

Crabs Three Feet Across.

Prof. Verrill, of the United States Fish Commission, reports that the zoological results of the deep sea explorations last year were of great interest. Many additions to the fauna of great depths were made, and a large portion of them are undescribed forms. Some of the fishes were of great interest. Hugo spiny spider-crabs over three feet across were taken in 1,000 to 1,200 fathoms, and another very large crab occurred in great abundance in 500 to 1,000 fathoms, while in 2,574 fathoms a large and strong crab-like creature was taken. Many curious shrimp, some of them of large size and brightly colored, and often with perfect eyes, occurred in most of the deepest dredgings. Several very interesting new forms of star-fishes, ephirians, and holothurians were dredged, some of them in large quantities, even in the deepest localities. Several interesting new forms of corals, gorgonians, sea-pens, and allied forms also occurred. Numerous specimens of huge sea-urchins, with flexible shells, were obtained from several different stations, in 600 to 1,100 fathoms. Some of these are about ten inches broad. One sea-urchin not before observed north of the West Indies, was taken in 991 fathoms. Most of the deep-sea star-fishes belong to the genus Archaster and other closely related genera.

Thoughts in Fancy Dress.

The definitions of common things and the statement of ordinary occurrences, such as we read and hear, would furnish material for a new dictionary. A clergyman was accused of plagiarism, whereupon a Western paper describes it as "a case of morbidly retentive memory reaching upon unusual fecundity of mind and producing unconscious assimilation of ideas." A chronic liar is "guilty of not always handling the English language with sufficient carelessness to meet the demands of veracity."

Since science has criticized the drinking habit, moderate drinking is called "taking it in true physiological quantity," and when a man is thirsty he is suffering from "polydipsia." A cyclone is called "an escaped earthquake laboring under temporary insanity." A certain young lady is "able to sing hymns like a ten octave angel;" a man does not register at a hotel but "autographs;" while a dramatic critic, describing a certain actress in "Galatea," says she is "like a babe, that opens its wide eyes for our moment on the world, and then leaves it with a sigh; like a flower that reveals its fragrance for a day upon the earth, of which it is not; like a grand strain of music that floats and throbs at twilight, and sinks away into the dim reaches of which we dream, but in which we cannot walk; too pure for the world, and yet leaving behind a memory, a perfume, a harmony, a tender, sweeter, more calling." A horse trot in a steady country community is announced in this inoffensive way: "Two well known animals will contend for local supremacy on Monday next at the Agricultural Park." An independent newspaper speaks of "old Democrats of the brown and corn-cob stopper variety." George W. Cable describes Orleans as "tumbling, bellowing of tremendous energies and stirrings." A negro accounts for the cholera on the ground that "the cholera is a disease which is not caused by the germs but by the germs de ar's Venice, and dis um spots." De a selfish man, various torpor of "extended its and clearness of reception." Brooklyn Eagle.

For the Stomach's Ache.

Joe Howard, a veteran New York journalist, who has wrestled successfully with a hundred epidemics and drunk enough whisky to float a gunboat, gives the following advice to persons whose aching stomachs warn them of the approach of cholera or something like it: "First and foremost, avoid brandy, whisky and gin. They allay the pain temporarily, but they excite, exaggerate, and inflame the stomach, and worse remains behind. Avoid all 'cholera medicines,' which are all made of laudanum, peppermint, red pepper, and cayenne. They, too, allay the pain, but the latter effect is excessively unpleasant. They are a delusion and a snare. In this case, as in nearly everything in life, the simplest and easiest is the best. Take a spoonful of the essence of ginger in a wineglass of water, the hotter the better, and make it palatable with a little sugar. It acts like magic, and after a few trials you will be able to do it."

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Just now the traveling public consists mainly of experienced couples who have been married ever since Christmas.

It is said the devil finds plenty of work for idle hands to do; but he hasn't got in on the modern tramp to any very great extent.

Father (starting down town)—Yes, Robert, my son keep in mind what your mother says and always say "Please." Though a little word it indicates the gentleman. Here, wife, hold my overcoat and hat; be quick about it.

Poets say that the clouds assume the forms of the countries over which they have passed, and, molding themselves upon the valleys, plains or mountains, acquire their shapes and move with them over the skies. This resembles certain men whose genius being, as it were, acquisitive, models itself upon the epoch in which it lives, and assumes all the individuality of the nation to which it belongs.

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