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Raining Cats and Dogs.

Many explanations have been given of the origin of the expression "raining cats and dogs." One is that it is a corruption of the French "catadonpes"—a catadonpes—it is raining a catadonpes." Another explanation is that the male blossoms of the willow tree, which are used on Palm Sunday to present the branches of palm, were called "cats and dogs" in some parts of England, where they increase rapidly after a few warm April showers, and the belief prevailed that the rain brought them.

Others trace the saying to northern mythology, in which the cat is said to have great influence on the weather, and sailors still have a saying, "The cat is a gale of wind in her tail," when a wind is unusually frisky. Whichever it is, the storm was said to assume the form of cats, and the stormy or thirdest wind is called "the cat's paw" in the Hartz mountains even at present day. Then the dog is a symbol of wind, which in old German pictures is figured as the head of a dog or wolf from which blasts issue. The cat, therefore, symbolizes a downpour of rain; the dog, strong gusts of wind, which accompany it, and so a rain "of cats and dogs" is a heavy rain with wind.—Brooklyn Eagle.

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A CARGO OF ASPHALT.

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Trinidad's Lake of Boiling Pitch Which Is Used in Making Asphalt—Something About the Island and Its Workers. How the Stuff Is Handled.

The asphalt barks from the West Indies are about the only vessels outside the coasting schooner fleet that ever call on Washington with a visit. Two of them are lying off the wharf at the foot of New Hampshire avenue, and are well worth a visit.

Down in the hold the cargo looks like the edge of a dead lava field, black and seamed, and apparently as hard as rock; but the "pitch," as it is known to the trade, and pile the fragments on top of the big asphalt field which fills the whole of the lower deck, and by tomorrow morning they would disappear, sunken slowly back into the parent mass. This slow running quality makes the cargo one of the most detested among the cargoes in the island trade, for when the ship has been listed over to port or starboard for a couple of days, while running before a strong wind, the whole cargo will quietly shift over and have to be broken up and trimmed back to its proper position to keep the ship on even keel.

Trinidad, the island from which practically all the asphalt of the world is now drawn, is a British possession in the West Indies. It was one of the little spots of terra firma against which Columbus ran, in 1498, he pushed his explorations farther westward. In search of that mariners' phantasm, the northwest passage, the island was then inhabited solely by Caribs, a wild and warlike, but withal intelligent, race, not unlike the North American Indians, peculiar in their language, which, like the Choctaw of our own west, has been displaced by that of any white men. For many years the island remained a neglected dependency of Spain with a constantly dwindling population, mostly natives and imported negroes. In 1797 it passed into the hands of the British government and has remained an English possession since.

There are but two towns of importance on the island—Port of Spain and San Fernando. These live mostly by their imports, the chief productions of the island beyond its own necessities being asphalt and coconuts. The sugar crop is large, but it does not pay to export it. The population of the town is mixed. English is the court language, but the majority of the people are negroes, descendants of the old slave stock, who talk a patois of mixed French, Spanish and English that is described as the "most back-handled lingo" any hearer ever invented.

Some of the original Caribs are still to be found among the island people, but they are rapidly disappearing, and in their place is now seen the imported coolie. The coolie trade, which was originally instituted to furnish cheap labor for the plantations, was in former times a terrible disgrace to the islands and partook of more than all the horrors of the African slave trade. Thousands of the miserable Asiatics were sacrificed in the business by the greed and inhumanity of the masters who brought them over, and although imported under the guise of a contract, not one in hundreds of them ever lived to return home. Stringent laws governing the traffic are now enacted, however, and what is more to the purpose, are well enforced, and many of the coolies by the time they have served their eight years' contract out come to the islands, being paid for their work by the piece and saving nearly all they earn.

The great pitch lake, which is the chief wonder and attraction of the island, is situated in a low, sandy stretch of the south-west coast, near Cape Corbary. The surrounding country is low and marshy, in striking contrast to the high hills and rich woodlands of the coast farther back. The lake is owned by the British government and leased by it to an American firm which controls the trade for the United States. Their present lease has forty-two years yet to run. The laborers are all negroes, even the coolies, and the work is done in a low fever of the place. The lake itself is about a mile in diameter, hard at the edges and softening toward the middle. The surface is continually changing, apparently from some subterranean action, and little cases of dry land and even trees and shrubs will disappear in a single night and fresh islands of soil be reared in other places.

The lake is in all probability merely an unusually large deposit of bitumen or soft coal that has undergone its transformation from decaying vegetable matter in contact with water under a terrific heat, and the pressure above to harden it thoroughly. Hundreds of the negroes the year around toil at the lake's edge, taking out cargo after cargo from the supply that seems never to diminish. They work under overseers of their own color and are paid at the rate of twenty cents a day. The asphalt crust is broken up with picks and crowbars, and is loaded on dump carts drawn by a single sun-dried mule, in whom the constant boiling temperature seems to have concentrated all the native meanness of his species.

The carts crush through a long sandy road down to the wharf at the water's edge, where the load is dumped and carried by wheelbarrows on board the lighters, which in turn carry it out to the ships, lying a half mile off in the shoal water. The rough lumps of pickings are hoisted on board in baskets and piled in the hold, where they sink down into compact mass, requiring a fresh filling the next day, and so on till the solid cargo is completed.

When the vessel reaches its port of discharge the asphalt has to be broken up again before it can be removed from the hold. Owing to the viscous quality of the native "pitch," it is in the course of ages filtered through the sandy soil around the lakes, and of late the company has begun mining operations on the island not far from the confines of the older company's territory, uncovering great fields of asphalt that is, if anything, better after its filtering process than the original deposit.—Washington Post.

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THE HANDS AND FEET.

They Indicate Moral and Mental as Well as Physical Characteristics.

"The foot is a wonderful indicator of character," said Superintendent Byrnes of the New York police department to a Mercury reporter. The man's honest mind and intention puts his heel down squarely and walks along in an independent but not aggressive way. The criminal generally puts his heel down cautiously and rounds out his step to the toes. Here is a picture of a thief's foot, and the great thief catch or took some papers from his pocket, and on the back of an envelope drew his idea of a thief's foot.

Continuing, the superintendent said: "No matter what kind of a shoe or boot a thief wears, it will take on that rounded look and turn up at the toe. The arch of the foot is usually low, but in some cases may be somewhat raised, but the general characteristics still remain. Then, again, the hand is a great guide. The thief's hand is almost always larger in proportion than that of the honest man. If, as you can easily judge, this largeness is natural and not the result of early and constant manual labor, you will be safe in taking him for a suspicious character until you find out all about him. But it is the fingers especially that are large, and they are always spidery. The nails are broad, not long, and the flesh curls up over them. They all have a broken look, not the smooth and polished appearance of the nails of the honest hand. And, by the way, there is more than nervousness the matter with people who bite their nails. It shows decidedly a vicious or criminal tendency, whether developed or not.

"Speaking generally, the locomotive characteristics of the different classes of criminals may be summed up by saying the sneak thief always moves along stealthily. The mind, which is absorbed by the sneaking thought, imparts the manner to the body. The bank burglar (who has become scarce now, but the cashiers and other off-



A THIEF'S FOOT.

cial has taken his place) is about the hardest criminal to tell from appearance. He will walk with dignity, firmness and a moderately slow gait, which, however, may be somewhat nervous, break into the careless or nervous gait. Still, however, there is an undefinable air about him that will call the attention of the practiced eye to him.

"The house burglar does not display outwardly the same strength of character. He possesses a combination of bank burglar and the sneak thief, the latter largely predominating. He is generally clever on his feet, and although rather small sized is well knit. He is a combination of the cat and tiger. The stealthiness of the cat helps him to get inside, and if there is danger of capture, the ferocity of the tiger asserts itself, and he will kill.

"Dwelling house burglary at night should be made a capital offense, for the criminal, although his primary intention was not murder, is ready to commit murder to get away. The pickpocket is a shuffling and slovenly creature, barely lifting his feet. The cause of this is easily found. He has developed his hands to the neglect of every other limb. His hands are his tools, and his brains and his feet are only to get him into a crowd in any manner.

"The garrotter has some of the characteristics of the sneak thief and much of the firmness and determination of the first class burglar. The sneaking instinct helps him to crawl upon his victim unawares, and the determination of the burglar enables him to carry out the robbery. But, except when occasion requires, he relapses into the sneak thief's manners and attitudes.

"Every man carries about himself an atmosphere that, to a more or less degree, reflects the inner man. In some men the outward indications or marks of character are as plain as the stars in the heavens at night. In others they are nebulous, but still there. An over or greatly developed chin is another mark that is easily found. He has developed his hands to the neglect of every other limb. His hands are his tools, and his brains and his feet are only to get him into a crowd in any manner.

"When you find a man the top of whose head rounds in an arch like an egg, you have a fellow dangerous to any community in which he may live. He will have brains for scheming and organizing plans, but no conscience or moral susceptibilities to restrain him. He will not commit crimes by violence, but by scheming."

A Baltimore Sensation.

The recent indictment in Baltimore of Dr. John D. Kremien for poisoning John Farre and forging his will has created something of a sensation in the Monumental City. Farre had accumulated \$60,000 during 30 years' work at the shoemaker's bench.



DR. JOHN D. KREMIE.

Dr. Kremien attended him during his last illness and after his death presented to the court what purported to be Farre's will, a document of a sensation in the Monumental City. Farre had accumulated \$60,000 during 30 years' work at the shoemaker's bench.

The doctor rendered a bill of \$3,000 against the estate for medical services, although he only attended the deceased for six days. This and other strange circumstances aroused suspicion. It was learned that Farre had relatives in Philadelphia and elsewhere, and when his body was exhumed enough corroborative evidence was found in it to kill a regiment of men.

The case threatens more startling developments, as Dr. Kremien is now suspected of killing Carl Mueller, another patient who died under his care and was found to have been poisoned.

Friend—Why did you refuse that handsome young fellow?

Miss Mainchance—He hasn't any relatives. I can send his children to.—New York Weekly.

Geographical Queries. How much is Leavenworth? Who is it that Connelly Bluffs? And who laid Buffalo? Oh, whom does Syracuse? That said, I'll tell you. Why throw that Little Rock? Who painted Bowling Green?—Exchange.

A Judge of Human Nature.

"Doctor, tell me honestly whether my health is improving or not."

"My dear sir, you're getting on famously, famously."

"You are not speaking the truth, doctor, but I can tell whether your assistance whether I am getting better or not."

"How can you judge?"

"By the behavior of my heirs."—Paris Gaulois.

Coaching Convicts. "An is yure man workin now, Mrs. Mullay?"

"He is that, Mrs. Tooley."

"Phwat do he beadin, Mrs. Mullay?"

"Coachin convicts, Mrs. Tooley."

"Phwat's that, Mrs. Mullay?"

"Drivin the black maria, shure, Mrs. Tooley."—Elmira Gazette.

A Slight Error. Much amusement has been caused during the week by a notice placed in a draper's window in London. The notice, printed in very large type, is to this effect: "Annual sell now going on."—Tit-Bits.

THE COMPLEXION OF A CHINESE

Is not yellower than that of an unfortunate individual whose liver complaint has assumed the chronic form. The eyeballs of the sufferer assume a reddish hue, there is dull pain in the region of the organ affected, the tongue is coated, breath sour, a red headache usually but not always occurs, and there is sometimes dizziness on arising from a sitting posture. Constipation and dyspepsia are also attendants of this very common ailment always in its aggravated form, liable to breed abscesses of the liver, which are very dangerous. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters wholly eradicates it, as well as the troubles complicated with it and which it originates. In chills and fever, a complaint which always yields to the Bitters, the liver is seriously involved. This life-altering tonic removes coarseness and indigestion, rheumatism, nervous and kidney trouble and debility.

There is a prevalent suspicion that the anarchist who sent the hog-lot a manifesto to Chaucery Dewey is a native C. League.

SELF-PRAISE.

Self-praise is no recommendation, but there are times when one must permit a person to tell the truth about himself. When what he says is supported by the testimony of others no reasonable man will doubt his word. Now, to say that Atcock's Pore-Plasters are the only genuine and reliable porous plasters made is not self-praise in the slightest degree. They have stood the test for over thirty years, and in proof of their merits it is only necessary to call attention to the cures they have effected, and to the voluntary testimonials of those who have used them.

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CURES OTHERS

M. W. Scott, Esq., of the U. S. Marshall's Office, Atlanta, Ga., writes: "For many years my wife has been a constant sufferer from indigestion, sick headache, constipation and all other complaints that the female sex is heir to, and, after trying many remedies and doctors with but little or no relief, I persuaded her to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and 'Golden Medical Discovery.' She was so out of heart, she returned the answer that it would cost all the rest of my good; but on my account, she said she would try it, so I got one bottle each; and before she had used but one, she felt that it was benefiting her, and she has continued to improve ever since, and now thinks it the most wonderful remedy on earth for her sex, and recommends it to all suffering females. She has not