

BANDON RECORDER.

WITH THE IMMORTALS.

Creatures That Seem Never to Die From Old Age.

Wandering unconcernedly in the field of view of any high power microscope there may be seen an animal which has probably been living continuously ever since life first appeared on the earth and which has certainly never lost an ancestor by death.

Occasionally amid its ceaseless changes of form amoeba may be seen to be developing a "waist" which grows smaller and narrower until it snaps, and instead of one large animal we have two small ones, which, without even a momentary pause, continue the search for food till a few hours, each is full sized and ready to divide again.

But what has become of the original amoeba? In the absence of anything which could be called his corpse we cannot declare him dead. It must be said that he is still living as the two new amoebae. Now, this splitting into two being the only mode of reproduction of the race, it follows that all the previous parent amoebae from which our present two are descended are still living.

Of course thousands of the animalcule are destroyed every day by natural foes, but it must be remembered that these unfortunate cannot by the nature of things leave any children and so will never be ancestors, and that so long as any one amoeba is living none of his direct ancestry is dead.

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I believe I said in a recent article that I did not believe in the whipping post except for wife-beaters. I changed my mind last week when a great burly man not only beat his horse until he raised great welts on the quivering back, but kicked him again and again, while the vilest language poured forth from his foul mouth.

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A Potent Factor For Success In Any Career You May Adopt.

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Some men attract business, customers, clients, patients, as naturally as magnets attract particles of steel. Everything seems to point their way, for the same reason that the steel particles point toward the magnet—because they are attracted.

THE MAGICIAN'S THUMB.

In every sort of magic the magician's thumb is his worst enemy, says Nina Carter Marboring in Leslie's Weekly. If he could strike off that thumb and still have its assistance when necessary he would be a happy man.

BRIEF REVIEW.

Woman Dispatcher Dead.

Miss Rebecca Bracken, for forty years chief train dispatcher for the Michigan Central railroad company at Niles, Mich., died there, aged sixty years. Miss Bracken, who is said to have been the pioneer woman telegrapher, was retired by the company on a pension last August, and the records in the office of the superintendent of telegraph show that she had no mark against her in all the years of service, a record which was unprecedented.

BISMARCK CONSENTED.

He Was the Final Arbiter of an English Love Match.

When the third son of the Duke of Argyll bestowed his affections upon an untitled woman he felt bound to ask the old gentleman's consent. The duke answered that personally he had no objections to the match, but he pointed out the fact that his eldest son had espoused a daughter of the queen he thought it right to inquire her majesty's pleasure on the subject before expressing his formal approval.

Tom Lawson admits he has a few millions which belong to the people and which he will give back some day. We think it will be when he makes what he can call an honest fortune by squeezing a few millions out of the Standard Oil Co., when he has it on the hip.

Helping Him Out. For years Squire Latham, of whom many amusing stories are told, was a resident of Bridgewater, Mass., and it was while he was living there that the incident occurred which is related below. It illustrates his habitual coolness and whimsical temper.

Scolding Reform. It is accepted as a truism among educators that no child can be made permanently good by simply scolding. The over-scolded child is made worse by the process, and the over-scolded politician is likely to deteriorate, and for the same reason.

His Own Self. There is a man in every man's education when he arrives at the conviction that envy is ignorance; that imitation is suicide; that he must take himself for better, for worse, as his portion; that, though the wide universe is full of good, no kernel of nourishing corn can come to him but through his toil bestowed on that plot of ground which is given to him to till.

Hair Raising. Husband—I feel in the mood for reading something sensational and startling—something that will fairly make my hair stand on end. Wife—Well, here is my last dressmaker's bill.

Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet.—Rousseau.

EARLY DIAMOND BUYING.

South Africa's First Finds Were Paid For In Cows.

South Africa's first diamonds were paid for in cows. The story is told by Joseph B. Robinson, one of the wealthy pioneers of that country. In 1870 he gave eight oxen and a wagon loaded with sugar and tobacco to a native in exchange for a twenty-three carat gem.

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APACHE SHREWDRNESS.

The Indian's Wit Was Good, but the White Man Didn't Know It. With the Apaches a really brave man does not stand as high in public estimation as does a clever thief. His chief excellence, from an Apache standpoint, lies in his ability to outwit the white man, says Mr. Cremony, the author of "Life Among the Apaches."

When an Apache wishes to talk of speed to a distant friend, I answered, "He sends him a picture of a bird; if he talks of something sweet he sends a picture of a flower. Instead of pictures the white man has these little signs which all understand."

Lucky for the hunter fishes have as much curiosity as land animals, and even the slightest approach is a bait to look at it, though indubitably to attempt the slightest nibble. Accordingly the percussion cap at the end of the wire is concealed either by something eatable or by a bunch of grass wrapped around it.

AN OCEAN GRAVEYARD.

Sable Island Is a Most Dangerous Place For Navigators.

Sable island, sometimes and not too extravagantly termed the graveyard of the Atlantic, is set among shoal waters that afford the best of feeding ground for the particular kinds of fish that Gloucester men most desire, halibut, cod, haddock and what not, and so to its shoal waters do the fishermen come to trawl or hand line.

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DREADFUL DREAMS.

They Shock the Nervous System and May Even Cause Death.

People have actually been killed by dreams. Most persons have suffered from those terrible nightmare visions in which the victim is pursued by an assassin with upraised knife or is trembling on the edge of a fearful precipice or is in some other imminent danger of a sudden and terrible death.

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ELECTRIC BAIT FOR FISH.

The New York Aquarium's Supply and Where It Is Captured. The New York aquarium, which is the largest and best equipped institution of its kind in the world, obtains its supplies of tropical fishes from the waters of Bermuda. Some of the rarest and most beautiful species are exceedingly hard to catch, persistently refusing to take a bait, and on this account it has been found necessary to resort to a very novel and ingenious expedient to effect their capture.

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