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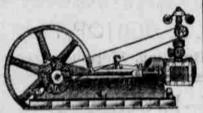
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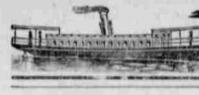


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THE OLYMPIC MOUNTAINS

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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. The 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

TREES AND HEALTH.

pulmonary diseases. New, heavily-wooded countries, as already noted, are the most healthy for settlers, and they continue so for many years, as only a small portion of 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 demposes 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 hemmed in with pitch pines which are famed for their curative qualities in consumption, and the pines are thus indicated as valuable surroundings in pulmonary complaints. It would seem reasonable to suppose that trees having the largest leaves and the most of them would be the best for this purpose, as such trees would undoubtedly have the most absorbing power. We have seen the eucalyptus tree mentioned as of special value as a purifier of the at-

Prima Donna and Clergyman. In the "Life of Karl von Gerok," a man distinguished as a poet and as a given which illustrates not only his

cindly spirit but his quick wit: He was one day walking in Stuttgart. carrying an umbrella. At the same time the prima donna of the Stuttgar opera troupe was tripping along the sidewalk, without that protection against the weather. Suddenly rain began to fall, and Herr von Gerok offered the lady the shelter of his umbrella. Though entire strangers to each other, they had a pleasant chat. After awbile the reverend gentleman remarked:

"May I venture to ask your name?" "It is plain to see that you never go to the opera," answered the lady; "everybody knows that I am the leading singer to ask to whom I am indebted for the protection of an umbrella."

"Your question clearly proves that you never go to church," was the reply. "for all religious people know that I

Smoking in court. Commenting on the fact that not long ago a pastor of a church in the Whitechapel district in London announced from the pulpit that in future his hearers might smoke their pipes during service if they chose, l'Independance Belge says there is nothing so very strange about that. In the Mexican courts of law, it says, the smoking of cigars is sanctioned by hoary custom; e may often see pulling away at the fragrant weed while answering the questions put to him by the judge, and the latter screnely adds to the general smoke. Mexican teachers reward their diligent pupils by giving them permission to smoke cigars or cigarettes during ashool hours, and whenever the worthy pedagogue is in good humor the schoolroom is thick with smoke. Smoking begets thirst; hence on the teacher's desk stands a huge jar filled with "pulque," the national boverage, to refresh the tutor and tutored.

The Bavarian pesants, who have a horror of fire, address the following prayer to their favorite saint: "O, holy St. Florian! Protect this house; burn

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F. W. Hawkins, a well-known mountain climber and woodsman, lately returned from Spokane from an expedition into the heart of the Olympic mountains. He was accompanied by one companion, made the trip with horses, and the only course laid and followed was that already mapped out by the broad elk trails which intersect the country in every direction. The trip was fruitful of a great many interesting things, though it had no other object than to investigate the extent of the grazing country that lies back of the small range of mountains paralleling in a way the coast line on the south side of the Straits of San Juan de Fuca.

Mr. Hawkins is now firmly convinced that the government ought to at once set apart a large area of the Olympic mountains as a grand game reserve, for the protection of the big game on the oast, which is fast being exterminated. There is no doubt that the Olympic mountains are the greatest ellcountry in the union to-day, and up to the present time but little known to the big sportsmen of the country. Soon after leaving the lower levels of

the Olympic mountains indications of big game begin to show up in a most wonderful manner. Broad trails which are veritable highways, cross the lower mountains in almost every direction, leading from plateau to plateau from grass field to grass field, from valley to valley. These trails run along the mountain side and have been so much traveled that although they may be on a mountain side at an angle of 45 minister of the Gospel, an incident is degrees they become almost flat from long tramping, and as solid as the hills themselves. These trails are two and three feet broad, and so readily traveled that Mr. Hawkins and his companion had no difficulty in following them on horseback 50 miles into the mountains. They are sometimes obstructed by fallen timber, but it is of a light kind, being above the regular forest belt, and a horse can easily surmount it. One beauty of the country is that one cannot get off the trail.

It is impossible to travel long through the country without falling in with one of these trails, and it always leads somewhere. These trails, or elk highways, are as characteristic of the Olymat the Court theater. Now it is my turn pic mountains as the mounds are in a prairie dog village.

The elk country lies above the country adapted to agriculture, and even above the forest belt, from which the timbered, but the growth is that of the Alaska cedar, not large, as timber is considered in this country.

For the very reason that to make of this a great elk and game preserve would not interfere with nor curtail either agricultural or timber interests in this state, it is urged that the government ought to set it apart as such. On top of these mountains, which reach an elevation of 4,500 and 5,000 feet above the sea, are to be found great

areas of bunch grass land several thou

sands of acres in extent. These are the great elk pastures, to and from which lend the broad paths referred to above. In reaching this section Hawkins and his fellow wanderer went in from Port Angeles, but did not follow the government trail, which strikes boldly across the mountains that come down close upon the coast. They took the course omewhat east of the town, and did not go far till the last ranch was left behind. They edged their way around the first mountains, and thereafter laid course toward the Lillian river, a tributary of the Elwha. They had not he least difficulty after leaving the settlement in following the clk paths. They made camp 45 or 50 miles in the interior, and every day while out asended one or the other of the nearest mountains to explore the elk pasturage to be found near the top. At night they returned to camp, and the following day took another elevation. Mount Olympus, the senior grand of the peaks in the coast range, stood out in its grand magnificence a little southwest.

while Mount Constance was in an almost directly opposite direction, and almost or quite as far toward the cast, An area of several hundred miles in territory could be included in a great game preserve in the center of these sountains, and thus protect and perpetuate indefinitely the noble game that is there to be found. The country, as a whole, can never be out to other use than possibly as a grazing ground for isolated herds, and this is improbable. As it is at present,

the land is unsurveyed public domain, and it is Mr. Hawkin's belief that con certed action ought to be taken to have the government declare it a public reserve, and preserve the game. Small hunters have long been in the habit of hunting elk in the mountains near the settlements, but occasionally are heard instances of shameful slaughter on the part of reckless and

ENORMOUS HEAT. A Figure Which Demonstrates the Power of the tun.

careless reople.

.There is not more than one person in each ten thousand who has anything like the correct idea what an icicle forty-five miles in diameter and two undred thousand in tength would look like. It is also true, says the St. Louis Republic, that there is no necessity for one being provided with a mind that would enable him to form a correct conception of such a gigantic cylinder of ice, for there is no probability that anyone will ever live to see an icicle even half so large, yet it is interesting to know that Sir John Herschel, the great astronomer, used such an illustration in one of his articles on the intensity of the sun's heat. After giving the diameter of the great biazing orb, and a calculation on the amount of heat radiated by each square foot of its immense surface, he closed by saying that if it were possible for an icide forty-five miles in diameter and two hundred thousand miles long to plunge into the sun's great burning sea of gas it would be melted away and utterly consumed even to its vapor, in less than one second of time. Such an icial would contain more lee than has formed on the rivers and lakes of the United States during the past one hundre yearst its base would cover the average Missouri country and its length would building formerly occupied by the Green by almost sufficient to reach to the steer. They will be pleased to rea to almost sufficient to reach to the their old customers.

STUPID SUPERSTITION.

Still Rife in Rural Districts of Englaand 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 sickness, 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

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 faney, no isolated case, but here in the last decade of the nineteenth century one of the commonest of everyday

While in England the belief is mostly confined to rural districts in more back ward countries, as Spain and Italy, it flourishes in the large towns. In Naples the appearance of a person having the ill-repute of a jettatore is the signal for a general stampede, and Mr. Elwhich he unwittingly gave a second hand bookseller in Venice when asking about a copy of Valletto's "Cicalata sul Fascino." On hearing the last words of the title "the man actually turned and boited into his inner room, eaving the customer in full possession of his entire stock." Pio Nono was believed to have the jettatore and the faithful, when seeking his blessing, protectively pointed two fingers at him.

FAITHFUL BUT HELPLESS. Touching Tale of an Old Servant of Que

In the "Life of James Holmes" may be found a pathetic story of a man named Damer, the scion of a royal house, who, in the latter part of the eighteenth century, was one of the queen's pages. She grew to have a very warm regard for him, but the time came when, on account of increasing age and infirmity, he was pensioned off, and some one else

was put in his place.
It grieved him much to change his nabits, but he was in some degree consoled at being allowed to attend certain royal entertainments, and it was at one of these that he distinguished himself by a somewhat eccentric action which greatly amused his former mis-

He was wandering forlornly about, alone, when the queen, ever mindful of merchantable timber is reduced. It is her old and tried servants, hastened toward him with extended hand and a word of kindly greeting. He took the proffered hand and held

it for a moment, while he gazed with a smiling though puzzled expression at the queen. Then he said: "I know that face! I know it as well as I know any face, but-pardon me, madam-I cannot for the life of me

"Poor Damer!" said the queen, with a sorrowful smile, as she turned away. "Poor Damer!" The old man looked after her for a moment, and then asked a passing gar-

recollect where I have seen it!"

dener who the lady might be. "Why, the queen." "I'm afraid," said he, "her majesty will think I have forgotten her!"

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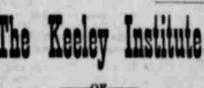
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