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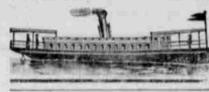
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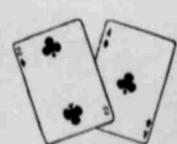
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Friendship of the Two Brought About by During the extremely severe weather

of February, 1895, myriads of birds perished from cold and starvation, both in Europe and the United States. In England this destruction was the more sorrowful, perhaps, as the country where the birds winter is more thickly settled than with us, and there were more to see their sufferings. But occasionally the British birds found friend-

The London Times published, during the cold weather, this note from Rodolph Walther, a boy of twelve years, who lives at Tunbridge Wells:

"I thought perhaps you would allow a schoolboy to tell you how very tame and fearless the cold and hunger have made the wild birds around our house. "Of course we feed them with bread and all sorts of odds and ends, and the ground is simply black with our hungry visitors. Even the suspicious rooks come quite close to the house for their

share "A little blue-tit passes its day in our basement, heedless of sleepy pussy baking herself before the stove.

"Most of all I wish to tell you about my strange bedroom companion, a little robin, which has taken up its residence in my bedroom; and though I leave the window open, he never goes out except to take a short fly. We pass the night together, and he makes his bed in one of my football boots.

"The other morning he woke me up by singing on a chair at the side of my bed. I suppose he thought I ought to be at my lessons."

CHARACTER OF ISABELLA. The Beautiful Consort of Ferdinand Who Helped Columbus.

Isabella was a lady, she was a queen, and, above all she was an autocrat. Gracious and gentle in her manner, says R. Ulick Burke's "A History of Spain," she brooked no opposition from prince or peer, and she soon made it known and felt throughout Spain that, although she was the daughter of John II. and the sister of Henry IV., her will was law in Castile. Beautiful, virtuous, discreet, with that highest expression of proud dignity that is seen in a peculiar simplicity of manner, with a hard heart and a fair contenance, an inflexible will, and a mild mannersomething of a formalist, more of a bigot-Isabella united much that was characteristic of old Castile with not a Little that was characteristic of new Spain. And if her boldness was inherited from the Cid, her bigotry was bequeathed to Philip II.

No man can read the history of the times without being struck by the enormous personal influence of Isabella. An accomplished horsewoman, a tireless traveler, indefatigable in her attention to business of state, the queen with her court moved about from place to place, swift to punish crime and to encourage virtue, boldly composing the differences and compelling the submission of rival nobles, frowning upon the laxity of the clergy, denouncing the heresy of the people and laying a heavy hand upon enemies of every degree and evildoers of every class. In Andalusia the unaccustomed and unexpected presence of the sovereign was everywhere productive of peace and order. Even in the remotest districts of Galicia the royal power was hold of knightly robbers, were razed to the ground, and one thousand five hur dred noble highwaymen were forced to fly the kingdom.

Unhappy Comparison. Ministers cannot be "answered back" on Sunday, but on week days, some-

times, the case is different. "Why weren't you at the kirk on Sunday?" asked a Scotch preacher of one of his parishioners. "I was at Mr. Dunlop's kirk," was

the answer. "I don't like your running about to strange kirks in that way. Not that I object to your hearing Mr. Dunlop, but I'm sure you widna like your sheep straying away into strange pastures." "I widna care a grain, sir, if it was better grass." said the pari hioner.

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COTTON MILLS IN JAPAN. The Industry Bas Grown Rapidly in the

Cotton manufacturing in Japan is the

growth of the last fifteen years. Not a cotton mill, with one exception, of those now in operation was in operation prior to 1880, says the Industrial Record. There is now running in Kagoshima a mill of 3,030 spindles that has been in operation since 1865. In 1880 and 1881 an era of cotton manufacturing was inaugurated by the crection of 14,000 to 15,000 spinale mills. In 1882 a 61,200-spindle mill was put up at Osaka. The mill is the largest ever erected in Japan. There are two 30,000spindles, one at Tokio and the other at Osaka. The latter location is the principal manufacturing center in the empire. Nea ly, if not fully, one-half of the cotton spindles are to be found there. The cotton mills at Osaka are reported as paying average annual dividends of 18 per cent., the highest having been 28 per cent. and the lowest 8 per cent. Not more than about ten years ago the people depended almost wholly upon foreign products of factory-made cotton fabrics, while now not over a fourth of this demand comes from foreign sources. The Cotton Spinners' association of Japan is the most reliable source of information, and that placed the number of spindles in 1894 at 385,265, yet the Yokohama chamber of comabout 600,000. Between these two authorities we put our estimate of 500,000 spindles. The cotton mills of Japan will never be able to spin from the native cotton very fine yarn. The cotton is not suitable for anything but for the spinning of coarse varns.

NEVER GROW OLD.

Parts of the Physical System Which Never Wear Out. In his work on the senile heart Dr. Balfour tells us that there are two parts of the human organism which, if wisely used, "largely escape senile failure." These two, says the Medical Record, are the brain and the heart. Persons who think have often wondered why a condition of advanced senile decay. There is a physiological reason for this, and Dr. Balfour tells us what it is. The nutrition is especially provided for." much less efficient carriers of the nutiment blood to the capillary areas. But this is not the case with the internal carotids, which supply the capillary areas of the brain. On the contrary, these large vessels, "continue to retain their pristine elasticity, so that the blood pressure remains normally higher than within the capillary area

AN INLAND LAKE WITH TIDES. Peculiarities of Kildine Described by Russinn Scientists.

of any other organ in the body. The

cerebral blood paths being thus kept

open, the brain tissue is kept better

nourished than the other tissues of the

Russian scientists have lately been studying the curious island of Kildine, off the coast of Russian Lapland, and separated from it by a narrow strait. with great care and marched them to This island, says the New York Sun, has a lake that has no visible connection with the sea, but is affected with the aisle her husband thundered from tidal movements. To be sure, the tides | the pulpit: "Even Solomon in all his in the lake rise and fail only a few lory was not arrayed like one of inches, while those in the surrounding these." He did not see the joke, but odicity of the lake tides makes it plain mother was ready to cry. that the take has subterranean commu-

nication with the sea. The water on the island is of three kinds, fresh water from rains and from brooks at the highest points; a little lower salt water like that of the sea; at the lowest point sea water, surcharged with free sulphuretted hydrogen. The fresh water is inhabited by the animal life usual in the fresh water of that region. The salt water has sea creatures, sponges and the like, while the water surcharged with sulphuretted hydrogen has neither vegetable nor animal life. The phenomenon of this sulphuretted hydroren has its counterpart in the depths of the Black sea, where the presence of the gas destroys animal and vegetable life.

HOW ANTS KILL A SNAKE.

The Insects Torture the Reptile to Death and Strip the Skin from the Body. That ants can actually kill snakes is a hard thing to believe. There is irrefutable evidence however, that they do and scientists have discovered that the snake has hardly a more dangerous enemy. The large red-brown forest ant is the sort that is the most fatal to the ophidians, and a curious thing about the attack of these tiny creatures on this omparatively enormous reptile is that they kill it for food and not on account of any natural antipathy.

When some of the ants catch sight of a snake they arouse the whole community at once. In platoors and bat talions the little fellows set upon the reptile, striking their nippers late its body and eyes at thousands of points at once. So rapidly and concertedly is this done that the snake has no chance at all of escaping. It is like a thousand electric needles in him at once. The snake soon becomes exhausted and dies

Then the ants set harder at work. This may seem a strange story, but it in small pieces, gradually stripping off the skin and working inside of it. Not ontil they have carried away everything except the bones and the skin itself do they leave it.

HE WAS AFTER JOSEPH. One of the Disadvantages of Having

Twin Bruther Explained. I was over in the Pennsylvania depot he other day when a train came in earing a young man who stood over six feet high and had arms as long as the pickets on a fence, says the Detroit Free Press. He was making inquiries sout the ferry boats when he spied a oudly dressed young fellow not far away, whom anybody would have picked out as a traveling fakir. The giant from the country unde three long steps and picked the fakir of his feet and slammed him down and as he held

man sunthin that's split every durned I'm goin' to make a ould oferme of you

couldn't get his breath for several minutes. When the big depot had got through whirling around with him I asked him if he had been in the tooth powder business, and he smiled in a

sickly way as he replied: "I never was. He takes me for my twin brother Joe, who goes about selling that stuff. It takes the enamel off, but Joe keeps right on selling it. Hang that hayseed-he almost killed me!"

"And you also have a line?" I asked. "Oh, yes, I sell a sure cure for consumption for only twenty-five cents a bottle and throw in a pair of eyeglasses worth half a dollar with each sale, but that fellow wasn't after me. It was the tooth powder and I must speak to Joseph and warn him of the error of his

RIPENING OF WINE. How the Juice of the Grape Is Treated

in Switzerland The wine in Switzerland is left in the casks till the following spring, and it is here that fermentation takes place and the mout is converted into wine, says the Cornhill Magazine. The change begins almost immediately; the liquid becomes turbid, carbolic acid gas is evolved, a scum is thrown up on the surface and the temperature rises. A climax is reached; the intensity of the fermentation diminishes. subsides; the scum settles as a slimy deposit at the bottom of the cask and merce placed the number in 1893 at a clear yellow liquid is left above. The grape sugar has almost entirely disappeared, a corresponding amount of alcohol has taken its place, and the sweet taste of the mout has given place to the

characteristic vinous flavor of the

In the early stages of fermentation enormous quantities of carbonic acid gas are given off, and huge fires are made in the cellars to drive it away. But at the time I write of (October, 1893), when the vintage was the finest of the century, when barrels to hold mout could not be purchased for love or money, when every cellar on the lake from Geneva to Villeneuve was packed with casks of mout, so great was the amount of carbonic acid gas brain workers, great statesmen and in the air that, in spite of every precauothers, should continue to work with tion, several deaths from suffocation almost unimpaired mental activity and | took place among the workers. In the energy up to a period when most of the spring the wine is drawn off clear into organs and functions of the body are in other barrels, then bottled; vin ordinaire is not bottled at all, but simply drawn from the wood. This is the wine sold at all the little wineshops with normal brain, he affirms, "remains vigor- which Switzerland abounds. It is ous to the last," and that "because its drawn off into quaint little glass decanters containing half a liter each, About middle life, or a little later, the and so served to the unhurrying Swiss, general arteries of the body begin to who drink it round little tables under lose their elasticity and to slowly but the trees on the sunny pathways or over surely dilate. They become, therefore, wooden benches inside the red-cur-

tained wineshops.
Unfortunately Apropos There lives in a certain small town a poor minister with a large family, which his salary does not begin to cover literally. So the congregation have donated east off clothing for the children, and even the poor minister's wife goes to church in the last year's bonnet and cloak of a deacon's wife. The poor ady, says an exchange, has grown used to this, and does the best she can with the conglomeration of dresses, cloaks and hats which are sent her, though the result is somewhat tragic. However, she has always felt that she did nobly by the children, and if the dresses and clothes and trousers were misfits inything about it. Last summer, however, she dressed the nine hopefuls church. She was a little late and just as she opened the door and started up sea rise and fall several feet. The peritihe congregation tittered and the

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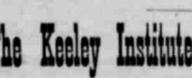
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