

**SOME OF NATURE'S FREAKS**

**Stone That Tells Coming Weather Conditions Was Found in Finland Many Years Ago.**

There are weather prophets and weather prophets, but there is a stone which it is asserted unfailingly foretells changes in the weather. This stone was found in Finland many years ago by an explorer and has been watched by scientists with great interest. It is known as the samakuir and presents a white mottled appearance in sunshine, gradually turning from gray to black as a rain-storm approaches. The samakuir is made up of clay, niter and rock salt. In dry weather the salt in the stone is prominent, but when the air is filled with moisture the salt absorbs the moisture and turns black, thus acting as a barometer.

The natives in Java have a natural poison to aid them in avenging themselves against their enemies. It is a strong fluid found in the bark of the upas tree. The bark is over an inch thick and is very spongy. A drop of the fluid on the skin causes an intense irritation. A private revenge is satisfied by hiding a cup of this fluid in the room of the enemy and then the avenger flees, for well he knows that by morning his victim will have crossed the high divide. The fluid produces stupor which finally ends in death.

Two contrasting freaks of nature are the Island of Fire and the Lake of Snow. The Island of Fire is called the Home of Hot Devils. It is situated in the midst of a lake of boiling mud in the Island of Java. The steam and gases which arise from the sticky mud form themselves into bubbles attaining the diameter of five or six feet and sailing high up in the air like balloons, carried hither and thither by the wind and finally exploding with a loud crash.

The biggest snow lake is seen from the summit of Hispar pass, in the Karakoran range. It is more than 300 square miles in area. In Switzerland the sea of ice might better be called the sea of snow, as the surface is broken up by solar heat, which makes a minute fissuring in the ice, giving it the appearance of snow.

There is a huge natural magnet in Upper Burmah, India, covered with great blocks of iron ore, which travelers notice has a tremendous attraction which renders compasses and watches useless. In Spain there is a spring of water said to cure lovesick people. Another queer spring is situated in Mexico the waters of which cure alcoholic cravings, so the legend runs. Hinter mountain, near Fort Davis, Texas, produces an effect which would counteract the good work done by the Mexican spring, with none of the evil effects. People go up this mountain and they suddenly become conscious of a sort of anaesthetic which takes possession of them and makes them act as if intoxicated. If a traveler reaches the top he travels like an old toper, and many have been known to fall in a stupor on the rocks. This mountain has a following, which returns season after season to enjoy this harmless dissipation.

**WAS RUIN TO MR. TIGHTWAD**

**Singer in Gutter Scorns Half-Penny and Tells Giver to Hoard His Wealth, Which Latter Does.**

A certain close-fisted old gentleman pulled up his horse and trap at the door of a shop the other day, and beckoned to a seedy-looking individual who was singing in the gutter.

"Hold my horse a minute, will you?" he remarked.

The singer stopped in the middle of a verse and took up a position at the horse's head.

When the old gentleman came out of the shop he hurriedly handed over the magnificent sum of a halfpenny, and lost no time in scrambling into the trap. The recipient gazed at the coin for a moment, then jumped on the step.

"Take it back, sir," he remarked, tragically. "It means ruin to you."

"What do you mean, sir?" thundered the old gentleman.

"Ah!" was the solemn reply.

"Once I was like you. I'd heaps o' money, an' threw it about like water; an' look at me now! Ain't I a hobject-lesson? Keep your wealth; I scorn to rob yer!"

**ALGERIA SAUERKRAUT MINE**

**This Feature and Flying Turtles Give the Country Fame Which No Other Has Acquired.**

In Algeria, where they have flying turtles, they have likewise a mine of sauerkraut which the natives are working and eating with such enthusiasm that it is believed they will be speaking with a German accent presently; in which case the interest of the kaiser in the northern tier of African states will be so considerable before the year is out that we may expect what are called representations to the French government, says the Brooklyn Eagle. We keep on discovering things as we grow older, but we have never discovered, outside of Algeria, a way to develop the delicious confection known as sauerkraut without putting it to decay in barrels. Now that cabbage has developed a way of growing itself in the dark, fermenting unbeknownst and packing itself for use, the St. Louis sauerkraut trust may well view with alarm and fly to congress to get its infant industry protected. Indeed, Algeria herself may have to take measures. If not, she will invite a Teutonic invasion in comparison to which the encroachments in Manchuria will be as Sunday excursions out of Philadelphia. Seated beside a cave of sauerkraut with fragrant herrings, pigs feet, bologna sissidge, leberwurst, onions, liquefied Limburger cheese and pumpernickel spread over the earth at his feet, and a keg of beer within reach, Hansel would need only Gretel singing beside him in the wilderness, for wilderness were paradise enow. Why would Hansel continue to grind a living out of the colder soil of Germany when balmy Algeria beckoned? If Algeria fails to take measures we shall hear the warble of saengerbunds and gemischterchors in Philippeopolis and Gerryville, shall observe the consumption of raw hams under the very nose of Islam, and discover announcements of Milwaukee's famous soothing sirup in Layhouat and Twat. Along of this finding of the sauerkraut mine changes in political geography may be impending.

**CLAIM LOUIS XVII. DESCENT**

**Party in France with Sincere But Not Numerous Adherents—Queen Known as Madeleine.**

On the occasion of the anniversary of the death of Marie Antoinette mass was said in the humble but ancient church of St. Denis at La Chapelle, France, in the presence of the "king and queen of France and the dauphin."

The royal personages were a quiet looking gentleman apparently about 40 years of age, a lady, very simply dressed, and a little boy with long fair curls, whom she held by the hand. A small number of elderly ladies and gentlemen received their majesties and bowed low when they alighted from a motor car.

The king of France in question is the descendant of Naundorff, who alleged that he was Louis XVII, son of Louis XVI, having been saved from the Temple prison, and not, as most historians believe, done to death in boyhood, another child having been substituted for the real dauphin. The present king of France de jure is in deadly earnest about his divine right to the throne, and his followers, who style themselves the only real legitimist party in France, are, though not very numerous, equally sincere and devoted to the cause. It is, however, rather a platonic devotion, and the party has yet made no apparent attempt to bring about a revolution in order to set the king upon his rightful throne. After the religious service the congregation, numbering about a dozen persons, bent knees and kissed hands while bowing low to the queen and the dauphin. The king's name is Jean, and he is therefore John III. of France. The queen is styled usually Princess Madeleine, and the boy Prince Henry of Bourbon, dauphin of France.

**Consideration.**

"Mr. Juggins says he's a self-made man."

"Very considerate of him," rejoined Miss Cayenne, "to take care to relieve his friends of all responsibility."—Washington Star.

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- 1 lister,
- 1 drill,
- 1 set woven wire-stretchers,
- And many smaller tools.
- 1 3 1/2-horse-wagon,
- 1 low-wheel wagon,
- 1 road wagon,
- 1 sled,
- 1 wood frame,
- 1 hay frame,
- 2 sets leather harness,
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- 1 set buggy harness,
- 1 set single buggy harness,
- 1 muley saddle,
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**VIGILANCE IN FLUID FORM.**

**Druggist Gives German Patroness a Mixture "Just as Good" for Prescription in Paper.**

"Day before yesterday," said the druggist to a New York Times man, "a German woman came into my store and remarked that she had read of an infallible remedy for a certain well-known household pest, and handing me a clipping from a German newspaper published in New York, inquired if the stuff was dispensed in liquid or powder form, and how much it would cost.

"I saw that she had underlined certain words of the clipping, and on reading the whole article I found that the writer of the German paper who has charge of the question and answer column had given all the advice of which he was possessed, but evidently did not himself place much reliance upon the usual remedies, and had wound up his reply in a facetious way, saying in quotation marks that the very best thing was 'eternal vigilance,' the quotation being printed in English.

"I told her 'eternal vigilance' was a fluid which cost 25 cents, and gave her some corrosive sublimate and benzine."

**Made While Growing.**

Oriental gardeners are adepts at their work, the most striking production of one of their number being a natural arm-chair, in which the required shape was attained during the growth of a vine. Almost from its first appearance the vine had been carefully treated in anticipation of the use to which it was to be put. By the time it attained full growth it was formed into a rustic arm chair. All of the joints were made by grafting, so that the chair is practically in one solid piece, and after it had attained a growth of some three feet it was cut and thoroughly dried. Finally it was polished, the wood taking a finish not unlike mahogany.

**Broke His Agreement.**

An Iowa land owner of retiring disposition and a bachelor by profession listed the following in his experience with tenants: "In 1890 I rented a farm to a German who was the proud father of 11 children. Five years later he left the place. The number of his children had increased to 13. I established my claim on one of the youngsters, the agreement having been that there was to be an equal division of all that was raised on the farm. But the old man would not satisfy the claim."

**Honest Support.**

"I thought," said the young man who was having his first experience as a candidate for office, "that you were going to give me honest support."

"Yes," replied the editor of the Trumpet, "that's what we're trying to do. I want to see you elected."

"Well, it's queer you haven't a line in this morning's paper about the speech I delivered last night."

"Not at all, my boy, not at all. I was there myself and heard it. As I said before we want to help you in every way we can."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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