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Death and Sleep. How wonderful is Death! Death and his brother Sleep! One pile on yonder waning moon, With lips of livid hue, The other on the moon When thro' our ocean's wave, It blazes o'er the world; Yet both so passing wonderful.

moon with the most magnificent clock that was ever imagined. It is gigantic, permanent, and keeps perfect time; it never stops and never requires winding up. The rotation of the earth in four and twenty hours replaces the hand which travels round the dial plate. Every fixed spot, situated at a different terrestrial longitude, is a number which marks the hours and the minutes, as it passes over this or that lunar meridian.

Some time since a most ingenious piece of mechanism was made, by which the electricity could be weighed, the fluid being made to act on a magnet, and this upon the end of a nicely poised steady rod, would tell with accuracy the weight of the current transmitted from the other end of a wire at a long distance.

TRAINING AND TEACHING.—My schoolmaster, says Carlyle, "was a good Latin scholar, and of the human mind he knew this much—that it had a faculty called memory, which might be reached through the muscular integument by the application of birchen rods."

CURIOSITIES OF INSECT LIFE.—Every reader of Don Quixote will remember with a smile the unbounded faith entertained by the knight in the virtues of a certain balsam of Fierabras, of which he had read in his books of chivalry.

when the tail of one of these beautiful creatures was directed to its mouth to see whether its known voracity would induce it to bite itself, it actually devoured the four terminal segments of its body. When it had proceeded thus far in the work of self-demolition, it escaped by accident, and flew away as briskly as if nothing had happened.

THE EARTH AND MOON.—The aspect of the earth beheld from the moon, always gorgeous, is never the same. Before it floats a flickering drapery adorned with ever-changing spots, which are continually disappearing, to give place to others of fresh form and pattern.

Unhappily for residents on the moon, the earth is visible from only one of its (the moon's) hemispheres. That hemisphere is specially privileged; it knows no real night. When sunshine falls, the earth's sun supplies its place with a light equal to their own times that of our full moon-light when the sky is at its clearest.

UNVEILING THE TOMB OF FRANKLIN.—THE WORK COMMENCED.—This morning, workmen commenced demolishing a portion of the brick wall, intended to be removed, at Christ Church burying ground, at Fifth and Arch streets, for the purpose of allowing the grave of Franklin to be seen from the street.

THE FUNDAMENTAL EFFECT OF THIS IMPROPER TRAINING IS ITS PERVERSE MISCONCEPTION OF THE PURPOSE OF TEACHING. The pedagogue does not condescend to look into the brain and heart of his own image or the image of certain idolized rules.

THE EARTH-WORM DOES NOT REPRODUCE THE LOSSES FROM EXCISION WITH THE SAME FACILITY AS THE NAIADES, where every segment, like an egg, appears to contain the undeveloped germ of a new being; but that it can, and frequently does, survive and repair these injuries, affords abundant testimony that its sensibilities are extremely inferior to our part of his teachers to commit homicide, but to the immense resisting vitality of his own character.

THE GREAT FAMILY OF THE SMITHS are the veritable descendants in a direct line from Shem, Noah's son, the father of the Shemite tribe, or Shem—hence the derivation—Shem—Shemitt—Shemitt—Smith.

THE AMERICAN LION IN PARIS.—The Paris Correspondent of the London Times says: The great chess match between Germany and America, between M. Harwitz, of Prussia, and Mr. Paul Morphy, of the United States, is now going on in this city at the Cafe de la Regence, in the Rue St. Honore, the headquarters of this scientific game.

HOW TO FEED CHILDREN.—A child needs the digestive apparatus of an ostrich, to grow up in the enjoyment of good health under the dietetic treatment received at the table. The mother, supposing her darling must like the viands which please her own palate, plies knife, fork, and spoon, until she kills her child with kindness.

LETTER FROM HENRY CLAY.—The following letter from the Sage of Ashland to one of his namesakes is published (for the first time) in the Western Farmer's Almanac for 1859, and is characteristic of that great man:

MY DEAR LITTLE NAMED.—Your parents have done me the honor to give my name to you. On that account, and at the request of your good mother, I address this note, which she wishes to preserve for your personal use, when, by the lapse of time, you shall have attained an age that will enable you to comprehend and appreciate its friendly purport.

QUICK TRAVELING.—It is stated that the swallow's flight is the quickest rate of motion, after electricity, light, sound, and cannon balls. One of these birds being set free at Ghent, reached its nest at Antwerp in twelve and a half minutes, going at the rate of four and a half miles a minute.

THE LEAK IN THE CABLE.—MODE OF DETERMINING ITS LOCALITY.—The statement that the breach in the cable is from two to three hundred miles from Valencia, has no doubt suggested to many the question, "How can its locality be determined?" On this point the London Observer says: Strange as it may seem, the electrician has the power of ascertaining, by means of the electric fluid itself, the locality of the tiny outlet by which it escapes into the sea.

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