

NEW AND CURIOUS.

The oldest rosebush in the world is at Hildeheim, Germany. Charlemagne planted it more than 1,000 years ago, in commemoration of the embassy received from Haroun al Raschid, the caliph.

According to the New York Herald the smallest electric motor in the world has been built by D. Goodin of McKinney, Tex., whose business as a watchmaker has trained him to handle delicate machinery with the exquisite care required in making a motor that moves with all the regularity of a big machine, and yet is so small that its owner wears it as a scarfpin.

In an attempt to measure memory, Prof. Alfred Binet, a French psychologist has made an experiment which consists in reading a series of figures to the subject, at a regular speed of about two per second, and observing how many he can repeat without error in the order in which they were given. The faculty of voluntary attention is, of course, called into play in this experiment. Children from six to eight years old retain, on the average, five figures; children ten years old six figures; adults seven figures. Jacques Inaudi, the lightning calculator, can retain more than 40 figures.

In the pictures by Gibson and others of that class depicting social life, it is remarked that the women are drawn sitting, with heads erect and splendid carriage, or standing in a stately attitude, tall, graceful creatures, while the men almost invariably appear round shouldered, bunched down in their chairs until they lose the benefit of their extra height and appear shorter than their well poised companions. Why can't the new man rise to his full height, either sitting or standing, and assume the splendid poise of the new woman? It may be the reason that the girls now are taller than they used to be is that emphasizing all the height they have, their stature increases. At all events, this matter of the difference in carriage between most men and women has been remarked by the observant ones in our audiences.

The reason why it is necessary to be well covered while sleeping is that when the body lies down the heart is relieved of its regular work temporarily. So that organ makes ten strokes a minute less than when the body is in an upright position. This means 600 strokes less in sixty minutes, or nearly 5,000 for the usual eight hours spent in sleep. As it pumps about six ounces of blood at each stroke, it lifts 300,000 ounces less during this night session than it would in the same time when the body is active. Now the body is dependent for its

warmth on the vigor of the circulation, and as the blood flows so much more slowly through the veins when one is lying down, the warmth lost in the reduced circulation must be supplied by the extra clothing.

LITTLE POINTS.

Which is worth most to the world, faith in gods or love to humanity?

Jesus had what would nowadays be called "his gall" with him if he said, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved."

It is said that truth will always prevail, but actual trial has proven that, for the time being at least, it fails unless backed by truthful men.

Christians are often likened to sheep, and we sometimes think they show about as much intelligence in their blind followings and bleatings.

I and the father are one.—[God, Jesus, St. John or some other priest.

If any religious teacher would say such an absurd thing today, people would only laugh at him.

His Mission Ended: "That will do," said Balaam, "you've talked enough." "Yes," retorted the ass, "I've talked enough to hand you down to immortality." And the patient animal never spoke again.—[Chicago Tribune.

God loved his son and allowed the Jews to kill him. Why don't ministers follow their god's example and crucify their children, or put some one else up to do it? It would save the world from the bad example of ministers' sons.

"But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? . . . Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened except it die" (Bible). The fool who wrote the above should have been told that people increase like wheat; that the individual man, like the individual plant, really dies, and that there is no proof of either being "raised up" after death.

Secularist, read the following, from an orthodox Sunday school paper, and then ask yourself if it isn't time that better mental and moral food be given to the children: "A LITTLE LETTER.—Dear Child: Have you asked Jesus to give you the new heart—the heart that loves him best, that really wants to please him more than to please self? Jesus truly wants to take away your old heart and give you a new, clean heart. Will you let him? Do not try to earn it by being good! Just let him give it to you, and then you will want to be good."

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