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SOOT QUICKLY WASHED AWAY

Rainfall Cleanses London of a Precipitation That Can Only Be Classed as Enormous.

The peck of dirt which proverbially each man has to eat before he dies—but not all at one meal—shows no signs of shortage in London, for, according to the scientists, some 50,000 tons of soot and dust are annually precipitated throughout the metropolis. This amount, however, is not a terribly alarming one, for it must be borne in mind that London is a big place, and a fall of 50,000 tons per annum over an area of 100 square miles only means the descent of less than a ton per acre, and so the whole of a twelve months' supply could easily be washed away by a single vigorous shower, seeing that a fall on a wet day of an inch of rain means a cleansing flood of 100 tons of water per acre; and thus, putting things roughly, 30 inches of rainfall in London in a year places at the disposal of this department of the public health a ton of water to wash away every pound of soot deposited. And the soot does not always need washing away from the surfaces of roofs and streets, for it is commonly brought down in liquid form by the rainfalls and swept directly into the sewers.

HAD PROOF OF DOG'S DEATH

Animal Had Been "Kilt" Before, but This Time He Seemed Unlikely to Come Back.

A farmer who lives just outside a small village on the main road out of London formerly owned a very vicious dog. This animal became so notorious for its attacks on cyclists that few passed that way, to the detriment of the local hotel and shops.

One day a mild-looking gentleman with a nice new machine drew up at the village inn and asked the landlord to give him a meal, saying that as he was approaching the village a dog bounced out of a house and got under his bicycle. He rode it down and killed it, and had given its owner all the money he possessed as compensation.

The landlord's eyes grew wide. "Are you certain that you kilt that dog?" he asked.

"Indeed, yes. To make sure it was really dead, I compelled him to bury it while I was there."

"Then come inside and have a dinner at my expense, sir!" cried the landlord, enthusiastically. "That dog's been kilt often before, goodness knows, but you're the first man at's had the sense to stop and see it buried."—London Tit-Bits.

LARGE CONSULAR DISTRICT.

The consular district of Tahiti embraces all of the islands in the south Pacific ocean that are included in the Society, the Tuamotu and the Tubuai archipelagoes, the Marquesas, Gambier and Maretiri groups, and the island of Rapa, a total of more than two hundred islands and islets belonging to France and known as the French establishments in Oceania, or more commonly known as the Society islands. The total population is estimated at 33,000, made up of about 26,000 natives, some 3,000 Chinese, and about 4,000 of all other nationalities, including Europeans and Americans. The inhabitants are unevenly distributed throughout the various groups, leaving many of the islands uninhabited.

HE KNOWS.

"I want to see the sights in New York. I suppose I had better get a native New Yorker to show me about."

"Don't do it. If you want to see everything there is to see, good, bad and indifferent, strike up an acquaintance with some fellow from Oshkosh, Kankakee or Keokuk who goes to New York once a year."

GOOD WAY TO FIND OUT.

Student—How much board do I owe you?
Landlady—How long have you been in college?—Brunonian.

MUST BE DONE FREQUENTLY.

Miss Passex—Do you think it is bad luck to postpone a wedding?
Mr. Batch—Not if you postpone it often enough.

OUT.

First Stude—How many were out at the game.
Second Stude—All that bet on the

LEFT BROTHER IN THE LURCH

Youngster's Enjoyment of the Play Caused Him to Forget the Solemn Agreement Made.

The writer's youth was spent in a small town on the Ohio river, where theatergoing to the stock companies which frequented the place was in great vogue among the younger set.

The town was billed for the Black-ton Stock company in "The French Spy." This performance was preceded by a lot of pyrotechnic display and red lights.

After frugal saving for a week prior to this time, on the night of the performance our combined fund only amounted to 15 cents, the price of one admission to the "chicken coop."

After a conference we resolved that my brother should go in, see one act, get the pass check and hand it over to me with a synopsis of the first act. In this way we intended to alternate until the show was out. He fulfilled his part of the agreement, and I got the pass and went in. But when my time to come out arrived I forgot he was waiting outside until the third act was through, and as my brother had sent up word what he would do to me when I did come out, I resolved to get the game along with the blame and trust to fleetness of foot to beat him home.

"This I did when the show was over. I did not stop to give him the synopsis, either.—Blaine Gray, in Puck.

SURE TEST



Inquirer—In your "Songs Without Words" how do you distinguish the lullabies from the nocturnes.

Composer—I try 'em on the baby. If he sleeps through 'em, they're lullabies, and if he howls, they're nocturnes.

KING ALBERT'S WISDOM.

King Albert, as commander in chief of the Belgian army, has recently exercised clemency toward 150 military prisoners incarcerated at Fresnes. After the experiences of his army at Liege, Namur and Antwerp, the king was obliged to introduce an iron discipline in order to maintain a high morale among the troops. The slightest offense was punished with the greatest severity. Men who in ordinary circumstances would have received a light penalty, during the days of the battle of the Yser were condemned to five or six years' penal servitude. Today, with the army again strongly organized and permeated with a high spirit, clemency can be exercised without danger, and groups of the condemned are set at liberty from time to time.

IN WORKING ORDER.

Doctor—Madam, your husband wants me to find out what is the matter with you. Please let me look at your tongue.

Husband—Don't waste any time, doctor. There's nothing the matter with that.

CORRECTING MISTAKES.

"Mr. Simp, you are a man after my own heart."

"Oh, excuse me, sir, but I ain't. I'm after Miss Mamie's."

OPTIMIST.

Pat—O've lost me job, but O'll not worry; phat O'll save on carfare and lunches should kape me going till O get another.

BAD FOR CUSTOMERS.

"I hear Binks is going extensively into the dairy business."
"Yes, he's building a large creamery to start with."

NO NEED TO BE TOLD.

Employer—Now, Jimmy, didn't your conscience tell you that was wrong? Otha Boy—No, I knew it



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