The Mules Knew the Route.

A remarkable instance of the stubbornness with which mules retain ideas once impressed upon them was seen one day last week. A dairyman who for years had driven his team and served his 300 or more customers in Cincinnati personally, died suddenly before he could give his son a list of the customers. The latter, however, started the wagon to town at the usual hour the next day, with instructions to deliver milk wherever the team stopped.

The animals trotted along briskly till they reached Abigail street, where they pulled up in front of a grocery. A maid with a pitcher soon ran out, and taking the name and order the driver continued. He simply started the mules, letting them pick the route, and when they finally headed for home he found he had a list of over 300 customers. The mules had not only stopped at all the regular places, but, as was afterward learned, had regained several former customers who had changed milkmen recently, but who, pleased with the queer method of learning the route, again returned to the old milk.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

Advertising Scheme at Niagara Falls.

"I read some time ago that signs projected by electric searchlights on the clouds over London would be a novel advertising idea," said an electrical engineer. "I've got a better one than that. Why not place electric searchlights on the Canadian side of Niagara falls and project advertising announcements on the American falls? The immense curtain of water would make a splendid background, and the rapidly falling water would produce novel effects on the signs. The trolley road now operating along the falls might utilize this scheme and give its patrons gigantic magic lantern shows on summer evenings."—Electrical Review.

A Revolution In Eating

has been brought about by the introduction of COTTOLENE, the new vegetable shortening. The discovery of this product, and the demonstration of its remarkable qualities, has attracted the widest interest. Hitherto the common shortening has been lard, or indifferent butter. Every one has probably suffered occasional discomfort from lard-cooked food; while it is well known that thousands are obliged to abstain entirely from everything of that kind. To such people, COTTOLENE is of peculiar value, widening as it does, the range of what may be eaten and enjoyed. COTTOLENE is a cooking marvel. It *combines* with the food—imparts to it a tempting color, a delicate flavor, and an appetizing crispness. No trace of greasiness remains to offend the taste, or disturb the digestion.

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LIFE IS SWEET.

This world would be a dreary world
If there were none to love us,
And dull would be the passing hours,
And perfumeless the sweetest flowers,
And dim the stars above us.

I often think, whene'er I sit
Amid the twilight shadows,
Watching the dying sun's descent
Adown the roseate firmament,
Which seems to clasp the meadows,

How cheerless and how drear would be
The days that hover o'er us,
If Love's bright eye should shine no more—
If we should tread along life's shore
With no bright hopes before us.

Ah, brother, mortal life is sweet
While friends are true and near us—
While loving lips to ours are pressed,
Bestowing kisses heaven hath blessed,
To make us smile—to cheer us.

And there are hearts worth living for,
True as the heaven above us.
They fill our souls with peace and mirth,
They brighten darkest days of earth
And only live to love us.

Then say not, stoic, that this life
Is naught but pain and sadness,
While round our path bloom love's sweet flowers,
While friendship paints the passing hours
With her bright smile of gladness.

—Caleb Dunn in New York Ledger.

An Indignant Judge.

Judge Falconbridge is one who does not conceal his disgust at the action of the people who go to law over trifles. While the case of Lackie versus Lount was being tried at the London (Ont.) assizes the defendant gave evidence, and the judge remarked: "Suppose this old lady, who is 83 years of age, was asking what you considered a little too much, don't you think it would have been just as well to have given it to her? It was only the use of a couple of acres of land at best for a short time." To this the defendant did not vouchsafe any intelligent reply.

A little further on in his evidence it was shown that a settlement had not been made, because he would not agree to what would practically amount to about $1.25 per annum. On this coming out, his lordship said very emphatically: "Then it appears that this suit has been brought in the high court of justice over a dispute which amounts to about $1.25 per year, the cost of which will be at least $100 to each side. It is shameful! Shameful!"—Ottawa Journal.

Polly's Amendment.

A lady had a fine parrot; but, being subject to headaches, she often put him in the kitchen. The cook objected and said to Polly: "You horrid thing! I wish you were dead!"

Polly soon learned this, and when his mistress got better and took him to her room he said: "You horrid thing! I wish you were dead!"

This shocked the lady. One day she met the rector, and he said, "How is Polly?"

Then she told him how Polly had affected her nerves. The rector said: "Send him to spend a month with my bird. He may forget it."

She accepted his offer. In due time Polly was sent home, and as soon as his mistress went to the cage Polly saluted her with:

"You horrid thing! I wish you were dead! We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord!"—Woman's Voice.

The Sphinx's Riddle.

The riddle which the sphinx propounded to the Thebans, and the solution of which she made a condition of her withdrawal from the state, was as follows: "What animal has one voice, at first four, then two, and at last three feet?" Œdipus discovered the answer to be "Man," who in infancy, from using his hands as well as his feet in walking, may be said to have four feet (all fours), in after life employs but two, and in old age to these he adds a staff, which may be reckoned a third. Upon this solution being given the sphinx is said to have thrown herself headlong from the citadel.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Funny Stories.

"Ha, ha!" said the jovial man as he slapped an acquaintance on the back, "I'm glad to see you. I have one of the funniest stories on record, and you are just in time."

"I don't care for it," was the candid reply. "You see there is often a pathetic side even to humor. I have just been out with my architect, and he showed me three of the funniest stories I ever saw. If I hadn't been paying for them, I'd have laughed myself silly."—Washington Star.

A Russian physician has discovered by numerous experiments that a crow can count 10; that a dog can count 27 if he is given time enough; that a cat can be taught to count up to 6, while a horse learns to count the mile posts which he passes frequently.

M. Bartholdi, the famous sculptor, says that America can have a fitting pantheon placed under Liberty's torch. He suggests that monuments of Washington and revolutionary heroes could form the central group of figures.

Pepper is second only to rice and teak as the principal exports from Siam. Last year, however, there was a slight falling off in the export as compared with the previous year.

The kindling wood tracts in the highlands of the Hudson are cut over once in about 20 years. Nature quickly repairs the ravages.

The annual consumption of water in extinguishing fires in London is about 17,000,000 gallons.

COLLECTING DEBTS IN FRANCE.

Points of Difference Between the System There and In This Country.

The matter practiced in the collection of debts in France and in the United States does not differ materially save in the collection and the mode of procedure. The first step which is necessary for a creditor in France to take before he can use legal means to collect a debt due him is to obtain judgment against the debtor, which is rendered by a justice of the peace, provided the amount does not exceed $40. The defendant is required to appear in court on a certain day and arrange for a settlement of the account and pay a part or the whole of it or show cause why.

If this arrangement is not made, the defendant is a second time summoned to appear, and should he then flatly refuse payment judgment is rendered against him. The cost of judgment, together with that of the summons, is defrayed by the plaintiff and a copy of the former sent to the debtor. He then has three months' grace to appeal before a civil court from the judgment already handed down. Failing to exercise this privilege, the matter is put in the hands of a "huissier," whose functions partake of those of both the bailiff and process server, but his methods as well as his perogatives resemble neither one nor the other. The huissier upon request of the creditor makes an abstract statement of the condition of the debt, the fee for preparing and serving the same varying according to the length of the instrument and not according to the importance of the debt. Its average cost, however, may be placed at $2.50.

In case the debtor ignores the document an "assignation" is served upon him, and eight days thereafter his furniture is seized and placed in the hands of the huissier. The expense entailed in the preparation of these notices is defrayed by the creditor, but if at any moment the debtor agrees to liquidate in full he is not only required by law to discharge his original obligation, but to add to it the costs of the judgment and fees of the huissier. Whether this system is better than the plan pursued in the United States is a matter of opinion.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Patti's Fairyland.

Craig-y-nos castle, situated at the base of "The Rock of Night," one of the many high hills which stretch away from the Brecon Beacons toward Swansea bay, from which the diva's home takes its name, appears to the weary and footsore traveler (to whom a hearty meal and ample rest is never denied) to be as an oasis amid the desert plains. Built in the center of a wildly romantic expanse of scenery and traversed by the Tawe, a bright little river which hurries seaward, babbling and rippling as it flows, the castle stands resplendent, with an almost regal air, commanding an impressive view of the broad valley and its picturesque surroundings.

To the left of the chateau are situated the conservatories, vineries, peachhouses, etc., and last, but not least, the magnificent winter garden, which has lately been erected and stocked with rare palms and Australian ferns. Here the diva takes her daily walk when fierce gales and drenching showers deter her from braving the elements. The castle and winter garden are brilliantly illuminated by electric light, so that the effect of the cattle at night, when viewed from the somber valley, is that of an enchanted palace situated in Fairyland.—Woman at Home.

Sewing In Public Schools.

The course of study in sewing in the Boston public schools is interesting for an amateur of sewing to consider. To read of "thimble, emery, scissors," set off neatly as articles of study, and to gaze upon a printed curriculum of "basting, backstitching, overcasting, half backstitching and combination of one running and one-half backstitch" is to realize most intensely the advantages Boston offers to her daughters. In the fourth year are taught, among other things, stocking darning, straight and bias felling, whipping and sewing on ruffles, hemstitching, blind stitching, tucking if not taught previously, gathers overhanded to a band, sewing on hooks and eyes and buttons, eyelets, loops, and in the fifth year there is a system of dress cutting by which girls are taught to take measures, draft, cut and fit a dress waist.—Boston Transcript.

Reputation.

The value of reputation is almost cynically set forth by the case of a young literary man whose rejected story came back to him from a great publishing house with a few words of praise qualified by the declaration that it showed traces of the amateur. Encouraged by this he set to work and produced a novel. This he sent to the same house, and it was accepted. It succeeded, and the young author soon afterward sold to the same publisher the rejected story at double the price he had originally asked.—New York Sun.

A Parasite.

Johnnie—What is a parasite, ma?

Mrs. Newlirich—Gracious! haven't they taught you that at school? It's a native of Paris, of course.—Raymond's Monthly.

The Waltz.

It was Lady Jersey who introduced it, and when later the Emperor Alexander visited London, an army of foreigners gave a strong impetus to the movement. Its great popularity gave rise to many disputes as to whence the waltz originally came, whether from the old Provencal "La Sauteuse," or "Volte," or the German national dance, the "Laendler." It is most universally ascribed to the last named. The "Laendler" was under the ban of the authorities as being dangerous to both health and morals, but in spite of prohibition it made its way to Vienna, where it was introduced in the opera "Una Casa Rara," by Vincente Martens.

The character of the dance was, however, greatly changed and modified, the tempo being much accelerated. From Vienna it quickly passed to France. Dr. Burney saw it performed in Paris in 1780 and could not help reflecting, "how uneasy an English mother would feel to see her daughter so familiarly treated and still more to note the obliging manner in which the freedom is returned by the females."

Had he lived a few years longer, the good old doctor's sense of decorum would have received a shock in the welcome accorded to the dance by English women.—All the Year Round.

The Oldest Church.

The oldest Christian church in the world is at Rome. Not far from the great church of St. Maria Maggiore, in a street bearing the same name, is the much smaller church of St. Pudentiana, which tradition, as well as the opinion of archæological experts, declares to be the most ancient of the Christian edifices of Rome.

About the middle of the first century a certain Roman senator named Pudens had a house on this spot. He was a Christian convert and, it is said, a distant relative of Paul the Apostle, who lodged with him from A. D. 41 to 50, and converted his two daughters, Praxedes and Pudentiana. For the religious uses of himself and guests he built a small chapel in this house, and when he died in 96 and his wife a year later his daughter added a baptistry, the plans for which were drawn by Pius, the then bishop of Rome. In course of time a church was erected on the site of the original house of Pudens and consecrated by the bishop in 108 or 145.—London Million.

Enlightened the Lawyer.

"I presume, my good fellow, you are a laborer?" said a lawyer to a plainly dressed witness.

"You are right. I am a workman, sir," replied the witness, who was a civil engineer.

"Familiar with the use of the pick, shovel and spade, I presume?"

"To some extent. Those are not the principal implements of my trade though."

"Perhaps you will condescend to enlighten me as to your principal implements?"

"It is hardly worth while. You don't understand their nature or use."

"Probably not," loftily, "but I insist on knowing what they are."

"Brains."—Exchange.

Cochin China's Imperial Safe.

The Emperor Duc-Tu of Cochin China protects his treasures by placing them in hollowed trunks of trees, which float about a huge tank situated in the center of the royal palace. There are 20 crocodiles in the tank as well. When he wishes to draw upon this bank, all the reptiles are killed, but this cannot take place without the joint consent of the emperor and his minister of finance.—Exchange.

The Human Electrical Forces!

How They Control the Organs of the Body.

The electrical force of the human body, as the nerve fluid may be termed, is an especially attractive department of science, as it exerts so marked an influence on the health of the organs of the body. Nerve force is produced by the brain and conveyed by means of the nerves to the various organs of the body, thus supplying the latter with the vitality necessary to insure their health. The pneumogastric nerve, as shown here, may be said to be the most important of the entire nerve system, as it supplies the heart, lungs, stomach, bowels, etc., with the nerve force necessary to keep them active and healthy. As will be seen by the cut the long nerve descending from the base of the brain and terminating in the bowels is the pneumogastric, while the numerous little branches supply the heart, lungs and stomach with necessary vitality. When the brain becomes in any way disordered by irritability or exhaustion, the nerve force which it supplies is lessened, and the organs receiving the diminished supply are consequently weakened.

Physicians generally fail to recognize the importance of this fact, but treat the organ itself instead of the cause of the trouble. The noted specialist, Franklin Miles, M. D., LL. B., has given the greater part of his life to the study of this subject, and the main ideas of his discoveries concerning it are due to his celebrated Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine, the unrivaled brain and nerve food, is prepared on the principle that all nervous and many other difficulties originate from disorders of the nerve centers. Its wonderful success in curing these disorders is testified to by thousands in every part of the land.

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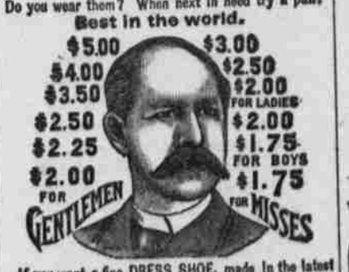

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