

ODDS AND ENDS.

PAW ON THE CENTURY

HE TRIES TO EXPLAIN WHEN THE NEW ONE BEGINS.

And Uses a Practical Illustration That Unfortunately Not Only Upsets His Theories, but Takes a Fall Out of Him Too.

"Of all the Silly people I ever seen," pawed after riddled his forid A long time. "The worst is the Ones what Git to Starten Arguments about When the twentieth sentcherry Begins. People what ain't got no More Sentz than to Have bubbles or something in the house So they could keep bizzy without Goin away from Home to hunt fer trouble. But the good Lord made it So sun



SO HE GOT TWO OF THE KITCHEN CHAIRS. folks hasn't got nothin to Do But always Look around fer sun new Way to Show there foolishness. That's what makes me Git I haft to work for a Liven. If I wouldn't Have nothin else to Do mehby Sunthimes I mite Git to Goin like a South Americann Republic too. Ennybody what Has haft as much Sentz as they are in a little Red moustrap or to no the twentieth sentcherry Can't Begin only Wunst and that is nineteen Hunderd and

"How Can it Begin then?" paw ast. "Grate heavens," paw ansere, "Can it Be possible you are One of the Soup preem lddyts That thinks it Begins with Nineteen Hunderd? No wonder Our Ohldern sunthimes Don't hardly Seem to Be Worth raisin. Now, I'll Jist Sho you How this thing is. If I am workin for a Hunderd Dollers a Week and"

"Oh, paw," paw says, "Don't go to supposin Ennything of that kind. It ain't Ever goin to Happen."

"Say," paw told Her, "Don't you want to Find out about this Bizness er not? If you Do, try to Brake the recored now by not sayin nothin fer about a Haft a minut and I'll sho you. You see, if I was goin to Ride a hunderd miles I wouldn't go Back and Ride a Mile before I got started, would I?"

"I Don't no," paw says, "I Have Often saw Do things what was just as Hard to Explain. They are never no Tellin what you mite Do."

"Oh, well," paw says, "they ain't enny use Tryin to Talk to people what Don't no enuff to Lern things when they have a Chanct. Sposen you was agoin to Pay the Grocery man a Doller and Begin Counten Out pennies. Do you Think He would tell you to stop when you Give him ninety Nine?"

"Mebby He mite Be makin a marked Down Sale that day," paw says.

"What's the use Gitten Bothered about it enny Way? I that you sed people was Billy if they would waste Their time over such a thing?"

"They are," paw told Her, "only they Don't no Enuff to see it the rite way. Now I'm jist agoin to sho you How this thing is so you Can't Help but See it."

So He got Two of the Kitchen Chairs and stood with one foot on one chare and the other foot on the other Chare.

"Now," paw told us, "sposen the chare what my left foot is on is the nineteenth sentcherry and the other one is the next one, with the first of January Haft way between. Do You See it all rite as Far as I got?"

"Yes," paw says, "But I Don't never Believe in Straddlen on these Things. They Can't be two Sides to it."

"You watch," paw sed, "I got it Down fine. Now, sposen my left foot is

ate Teen plinty nine and the Chare where it's Restin on is the nineteenth sentcherry. If I—

By the Time he got it all Settled up to That point little Albert and the Pupp Come in Chasen after the Hendersons Cat what I had shut up in the beller the nite before Becoz paw herd some rats Down thare last week.

The Cat Scooted between the Chares where paw was standen, and the pupp that He would Do the Salm, but made a mistake and Bumped aginst the Nineteenth sentcherry and necked it under paw, and the Bottom Dropt out of the argment. His Cote was all fore up the Back too.—George in Chicago Times-Herald.

The Sun's Motion.

An astronomical fact now as formerly causing no little perplexity to some is that the sun's motion—which unquestionably and indisputably is extremely quick—does not change the relative position of the solar system to the fixed stars and the constellations more than it actually does, and there are some who on this account are inclined to doubt the actual motion of the sun in space.

The investigations of astronomers have nevertheless established one thing as certain—namely, that the sun moves through space at a great speed—estimated by some scientists at 16 miles a second—carrying all the planets, satellites and other comical bodies along with it, but this motion of the vast liminary, while affecting, of course, the real motion of the planets in space, does not in even the slightest degree affect the relative motion of sun and planets.

Even under the supposition of so great a rate as 16 miles in one second, this relative position of the sun to the fixed stars would, astronomers declare, be hardly perceptible in a century, on account of the almost inconceivable distance of the latter—the conclusion being, therefore, that many thousands of years must pass before the sun's proper motion in space can change the configuration of the star groups.

The Machete.

As a defensive weapon the value of the machete is small. Even its offensive effect depends less on the weapon itself than on the continual and skillful usage made of it by the Cuban peasant from his earlier age, which imparts a peculiar training to the muscles of the wrist and arm of the operator. The consequence of this skill is that whenever a quarrel occurs between two "gnajiros" or "monetros" they settle the matter with their machetes as courageously and tenaciously as two gamecocks, and generally both parties are seriously injured for life or are killed on the spot.

Owing to this fact and to the natural kindly disposition of the Cuban peasants they are not a quarrelsome people and respect everybody, to be equally respected. With the machete a principal are a thin strip of leather closely tied to the right wrist, a small round piece of grinding stone to sharpen the edge of the tool, and whenever the machete is employed to cut down the thorny heath of tropical vegetation a small branch of special shape, called the "garabato," is used to hold the heath and do rapid work without being injured by thorns.—Island of Cuba Magazine.

The Resemblance.

He was the son of a worthy citizen and had just returned from college. His father was a brigadier, matter of fact man, who had no liking for anything pronounced, and he noticed with sorrow that his son returned with the latest thing in collars and various other insignia of fashion. The old gentleman surveyed him critically when he appeared in his office and then blurted out:

"Young man, you look like an idiot!"

Just at that moment, and before the young man had time to make a fitting reply, a friend walked in.

"Why, hello, Billy! Have you returned?" he asked. "Dear me, how much you resemble your father!"

"So he has been telling me," replied Billy.

And from that day to this the old gentleman has had no fault to find with his son.

A Woman's Bank.
The Fifth Avenue National bank of New York has 6,000 women depositors. It is situated at the corner of Forty-fifth street and Fifth avenue, in the midst of the residences of wealthy classes, and is almost exclusively patronized by rich women, who keep their household accounts and pin money there. The receiving tellers are very busy during the first few days of every month, when the patrons of the bank bring in the allowances they have received from their husbands or fathers, but the rest of the time they have comparatively few depositors to take care of, and have plenty of time to assist the paying tellers in cashing checks that have been drawn to meet grocery or dressmakers' bills.

A Hank of Hair.
Chickens are sold by the piece in Buenos Ayres. They are dressed before being offered for sale, the only feathers left upon them being those of the tail. The same custom prevails in China as to dogs, where a bit of the dog's hair is always left on the end of the tail, when the animal is cooked. But the Chinese consider the hair of a brave spirit into the body of the eater.

Animals That Know Roads.
The Welsh mountain sheep have obtained legal recognition of their ability to distinguish boundaries and their own roads through their pastures. One flock of sheep fought a trespassing flock and the court decided that the sheep were worth a half crown more than others because they knew their roads and boundaries.

Explosive.
An ambitious young writer having asked, "What magazine will give me the highest position quickest?" was told, "A powder magazine, if you contribute a fiery article."

The oldest medical recipe is said by a French medical journal to be that of a hair tonic for an Egyptian queen. It is dated 400 B. C., and directs that dogs' paws and asses' hoofs be boiled with dates in oil.

Vegetarians assert that one acre of land will comfortably support four persons on a vegetable diet.

Time to Give Up.

An Iowa judge recently related an amusing incident that had occurred in his court when a colored man was brought up for some petty offense. The charge was read, and as the statement "The state of Iowa against John Jones" was read in a loud voice the colored man's eyes bulged nearly out of their sockets and he seemed overcome with terror and astonishment. When he was asked if he had anything to say or pleaded guilty or not guilty, he gasped out:

"Well, yo' honah, ef de whole state o' Iowa is ag'in dis one pore niggah I 'ze gwine to give up right now!"

Showing Him How.
"You young scoundrel!" said the father, seizing his disobedient son by the hair. "I'll show you how to treat your mother."

And he at once proceeded to show young hopeful the way by banging him across the ears two or three times and then shaking him until his hair began to fall out.

Dev.

Teacher—How do you account for the phenomenon of dew?
Boy—Well, you see, the earth revolves on its axis every 24 hours, and in consequence of this tremendous pace it perspires freely.—London Tit-Bits.

What He Didn't Know.
"They say that ex-Mayor Latrobe went to some sort of a celebration given by the Ebenezer colored church down on Montgomery street," said a man about town. "He was asked to speak and he consens complied in his usual style. 'You have named this church after a great man,' he said, 'and I hope you will try to emulate his example. He was a man who couldn't be led astray by any one and believed his first duty was to God and then to his fellow man. He was a'— Well, I don't know what all he didn't say about that fellow Ebenezer, but anyhow he noticed for some reason or other his address wasn't as true as he always received as usual, and as he drove away after the meeting behind Old Liz he was humming the old hymn 'Here I Raise My Ebenezer' and trying to figure the matter out. When he got home, he asked a good Christian lady, who happened to be there on a visit, who Ebenezer was."

"Why, you goose," said she, "Ebenezer wasn't a man. Ebenezer means a stone. Didn't you know that?"

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