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MADE IN MINIATURE.

CURIOUS MICROSCOPIC MARVELS ACHIEVED BY INGENIOUS MEN.

Feter Ramus Tells Some Very Fishy Stories About John Muller-The Ever Growing Squad of Cherry Stone Workers A Wonderful Knife.

Perhaps the most prevalent mania of ren rifted with mechanical ingenuity fakes the shape of accomplishing or at-Compting to accomplish in miniature the mightiest feats of engineering that fuman hands have ever set up. The en-Omsiast in miniature regards the Forth bridge, for example, not as a utilitarian chasterpiece, but as a model to be fol-lowed and copied in all the materials supplied by a threepenny bit, and the \$55 feet of Eiffel tower neither fills his breast with awe nor horror, but is regarded as a choice subject to be conciructed in miniature out of bent pen and the shell of a walnut.

Of the mediaval mechanicians John Muller, better known in the trade as Regiomontanus, which one must admit bunds well for one of his craft, who fived in the fifteenth century, was withont doubt the Maskelyne and Cook of the period, or at all events be had as a biographer a writer of greater imagina-Con than the other less fortunate genii that era. Peter Ramus, the writer in Question, not only credits John Muller with fashioning a wooden eagle, which on the occasion of the Emperor Maxfmilian visiting Nuremberg flew out to meet him, saluted him in due formhowever that may have been and then turned round and accompanied the prodession to the city gates, but further aserts that the same individual turned ont an iron fly

Thich, having flown a perfect roundabout, with weary wings returned unto her master

We are inclined to think, all things Considered, that Peter Ramus had the makings of a very fine creator of excitfing fiction in him and that it was a sad pity he allowed his gift to be wasted in compiling a biography of a 100 years' deceased automata artificer in place of forestalling the friend of our youth, M.

The cherry stone has been a favorite subject for the worker in miniature stuce Hadrianus Junius saw at Mechlin a cherry stone cut into the form of a basket, in which were 14 pairs of dice were easily to be discerned with a good Te." A museum in Massachusetts has gmong its other possessions a cherry gene containing a dozen silver spoons. As the stone is of the ordinary size the coons are so small that their shape can only be admired by the aid of a microcope. Other remarkable cherry stones tre the ones carved all over with 124 heads, mostly of popes and potentates, and the one fashioned by a topmaker at

years by an Italian jeweler who came into possession of a pearl that nature had caused to take upon itself the shape and contour of a boat. A sail of beaten old studded with diamonds, a binnacle ight of ruby and emerald, and a rudder of ivory complete the structure, which weighs less than an ounce all fold. We recently saw it stated that the quallest steam engine in the world is one of an upright pattern, made of silter and gold and resting on a 25 cent foldpiece. The diameter of the cylinder one forty-eighth part of an inch; troke, one thirty-second of an inch; weight, one eighth of a grain; bore of wlinder, .3125 of a square inch. The engine can be worked either by steam or compressed air, and—oh, shade of Peter Ramus—the balance wheel of one-third of an inch diameter is said to make 1,760 revolutions per minute.

In 1816 a knife was made at Messrs. Travis & Son's, Manchester, containing three blades, buttonhook, saw, punch, grewdriver, box, corkscrew, book and mlet, two phlemens, a species of lancet, picker and two more lancets with a ing at the head. The knife, we learn, was only eleven-sixteenths of an inch long and weighed 1 pennyweight 14 crains. At this end of the century sheffield can boast of a dozen pairs of hears, each so minute that they altoether weigh less than half a grain, if

meport speaks true. Of examples of microscope writing there is no end, but one of the most famous is mentioned by Pliny, who said that Cicero had once seen Homer's "Iliad" in a nutshell. In order to prove the truth of this a French writer named Huet experimented in the presence of the dauphin, whose tutor he was in 1670. He first showed that a piece of theepskin 10 by 8 inches can be folded to to fit the shell of a walnut, and then proceeded to prove that he could get 250 canzas of 80 verses to a stanza on enth dde of the paper, or 7,500 verses on each side. Of the paintings in miniafure Carel van Mander, the sixteenth century painter and historian, quotes the landscape painted by Lucas van Heere's wife. This work of art repregented a mill with sails bent, the miller appearing as if mounting the stairs loaded with a sack. A cart and horse were seen upon the terrace upon which the mill was fixed, and on the road several peasants were discerned. The whole was perfectly distinct and accurately finished, and yet so minute that it could be covered with one grain of corn. Surely that most microscopic artist, M. Jan van Beers, must be descended from the fair painter of that extraordinary work of art. - London Standard.

Her Explanation.

"This building," said the little city cirl, who was taking her little country busin around and showing her the dghts, "is called the half orphan asy-lom. They intended to make a whole ylum out of it, but they found they odn't have money enough, I expect."-Chicago Tribune.

Joys of Suburban Life.

"Yes," sighed the suburban resident, 'I thought I had shaken off my hoodoo until that last blow came. Now I have figured out that my wisest plan is to just sit around the house and protect such property as I have left.

"When I went out there, it was with a longing to revive the pleasures of life in a country home, such as had made my boyhood so happy. But my experiences were as dismal as my anticipa-tions had been bright. Chicken thieves raided my hennery until the last of my choice Cochin Chinas had disappeared. All the luscious fruit was plundered from peach trees that I had watched with jealous care for years. Even the pigs that served me in the disposal of garbage were surreptitiously seized to grace the feast of those who are without the fear of the law before their eyes. Not content with despoiling me of my live stock and farm products, the night marauders invaded my household. I awakened one morning to note the absence of my entire wardrobe, shirts, collars and cuffs included. My watch, diamonds, collar buttons and loose change had gone with the rest of the stuff. Then I put in burglar alarms and slept

with one eye open.
"Just as I had become reconciled and was feeling secure they induced me to run for office. You know the rest. I spent \$3,000 and didn't get a place in the race. They double crossed me. Now I'm an Ishmaelite. I will neither give nor ask quarter. I've retired, and I have the finest private collection of firearms in this or any other country."-Detroit Free Press.

The Apothegus of Guiceiardini-1530.

Make as many friends as ever you can, for you never know in what contingency a man may be able to serve you. Hide displeasure. I have often had to seek the aid of people against whom I was thoroughly ill disposed, and they, believing the contrary or at least not being aware of this, have

served me most readily.
Unperceived beginnings often open the way to great mischiefs or great success, therefore note everything and weigh well even the most trifling circumstance. On your doing or not doing what seems at the moment a mere trifle often hang things of first importance, so be sure to consider well.

Never hold a future thing so certain, however positively certain it may seemas not, if you can possibly do it without distinct, the spots and numbers of which upsetting your plan, to keep in reserve some course to follow if the contrary should turn up. I have often seen really long headed men, when they have to make up their minds about some weighty business, set about it by considering two or three cases that are most likely to happen and come to a decision on the assumption that one of these cases is sure to come. This is dangerous, for often and usually there arises some third or fourth case which had been over Turemberg, which contains a plan of looked and which your decision will evestopol, a railway station and the Messiah" of Klopstock, is indeed mul-hm in parvo.

In the matter compels. A tiny vessel has been made of late -John Morley in Nineteenth Century.

In the house where ferns are kept induce by means of evaporation, syringing or spraying as much moisture to the air as possible, for they generally do not successfully withstand a dry, parching atmosphere. For the purpose of retaining moist air about the plant Wardian cases or ferneries are often used with good success or a glass bell placed over the plant part of the time. It is well to bear in mind also that ferns, with the exception of the hardy upland sorts, grow in moist, shaded places. It is therefore essential that they never dry out and that they be kept in partial shade. It is not wise, however, to soak the plants daily, whether needed or not. When new fronds are unfurling, avoid placing the plant in a position where it will be exposed to the full power of the sunlight, as it will sometimes burn or blast the tender young fronds. - Woman's Home

Rival Citizens.

Johnny's face was smeared with dirt and tears, there was a lump on his left cheek, and one knee projected through

a jagged rent in his trousers leg.

"Johnny, Johnny," exclaimed his mother, "have you been fighting again?"

"Yep," he replied. "Me an that boy from New York had a scrap. He looks wors'n I do, too, you bet."

"You'll break my heart, you willful boy! What were you fighting about?" "About the jography of Chicago. I said it hadn't any bluffs, an he said it was all bluff, an I chugged him."-

Chicago Tribune. Delicious Broiled Oysters.

Drain large, fat oysters, lay them out on a board and dry with a soft cheesecloth. Dust lightly with salt and cayenne. Toast squares of bread. Arrange them neatly on the platter. Put the oysters in an oyster broiler and broil quickly over a clear fire, broiling first on one side about three minutes and then turning them on the other. Pour just a little warm water around the edges of the toast, arrange three oysters neatly on each piece, put over a little melted butter and serve at once.—Mrs. S. T. Rorer in Ladies' Home Journal.

"Have a care, oh, my daughters," saith the wise woman, "how thou takest man at his word when he speaketh concerning himself! He glories in his strength and vaunteth it before his fellows and most of all before thee, but he would be handled as a fragile piece of bric-a-brac."-Womankind.

The volunteer lifeboat service of England, established in 1824, has more than 300 lifeboats on the shores of the kingdom and has been instrumental in sav ing 30,000 lives.

More English women are married to Germans than to members of any other

The Use of the Superlative.

From Macaulay a very large assortment of bests, biggests and greatests might be culled; a few will suffice. "William Pitt was the greatest master of the whole art of parliamentary government that has ever existed and the most powerful subject in Euro before he was 25." "The Task, incomparably the best poem that any Englishman then living bad produced." "The greatest work of Dryden was the last, the 'Ode on St. Cecilia's Day.' "

In the second series of "Obiter Dieta" we have two notable critical awards. In the first Matthew Arnold is quoted, saying that Emerson's essays are the most valuable prose contribution to English literature of the century.

Yet we remember that Archbishop Whately could not sufficiently ridicule Emerson, and what the archbishop (quoting from Bishop Copleston) called

the magic lanthorn school." The other example, from Mr. Birrell, touches Pope and Milton. "To say that the 'Rape of the Lock' is the best mock heroic poem in the language is to say nothing; to say that it is the best in the world is to say more than my reading warrants, but to say that it and 'Paradise Regained' are the only two faultless poems of any length in English is to say enough."

Some readers will surely say more than enough.

The mention of Pope recalls his famous lines on bacon in the "Essay on

If parts allure thee, think how Encon shin'd, The wisset, brightest, meanest of mankind. -Gentleman's Magazine.

One of the simplest and best remedies for inflammation or strain is to Fancy bathe the eyes in warm water. Another good remedy is a solution of salt and water made by putting a teaspoonful of fine table salt into a half pint of water. Let it boil, and when cold strain it, removing any particles or sediment. Putting this on the outside of the lids is simply a waste of time. The eye should be opened, the lids drawn back, and the inflamed portion touched with a camel's hair brush dipped in the salt water. Outside applications do not reach the seat of the ailment. A teaspoonful of boracic acid in half a pint of water prepared in the same way is excellent. If there are granulations and very serious inflammation, boil a teaspoonful of alum in a pint of water until it is dissolved, then strain or filter as described and apply with a camel's hair brush several times a day. This is one of the most efficacious of remedies. — New

During the trial of a case the other day in England the judge took out his pipe and began smoking. If an American judge should do such a thing, The Saturday Review would see in it an evidence of American boorishness.

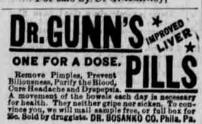
Not Always Understood.

A fact often overlooked, or not always understood, is that women suffer as much from distressing kidney and bladder ated back of and very close to the bladder, and for that reason any distress, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some

The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided by setting urine aside for twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling is evidence that your kidneys and bladder need doctoring. If you have pain or dull aching in the back, pass water too frequently, or scanty supply, with smarting or burning,-these are also convincing proofs of kidney trouble. If you have doctored without benefit, try Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy. The mild and extraordinary effect will suprise you. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures. If rapidly. Each volume will be lavishly you take a medicine you should take the illustrated with full-page and vignette best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a samble bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail Mention The Oregon City Enterprise and of publication only received through send your address to Dr. Kilmer &Co., HARPERS WEEKLY CLUB, 14 Mar-Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of ket street, San Franisco, Cal., or 209 this paper guarantee the genuineness of Stark street, Portland, Oregon. Call or

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