### A FISH OUT OF WATEP

#### The Unfortunate Frolle That Caused Its Untimely Death.

A German scientist-he could only have been a German-once conceived, we are told, a plan to train a fish to live out of water. He placed a thriving little carp in a small tank and with infinite patience and great exactness removed from the tank one spoonful of water every day, at the same time increasing gradually the amount of oxygen in the water. In time the water barely covered the carp, and still it thrived. The quantity of water continued to diminish, and, by slowly adapting its method of breathing to the new conditions, the fish began to breathe air and indeed became quite terrestrial in its habits before the tank. was entirely dry. The scientist had grown to love the carp. He fed it from his own hand, and now that it was living in the same element with himself he took it from the tank and left it as free to follow its own devices as was the family cat. The little fish also loved its master. It followed him about from place to place, fopping along after him, stopping only occasionally to leap for a passing fly. One day the scientist was crossing a bridge. The carp, as usual, was at his heels, enjoying the pleasant air of the countryside and uttering from time to time a little sound expressive of delight and contentment. About the middle of the bridge a fat housefy was sunning itself on the rail. The carp spied the fly and jumped for it, but miscalculating the distance went over the rail into the river-and was drowned. - Great Round World.

#### Language.

Language is the subtlest instrument ever played on by man. Its variations are illimitable-that is, they are limited only by the powers of the human mind and soul in all possible situations. The power of words or speech exceeds that of music because language is more than music and even includes music. Language in the hands of a master is pregnant with every meaning.

A nation's language is at once an expression and a mold of its character, reflecting from century to century the development of its civilization and its advance in intellectual and moral culture, in learning and refinement. The flexible Greek tongue was the product and the instrument of the subtle Greek intellect. The distinctive qualities of the classic speech of the Roman declare the dignity and the "irile energy which were inseparable from the old Roman.-Portland Oregonian.

#### Senttered Too Much.

"It always pays to be conservative." said the careful man. "Now, I recall the case of the man from Dyersville, Dyer county, Tenn.

'I can lick any man in Dyersville,' he announced one day in the main street of that village.

"There was no response. 'I can lick any man in Dyer county,' he then proclaimed.

"Still there was no reply to the challenge. Emboldened by the success of his bluff, the man shouted, 'I can lick any man in Tennessee!"

'At that a long, lank mountaineer peeled off his coat and wiped up the street with the boaster. 'Gentlemen,' said the braggart, as

he brushed off his clothes, 'the trouble with me is that I scatter too durn

## SPEECHES THAT LIVE.

THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

Water Flow Up Hill?

Boes it then flow up hill?

sumed to exist.

ion.

there are no trifles .-- Youth's Compan-

ANCIENT MEDICINES.

Some of the Repulsive Remedies

Used by Our Ancestors.

dered and taken as snuff is no less effi-

neck are said to have cured ague.

to have a better opinion of it."

Laed

to Answer the Question, Can

Oratoric Triumphs That Stand the Test of Reading.

Since the earth is an oblate spherold It is often said that if a speech reads instead of a perfect sphere, it comes to well it is not a good speech. There pass that its center is farther from the may be some truth in it. The reader equator than from either pole. The cannot, of course, get the impression difference is about thirteen miles. The which the speaker conveys by look and tone and gesture. He lacks that mar-Mississippi flows southward for so great a distance that its surface at its velous influence by which in a great mouth is about four miles farther from assembly the emotion of every individthe earth's center than at its source. unl soul is multiplied by the emotion of every other. The reader can pause and This is a question which the coast dwell upon the thought. If there be a and geodetic survey in Washington is fallacy, he is not hurrled away to do frequently asked to answer. The reply something else before he can detect it. is that "up" means against gravitation So, also, his more careful and deliber and "down" with gravitation; hence ate criticism will discover offenses of the Mississippi does not flow up hill, style and taste which pass unheeded in a speech when uttered. But still the although obviously it moves away from the center of the globe. Plumb lines great oratoric triumphs of literature rarely point directly toward the center and history stand the test of reading in the closet as well as of hearing in the of the earth. The variation from that assembly. Would not Mark Antony's direction has given rise to an interestspeech over the dead body of Cæsar. ing branch of the government's work. had it been uttered, have moved the The visible irregularities of the surface of the earth-mountains, valleys Roman populace as it moves the spec and water basins-affect the form of tator when the play is acted or the solattraction which is known as gravitaitary reader in his closet? Does not Lord Chatham's "I rejoice that Amertion. A cubic mile of land is two and a ica has resisted" reads well? Do not half times as dense as a similar volume of water. The plumb line tends to lean Sheridan's and Burke's great perorations in the impeachment of Warren toward the earth masses and away Hastings read well? Does not "Liberty from the water basins. These influand union, now and forever," read ences, which may be computed with well? Does not "Give me liberty or scientific accuracy, do not, however, explain all of the deflections. Varying give me death" read well? Do not Everett's finest passages read well?-Sendegrees of density some miles below ator Hoar in Success. the surface of the earth must be as-

Laughter Better Than Pills. Trifling as these deflections are, never exceeding nine inches in a plumb The cure for the bilious man is s clown, not pills. For indigestion go to line a mile long, they are of considerable scientific importance. They modify a show where there are one or two first class fools who know how to make "monkeys" of themselves. The fun, the calculations of navigators and explorers as to positions on the earth's however, should be clean, innocent, surface derived from the stars. They harmless and hearty, with no suggesthus become essential in high grade tion of indecency or vulgarity. In othmapmaking. They also help to make er words, the fun should be "bygienic." the records of measurements of the Fun that is foul and malodorous is unearth contribute to the story of the history of the earth. In the eye of science healthful.

The best sort of fun for the dyspepthe is the fun that burlesques the follies and folbles of the odd "characters" you have met. If you can't find the show with the burlesque "artists" who can make you laugh, seek out companions who are jolly and who know the art of clowning.

Some of the remedies used by our Don't let any half baked idiot load ancestors ought to have been sufficient your mind with his business or domesto scare away any disease without tic troubles. When you get an hour or their application. Here are a few of two from the desk or store, abandon them: "A halter wherewith any one yourself willingly and cheerfully to the has been hanged if tied about the head frivolities of a jocular friend.-What to will cure headache. Moss growing upon a human skull if dried and pow-Eat

#### A Stubborn Husband,

caclous." Dr. Samuel Turner, who most interesting phenomenon is wrote on diseases of the skin, notices a prevalent charm among old women for the stubborn husband. He is not a bad the shingles, the blood of a black cat man. He is contrary, and he has to be managed. He is usually married to a taken from its tail and smeared on the clever little woman, who is constantly part affected. The chips of a gallows devising schemes to accomplish the tied on a string and worn around the things which make their joint lives a

Spiders, as may readily be supposed, He has no suspicion of this. If he were in great repute as remedies. Burhad, he would be so mad he could un ton, the writer of the "Anatomy of Bleinneholy," was at first dubious as to doubtedly eat her. So all through life the efficacy of the spider as a remedy. she goes on swinging a turnip ahead of his nose to make him go the same as though he states that he had seen it though he were a balky mule. She is used by his mother, "whom he knew to have excellent skill in chirurgery, sore a cheery little body, and she grows plump with every year, and she does eyes and aches, till at length," says he, her smiling behind the door or she "rambling amongst authors, as I often chuckles in her sleeve when he is not do, I found this very medicine in Dioscorides, approved by Matthiolas and by. The stubborn husband is as interesting as a bug.-London Standard. repeated by Aldrovandus. I began then

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#### Exhausted Brain Cells.

Nerve specialists say that a great many sulcides are the direct results of exhausted brain cells. When you find yourself becoming morose and despondent, when you are conscious that the zest of life is evaporating, that you are losing the edge of your former keen interest in things generally and that your life is becoming a bore, you may be pretty sure that you need more sleep; that you need country or outdoor exercise. If you get these, you will find that all the old enthusiasm will return. A few days of exercise in the country rambling over the hills and meadows will erase the dark pictures which haunt you and will restore buoyancy to your animal spirits .- Success.

#### Getting Into a Life Buoy.

The average person in danger of drowning usually attempts to lift a life buoy over his head, with the result that he is immediately plunged deeper into the water. A good swimmer can do this with a sudden upward jerk, but with the nonswimmer it is almost an impossible feat.

What he should do when he has seized the buoy is to place both hands, paims downward, on the buoy on the part nearest the body, pressing it downward and slightly away, when the farther part of the buoy will rise out of the water and actually fall over the head. The arms can then be put through easily, "and there you are."

History In Six Words. War.

Poverty. Peace. Prosperity Pride.

War .- Wall Street Journal.

Always In Demand.

"I think gossip is never entirely useless."

"You really think so?" "Yes; it can always be used to satisfy other people's curiosity." - Brooklyn Life.

Hardly as She Meant It. Monument Man-What shall I put on your husband's tombstone, madam? Distracted Widow-Oh, say that he was my husband and that he is happy now.-Life.

Those who pursue happiness are fortunate to catch up with content.

things were used. John Bell says that for this purpose "they tied live toads behind the ears or under the armpits or to the soles of the feet or held them in the hand till they grew warm. Michael Mercatus says that this effect of tonds is a truth, which any person willing to take the trouble may satisfy himself of by a very simple experiment, for if you hang the toad around a cock's neck for a day or so you may then cut off his head and the neck will not bleed a single drop." The mainde imaginaire of those days pursued his hobby under difficulties.

For stopping hemorrhages all sorts of

#### Not a Judge.

A good instance of repartee occurred in a law court when the following conversation took place between a witness, a rustic looking individual, and the presiding judge.

Judge-You say you had occasion to taste this whisky?

Witness-Yes, my lord.

Judge-Now, are you sure you could tell the difference between good and bad whisky?

Witness (drawling) - Well, I don't quite know as I could exactly, me lord (with a knowing smile), for, ye see, I'm not a judge!-London Times.

The Judge's Candid Opinion.

"I wish to state," said a fresh young lawyer, rising in court, "that the rumor to the effect that John Doe, now under indictment for murder, has attempted to commit suicide has no foundation in fact. /I saw him this morning, and he has retained me to defend his life." "That seems to confirm the rumor," said the judge. "Let the case proceed."-Lippincott's.

#### Solemn Moments.

"It is a solemn thing," said the young man, "when a woman trusts a man with her affections." "It ain't as solemn," said the mar with the pink necktie, "as when she won't trust him with his own wages." -London Tit-Bits.

#### Sudden Activity.

Nell-Maude has suddenly discovered that she needs exercise, so she goes ou! for a whik every day. Belle-Yes, I heard that she had a lot of new clothes.-Philadelphia Record.

A mother's mind is ever on her children. If she is noble, she is praying for them: if she is ambitious, she is a little, and the desire will disappear .-scheming for them.-Schooling.ster,

Marriage by capture is a very old and very widely spread custom. It prevails among the Hindoos, the Kalmucks and Circassians and the primitive races of Australia, New Zealand and America, but instead of abduction being considered an outrage by these If you need lumber don't fail to write to us half civilized peoples it is looked upon as a preliminary marriage rite, and, as a general rule, the coy damsel is by no means averse to the mild violence. Abduction became so common in England in the reigns of the Tudor princes that a statute was passed on the sub-ject, and this was followed by an act Wilhelm Cell House ... of Elizabeth which took away the benefit of clergy from the offender, and lt was not till so late as the reign of George IV, that the crime ceased to be a capital offcase and punishable with death.

What the White House Is.

To the American people the White House represents the personality of the president of the United States. To the politician the magic words may stand for the goal of an ambition too often associated with the deepest and most polgnant disappointment, while to the historian the name may typify declsions that have marked epochs in the affairs of nations. In the mind of the people, however, the official character of the building has always been subordinate to its domestic uses. Popularly speaking, the White House is the place not where the president works, but where he entertains .-- Charles Moore in Century.

#### A Mistake Somewhere.

"Is it true, Miss Gertie," he said. "that there are just two things a woman will jump at-a conclusion and a mouse? "No," she answered; "there is a third,

Mr. Philip." After thinking the matter over a few moments he tremblingly made her an

offer, but she didn't jump at it. He was not the right man.

#### Not Appreciated.

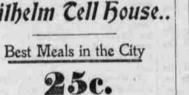
Bjenks-It certainly seems to me that a man like Bjackson, who has worked hard all his life and brought up a famlly of sixteen children, deserves a great deal of credit.

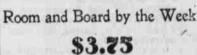
Bjones-No doubt. But he can't have it at the stores .- Somerville Journal.

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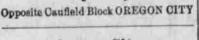


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