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A Moderu Jonah.

The London Quiver appears to take the position that "there is no argument valid upon a premise of inherent impossibility." In a driving argue at along that line The Quiver man decuces facts and figures from the different authorities to prove that it is altog a r probable that the story of Jonah and the whale is not a myth, as is new popularly supposed. That such a piscine feat as that attributed to Jonah's whale is at least possible is proved by an incident which occurred in the Mediterranean a few years ago. A British war vessel was sailing quietly along one day, when a sudden lurch threw a seaman overboard. A huge shark instantly arose, and those on board were horrified to see their companion disappear down its throat. In a moment, before the fcro-cious "water tiger" could right itself and dive, the captain seized a gun and fired. The shot struck the creature square in the back and was such a sheek or surprise that the shark cast the man out, and he was rescued affive by his omrades.

Arguing from the above incident, The Quiver thinks it highly probable that the Jonah story is true in every particular.

Americans Use Green Tea.

In a general way Americans use green tea more than do their English brothers, who are devoted to the black variety. This accounts for the fact that the United States gets most of its tea from Japan, which produces very little of the darker qualities. Dr. Edward Becloe of Philadeiphia, ex-consul to Amoy, China, predicts that the island of Formosa, under the Japanese government, will put out the best tens in the world and that the product of this island, which formerly sent its tea to Amcy and Hongkong before shipping it on to the western markets, will soon ship directly from its own ports.

English and American tea buyers say that it is almost impossible to secure the best teas, as the Russians watch the production of the finest qualities and pay tabulous prices for the kinds they want. The official classes of Lussia are said to pay as high as \$15 a pound for a kind of tea which they particularly prefer-an almost white quality, which I as a peculiar, cill.ke flavor which is not at all relished by foreigners.

The Whole Globe a Graveyard. The Parisian doctors and speculative philosophers are great fellows for making oud calculations on all subjects. One of the very latest is one concerning the human family since the beginning of time. It is a long magazine article and gives much that is interesting in the way of heman family statistics, but the most striking portions are those human beings that have inhabited the earth and have died and been buried in it since the first man was created Accorning to these curious figures, the earth has been peopled by no less than 66,627,842,387,075,266 human inhabitand since the beginning of time. To bury this vast number the whole landed

etery?-st. Louis Kepublic

A Strange Coincidence. A certain peasant and his wife, in Germany, were married on the same day as the emperor and empress, the peasant's Christian name being William. Their first child, a boy, was born on the same Gay as the crown prince, after which they had five other sons, each of whom was born at the same time as the five younger boys of the emperor. The royal couple were informed of this and were exceedingly interested in the very strange coincidence, but this the cast iron foundation is estimated at interest was intensified when, on the last occasion of a royal birth-viz, the little daughter of the kaiser-it was learned that the peasant's wife in question had also given birth to a daughter of Eugene. on the same day. So astonished were the emperor and empress that they stood as goufather and godmother to this little girl and have well provided for her the moneys of the Bible?"

A Trusting Prince.

Nicholas of Montenegro. A few years ago the prince, who is far from being wealthy, found it necessary to borrow 40,000 florins from the Lioyd bank, in Cattaro. A few days before the debt became due the prince saw a peasant, draving a pig, pass by his palace. He rushed out and asked the countryman Prop. where he was going. "To Cattaro, prince," replied the Montebegrin. "All right," said the prince, "you can do me a great service if you will leave this at the Lioyd chice." And he gave him a package of tank notes, which the peasant carried familfully to the cashier of

Highland Deaths.

Pennant, in Lis "four of Scotland," tells that, on the death of a highlander, the corpse being stretched on a board and covered with a coarse linen wrapper, the friends placed a wooden platter cathe treast of the deceased, containing a small quantity of salt and earth, separate and unmixed-the earth an emblem of the corrupuble body, the salt an emblem of the immortal spirit.

Miss Scribble's Good Fortune Hoax-Miss Scribbles has had a story accepted by a New York publisher. Joax-Inceed! That's a step toward

fame f r her. Heax-Yes. By the way, her mother has married again. Joax-Ah! That's a step father for her. - Philadelphia Record.

Time For Theorizing Past. Bloobumper-Before you were married you had a theory that two could live as cheaply as one. What is your opinion now on that subject?

McBride—It is a cordition, and not a theory, which confronts me

Waterbury.

As to Children and Dogs.

Washington Irving has often been accused of saying that little d gs and children were faffue it al members of French society. It is quite true that in the United States I never noticed that close and sentimental intimacy between human beings and quarrupecs so frequently seen in France. American life is so active, so desperately crowded, either neefully craceially, that perhaps it does not permit the loss of time intritably brought about by friendly inrecurse with a dog. As for children, believe that their importance is equally great in all countries, but it asserts itself in a more noisy manner in America than anywhere else. Everything is sacrificed to them, for they represent the future, which is all that counts in a country whose past is very short and hose present is a period of high pressure development. Yet no one must suppose that, before presenting an apology for French children, I intend to malign American chil an as certain travelers have taken the morry of coing very thoughtlessly, although they had

met them only on steamships, cars or at hotels, enjoying a holicay with that buoyancy which is the characteristic mark of the whole race. I have known some who were very well brought up, even from our point of view, and among those who were not I have admirca pre-

determination and capacity for self government-qualities which I should wish

cocious sense, vivacity of mind, q. iet

for all ours .- Th. Ecutzon in Century.

Canada s Forest Wealth. The ferests of Canaca Lave surplied more cr less the wants of Lurce for centuries. From the carliest days of its occupation by the French the forest wealth of the country washed by the St. Lawrence engaged the attention of the government of France, who saw therein vast resources available for its mayal yards It arew from these forests la ge numbers of masts and spars and issued strangent regulations for the preservation of the standing oak When the country was first ceded to Creat Eritain, but little attention was paid at first to its vast tin Ler supply, owing to the fact that aincst the whole of the Baltie trade was carried en in Tritish bottoms, and that the timber of Lorthern Europe provided an unfailing and convenient return freight for the shipping thus engaged. When, however, the troubles of the Napoleonic era commenced, and especially when the continental blockage was exferred, the timber supplies of the Battie becoming uncertain and insufficient, attentica was cirected to the North American colonies, with the result of increasing the quantity of timber which reacted Great Britain from 2,600 tons in the year 1860 to 125,300 tons in 1810, and to 308,000 tons in 1820 In 1895 the amount experted to the United Kingdom showed

ern Lumberman Iron Foundations.

a total of 1,310,685 tons. - Northwest-

A new way of constructing a solid foundation for a tall building has been tried with success in Lerin. I was surface would have to be dug over 120 necessary to find a solid base sufficiently times. Had you ever thought that you strong to carry a building weighing were living in the midst of such a gi-more than 10,000 tens. The plot of ground upon which the building was to stand was adjoined on both sides by high much worn down. The Al digging to any depth for a foundation. The only way out of the difficulty was the sinking of a caisson in the center of the plet, upon the cemented top of which a hollow form of coment was built. Into this form n.clien iron was poured, fieling up the space, and upon this east iron foundation plate the understructure of the building Low resis, while the side walls are supported by a cantalever structure. The full weight of the lead upon more than £0,000 tens. - New Iceas.

Noah and Money. "The financial situation has caused considerable research on the subject remarked the cheerful idjot to his pastor the other day. "I suppose," he continued, "that you have made a study of

"Oh, yes," repried the minister landly. "I am familiar, to be sure, blandly. "I am familia with the Biblical coms"

idiot, sparring for a chance to make a home thrust. "What has led you to this conclusion?" asked the pastor. "Well, we read of where the dove

brought the green back to No.h."-Washington Times.

Boerhaave, the greatest doctor of his time, was anxious that it should go forth that even the most eminera doctor is somewhat of a "Lun bug." Le carefully handed the key of a small clary to his executor, bade Lim open it immediately after his accease and let the contents go torth to the world at large. When the notebook was open a, all its pages but the last were blank, and on that final one there was written in large Chronicle. letters: "Directions to patients: Keep your feet warm and your head ecol and trust for the rest to Providence."-San

I rancisco Argonaut. Breaking It Gently.

Captain or Lteaner-Macam, it gives me great pain to be coblect to tell you that your little bey's hat has Llown over-

Fond Mother-Why, I thought it was tied on with a string!
Captain—Yes That was just the trouble. The string did not break.— London Fun.

George Washington, when surveying for Lord Fairfax, is said to have carved h.s name on a rock of the natural bridge of Virginia, where many people profess to be able to see it.

The composition of the first part of Goethe's "Faust" was done at cad intervals during nearly 20 years. The preparation of the second part continued over 26 years.

When Cod Become Blind. Several large cod are kept in one of the tanks of the Amsterdam aquari necessarily near the surface, and thereabove. Now, the cod, though not a deep sea fish, is not a surface swimmer and lives at depths where the sanlight must be very much modified by passage through the water. It lives in what to us would be semidarkness. Every one of these cod exposed to the strong light is suffering from an extraordinary hypertrophy of the eye. The whole organ has become overgrown, as if in the effort to adjust itself to the use of more light rays it had become overequipped and then useless. The cod, in

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fact, are bland. The most interesting feature in this thange is the extraordinary rapidity with y hich increased supply of light 1 ys has overdeveloped the organ for its use. It has taken place, not by slow degrees from individual to individual, but in a course of time to be measured ty menths and in every individual in the tank. If this example is a measure of the rapidity with which such changes take place among fish, the adaptation of those creatures which have migrated from the shallow waters of the deep seas, shown by the total loss or enormous devel pment of their eyes and the growth of il.uminating organs to light the abysa may have been as rapid as it is marvelons. - London Spectator.

Science Has Neglected Eggs.

There is nothing in an egg to prevent freshness being maintained. It is therefore a question of treatment, and the domestic treatment of eggs has not pro-gressed or cheapened in 100 years, and practically poultry keepers are only as far advanced today as in 1788, when the Dutch process of lime pickling was first introduced into England, and those who do not know what has transpired since are 10 wiser than their forefather

There is an ple evidence to prove, though the facts are not generally known, that eggs can be delivered fresh from the most distant countries, even at less coat than the present stale ones. This, of course, seems improbable, but at one time it was deemed absolutely impossible that foreign sheep, lambs and becf could compete with home grewn, or that steam could displace labor, or that steel could be produced at a cheaper rate than iron and supersede

As there is nothing in an egg to prevent freshness being maintained it is therefore a question of scientific treatment, and opposition comes only from these who fear old estal lished interests being extinguished. However, this satisfactory phase of the egg problem seems one that might be advantageously taken up by those interested in developing poultry and eggs as a domestic industry.—London Standard.

The Alps Will Be Washed Away.

The Alps, from a geological point of view, are very recent. Our Walsh hills, though comparatively speaking insig-micant, are far more ancient. They had been mountains for ages and ages be the materials which now compose the Rigi or the Pilatos were deposited.

indeed, we may say that it is because they are so old tout they have been so buildings, which rencered unsafe the are crumbling and being washed away, and if no fresh elevation takes place the time will come when they will be no loftier than Snowdon or Helvellyn.

They have already undergone enor-mons denndation, and it has been shown that from the summit of Mont Bland some 10,000 or 12,000 feet of strata has been already removed. Denudation began as soon as the land rose above the sea and the main river valleys were excavated. - Pearson's Weekly.

Ford Mother (in passenger car, with her children)-It just scared me when I read-Johnny, stop pulling flowers off the lacy's bonnet!-when I read in the papers-Richard, you just keep your head in!-the paper the other day that -George, if you put your sticky hands on that lady's dress again, I'll thrash you!-the other day that a woman went crazy-Richard, don't you dare slap that little girl!-when I read that a A curious story is going the rounds of the European press concerning Prince at the time of the flood, "continued the comforts of the—Johnny, stop punching that gentleman!-of the journey in a railroad train. I wonder if she had children with her?

Lacy (quietly)—Perhaps some other woman Lad?—New York Weekly.

Good Reason. "You will pardon the question, I know, if you think it obtrusive," said the enterprising newspaper reporter as he talked through the prison bars to the captive train robber, "Lut why do you gentlemen always go through a train beiore breaktast?"

'Well, I don't mind telling you," replied the bandit, ' seeing that I am year or two. We do that to get ahead of the dining car p.rates."-Pittsburg

An Aged Trick.

The schooln aster gave a wild howl and fell wath a bang i.cm his wheel.
"What is it?" cried his favorite pupil, as she circled around him. "Ic's a tack," mouned the master.

"In your tire?" "No, in my saddle."-Indianapolis Journal.

Mcplabo is the name of a tribe of Moham nedans which forms a fourth part of the population of the Malabar coast of south India. They are supposed to be descendants of Moors and Arabians who established themselves on the coast and intermarried with native women. Some years ago there were about 600,-000 of them.

The flags to be hoisted at one time in signaling at sea never exceed four. It is an interesting arithmetical with 18 various colomore than 4 at a time 78,642 signals can be gi