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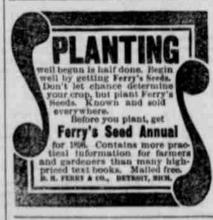
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STUPID SUPERSTITION.

Still Rife in Rural Districts of England and in Spanish Towns.

In Somersetshire the peasants have no doubt as to the play of maleficent influences, says the Academy. The pig that falls ill and dies was "overlooked." A murrain "afflicts a farmer's cattle," and off he goes to the "white witch." that is, to the old witch finder, to learn who has "overlooked his things," and to ascertain the best antidote, "because they there farriers can't do no good. A child pines away with some mysterious, wasting siekness, which the Tipperary peasants, as shown in the recent falsely called "witch burning" case, believe to be the work of fairies in substituting a "changeling," but which the Somerset woman refers to the action of a witch who has cast a

fatal glance upon the victim. Often she gives up not only hope, but all effort to save the child, the consequent neglect, of course, hastens the expected result and then it is: "Oh! I know'd very well he wouldn't never get no better. "Tidn' no good for to strive vor to go agin' it." This is no last decade of the nineteenth century one of the commonest of everyday

While in England the belief is mostly ples the appearance of a person having for a general stampede, and Mr.-Elworthy amusingly relates the fright which he unwittingly gave a second-hand bookseller in Venice when asking words of the title "the man actually turned and bolted into his inner room,

TREES AND HEALTH. Wooded Countries Are Comparatively Free

from Diseases.

It has been noted that the first settlers in heavily-wooded sections of the country have generally been healthy. despite their many privations. reason for this is, says Hall's Journal of Health, that trees and plants of all kinds possess the power of absorbing poisoned air from decaying vegetation, besides which the emanations from evergreens and the smoke from burning resinous woods are noted for the relief they give to those suffering from pulmonary diseases.

already noted, are the most healthy for settlers, and they continue so for the forest can be cleared away each year. After the forest is removed and sunlight is admitted the soil fills rapidly with vegetable mold, which decomposes more rapidly than it can be absorbed by the scant vegetation, and as a result the atmosphere is rendered impure and malaria becomes a common complaint. In view of these facts, people are beginning to understand the value of trees as disease-absorbing and health-giving agents. Naturally this leads to the question as to what trees are best for protection against disease. On Long Island and in New Jersey there are localities surrounded and famed for their curative qualities in consumption, and the pines are thus indicated as valuable surroundings in pulmonary complaints. It would seem ensonable to suppose that trees having the largest leaves and the most of them would be the best for this purpose, 28 such trees would undoubtedly have the most absorbing power. We have seen the encaleptus tree mentioned as of

mosphere. Prima Doons and Clergyman. In the "Life of Karl von Gerok," a man distinguished as a poot and as a kindly spirit but his quick wit:

time the prima donna of the Stuttgart enjoyed. pera troupe was tripping along the

"May I venture to ask your name?" he opera," answered the lady; "every- in 1875 and in 1885. body knows that I am the leading singer at the Court theater. Now it is my turn to mic to whom I am indebted for the protection of an umbrella."

"Your question clearly proves that on never go to church," was the reply, "for all religious people know that I am the chief pastor of this town."

Use for Condemned Cannon. Some time ago the Lebanon (Pa.) Bolt and Nut company received two car loads of cannon from the United States. It was the purpose to break them up and use the metal for mercantile purposes. Since then the frui has received inquiries from all over the state from grand army posts, asking the privilege of buying the guns for degoration purposes. The demand from this source created considerable surprise, and the firm has decided to let the grand army people have them rather than melt up the metal.

Startling Announcement. An English literary man who was on the verge of bringing out a book at the Pitt press ordered his proofs to be sent to him at a house where he was enthem over in the half hour after disservices paying their subscriptions by voice of the butier announcing: "The found in services which actified to devil from the Pitt has come for Mr. begans of algorithm within the content of the sequence them, while interpretate them greater the passes."

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A QUEER LAKE.

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The History of Seneca Lake in New York State and Its Singular Revela-

tions-Some Notable Events

on the Ice.

seneca differs from nearly all of its many sister lakes in this section of the fancy, no isolated case, but here in the state in the matter of its seldom freezing over, writes a correspondent of the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle from Watkins, N. Y. This is due to the great depth of the lake and the confined to rural districts in more back- fact that it is fed largely by springs Indians Believe That God Had an Adviser ward countries, as Spain and Italy, it along its shores and, as many believe, flourishes in the large towns. In Na- at its bottom. During the summer season the lake absorbs a vast amount of out of the earth, but he did not make the ill-repute of a jettatore is the signal heat, but owing to the non-conducting Glus-kabe (the Indian God), says Abbe

ing off in the winter. For this reason on many cold winter of the dirt that was kicked up in the mornings the lake's surface is covered creation of Adam. He rose and walked about a copy of Valletto's "Cicalata with vapor, which indicates that the about, but he could result Fascino." On hearing the last water is warmer than the atmosphere. Lord opened his lips with vapor, which indicates that the about, but he could not speak until the This vapor is always densest over the deepest portions of the lake, showing then He took counsel with Glus-kabe leaving the customer in full possession that the water along the shores in the concerning them. He asked him if it of his entire stock." Pio Nono was be-shallower parts has to some extent be-would be better to have the rivers run lieved to have the jettatore and the come colder. As the surface of the up on one side of the earth and down faithful, when seeking his blessing, lake cools the water gradually com- on the other, but Glus-kabe said: "No, protectively pointed two fingers at him. mingles with that below, and finally they must all run down one way."

the whole body of the lake becomes Then the Lord asked him about cooled. In addition a heavy body of ocean, whether it would not do to have freshet, tends to cool the water and would grow thick and stagnant." render the lake liable to freezing if the surface is not too much disturbed by wind. For these reasons the lake put it out?" ometimes freezes over very late in the ilm of ice covered the lake's surface on burn would get well.

the mornings of May 5, 1861, May 15, So he answered all the Lord's ques-1872, May 6, 1873, and April 26, 1884. On many mornings the mercury has been down to zero or below, and at Monterey one day recently the thermom-New, heavily-wooded countries, as eter registered thirty degrees below dready noted, are the most healthy zero, yet the lake had not sufficiently many years, at only a small portion of has run into it this season. However, the lessly over his breast, says the New ered with snow to a depth of from two jection in his attitude. An old hat reto three feet, and if the cold should con- sembling a piece of "culls" in a rag

would undoubtedly freeze over. In a description of Seneca lake Appleton's Cyclopedia states that it was His trousers and coat were of a dull, never known to be frozen over until mottled gray that comes from hard March 22, 1856, but according to Wil- wear and dust. Ham C. Coon, of Burdett, he and a party of about twenty skated across the lake from Glen Eldridge to Watkins and 1855. The ice was then five inches thick | sleep. in the middle of the lake and was clear hemmed in with pitch pines which are and solid. On March 3, 1868, the lake special value as a purifier of the at- Elmira and other places by train and his hand across his forehead, he leaned high in a cloudless sky, and the scene then glanced up at the branches of the was one of a most inspiring nature. tree, where the mother bird fluttered minister of the Gospel, an incident is Chinese lanterns and torchlights lent and chicraped in fright. given which illustrates not only his their charm to the surroundings, while the glare of rockets and bombell ghted up He was one day walking in Stuttgart. the sky. A band was present, and danc-

carrying an umbreila. At the same ing and skating were among the sports January 16, 1893, an unusually early dewalk, without that protection date, the head of the lake froze over gainst the weather. Saddenly call from shore to shore out a distance of sgan to fall, and Herr von Gerok about twenty rods, but the ice only offered the lady the shelter of his lasted a few days. By observation many umbreila. Though entire strangers to people have come to expect the lake to he had. He gently placed the bird he each other, they had a pleasant chat. freeze over once in every ten years, and After awhile the reverend gentleman according to such a series it should "It is plain to see that you never go to seen that it froze over in 1855, in 1868,

COUNTRY RICH IN FOSSILS.

ing Geological Students. Lands of North Dakota and Montana or arms turning over and over, wheel-to collect fossils, "ure a strange con- fashion, the conditions are reversed, country a desert worse than Sahara ever was said to be. "The rivers run white or turbid with

this alkaline concretion in winter, and are dry and dusty channels in the summer. The penks, the valleys, and every feature of the whole region, in fact, one saltewashed bottom of a sea, and tries where continual pumping ner. The printer's boy, however, was traces of the recoding waves are visible water is necessary for purposes of irrinow our main permit, are mostly agentminute. Fee birds, and those panels

and sandatone of the valleys. Mingled with them are remains of bear, entelope and buffalo, and relies of an intermediate age, the bones of the mastodons and elephante-not mammothsand of a three-toed equine, one of the ancestors of the horse,

"Some of the saurians of the cocene and miocene periods were indescribably hideous. Looking upon the remains of these monoters and gazing on the awful scenery of the country-a bit of hades upterned to view, one aight say- is it any wonder the Indians hunned the Bad Lands and said they haunts of ghosts and the home of

PENOBSUUT THEOLOGY.

In the beginning God made Adam properties of water it is slow in throw- L. Alger in the Regular Science Monthly. Glus-kabe made himself out

God made the earth and the sea, and that the water along the shores in the concerning them. He asked him if it

Then the Lord asked him about the snow melting in the spring and flowing | it always lie still. Glus-kabe told Him: into the lake, especially in case of a "No! It must rise and fall, or else it

"How about fire?" asked the Lord; "can it burn all the time and nobody Glus-kabe said: "That would not

spring, even when the temperature is do, for if anybody got barned and fire rom fifteen degrees to twenty-five de- could not be put out, they would die; rees above zero; as for instance a thin but if it could be put out, then the

A TOUCH OF KINDNESS.

The Tramp's Humane Impulse Brought He sat slouchingly upon the end of cooled to freeze over, for no snow water the park bench, his head hanging listcountry tributary to the lake is now cov- York World. There was complete detinue for some time yet and the heavy shop lay on the ground, where it had body of snow go off in a flood the lake fallen from his head. On one foot was an old felt slipper and on the other an old riding boot, with the top cut off.

> Twice he had been moved on by the "sparrow cop" and he had made his way to a bench that was seeluded and

back on the morning of February 28, shaded by a tree. He had gone to In the tree the sparrows hopped and twittered in the shade of the foliage. again froze over, and in 1875, for a pe- Suddenly through the branches came riod of four weeks and two days prior twisting a tiny featherling, striving to March 14, it was frozen over so that hard to make its tender wings bear up persons could cross it many miles from the weight of its body. It failed and the head. On February 21, 1885, it fell on the graveled walk at the old froze over from shore to shore out as tramp's feet, stunned and breathing far as the eye could reach, and four with difficulty. Something caused the days later a grand carnival was held on | tramp to open his eyes and they lit on the ice in the evening. About one thou-sand persons assembled, coming from stupidly for a minute, then, drawing from all the surrounding country in over and picked it u- tenderly. He sleighs. The moon, nearly full, rode gazed at it in a wong-ring way and

He drew the bench a little closer to the tree and climbed upon it. That put him within reach of a lower limb. He laid the little bird carefully on a forked branch and, with a strength surprising in one so feeble, he drew himself up and sat on the limb. Above him, within reach, he saw a nest. It was tipped over so that he could see in it two downy bits of birds like the one carried in the nest, let himself down to the ground, drew the bench back to freeze this winter, for by reference to its original place and turned to go just the dates mentioned above it will be as a "gray coat" called out to him: "Come, now, get on. You've been around here long enough!"

Something New in Windmills.

The old-time windmill-that tower-The flad Lands a Bonanca to the Daring ing skeleton of ribs and fans with which we are familiar-has recently "The Bad Lands," said Horatio Gar- been improved in a fashion that rett, one of the most earnest rock del- promises much better results-an invers of the party from Princeton col- creased rate of power and much greater lege that recently visited the Dad case of management. Instead of fans bination of desolation, horror and in-, the axie being perpendicular, and the comprehensible freaks of the primeral fans turning from side to side. This world. There are lofty peaks, bare arrangement has advantages, in that and brown-baked into soires of burn- the machinery can be made stronger, ing rock by the hot sun of a million and by an ingeniously contrived set of years. The valleys between are white levers the fans open and close autodescris, covered with the bitter, dusty, mutically. This is of great importance, blinding alkali that has made all that as a sudden gale is liable to wreck an ordinary windmill on short notice, With this new device, it is claimed that no matter how rapidly the fans may revolve, they will eatch the wind only at the proper time, the other side opening to give free passage to the air; thus the higher the gale, the higher the rate of seems to be thrown down upon the earth speed and the more effective the in nature's angricut mood-a hideous machinery. It is said that in windy conglomeration, in which even the geo- countries enough power can be generlogical strata are displaced and en- ated to run a small dynamo. The langled. This strange region was once greatest value of a windmill is in counon every hand. The foully, which were gation. A windmill constructed on his new principle costs no more than the edd style, by hedsitudy many effects es, here blakes be get out of order, and found strong them, while incurrented, has a greater variety of mention may