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THOUGHT THE GUN BEWITCHED. Old Negro Threw It Away and Would Not Touch It Again.

A story is told of Uncle Washington Harris, one of "Marse Clay's niggers afore de war." who remained on the plantation after he was free. He was considered a power among the negroes being somewhat of a local preacher, but he said, "I'se jist a exortioner 'mongst de congregation."

Once when Uncle "Wash" was "exortioning 'mongst de congregation," the Ku Klux came after him, and as the old man hurriedly beat an exit through a window one of the Ku Klux got the tail of his Prince Albert coat that "Marse Clay" had given him and which the old darky was very proud of. From that time Uncle "Wash" always carried an old long-barreled shot-

The neighbors were in the habit of meeting at night at "Bob" Clay's country store to tell yarns and talk about the crops. . Uncle "Wash" and several other old colored men were always present, sitting on nail kegs a respectful distance behind "de white folks to hear de yarns." On these occasions Uncle 'Wash" always left his gun in the rear of the store.

One night "Buck" Allen, who never was tired of playing jokes on the old man, got his gun and, after drawing the shot from it, loaded it with powder and phosphorus wood as wadding, then another load of powder and more phosphorus wood, repeating this till there were several loads of powder and wood in the gun, ramming down the last charge of powder with an extra long piece of wood. "Buck" dropped a coal on it and went back to his sent.

If phosphorous wood is lighted the fire will eat very slowly through it and act as a fuse. Uncle "Wash" took up his gun and started home, and was several hundred yards from the store when the spark reached the first charge of powder and exploded it, which greatly perplexed the old man, but he attributed it to an accident. When the second explosion occurred he fell on his knees and prayed, but when the third came he threw the gun from him into the bushes and ran for dear life. As Uncle "Wash" burst in the front door, to the consternation of his wife, and feli sprawling on the floor, hysterically praying, he heard the last charge explode.

Uncle "Wash" never went back for his gun, and could never be convinced "sperrets" were not in that "ole turkee gun," and that it was not bewitched .-New York Tribune.

Buried American History.

Even in a country so recently consclous of the past as our own, there are buried cities awaiting the pickax of the historian. Of these none is perhaps more interesting, certainly none is more picturesque, more colonial andeven to-day-more English than old Williamsburg in Virginia-that "middle plantation," which in 1632 was "laid out and paled," to become a chartered city, the capital of a great colony under king and crown.

Its three streets of the reign of William and Mary are its only thorough- an involute wheel which is a part of the fares and two "back" streets, hardly steel more than grassgrown lanes of to-day. Duke of Gloucester street, broad and genially hospitable, stretches leisurely from the foundations of the ancient capitol building on the east (of whose wall not one brick is left nor one white pillar of its porticoes), to the iron turnstile gates of William and Mary college grounds at the western extremity of

On the right, as one enters the college gate, is a charming mansion, the residence of the president of William and Mary, and upon the left, across the campus, stands the old Brafferton building, the earliest school for the education of Indians erected on American soil. In the time of Gov. Spotswood, says Country Life in America, it was necessary to resort to strenuous efforts to insure attendance, for the students | Show Strong Sense of Devotion to Comwere mainly hostages, the sons of chiefs of neutral or friendly tribes during Indian warfare.

Geay Hair.

That there exists a connection between gray hair and certain states of the nervous system there can be no doubt. Abnormal grayness is an infallible index of some defect in the nervous system. This statement is large number of cases reported in the Lancet, but what, it will be asked, is abnormal grayness? We shall best an paper. swer this question by enumerating the characters of normal grayness. Between the normal and the abnormal there is of course no sharp dividing line the one runs imperceptibly into the other-but, speaking generally, we may say that the chief features of normal grayness are (1) It does not come on before, say, the age of 35 years; (2) it is symmetrical; (3) it begins in certain regions, preferentially the temples, spreading thence; (4) the blanching progresses gradually; (5) the blanching on the scalp does not proceed decidedly in advance of that on the face.

Artificial Thunder and Lightning.

The largest induction coll, which produces the longest spark for service in wireless telegraphy, is said to be the one which was recently made for flashing messages between the coasts of Japan and Korea. It can produce a miniature streak of lightning forty-five inches in length, capable of killing any number of persons who might get in its way, and when in operation gives out a noise like that of thunder. The entire apparatus weighs about two thousand

The great trouble with some men who were heroes yesterday is that they STRANGE.



Old Hen (seeing her brood go in water for first time)-Well, that's queer. I am sure we never did anything like that when I was young.-Chicago

WINDMILL IN A TREE.

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WINDMILL IN A TREE,

tion, there being no gear wheels nor crank, the power being transmitted by tached. The surface of the involute is perfectly smooth, as is also that of the wheel attached to the pitman carrier, the one rolling upon the other. The mast is of tubing, the pitman being carried down inside. The wires for throwing the mill out of gear are attached to a thimble on the outside of the mast. From this it will be seen that the trees are not needed for actual support.

A number of these mills have been attached to trees and have been giving excellent results. It is also possible to carry the mills around on a wagon and set them to work at any part of a field.-Scientific American.

### SOCIAL INSTINCTS OF ANTS.

mon Weal-True to Duty.

In order not to leave my readers under the impression of crime among ants. I shall give an account of a trait of devotion to the common weal, writes August Forel in the International Monthly. A swarm of Formica pratensis was closely pressed in its nest by an army of the same species, and crowds beautiful drop of honey on a piece of

At any other time the honey would time numerous working ants came upon it, tasted it for scarcely a second, the building. and returned to ft restlessly three or four times. Conscientiousness, the feeling of duty, invariably prevailed over gormandism, and they left the honey to go and be killed while defending the community. I am bound to own, however, that there are ants less social, in which gormandism does prevail.

Comapred to the manners of other sociable animals, and especially to those of man, the manners of ants exhibit a profound and fundamental aggregation of facts of convergence, due to their social life. Let me mention devotion, the instituctive sentiment of duty, slavery, torture war, alliances, the raising of cattle, gardening, harvesting, and even social degenerescence through the attraction of certain harmful means of enjoyment. It would be ridiculous and erroneous to see in the fulfilment of this series of acts, individual reasoning, the result of calculated reflection, analogous to ours. The fact that each is fixed and circumscribed within one species, as well as the fatalistic character it has in that species, prove this superabundantly, ters.

But it would be as grave a mistake to refuse to recognize the deep natural laws that are concealed under this convergence. Is the case different as regards our actions, though they are infinitely more plastic and more complex individually? I do not believe it.

A CANALBOAT VILLAGE.

Every Inch of Space Is Utilized in Their Tiny Cabins.

People who object to living in snug quarters and think that love in a cottage is altogether too contracted for continual affection, should go and take a look at the cabins in the canalboat village in New York harbor. Those who are preparing to live in trunks and grips during the summer could get finlessons there of snug existence.

The whole cabin is not much larger than an ordinary bedroom, but how every morsel of space is utilized! If there is a square inch of interior that gets away without doing its duty in the great work of containing things it must have a politician's talent for evasion.

The tidy little kitchen stove is so close to the wall that you wonder if the latter was not made of asbestos to guard against fire. The clock is about as small as our ingenious Connecticut friends have yet been able to make contain twenty-four hours. The pantrycupboard-and-storeroom combined possess the appearance of having been packed and then put under hydraulic pressure.

The carpet pattern, says a writer in Will Carleton's magazine, Every Where (for a canal-villager always insists on having her floor neatly clad), is appropriately minute. A tiny library whispers its titles from an unexpected corner. Minute bedrooms for child or adult appear to you now and then like prone ghosts. Several pictures, narrowly but visibly framed, cover the wooden wainscoting.

PRIMITIVE INDIANA CHURCH. Still Used as House of Worship by Descendants of Builders.

The old Goshen church building, in Boone Township, Harrison County, Indiana, has recently undergone repairs. This church was built by the Baptists in 1813. It is about thirty feet square, and is a log structure, chinked and daubed, with a board celling. There were formerly heavy hewn beams across one end of the auditorium, some six feet above the floor, on which the



OLD GOSHEN CHURCH BUILDING.

of alarmed defenders issued from the choir was located. The roof was original entrances to the nest and flew to take mally of clap-boards, fastened by woodfounded upon an examination of a part in the fight. Like Satan, the en pins, and with weight-poles tied tempter of old, I placed near them a down to hold the roof more secure. The door formerly swung on wooden hinges, and was kept closed by a wooden pin. The building has been recently have been covered in a few instants reroofed with shingles, and it now has with ants gorging themselves, but this a door with a modern lock. Church services are still held occasionally in

Countermanded. Ragson Tatters-Gee! Wouldn't yer like ter be sittin' in one o' dem swell restaurants, eatin some strawberry shortenke?

Hungry Higgins-I ordered some o dat dis mornin', but I changed me mind a'terward. Ragson Tatters-Come off!

Hungry Higgins-Sure; but the woman said if I wasnt' satisfied wid cold meat an' bread she'd sic de dog on me .-Philadelphia Press.

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Biggs-How do you figure it out? Diggs-Why, my inability to buy an automobile is alone a clear saving of at least \$1,000.

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