

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

Records of the New York Meteorological Observatory for the last six years show that New York has enjoyed an average of 2,917 hours of sunshine per annum out of a possible 4,450. The record at Greenwich in 1879 was 977 hours of sunshine out of a possible 4,447, while at New York in the same year there were 3,101 out of a possible 4,449.

Even the feeble rays of the moon have an influence upon plants. In a paper read to the Paris Academy of Sciences Mons. Musset states that plants very sensitive to light and heat were grown from seeds in pots occupying a very dark place. They were then on three nights exposed to direct moonlight, when the stems bent over toward the moon and followed it in its course.

Solar eruptions or prominences, hitherto seen only at the sun's edge, have been observed by Mons. Tacchini on its very disk. Mons. G. Foussereau has proven that the tempering of glass diminishes the resistance of that substance to electricity, and consequently lessens its efficiency for insulating purposes.

The importance to tree growth of an abundance of water is well illustrated by an observation of Mons. Capus. In the botanical garden at Samarcaud, Turkestan, an *Ailanthus glandulosa* grew about eight inches during the first year; thirteen inches in the second, and thirty-five inches in the third. The soil was not irrigated during these three years, but in the fourth year, when irrigation-water was supplied, the growth of the tree was over thirty feet.

Dr. Sutherland and Hanlan have expressed the belief that excessive mental work produces a rapid decay of the teeth. As an explanation of the alleged fact, another writer suggests that the overworked brain steals all the phosphates and leaves none for the teeth, or else that too much study causes the general health to deteriorate. The *Lancet* doubts if excessive mental work can of itself induce serious disease, but thinks it more probable that ill effects result from the worry—which wears upon the system like friction upon the engine—attending such work.

Mons. Angot has been investigating the influence of altitude upon vegetation. He finds that the harvest-time for winter wheat is retarded in France four days, on an average, for every increase of about 350 feet in the height of the land above the level of the sea.

"Can pigs swim?" is a question which certain European savants have been discussing. It is established by several observations reported that these animals sometimes make very successful swimmers.

In an exhaustive work upon the fishes of Cuban waters, Senor Felipe Poej has described 782 distinct varieties. Of these, however, 105 are somewhat doubtful.

An interesting mountain exploration is being attempted in India. Two mountaineers, an experienced Swiss guide, have left Darjeeling with the purpose of reaching the highest possible point on the great Kinchinjunga, one of the very loftiest peaks of the globe.

Two successful aerial trips have been made by Mons. Pompoiu upon an elongated balloon, and on the second ascent a change in the course of the air-sphere was obtained by simply moving a rudder with which I had been provided.

Some experiments noticed by Dr. A. J. Wall indicate that the bite of the American rattlesnake is far less deadly than that of certain snakes found in other parts of the world. In four fatal cases of rattlesnake poisoning in dogs, the animals survived for an average period of about two hours and a half after being bitten; and at least five dogs experimented upon recovered completely.

The dogs bitten by the Indian Cobra all died within an average period of less than thirty-five minutes; and those poisoned by the Australian hoplocephalus lived only one hour and twenty-four minutes.

In Finland, where such phenomena are very rare a severe earthquake shock was felt in April.

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A SOAP MINE.

A new and wonderful discovery has been made on the Sonoita, about three miles from the Benson and Gnyamas railroad, which adds a very important factor to this marvelous country. This is no less than a huge bed or deposit of vegetable soap, which has been called, from its composition, Sapoterra. It is a nearly white substance, susceptible of a bright polish. It is free from grit, and in water will dissolve readily without sediment, having detergent qualities identical with the best articles of soap, but it leaves the fabric in a more soft and pliable condition. The articles has numberless uses in the arts, not the least of which is its rare qualities as a lubricant. It enters into the composition of the polish known as sapollo, and into a thousand and one other articles of merchandise. The deposit has been located by J. P. Culver and Richard Starr, and Mr. Culver, from whom the above information was obtained, states that, having compared it with a sample received from New York, it offered \$30 per ton for any quantity, and that it can be mined and placed on the cars for \$4 per ton. If this be the case, there are "millions in it."—Tucson (A. T.) Citizen.

Live Stock Statistics. It appears from statistics which have recently been compiled that the United States possesses in round numbers 38,000,000 cattle, India 30,000,000, and Russia 29,000,000. Russia has 20,000,000 horses, the United States 10,500,000, and Austria 3,500,000. Australia possesses 80,000,000 sheep, the Argentine Republic 68,000,000, and Russia 63,000,000. The United States comes fourth in this list with 36,000,000, but in the matter of swine she leads the world, having 48,000,000. The goat is an important animal in many countries—India is credited with no less than 20,000,000, Africa with 15,000,000, and Mexico with 6,000,000. From the above figures it will be seen that the United States comes first in the list of nations with the two most important articles of fresh food, cattle and hogs; while she is second in horses and fourth in sheep. In regard to the latter two animals, however, she is making rapid strides to a higher position.—Commercial Reporter.

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