

Language of Parrots.

Do parrots understand what they say? A scientist relates that he has a Brazilian parrot which is a fluent and accomplished speaker. A gray parrot was introduced on day, but the Brazilian hautily declined to have anything to say to the gray. Then a neighbor who has just been given a newly imported green Brazilian brought the newcomer to call. The moment the parrots caught sight of each other they broke into a torrent of apparently articulate language, consisting, as it seemed, of questions and answers, but what the language was no one present could tell. The owner of the first parrot had never during the years it had lived with him heard it speak the strange tongue. The two parrots talked to each other without ceasing all time they were together, and a few days later, when they met again, exactly the same thing happened. Was the first parrot, long exiled from its native forests, asking eagerly for news of its people?

Immune.

Towne-It's a shame the way these big corporations put the screws on

the people,
Browne-Never mind-they'll have a hot time in the next world. Towne-If I could believe there'd be some consolation in that thought, but corporations, you know have no souls.—Philadelphia Press.

Fitted for Politics.

"What makes you think he would be a great success in politics?"
"He can say more things that sound well and mean nothing than any other man I ever knew"

Bacteria of the Mouth.

Prof. Miller, of Berlin, has isolated more than 100 different species of bacteria that grow in the mouth. Six of these find the conditions so favorable that they usually crowd out the others.—Science

Opinion vs. Facts.

finite number to satisfy the demands of opinion.

But Soon to Be.

Miss Ascum-Wasn't that Mr. Bonds I saw you walking with last evening?

Miss Cov-Yes. Miss Ascum-He's a landed freeholder of the county, isn't he? Miss Coy (blushing)—Well—er—he isn't quite landed yet.

Turned Failures to Account.

La Montt-"So Mrs, Pearlpen wrote poetry for two years without getting a line accepted? I should think she would be terribly discouraged." La Moyne-"Not a bit. She took all

the rejection slips and papered a Now she is known as most bizarre woman in town."-The

Willing to Oblige.

know!-Boston Transcript,

Fixing the Blame.

Magistrate-Well, Uncle Rastus, what brought you here? Uncle Rastus—Dem two big perlicemen by de railin', yo' honner.
"Yes, but didn't liquor have any-

thing to do with it?" "Yessah; day wuz bofe drunk, yo" honner."-Chicago Daily News.

in the company of others.

In spite of all efforts to prevent it,

the filthy secretions and mucous mat-

er find their way into the Stomach

and are distributed by the blood to every nook and corner of the system;

the Stomach and Kidneys, in fact every organ and part of the body, be-come infected with the catarrhal poison. This disease is rarely, if ever,

even in itsearliest stages, a purely local

disease or simple inflammation of the

nose and throat, and this is why sprays,

washes, powders and the various in-

haling mixtures fail to cure. Heredity

is sometimes back of it-parents have

In the treatment of Catarrh, anti-

and our physicians will advise you without charge.

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LOOK OUT FOR

When the cold wave flag is up, freezing weather is on the way. Winter here in earnest, and with it all the miserable symptoms of Catarrh

return-blinding headaches and neuralgia, thick mucous discharges

from the nose and throat, a hacking cough and pain in the chest, bad

taste in the mouth, fetid breath, nausea and all that makes Catarrh the

most sickening and disgusting of all complaints. It causes a feeling of per-

sonal defilement and mortification that keeps one nervous and anxious while

septic and soothing washes are good for cleansing purposes or clearing the

head and throat, but this is the extent of their usefulness. To cure Catarrh permanently, the blood must be purified and the system relieved of its load of foul secretions, and the remedy to accomplish this is S. S. S. which has

patient is relieved of the most offensive and humiliating of all complaints.

tune. Mrs. Anderson, a prominent

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Misfits at the Bargain Sale. Nell-I stopped in at a bargain sale

Opinion vs. Facts.

Few things are necessary for the Belle—did you see anything that wants of this life, but it takes an in- looked real cheap? Nell-Yes; several men waiting for their wives.

A Strong Box.

"Your father has a strong box at home, hasn't he, Willie?" said the teacher

"Yes'm," replied Willie, "the one he keeps the limburger in."—Yonkers Statesman.

A Cdrtain Hit.

A New York girl, while trying to do fancy step in a cake walk recently, dislocated her shoulder. If she would only take that step into vaudeville there is no room for doubting that she would make a hit.

Energy is Eternal.

Who is there who dares to say that when old age is reached there is not as much laid by in that soul wrapped in its weary body as there was in the infant full of latent power? We know not where the infant's forces come Servant-There's a gentleman at from, nor where the dying man's enthe door who says he knew you when you were a boy. Master—Tell him he was very kind to call. Should I ever such as these are eternal in the same these are eternal i happen to be a boy again I'll let him sense that matter is eternal and space endless.-Frank Bolles.

Just a Small Matter. As Morgan and Gates closed a little deal John said to Pierp: "'Pears to me I've got a few dollars coming,' and Pierp, reaching down in his jeans, brought up a handful of checks and paid the difference right there. It wasn't much; only eighteen million

Manchester, Va., March 6, 1901.

Gentlemen:-I had all the symptoms

that accompany this disease, such as

mucus dropping in the throat, a con-

stant desire to hawk and spit, feeling

of dryness in the throat, cough and

spitting upon rising in the morning,

scabs forming in the nose, which re-quired much effort to blow out, some-

times causing the nose to bleed and

leaving me with a sick headache. I had thus suffered for five years.

after I had taken three large bottles,

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rich, pure blood reaches the inflamed

I commenced to take S. S. S. and

dollars.

FAVORITES

Soliloguy from "Hamlet." To be, or not to be; that is the question Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer The slings and arrows of outrageous for-

Or to take arms against a sea of troubles, And by opposing end them? To die; to sleep: No more; and by a sleep to say we end

The heartache and the thousand natural shocks That flesh is heir to; 'tis a consummation Devoutly to be wished. To die; to sleep; To sleep; perchance to dream; ay, there's

For in that sleep of death what dreams

may come, When we have shuffled off this mortal Must give us pause; there's the respect That makes calamity of so long life; For who would bear the whips and

scorns of time, The oppressor's wrong, the proud man's

contumely, The pangs of despised love, the law's delay.

That patient merit of the unworthy takes, When he himself might his quietus make With a bare bodkin? Who-would fardels bear, To grunt and sweat under a weary life,

But that the dread of something after death-The undiscovered country from whose

bourn No traveler returns-puzzles the will And makes us rather bear those ills we

Than fly to others that we know not of? Thus conscience does make cowards of And thus the native hue of resolution Is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of

thought. And enterprises of great pith and mo With this regard their currents turn

awry And lose the name of action. -William Shakspeare.

Bedouin Love Song. From the desert I come to thee On a stallion shod with fire, And the winds are left behind In the speed of my desire. Under thy window I stand, And the midnight hears my cry: love thee, I love but thee, With a love that shall not die

Till the sun grows cold, And the leaves of the Judgment Book unfold!

Look from thy window and see My passion and my patn; lie on the sands below, And I faint in thy disdain. Let the night winds touch thy brow With the heat of my burning sigh

And melt thee to hear the vow Of a love that shall not die Till the sun grows cold, And the stars are old, And the leaves of the Judgment Book unfold!

My steps are nightly driven. By the fever in my breast, To hear from thy lattice breathed The word that shall give me rest. Open the door of thy heart, And open thy chamber door,

And my kisses shall teach thy lips The love that shall fade no more Till the sun grows cold, And the stars are old, And the leaves of the Judgment Book unfold!

-Bayard Taylor. NEGROES GROW RICH FAST.

Many of Those Living in the Creek Nation Are Well-to-Do.

It is not in the South that the richest negroes are found, although many in that region have amassed a goodly store of property since the war. Doubtless the wealthiest community of colored people in the world is found among the Creek Indians in Indian Territory. There are about 7,000 of them, and they are worth on an average \$3,000 each. The wealth of the more industrious foots up ever higher, certain individuals being the owners of from \$10,000 to \$15,000 worth of land each.

These negroes are the descendants of slaves of the Creek tribe of Indians and are known as Creek negroes. They are entitled to a share in the division of Creek Indian lands, also a part of the trust funds. Together the 7,000 negroes own 22,000,000 acres of land. And yet their education is far from complete. Their social environments are crude in the extreme and progress goes slowly amid their huts and fields.

Unlike the other Indians of the rich five civilized tribes, the Creeks insisted upon freeing their slaves to give them an equal share in their lands and money. At that time there were few slaves, but the number grew through descendants, until now fully 7,000 have laid successful claim to a "head right" on the Creek rolls of citizenship. They have their own representatives in the Creek Indian Legislature, their own schools and their own churches. Everything bids fair to make them the model community of negroes in the United States when Indian territory is recovering from the tangle wilderness of reconstruction, its laws made uniform and itself a State of the Union.

There is little culture among the Creek negroes. They have a social set all their own, to which not even proper channels. S. S. S. restores to the brood all its good qualities, and when the Indians are invited. Their characteristics are in a great measure different from the negro of the South or the North. It is a mixture of both, with

membrane and is carried through the circulation to all the Catarrh infected portions of the body, they soon heal, the mucous discharges cease and the additional peculiarities. Like the Indians, these negroes have S. S. S. is a vegetable remedy and contains nothing that could injure the their dances in the open, which have most delicate constitution. It cures Catarrh in its most aggravated forms, come to be a sort of religion with and cases apparently incurable and hopeless. Write us if you have Catarrh, them. And, following in the footsteps of the Southern Negro, they have barbecues, 'possum hunts and the like. As

************************* | a Northern type of the negro they are more industrious and independent of the whites, know how to work hard and save their money, and, like the type from the city, are well dressedgaudily, but at the same time wear-

ing expensive clothes. These 7,000 Creek negroes live in a tract of rich land called the Canadian duty of every sensible man to keep the River bottoms, and Ottmulgee is their blood as pure and normal as possible. town and trading point. Okmulgee is Nature, in its infinite wisdom, has the capital of the Creek Indian nation, and has been for years a negro town.

Recently, however, white people flocked in and have taken possession. The negroes are attentional to the state of the blood, which appeals to our reason by giving notice of its impurity. Small eruptions of the skin, to which negroes are attentional to the state of the blood, which appeals to our reason by giving notice of its impurity.

Notwithstanding that many of these state, but is filled with noxious sub-Creek negroes are industrious, there stances. These symptoms deserve our full attention. If more attention were their estates and lounge in idleness about the railway stations. It is a common sight to see a 500-acre tract of rich land in the Canadian bottoms known, and the human body would bebeing tilled by a white man. Invaria-bly, upon inquiry as to his landlord, tion therefor should be paid to those he will refer to the negro owner in no warning signs, and the blood can be complimentary terms. Meanwhile one purified and poisonous substances rewill find the owner shooting craps or moved from it by the use of Dr. August enjoying himself cating turkey and Koenig's Hamburg Drops, discovered possum in a neighboring village.

When the Creeks freed their negroes in 1864 the two fraternized for a time, and even intermarried, but that has all passed now. In accordance with out crying at the dinner table one day. the terms granting their freedom, the Creek negroes are allowed a voice in asked her mother, the tribal government, and so they have their own members in the Council, have their own schools and all that; but the Creek Indian feels above the Creek negro and refuses to assoclate with him.

++++++++++++++++++++++ Etiquette of the Handkerchief •++++++++++++++++++++

"Your handkerchief isn't a wash rag," said a patient mother the other day when she caught her daughter in the midst of a dry cleaning. The daughter naturally saw no reason for the comment. "Everybody does it," she said.

"So they do," responded the mother, "but other people's rudeness is no excuse for yours." Yet the next time the mother went shopping she stopped in front of an elevator looking-glass long enough to mop some smudges from her nose.

It has so come about, through the constant showering of soft coal soot in Chicago streets, that the handkerchief is here used for a face mop. Go where you will, in whatever class of society and to whatever kind of gathering and you will find people mopping, surreptitiously perhaps, but nevertheless mopping. The inevitable smudge never fails to call forth a surprised consternation and the consternation unconsciously hides behind the folds of a handkerchief.

Be it lace or linen, or just common cotton, no handkerchief is too good for this service. The ornamental square which is tucked in at the belt of a dinner gown or hidden away in a sleeve is not too good for it, neither is the generous cambric which shows its corners above the breastpocket of a top

Despite the abuse which the hand kerchief is thus obliged to endure, it is an ornamental and graceful piece of furniture. It was not meant to be argued with, yet it gives itself kindly to that service. It is used by the actress as a signal of distress and in the nervous hands of an emotional woman it is a safe barometer of her sympathies.

It is a school girl's trick to chew the corners of a handkerchief, yet that, too, has its mitigation. It is undoubtedly rude to play with a handkerchief, no matter what the provocation, yet she who manipulates a handkerchief with the grace of long association laughs at this rule of etiquette. If she would assume an innocent air there is nothing she will more quickly undertake than this same by-play with her handkerchief. She flirts with her handkerchief and hides her embarrassment behind it and weeps into it and makes it altogether the most useful bit of finery that her tollet possesses .-Chicago Chronicle.

Like Casar's Wife.

"Do you think it polite," said the foolish stranger in Crimson Gulch, "for a man to sit in his shirt sleeves and play cards all day?"

"Yes, sir," answered Three Finger Sam; "and maybe it'll be for your own good to remind you that the fewer sleeves a man has on when he plays cards around here the less liable he is to fall under suspcion."-Washington Star.

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Sidney-Have you any marked abilty of any kind?

Rodney-Well, I've kept a lot of wid ows from marrying me.

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THE BLOOD.

The blood is life. We derive from the blood life, power, beauty, and reason, as the doctors have been saying from time immemorial. A health; body, a fresh appearance, and generally all the abilities we possess depend on that source of life. It is therefore the negroes are starting their own towns along the branch of the Frisco Rail-tude, sleeplessness, are generally a sign that the blood is not in its normal that the blood is not in its normal more than 60 years ago.

How Awkward of Them. A small girl of three suddenly burst "Why, Ethel, what is the matter?

"Oh," cried Ethel, "my teeth step-ped on my tongue."—Little Chronicle.

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Thoughts Unutterable.

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"No, madame," the Japanese travel-

"But, of course, you can think cuss thoughts, I suppose, can't you?"—Chicago Record-Herald. Banking Rule of Paris,

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