

MILES OF VARYING LENGTH.

Measures of Distance Differ Greatly in Several Localities.

Among the English-speaking peoples of the earth there are four different miles—the ordinary mile of 5,280 feet and the geographical mile of 6,085 feet, making a difference between the two of about one-seventh; then there are the Scotch mile of 5,928 feet and the Irish mile of 6,720 feet—four various miles, every one of which is still in use. Then almost every country has its standard mile. The German mile today is 24,318 feet, more than four and a half times as long as ours. The Dutch, Danish and Prussian mile is 18,499 feet, three and a half times as long as ours, and the Swiss get more exercise in walking one of their miles than we get in walking five of ours, for their mile is 9,153 yards long.

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Rough on Pa.

"What is a vacuum, ma?" "That part of your father that is directly under his hair."

Raising Eagles.

Nils Dvag, a farmer living some miles from Rovik, earns some extra money by capturing eagles. He knows where the nests are and scales the high cliffs and takes the young, which he sells for good prices in Christiania. He has had many fights with the parents, but never harms or kills them, as by their death his source of revenue would be gone.

His Occupation.

"Haven't you any occupation?" asked the woman at the kitchen door, after listening to his tale of woe.

"Yes, ma'am," said Tuffold Knutt, "I am a hunter."

"A hunter? Of what?" "Grub, ma'am."

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What Had He Done.

Husband (reading the paper)—What fools some men will make of themselves.

Wife—Now, Henry, dear, what have you done this time?

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Heard in a Book Store.

"I suppose that work in sixty volumes is an encyclopedia?" "No; it is called 'The Love Letters of a Mormon Elder.'"

Unforeseen Results.

Dolly—I believe Julia Gibbs is a mesmerist.

Polly—Why? Dolly—I went to sell her a ticket to our picnic and she sold me one.

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QUARRYMAN'S BATTLE WITH VICIOUS SNAKES.



Evan Brannon, while working in a stone quarry near Moundsville, W. Va., uncovered a den of vicious copperhead snakes. As soon as the reptiles were unearthed they showed fight, but Evans killed thirty-six, while at least that number escaped to other dens. They averaged two feet in length.

DON'T KNOW WHAT AILED MARY.

When John Dalton came back from the asylum where he had gone to place his wife, his neighbor, Perry, met him at the station and went home with him, that he might not enter the empty house alone. The old man was stunned and dazed. "I don't know what ailed Mary," he said, dully. "You see how clean and snug this house is? She always kept things so. Up before dawn, milking and baking and washing. Same thing done at the same hour, year in and year out. She hadn't complained of sickness for forty years. Then, all at once, she began talking of an iron band around her jaws and queer pains in her head."

"She seldom went to town, did she?" asked Perry. "Never, hardly. 'I'm not much of a hand for gadding about to no purpose. She used to want to go to church Sundays, but I didn't just like to hitch up when there was no work to do. But I wish now I'd done that for Mary."

"No. That was my doing, too. When the day's work is done, I want to put on my slippers and rest, and then to bed, and not go skrimishing about or having a lot of company in."

He was silent a while. "I don't know what ailed Mary," he said again. "She would sit looking at nothing, straight ahead of her, by the hour, and then cry and cry, yet always saying she had no trouble. And she got weaker every day, and then her mind went altogether. I didn't know me, nor even her own name."

"She will be cured in that sanitarium?" said Perry, cheerfully, "and come home well in the spring." He watched his old neighbor furtively a while, and then said:

"Do you know, Dalton, some years ago my wife and daughter got peevish and irritable. I thought the steady work and loneliness were telling on them. So I got that parlor organ, and paid for a year's lessons for Susy. We had music and singing every evening, and the young folks would gather in with their reading clubs. Then I took two or three papers; my wife is a main hand for guessing the riddles. And once a year I took her an' Susy up to town for a week."

"Yes," said Dalton, dryly. "You spent a lot of money, I've heard." "It's bringing me in good interest." They sat in silence a while. Then Perry put his hand on the old man's knee.

"When she comes back, if she ever does come, I'd open up life for her a bit, Dalton. You know how it is with potatoes. You plant the best kind in good ground, and they yield splendid crops for a year or two. Then they begin to dwindle and rot."

"Of course the ground runs out. They need new soil." "Yes. You plant them in a different lot, and they yield big, healthy crops. Human beings are like them, Dalton. You've got to renew the soil, give them fresh food for their minds, or they'll dwindle and rot."

Dalton did not speak for a long time. "There's something in it," he said, finally. "I'll do different—if I ever have the chance."—Youth's Companion.

Painful Means of Suicide. "Have you ever noticed how many suicides use carbolic acid?" asked a druggist the other day. "Without having any actual data on the subject, I should say that fully one-third, perhaps a half, use that means of exit. It is something I could never understand, because there are so many more comfortable ways of doing it. There could not possibly be a more agonising death than carbolic acid poisoning produces. The corrosive fluid burns the mouth, tongue and throat, then passes into the stomach, and must feel like so much hot lead."

A Slight Misunderstanding. A young man, whose gallantry was largely in excess of his pecuniary means, sought to remedy this defect and to save the money required for the purchase of expensive flowers by arranging with a gardener to let him have a bouquet from time to time in return for his cast-off clothes. So it happened that one day he received a bunch of the most beautiful roses, which he at once dispatched to his lady love. In sure anticipation of a

friendly welcome, he called at the house of the young woman the same evening, and was not a little surprised at the frosty reception.

After a pause the young woman remarked, in the most frigid tones: "You sent me a note to-day." "A note—?" "Certainly, along with the flowers." "To be sure, I sent you flowers, but—"

"And this note was with the bouquet. Do you mean to deny it?" And the young man read: "Don't forget the old coat you promised me the other day."

WAITERS AND EYEGLASSES.

Hotels and Restaurants Object to Help Wearing Optical Aids. "Ever see a waiter wearing glasses?" demanded the inquisitor. No one could remember, although just why a waiter should not be seen with glasses as well as any other man was not apparent.

"It's just like the wearing of beards," went on the inquisitor. "The proprietors of our important hotels, restaurants and cafes will not permit either beards or glasses to be worn by their waiters. It is possible that in some old-fashioned family or commercial hotel the servitors may be found with their noses straddled by optical helps, but you won't find 'em along Broadway."

"Now, this is a fact worthy of note, because in every other calling in life the number of persons wearing glasses is on the increase, and even in our schools a considerable percentage of very small children will be found wearing glasses. And while, as I say, hotel, restaurant and cafe proprietors are opposed to the glasses, still I have seldom found a waiter whose eyes indicated that he was in the slightest need of them."

"You may argue that restaurant waiters are generally young men. Grant you that instantly, but, all the same, thousands of men of similar age have to wear them in almost every other occupation."

"The majority of these servitors commence in boyhood, and the demand of their vocation causes no strain on the eyesight. Consequently that may account in a measure for the absence of any necessity for the use of specs. Moreover, the steam from hot vands would render them useless probably."

—New York Evening Telegram.

CANDLE MADE OF WOOD.



For years and years before our boys in blue invaded Cuba there were two candlesticks on the altar in the chapel of old Cabanas, one of the outer forts protecting the city of Havana. This fort was used as a prison (principally for Cuban patriots), as well as for defense.

When a patriot was ordered to be shot he was allowed time to go to the little chapel in the fort and say his prayers before the altar, after which he was taken out and executed. It would be idle to speculate as to the number of poor fellows who had thus offered up their prayers before these candlesticks and then gone out to their death.

The body of the candlestick is wood, covered with a plaster of paris decoration and then gilded. The "candle" is of wood, with an imitation dripping of wax down the side. The "wick" is in reality a small nail driven in at the top.

The one from which this illustration was made is in Brooklyn, while the other is in Detroit, Mich.

Carried a Menagerie. The thin man looked just as if everybody in the world imposed on him. Even his mustache grew crooked. He came into the car of the suburban train sidewise, deposited his basket gingerly, and slid into the seat beside it. As soon as the train cleared the tunnel the basket meowed. The thin man smiled back at the man across the aisle, and gave the basket a shake. Another meow. A little girl in the seat in front stood up on the cushion and peered at the basket.

"Like cats?" the thin man asked. "Yep," the child answered. "Lemme see it." "No; it might get away," the thin man said with another smile. The basket preserved silence for several minutes, then it began to cluck. The child's eyes opened wide.

"Like chickens?" the thin man asked. Before the child could reply the basket emitted a shrill whistle, and the man across the aisle, whose face was as puzzled as the child's, asked: "What have you there, anyhow?" "Mockingbird," the thin man answered.—New York Evening Post.

"Is he in good shape financially—Independent?" "Well, he's in good shape financially, but as far as being independent, I guess he's like most of us married men."—Detroit Free Press.

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