

Indian Fairy Tales.

Mr. Ralston, in his interesting introduction to Miss Stokes' admirable selection of Indian Fairy Tales, mentions some of the characteristic resemblances and some of the characteristic differences between the Indian and Western fairy tales...

the conditions by which the wonder is limited, the more successful is the story, as at marvels without limit we should fail to be amused, or even excited.

Deep Sea Researches.

The Nineteenth Century, in a recent issue, says: Dr. Carpenter, the English physicist, has recently published some remarkable results of his elaborate studies of the latest deep sea explorations...

A Veteran Engineer.

Of late years the man who "sit with Andrew Jackson" has dropped almost completely out of sight, and is only seen in the shabby old customer who sits in a corner and does nothing all day long except remember the Yorktown surrender...

Hill and Valley in London.

The first English inhabitants of the most populous of English counties in the present day where a handful of rude settlers dwelling far apart along the banks of the Thames...

English Plate Marks.

Articles of plate are exempt from the capricious desire of the maker to see his mark upon his goods. The Goldsmiths' Company, associated as early as 1327, and regularly incorporated seventy years later in the reign of Richard II...

ALL SORTS.

It is perfectly natural that a man should see his mistake after he has made it. Blondin threatens to walk over Niagara this summer again. Better sail over. The Baltimore thermometer has been singing "Ninety and Nine" in the shade...

Man Destroys, Nature Economizes.

Mr. Marsh, in his most interesting and instructive book, "Man and Nature," shows how spendthrift man has, by his ignorance and neglect of the laws of nature, ruined for the purposes of habitation large portions of his fair inheritance on the surface of the earth...

Marriage Fees in Russia.

If we may judge from an anecdote in the Smolensker Bote, there are parts of the Russian Empire in which it is no easy matter to get married, owing to the atrocious willfulness of the Russian clergy...

How the Bishop Received His Title.

The Archbishop of York has a charming wife, and her name is Zoe. There is a funny story told that when the Archbishopric was conferred on Dr. Thompson—then Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol—he was in bed suffering from neuralgia, and his letters were taken up to him and read with his breakfast...

How He Got Credit.

An enterprising and fair dealing business man in Augusta, Me., was lately met at the door of his grocery by an honest looking Frenchman, an entire stranger to him, who asked credit for a barrel of flour...

Swift's Art of Cheerfulness.

Subsidiary to this personal courage was his hopeful way of looking at the world. He was always practising and inculcating the disposition; "Some very excellent people," he said, "tell you they dare not hope. To me it seems much more important to dare to despair. He had an excellent rule for the happiness and wisdom of life as to the future, not to look too far into it for the inevitable, though probably distant, disaster."

Unarmed Defense Against a Dog.

A gentleman gives the following advice in relation to dogs: If you enter a lot where there is a vicious dog, be careful to remove your hat or cap as the animal approaches you, and hold the same down by your side, between yourself and the dog.

A Curious Fact.

Bands of music are forbidden to play on most of the large bridges of the world. A constant succession of sound waves, especially such as come from the playing of a good band, will excite the wires to vibration. At first the vibrations are very slight, but they increase as the sound waves continue to come. The principal reason why bands are not allowed to play while crossing certain bridges, the suspension bridge at Niagara, for instance, is that if followed by processions of any kind they will keep step with the music and this regular step would cause the wires to vibrate.

My Work's Done.

"My work's done," remarked the collector as he started out in the morning.