

Canary Birds.
A Chicago bird dealer, one of the most extensive in the country, says of canaries: "The idea is prevalent that canary birds either come from the Canary islands or are born in captivity. Of course some are received from the Canary islands, and a great many of them are raised from tame birds that have never been at liberty, or cage birds, as they are called. Still, many of the very best canaries are captured wild in the United States. Southern California is full of wild canaries, and there are no better singers in the world. In some sections the air seems to be filled with melody. They are so plentiful that the boys kill them in great numbers with sling shots, and they are little more thought of than sparrows. I prefer the American canaries to the imported, and there does not seem to be any danger that the supply will ever run short."

TAKE CARE OF YOUR WATCH.
The mechanism of the human body reminds one very much of the mechanical construction of a fine watch, the wheels, cogs and screws answering to the muscles, and the delicate springs are what may be likened to the nerves. One cannot move without the other, and yet the action of each is separate and distinct. So it is with the nerves and muscles of the human body. The ailments of the muscles are distinct from the ailments of the nerves, and, like the mechanism of a watch, if exposed to sudden change of heat and cold, they get out of order and for the time are useless. Especially is this so at this season of the year, when from exposure, negligence or want of care, the nerves are attacked and neuralgia in its worst form sets in. But like oil to the works of a watch so is St. Jacobs' oil to the nerves. It is acknowledged by thousands to be the best and most permanent cure for this most dreaded disease, hence it is well to look after the human watch as well as the one in the pocket.

She—You should have been at church Sunday. The minister preached such an interesting sermon. He—Indeed? She—Yes, you know it was his debut as a heretic.

THE COMMISSARY DEPARTMENT

Of the human system is the stomach. In consequence of its activity, the body is supplied with the elements of bone, muscle, nerves and muscular tissue. The stomach is a most important function, the best agent for imparting a beautiful flavor to its operations is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, also a cure for malaria, biliousness and kidney complaints, nervousness and constipation.

She—What an awfully tall man. Let's look at him. He—They say he's awfully short.

Pisco's Cure for Consumption has been a God-send to me.—Wm. B. McClellan, Chester, Florida, Sept. 17, 1895.

HOW'S THIS?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.
We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligation made by him by his firm.

West & Taylor,
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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

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SOME QUEER YARNS.

GATHERED BY THE SOCIETY FOR PSYCHICAL RESEARCH.

The Phantom of a Gloved Hand—Explanation of the Coffin on the Lake Shore.
Several Strange Prophecies and Warnings—Investigates the Yarns.

A diligent hunt has been made for years after stories of telepathy, mind reading, second sight, clairvoyance, crystal vision, and so on, by the Society for Psychical Research, and great pains have been taken to obtain corroboration if possible of the most experienced and indefatigable investigators in that organization, Frederic W. H. Myers, embodies scores of these narratives in a paper printed in the report of the proceedings of the Society for Psychical Research. A few are selected for reproduction here to illustrate some of the supposed workings of the mysterious faculty in question.

D. J. Parsons, a physician in Sweet Springs, Mo., says he discovered years ago that he was able to see things, mentally, which had happened hundreds of miles away and many years before. He wrote in 1891: "While in company with Dr. Trotter of Lexington, Mo., I sat at a table and near to me lay a delicate hand on which was a dark red kid glove. The hand was all the time in motion. I called his attention to it, and he was much surprised. I told him the hand had a history, and if he had no objections I would be pleased to know it. He said: 'I was traveling in Canada on the cars, and one day we ran up to a train that had been wrecked a little while before. I went to the wreck, and about the first thing that I saw was a young lady lying upon the ground dead. One hand was naked, and one was covered with a dark red kid glove.' Instantly upon his uttering the words the dark red kid glove and the hand vanished."

Subsequently the Dr. Trotter mentioned sent a full account of the accident and the conversation with Dr. Parsons to an officer of the Psychical Research society in reply to inquiries. He corroborated the foregoing story fully, adding that the gloved hand made a strong impression on him, "which has remained to this day, about 40 years." He was astounded at Dr. Parsons' remark to him nearly 30 years after the event, and even yet cannot understand how that person should have branched the subject, inasmuch as Dr. Trotter had never to his knowledge mentioned the sight of the dead girl to a living soul.

A large group of incidents found in this collection occurred almost simultaneously at the same time when the "percipient" received a corresponding impression. Shipwrecks, more trifling accidents, the recovery of a lost dog, and the position in which a watch that had been dropped in a hayfield a few hours before still lay were paralleled by vision, either in sleep or a half waking condition. Thus, on the morning of Oct. 7, 1883, the wife of a Chicago man asked him, while they were both dressing and before either of them had left their sleeping room, if he had ever known a person named Bedale. He replied in the negative. Then she narrated a dream in which she saw a coffin on the lake shore marked. Later in the day the man discovered in the morning paper of that date an account of the disappearance of William E. Bedale, but with no theory as to his fate. After elaborate inquiry it seems to be established that this was the first public mention of the fact that he was missing. For several days the Chicago papers referred to the topic, but suggested that he was alive, but insane, and would be found. The notion of suicide was accounted for. On Oct. 10 Bedale's dead body was found. He had been drowned.

Visions, dreams or impressions which seemed to be prophetic figure frequently in Mr. Myers' catalogue. Occasionally there would be only a vague impression. A railway engineer stopped his train, he could not say why, and sent a flagman ahead. He thus stopped an express train coming toward him on the same track, but out of sight around a curve. Having landed in a strange city, a man was picking his way along in the dark, when he was impelled to change his route abruptly. He found next day that a few more steps would have thrown him off a dock. A father's anxiety about a son in another part of the country increased to such a point that the family had just decided to summon the boy home when the news of his death was received.

Again, of the prodigious events some were only a few seconds away, others perhaps months distant. A naturalist would discover, without search or suspicion, an exceedingly rare fern or moth almost instantly after an image of the specimen was found in his mind or a hint was whispered in his ear by some unseen agency. Accidents, and even deaths, were predicted weeks in advance, and sometimes on a specified date, and the forecast was fulfilled. A man dreamed of seeing the headstone of his own grave inscribed "Jan. 9." As the word "June" is seldom abbreviated, he believed that this was meant for "Jan. 9." Soon afterward one of his children died on June 9, and he considered this occurrence a fulfillment of the supposed prophecy. However, he died himself several years afterward on Jan. 9.

The experts who have undertaken the study of the phenomena here described are eagerly looking for more stories of this sort. Dr. Richard Hodgson, 5 Boylston place, Boston, is the American secretary and treasurer of the Society for Psychical Research, and when he gets hold of a new yarn he proceeds to investigate the matter carefully before reporting the facts to headquarters in London.—New York Tribune.

Dentists in Vienna are forming a society which has for its object a course of mutual instruction in light anecdotes and pleasing conversation for professional hours.

From *U.S. Journal of Medicine*
Prof. W. E. Peck, who makes a specialty of Epilepsy, has without doubt treated and cured more cases than any other living physician. His success is astonishing. We have heard of cases of a year's standing cured by him. He publishes a *Quaestio* which is a list of this disease, which he sends with a letter to any one who writes him of his absolute cure, free to any sufferers who will send their P. O. and Express address. We advise any one wishing a cure to address Prof. W. E. PECK, 7 D. 4 Cedar St., New York.

"Save My Child!"
is the cry of many an agonized mother whose little one writes in croup or whooping cough. In such cases, Dr. Acker's English Remedy proves a blessing and a godsend. Mrs. M. A. Burke, of 309 E. 105th St., New York, writes: "Dr. Acker's English Remedy cured my baby of bronchitis, and also gave instant relief in a severe case of croup. I gratefully recommend it."

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Gift to American University.
The will of H. A. Massey, the Toronto agricultural implement manufacturer, was probated the other day. It contains 29 bequests to charitable and religious institutions throughout the Dominion. These bequests, with the sums given by Mr. Massey shortly previous to his death, amount to \$1,100,000. Among the bequests is one of \$50,000 to the American university, Washington, to erect a building to represent Canadian Methodism in that university.

He Acted Accordingly.
Mr. Huntington is of the opinion that when a man goes west and grows up with the country it is the country's duty to bear a liberal share of the expense.—Washington Star.

Will Never See the Comet Again.
Professor C. A. Young, chief of the astronomical department of Princeton university, said that Perrine's comet was rapidly receding from the earth, having passed the plane of the earth's orbit Feb. 25. The comet describes a parabola and will never be visible to the inhabitants of the earth again.

RELIGION ON WHEELS.

Methodists Journey by Rail to Hear "Syndicate" Wilson.

Perhaps the first Sunday excursion ever run by a Methodist church was that which recently ran over the railroad from Albany, with a thousand passengers, to hear the Rev. "Syndicate" Wilson preach the gospel and to help drive Satan out of Gloucester, O.

Two months ago this evangelist, unknown, a Methodist circuit rider from a backwoods charge, came down the Hocking valley from Coolville and preached in the schoolhouses by the way. At the crossing of the country roads he put up big plain lettered placards that read:

IT IS TIME TO REMEMBER YOUR SINS.
"Syndicate" Wilson's congregation exceeded the capacity of the room at his command, Sunday had been set aside as "old soldiers' day."

Before sunrise the people were coming over the hills to the great gathering. The Methodists at Albany chartered a train, but members of all the other denominations went on it. So did the band. The pastor of the Methodist church here, the Rev. J. Atkinson, a fine speaker, rode horseback with "Syndicate" Wilson and met the Albany excursion.

Two thousand of Gloucester's population, a thousand from Albany and a hundred from the villages of the sandy Creek valley, filled the streets. There were "halleluiahs" and shouts of happiness, and after the churches were filled the evangelists talked to a vast crowd in the public square.

At noon the band led the procession, and all the ministers in town walked behind it. Next were 150 old soldiers, all in uniform, and all bearing their own rifles. They were wearing clubs and in the rear many hundreds in solid ranks. Cheers sang always happy songs, and the band, every member of which has joined the church, played only sacred music.

"Syndicate" Wilson says he is a representative of a kingdom that wants emigrants from earth and offers inducements that cannot be duplicated—an everlasting life, freedom from all pain and sorrow, eternal joy, a home in paradise. "Form a syndicate to secure an everlasting home in God's heaven!" is his chief plea.

Probably such scenes were never witnessed before. The unique religious parade will, it is believed, destroy the evils of sandy Creek valley and give unto hundreds a home in heaven.—New York Recorder.

A BATTLE ABBEY.

Southerners to Erect a Museum at the National Capital.
At a meeting of Confederate veterans in Washington the other evening steps were taken toward securing the location of the Confederate battle abbey at the national capital.

The proposed battle abbey will be on a colossal scale and will in all probability involve an expenditure of \$250,000 or more. It is the wish of the Confederate Veterans' association to secure its location in Washington, not only as a southern memorial building, but as one of national importance and an especially attractive and ornamental feature of the city. The work of promoting the endeavor will be ably assisted by the Ladies' Southern Relief society.

Steps are being taken to organize a committee of 50, embracing members of the two associations and a number of prominent men and women outside of the associations. A committee, composed of one member from each state and one from the District of Columbia, was appointed at the last grand encampment of the United Veterans to decide upon the location of the memorial building, and this committee will do so at the coming annual encampment, to be held in Richmond in June next.

The committee of promotion in Washington, to be formed through the movement inaugurated at the recent meeting, will solicit subscriptions, to be devoted toward the erection of the building if located in Washington. The general fund, collected through the southern camps, amounts already, it is said, to over \$200,000.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

IT GIVES POLICEMEN FITS.

A Toy Which Makes New York Policemen Think of Commissioner Roosevelt.
An ingenious man who gets up articles for street fairs has just applied at Washington for a patent on a toy that consists of an oval piece of tin painted to represent a set of large white teeth between a pair of red, healthy lips. A tin whistle attached to the back enables the wearer to hold it between his own teeth.

Excise Inspector Hirschkind of New York walked into the West Thirtieth Street station house the other night with one of the toys in his mouth and a pair of gold rimmed glasses on his nose. Sergeant Shire took out look at the glasses and the grinning teeth and nearly fell off his chair.

Hirschkind knows when a joke has gone far enough, and he removed the false mouth just as Shire was collapsing. There will be 10,000 of the tin mouthpieces on the market in a few days, and each one is warranted to scare a policeman into fits.—New York World.

Mark Hanna's Ambition.
It is pretty well understood among friends of McKinley that not only will Mr. Hanna want the cabinet position of secretary of the treasury in the event of McKinley's nomination and election to the presidency, but that he will get it, the ex-governor having so announced himself. To this, it is claimed, is really due the opposition to Hanna in Cleveland by Myron Herrick and his friends.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

They Wanted No Sunday School.
Eleven badly battered citizens are in the lockup at Alpena, Mich., in consequence of a well meant effort to establish a Sunday school. The school was to be held in the neighborhood of the Indian reservation near Alpena. Some of the French residents objected to the use of the building for religious purposes, and a free fight ensued, with the result stated.

ROENTGEN IS A BARON

THE BAVARIAN SAVANT HONORED BY PRINCE REGENT LUDWIG.

Recognized After Years of Toil—Decorated Also by Kaiser Wilhelm—Something of His Life—His Townsmen and Friends Surprised.

In recognition of valuable services to his native country and to all the world, Prince Ludwig of Bavaria has created Professor Roentgen of Wurzburg a baron.

A little more than a month ago the name of Professor Roentgen was only known in a few exclusive scientific circles, mainly for some speculative papers on chemical subjects. Today it is popular throughout the civilized world.

And yet the world will never know more of the years of endless toil and patient research which preceded the phenomenal discovery which has brought fame and no doubt fortune to this Bavarian savant. The news that the professor had found a way of photographing the invisible struck the old world like a lightning flash, and America was also startled, notwithstanding her rapid strides in mechanical inventions and scientific discoveries.

Of the private life of the inventor of the X ray little is known, as the professor lives a secluded life, being present only at important social gatherings of his students. He might be called a bookworm, and his townsmen and most intimate friends are most surprised at his sudden elevation and the distinctions shown him by royalty and scholars.

I learn from those that Baron Roentgen has always been a tireless experimenter, and finally his enemies say by mere chance he learned one of the undiscovered wonders of nature. He is admired by scientists of all countries, but to the unscientific multitudes in the fatherland and elsewhere it seems inexplicable that we should be enabled to photograph in total darkness, and that we should be able to photograph through walls of wood or solid and opaque bodies in little sort of a miracle.

Baron Roentgen was born in 1845 in Zurich, Switzerland, and until his twenty-fifth year studied in the Zurich university, where he graduated and received his M. D. diploma.

After a brief practice in Strasbourg, he was appointed professor of chemistry in the Strasbourg university. Since 1872 he has been professor at Hohenheim, Giessen and Wurzburg. It is said that he will devote all his energies in future to the perfection of his discovery.

It will be remembered that Kaiser Wilhelm decorated the professor with the Order of the Royal Crown a few weeks ago. His majesty had invited the professor to the school to illustrate his discovery by a few experiments, which proved highly satisfactory.—New York Journal.

LORDLY LITERARY BUREAU.

Douglas-Coker Combination Soon to Start on a Tour.
The Lord Douglas-Lord Coker literary syndicate is flourishing and will soon start out from California on its path to fame and wealth through Mexico. All the participants are members of the English nobility, and they intend to travel through Arizona and New Mexico and then go to old Mexico.

They say they will visit many unexplored portions of the neighboring republic and that they have made arrangements to have the matter they will produce published by San Francisco, and New York papers and one of Harper's publications.

The most prominent member of the party is Lord Sholto Douglas. With him will be Lord Vaux-Coker, who has been for some time a writer on the local press. He is the only man in Los Angeles who wears a monocle. Lord Frederick Willoughby, Lord Percival, Percy de Capel Burke are other members of the party. They come from Bakersfield, where they have been learning farming, and where they met Lord Douglas. They will go more for sport than for literary work.—Cor. Chicago Tribune.

Lincoln's Law Partner Wins.
After fighting for 18 years, Rev. Josiah Fisk, an old and almost impoverished litigant, has won a settlement of judgments against the city of New Orleans for services during the reconstruction period.

He was virtually a law partner of President Lincoln, and President Grant in 1865 appointed him a district attorney in New Orleans. His efforts at that exciting period to investigate and punish all outrages brought down on him the wrath of the Kuklux and he was forced to flee for his life.

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METHODIST LAWS.

Important Questions to be Settled at the Cleveland Conference.

The great national conference of the Methodist Episcopal churches, to be held in Cleveland, is nearly two months distant, but preparations for the reception of delegates and arrangements for the most intensely interesting meeting ever held by the denomination are nearing completion. If the proposed measures are passed, the conference will be more historical, in the church, as the most decidedly revolutionary one ever held.

The attack on the bishops is the most notable measure proposed. These dignitaries are now elected for life and receive an annual salary of \$5,000. It is now proposed that the bishops be elected only for a term of years and returned to the ministry when they have served their time in the bishopric. It is said that many delegates are in favor of the change, and it is well known that there is strong sympathy for the idea in Cleveland.

The question of admitting women delegates has long been pending, but it has now been submitted to vote in the form of the Baltimore-Columbus amendment. The vote is nearly completed, and the result in the western and southern states gives a majority of over 400 ministers in favor of the women. The colored conference in the south voted for women delegates. In the eastern states the sentiment is against the amendment, and this majority will be cut down, although probably not overcome.