

## HAD TO GIVE BRAIN A REST

Aged Negro Was Unused to Literary Composition and It Made His Head Ache.

The Atlanta Constitution tells about an aged negro who asked his "boss," Colonel Yerger, to write a letter for him to his sweetheart.

"All right, Sam; I'll do it," agreed the colonel.

"Has yer got de paper and de ink and de pen ready, sir?"

"Yes, Sam; go ahead."

"Write Thompson street, New York."

"All right."

"Has yer got hit?"

"Yes."

"All of hit?"

"Certainly."

"Thompson street, New York."

"Dat's hit. Now write May de fourteenth."

"Yes."

"Has yer got hit down, boss, all ready?"

"Yes."

"G'way, boss, you're jokin'! Read it to me."

"May 14th."

"Mah goodness, you has got hit down all right! Now, boss, read hit all over from de berry beginning."

"Thompson street, New York. May 14th."

"Dat's right. Whew! Say, boss, let's res' awhile; I've tired. My head aches like hit was gwinter split."

## STILL SEARCH FOR TREASURE

Colored People of the South Victims of Sharps, Who Sell Them Divining Rods.

The restaurant orchestra had just finished playing "Dixie."

"Speaking of buried treasure," said a southerner after the noise had died away, "the search for the hidden riches of Captain Kidd isn't in it with the hunt that is going on continually all over the south for wealth that is supposed to have been secreted during the Civil war. Two classes of persons are engaged in it. It is the pet avocation of the negroes, but not more than one in a hundred thousand ever finds anything. The class that gets the real coin is the sleek Yankee who travels through the south selling divining rods and things of that sort to the negroes. These 'witch sticks' are supposed to draw their holders irresistibly to where the treasure is buried. They sell for a big price—\$10 to \$50—it depends on how much the purchaser has hidden away under his own hearthstone."

**Shapes of the Satellites.**

Photometric studies of six of the principal satellites of Saturn, made by Guthnick, indicate a confirmation of the previous conclusions of other observers that several, and perhaps all, of these satellites behave like our own moon in keeping always the same side toward the planet around which they revolve. In regard to the satellite named Tethys, an interesting hypothesis is offered to account for its very marked changes of luminosity. The theory is that Tethys possesses the form of a long ellipsoid, the two principal axes of which are to one another in the ratio of five to two. A similar suggestion has been made concerning the shape of the asteroid Eros, which likewise exhibits great variations of light, according to its position in its orbit around the sun.—Harper's Weekly.

**Indian Rice Rolls.**

The cultivation of rice in India includes divers varieties, differing in size, shape and color of grain, as well as in suitability for culinary purposes. More than seventy million acres are annually put under rice in India, and samples of all the varieties produced have recently been analyzed in England. One of these is peculiar in that it is too glutinous to be boiled in the ordinary way. This difficulty is avoided by boiling it in bamboo tubes, and after being thus prepared it is left in the tubes to be eaten cold, especially by travelers. When the rice is eaten the bamboo is peeled off and a long roll of rice appears, which forms an excellent substitute for bread.—Harper's Weekly.

**Human Fellowship.**

In trying to find a basis of universal fellowship, what is the first consideration? Not money. That is not a basis for fellowship. Of course, there are exceptional circumstances when money may pay for travel and culture and so aid in the formation of character. . . . But money is not a guaranty of either culture or loyalty. It is the work we do in the world, not the money we have, that qualifies us for fellowship. Every known being must do his work well in the world, whether it is paid for or not, in order to qualify for the fellowship of the common life.—Twentieth Century Magazine.

**Cruel Name to Give Child.**

The most burdensome name ever bestowed on a child was that given by Arthur Pepper, a laundryman of West Derby, Liverpool, to his daughter. It comprised one name for every letter of the alphabet, and was certainly ingenious in its way, running Anna Bertha Cecelia Diana Emily Fanny Gertrude Hypatia Inez Jane Kate Louise Maud Nora Ophelia Quince Rebecca Starkey Teresa Ulysis Venus Winifred Xenophon Yetty Zeno. P. of course, was provided in the surname, Pepper.

## THOMAS CARLYLE ON WAR

Great Scotch Philosopher Indulged in Some Severe Strictures as to Its Effect and Necessity.

What, speaking in quite unofficial language, is the net purport and upshot of war? There dwell and toll in the British village of Drumrudge usually some 500 souls. From these there are successively selected, during the French war, say thirty able-bodied men; Drumrudge, at her own expense, has suckled and nursed them; she has, not without difficulty and sorrow, fed them up to manhood and even trained them to crafts, so that one can weave, another build, another hammer, and the weakest can stand under thirty stone avoirdupois. Nevertheless, amid much weeping and swearing, they are selected, all dressed in red, and shipped away at the public charge some two thousand miles, or say only to the south of Spain, and fed there till wanted. And now to that same spot are some thirty similar French artisans, from a French Drumrudge, in like manner wending; till at length, after infinite effort, the two parties come into actual juxtaposition; and Thirty stands facing Thirty, each with a gun in his hands. Straightway the word "Fire!" is given; and they blow the souls out of one another; and in place of sixty brisk, useful craftsmen the world has sixty carcasses, which it must bury and anew shed tears for. Had these men any quarrel? Busy as the devil is, not the smallest! They lived far enough apart; were the entirest strangers; nay, in so wide a universe, there was even, unconsciously, by commerce, some mutual helpfulness

between them. How then? Simpleton! their governors had fallen out; and, instead of shooting one another, had the cunning to make those poor blockheads shoot!—Thomas Carlyle.

## SPOT THAT DRAWS BATHERS

Natural "Shoot the Chutes" on Island of Kauai Furnishes a Delightful Amusement.

There is a natural "shoot the chutes" on the Island of Kauai which would make the fortune of an amusement manager if it could be transferred to the United States. Kauai is sixty-five miles northwest of Honolulu, and has a volcano of its own near Kalao, but now extinct. Down one side of this lava-coated volcanic mountain rushes the Kopaa, a deep, wide stream of delightfully clear, cool water. Half way in its rapid descent it takes a leap of twenty feet over a lava cliff, and, pouring downward with accelerated speed, empties into a pool fifteen feet deep and fifty feet wide. For fifty feet above the pool the water has cut a deep channel in the lava, with a floor as smooth as glass.

Down the curves of this natural chute the bather slides swiftly to the pool below. So steep is the chute and so rapid the descent that it is only a second after the bather launches himself into the stream from a natural platform of lava above before he plunges into the crystal pool at the bottom. Visitors to Honolulu go all the way to Kauai to enjoy the Kopaa slide.

**First Presidential Elections.**

In the early days of the republic

the electors were chosen by the legislatures of the different states and voted without any formal instructions for two persons, the person receiving the highest number of votes becoming president and the next highest vice-president. At the first election, in 1789, there were ten states voting and 69 electoral votes. George Washington received all the electoral votes, 69, and John Adams of Massachusetts received 34 votes; John Jay of New York, 3; John Rutledge of South Carolina, 6; John Hancock of Massachusetts, 4; Samuel Huntington of Connecticut, 2; George Clinton of New York, 3; John Milton of Georgia, 2; James Armstrong of Georgia, 1; Benjamin Lincoln of Massachusetts, 1. So Washington became president and Adams vice-president. This practice continued several years.

**Another Enemy of the Fly.**

The fly has an effective enemy other than the hand that wields the swatter. This is the parasitic fungus known as the Empusa muscae. This fungus is a deadly enemy of the house fly, and it must destroy myriads of these pernicious insects, especially in the fall. The flies may often be seen in a dead or dying condition on walls, ceilings and window panes, surrounded by a quantity of white powder—i. e., the spores of the fungus which have fallen from the insect's body. These spores are capable of infecting other flies which may come in contact with them. Whether the flies actually eat the spores, or merely get them attached to their bodies, apparently is not known.

**Profession of Motherhood.**

It is a difficult profession—this profession of motherhood. In the animal kingdom, as the offspring grow older, the parents withdraw their ministrations, but in the human family the older the children grow the more diplomacy and enthusiasm is needed by the ruling spirits. When the boys begin to get unruly and the girls begin to get silly—as the husband gets less ready to make an effort and more willing to sit quietly by the fire in the evening—then it is that many a family drifts apart. But the mother can have no holiday. She must always be on tap. The only difference is that as the children grow older she must pretend that it is they and not she who are managing affairs.—Agnes Edwards Rothery, in the Home Progress Magazine.

**Moving Pictures in Japan.**

Japanese take the moving picture seriously. The favorite theme is the allegorical play that represents the warrior fighting for righteousness. Next in popularity comes the pathetic picture of the father who has lost his fortune, but who will educate his favorite son at any sacrifice. The educational film is also popular, and there is applause for good scenery. The love story is never represented in the Japanese moving picture. China also is a great lover of the cinematograph and willingly accepts a wide range of subjects, drawing the line at nothing except indecency. The favorite pictures in Turkey are those of American cowboys and Indians as well as detective dramas.

## FIRST APPLICATION DARKENS THE HAIR

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