the dogs.—Chicago Post.

ONE OF THE FEW.

"There's one thing I like about Methusalem," said Uncle Bill Bottetop.
"What's that?"
"He's one of the old fellows who lived to be over a hundred and never bragged about using liquor and tobacco all his life."

ANOTHER WAY.

Old Lady—Does this car go by Central park?
Conductor—No, madam! It goes by 'lectricity!

VERY BAD.

He—I've smoked an awful lot of cigars lately.
She—You're right, if that one you're smoking now is a sample.

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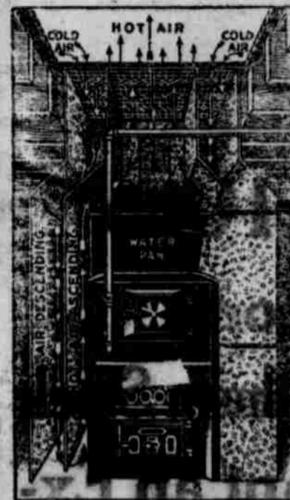
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