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### CURIOUS MANX LAWS.

Food and Drink Alone Are Taxed and Debtors Are Imprisoned.

In some respects the Isle of Man is ne of the most backward portions of the British empire. All the revenue is raised by taxes on food and drink. There are no death duties, no property tax, no land tax. The working lasses are unprotected as well as overtaxed. No factory laws exist, and no attempt has ever been made to limit the hours of shop assistants, although Manxland is essentially a nation of shopkeepers. Then, although usury is forbidden by law, imprisonment for debt is still legal and is commonly re-

Yet Manx laws, although backward In some respects, are in other ways well advanced. Every woman, widow or spinster, in the Isle of Man, be she owner, occupier or lodger, enjoys the parliamentary franchise. Every widow enjoys half her husband's personal estate and has a life interest in his real estate, and she cannot be deprived of this by will.

The sale of cigarettes and intoxicants to children was forbidden in Man for years before such a prohibition was enforced in England. Englishmen have legislated mildly against noney lenders. The highest interest that can be charged in the island is 6 per cent, and that has been the law for over 200 years.-Chicago News.

#### LUXURIOUS KITCHENS.

They Used Silver Lined Saucepans

the Old Days In Rome. While the housewife today prides erself, and with reason, on the equipent and conveniences of her estabdishment, she need not think that centuries ago other women in other lands were not equally well provided. Indeed, the kitchens of Roman women were much more luxuriously fitted out han are most kitchens of today.

Now, in the days when the Roman empire was at its height, if you went nto the culinary department of an elegant establishment you would find around saucepans lined with silver and pails ag'in! of various description richly inlaid that were handsomely and intricately pans, cheese graters and tart dishes.

a strictly modern invention, could be says: found on their tables. But they had no brushes nor any glass mirror, the white metals.-Chicago Tribune.

"Pall Mall."

Even the British, the London British are not agreed upon the proper pronunciation of "Pall Mall." The Pall Mall Gazette has published scores of letters on the subject, one from J. Henderson ably incorrect etymologically. I had an comes around and says: old grandmother, one of the old school. "Excuse me, but ain Were she alive today she would be about 110. She always spoke of it as "She be,' says I. 'It's a rifle which most of the old fashloned pronunciation of the such as 'laylock' for lilac, 'obleege' for oblige, 'sassingers' for sau-sages and 'gould' for gold. This may have been, and probably was, a sheer affectation on her part. Anyhow, she tested a new manservant by hearing how he could knock on a front door."

Some Old Beliefs.

The old beliefs persist in southern Europe, and a tragic comic instance reaches me from Venice. A cockatoo kept by a British resident as a pet had been accustomed to promenade about the roof garden when the famlly went up there. But one day re-cently it extended its constitutional to a neighbor's roof and was promptly shot by him. He subsequently offered as a complete explanation the plea that he thought it was an owl and that there was a very young baby in his household. Now, students of ancient Greek and Roman augury know that the perching of an owl on the roof gun home.' foreboded death to one of the inmates. while Ovid is among those who charge screech owls with sucking the blood of infants.-London Express.

Various Kinds of Wisdom. Wisdom is of many kinds. Natural,

long fibered, we call genius; the college kind is a factory made article, own as learning; common sense is handmade and generally homemade, and there is an imitation known on the street as "bluff," in society as "pretense" and in the Bible as "hypocrisy."

Old Habits. "I believe that phrenologist is

"Why?" "He asked me in an absentminded way if I didn't want a shampoo. Tried to hugh it off immediately, but I have my suspicions."-Pittsburgh Post.

I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know no way of

judging of the future but by the past -Patrick Henry. A man must stand erect, not be kept erect by others.-Marcus Aurelius.

Cruel. First Doctor-I operated on him for appendicitis. Second Doctor-What was the matter with him?-Life.

The Bonds. "I want to get rid of some bonds." rejoined the caller, putting a different

### A MOONSHINE **LEGISLATOR**

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member of the legislachur turned

agin moonshine whisky. "That meant that somebody else must be elected in his place, and what did the pesky people around yere do They cum to my cabin a dozen at a

tight co'ner I says: "'I can't skassly read, and I can't I can't get up before that legislachur and speak ten words, and what good

could I do down to Nashville? "They purtended to give in at that. but what did the critters do but put me up to be voted fer when the time cum, and the fust thing I knowed I man and said:
"'Waal, what am I gwine to do about

"'Yo'll go to Nashville,' she says. "'And what'll yo' do?'

"T'll go with yo'." "Waal, we started off one day and was a little narvous, and the old woman braced her feet and hung on with her hands, but we got along without bring the lumbar portion into such a any calamity. In about an hour, when she dared to open her eyes and draw her breath, she says to me: "'Zeb, how many houses have yo

seen since we left home?' 'More'n a hundred,' says I.

"'And how many people?" " 'More'n a thousand.' "'Shoo! Then we must hev got clear around the world and back home

"When we got down to Nashville with arabesques in silver and shovels thar was so many people and so many houses and such a movin' around that carved. Egg frames, too, that would I got the old woman behind me and cook twenty eggs at once and pastry prepared to fight to the death, but not molds shaped like shells and an in- a critter laid hands on us. Some of finite assortment of gridirons, frying 'em laughed at my cowhide boots, and some of 'em grinned at the old wo-The toilet tables of the Roman we- man's poke bonnet, but everything was men were well supplied in the same good natured. We went to a tavern to lavish fashion. Ivory combs, perfumes. git board, and when the old woman cosmetics, hairpins, even an elaborate sees the carpets on the floors, the stuft hair net of gold, have been recently cheers standin' around and the lookin' unearthed. Safety pins, too, which glasses as big as a tablecloth she turns have for a long time been considered pale and puts her arms around me and

"'Zeb, I kin see now why thar ar' so many sinners in this world. If a kind they used being of silver or other critter kin hev all these things, he don't keer a pesky drat about gwine to heaven. I'm afeared we'll be bad 'nuff to steal hawgs in a week.'

"At the end of three days the legislachur opened, and I had to go up to the statehouse. Lordy, stranger, but

still ready fer the next varmint.' "'But yo' can't bring no deadly weep-in' yere,' he goes on. "This ain't no jumpin' match nor hoss race, but the

legislachur of Tennessee.' "I told him I knowed whar I was, but that I should keep tight holt of the woods, and he goes away growlin' to hisself. Mebbe it was half an hour

arter that when a feller stands up on a platform and looks at me and says: "'Does the honorable member from Beaver Cove expect to find any b'ars on the flooh of this house? "'I ain't sayin' as I do,' I answers,

'but if thar is a riot over moonshine whisky I might want sunthin' better than a club!

ag'in and says, as slick as yo' please: "'Mebbe the honorable member from Beaver Cove would like to be excused

for half an hour while he takes his "'Do any critter yere want to pick a fuss with Zeb White? says I as 1

stands up. hands, but no one comes nigh me, and and says as I walks out:

"'It's an onery crowd, and thar ain't "I went straight to the tavern, and

"'What's the matter? says I.

"They've put piller cases trimmed with lace on our bed, says she, and the gorgeousness of it will bring on heart disease! Zeb, fur the Lawd's sake, let's go back home! " 'But I'm here to watch moonshine,'

'Never mind moonshine nur nothin' else on the face of this airth, but let's be a-gittin'. This world ain't fur us. Zeb. We is like two lost children wan derin' through the woods and expectin' to be eat up any minit, and I'm so skeart and flustrated that I shan't live two days longer! Zeb, if yo' love me,

" 'I'll do it,' says I. And she got or her poke, packed our carpetbag, and we was out of the town of Nashville befo' sundown, never to go back."

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### THE HUMAN SPINE.

Science Says It Is Imperfect Because Man Walks Upright,

According to the esteopathist, you do not have a perfectly formed spinal columu, for he is firmly convinced that no person in the world has a back that is perfect. His ideal is a spine of a particular curve, whose twenty-four bones are at equal distances apart, of the same formation on both sides and equally distant from the sides of the body.

The child's spine is much nearer normal and far straighter than the adult's. and the society woman who does no but cum to me and want me to stand. work is more likely to have a back whose curve comes nearer the ideal time, and they shook hands and called than the college athlete. The spines of me an honest man and all that, and the strong men, such as the laborer or mo' I hung back the mo' they wanted me to run. When they got me into a reason that constant pull and strain on the spinal column accentuate its weaknesses. The Igorrotes, strong as skassly write, and yo' all know that they are, have weaker and more crooked spines than civilized men.

The spines of lower animals are stronger and more normal than ours and consequently are not so readily affected by disease. If man had de-cided to walk on all fours his spine might be just as good as his cat's or was 'lected by 400 majority. When I dog's. Spinal trouble started when heard the news I told it to the old woright, and even after untold centuries It seems that the human spine has not I've either got to hunt fer a cave thoroughly adjusted itself to our methand hole myself up or go to Nashville. od of going about. Spencer wrote: "That all important organ, the vertebral column, is as yet but incompletely adapted to the upright posture. Only "Waal, we started off one day and got aboard of the railroad kysrs. I there be maintained without appreciable effort those muscular contractions which produce the S like flexure and position that the line of direction falls within it."-New York Sun.

### AGGRESSIVE REPTILES.

King Cobras and Mambas Are the Worst of the Snake Tribe.

The majority of snakes are not, as most people suppose, aggressive in their habits; but, like the British viper, far more anxious to get out of the way of the human intruder than into it.

But there are a few famous, or infaious, exceptions, and the mambaone of the largest of the cobras and a native of Africa-is said to be the most dangerous reptile in the world. It will fly at anything and anybody; goes out of its way to pick a quarrel with every passerby and has even been known to come down from a tree where it was resting, apparently fast asleep, to try conclusions with a man armed with a gun. The only snake that at all approaches the mamba in ferocity is the great king cobra or hamadryad of the east, which is larger than the mamba and generally quite as ready to interfere with any living creature that comes within its ken. It has been known to chase a man on horseback, and so fast can it travel that it

has any chance of escape. The poison of both these snakes is s powerful that, as some one once stated 'd rather tackled three old b'ars at in an examination paper on reptiles, once! I had goose flesh as I struck even a scientist when bitten by either Couter, being in part as follows: "It really does not seem to matter much whether Pall Mall used to be 'Paille whether Pall Mall used to be 'Paille the statehouse with the crowd, and the old woman wasn't around to incourage me. I went into the statehouse with the crowd, and the old woman wasn't around to incourage me. I went into the statehouse with the crowd, and the old woman wasn't around to incourage me. I went into the statehouse with the crowd, and the old woman wasn't around to incourage me. I went into the statehouse with the crowd, and the old woman wasn't around to incourage me. I went into the interested in the matter after the space of a few minutes." Among the later the crowd, and the old woman wasn't around to incourage me. I went into the interested in the matter after the crowd, and the old woman wasn't around to incourage me. I went into the interested in the matter after the crowd, and the old woman wasn't around to incourage me. I went into the interested in the matter after the crowd, and the old woman wasn't around to incourage me. I went into the interested in the matter after the crowd, and the old woman wasn't around to incourage me. I went into the interested in the matter after the crowd, and the old woman wasn't around to incourage me. I went into the interested in the matter after the crowd, and the old woman wasn't around to incourage me. I went into the interested in the matter after the crowd. Maille' or 'Pawl Mawl.' Both are prob- I'd jist found a seat when a feller Australian cobras, the pit vipers of America and the great west African "'Excuse me, but ain't that a rifle vipers, there are certain species that

is said none but a swift footed animal

Lead and the Teeth

A tendency of the teeth and gums to absorb lead has been observed by Viktor Hinze, a German dentist, among the workers in an accumulator fac-The teeth all had much tartar, tory. that rifle till I knowed I was out of and that scraped from the teeth of one man affected with anemia and other symptoms of poisoning was found by analysis to contain about one-half of 1 per cent of metallic lead. Extracting the seventeen teeth still retained by this man, the metallic lead in the crowns was shown to be 0.038 per cent and 0.033 per cent in the rootssufficient to give continuous lead intoxication. The tartar was removed from the teeth of the other workers, and "Bimeby that same feller stood up this was followed by marked improve ment in the condition of gums and general health.

The Greater Attraction. A correspondent of the Boston Transcript says that "in looking over some memoranda made by John Whittier of East Haverbill (father of the "Everybody laughs and claps his poet) I find this item, made under date of Feb. 13, 1819; 'First snowstorm of I puts on my cap, shoulders my rifle the year.' This is possibly the storm his son commemorates in 'Snowbound.' The lad was then in his twelfth year. a man among yo' who kin pull a rab-bit out of a holler log!" The item immediately preceding the one 1 give above is dated May 9, 1816. 'An elephant came to town.' As Presthar I found the old woman shiverin' ident Monroe 'came to town' that same and shakin' fur her life. day, it is odd that his coming is not also chronicled as equally memorable.'

"You say that a straight line is not the shortest distance between two points?" exclaimed the grouch. "Why, you must be an idiot."

"No, I'm not," replied the stranger. "I'm a taxi driver."-Cincinnati Kn-

Sounds Plausible.

'Pop, why does the moon get full?" "I don't know. Don't bother me." "Pop. I guess if the moon would only stick to the Milky way it wouldn't get full, would it?"-Lippincott's.

Nothing of worth or weight can be achieved with half a mind, with a faint heart and with a lame endeavor. -Isaac Barrow.

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### FALL OF THE INCAS.

Fate of the Great Race That Has Left

Only Traces Behind, What became of the people who built the Cuzco ruins? Were they the ancestors of "those stolld and downtrodden Indians whom one sees today peddling their rude wares in the market place of Cuzco?" Mr. Bryce discusses the question in his "South America." He says:

"The sudden fall of a whole race is an event so rare in history that one seeks for explanations. It may be that not only the royal Inca family, but nearly the whole ruling class, was destroyed in war, leaving only the peasants, who had already been serfs under their native sovereigns. But one is disposed to believe that the tremendous catastrophe which befell them in the destruction at once of their dynasty, their empire and their religion by flerce conquerors, incom parably superior in energy and knowledge, completely broke not only the spirit of the nation, but the self respect of the individuals who compos

"They were already a docile and submissive people, and now under a new tyranny, far harsher than that of rulers of their own blood, they sank into hopeless apathy and ceased to re member what their forefathers had been. The intensity of their devotion to their sovereign and their deity made them helpless when both were overthrown, leaving them nothing to turn to, nothing to strive for.

"The conquistadores were wise in their hateful way when they put forth the resources of cruelty to outrage the feelings of the people and stamp ter-ror in their hearts."

### VALUE OF GRASSES.

They Are In a Measure the Most Use ful Plants In the World.

Probably the grasses are the most seful plants in the world. It may be that more than half the individual plants in the world are grasses. It is a great family of more than 3,500 speies, embracing species that are so tiny that they bardly reach an inch in height and giant bamboos of the tropics that sometimes grow to be 100 feet

Corn is a giant grass, and wheat, rye, oats, barley, rice and sugar cane are all grasses. Then there are millets, sorghum, Kaffir corn, broom corn-all

The number of species of grasses ! enormous, yet we have adopted into our system of agriculture but a few sorts. In part that is due to the ease or difficulty of seeding grasses. Timothy grass, for example, is so easily sown and the seed so easily gathered that it is soonest set of any and has become the standard hay grass of northern climes.

In some regions of Kentucky blue grass is the almost universal pasture grass because it comes in of itself. In other regions with different soil (poor and lacking in lime) redtop has posses sion. Naturally the farmer follows the line of least resistance, yet it is by no means certain that he has adopted into his agriculture all the best grasses that nature has provided. Some day we shall do more toward using now neglected grasses. - Joseph E. Wing in "Meadows and Pastures."

The Glacial Enochs.

Several times in recent years it has een obse ved that great explosive volcanic eruptions (Krakatoa, Pele, Katmai) by charging the upper atmosphere in the isothermal region with fine dust have markedly diminished the amount of solar radiation received at the earth's surface. It seems evident, according to Professor W. J Humphreys, that the effect of this process must be to reduce the temper ature of the air near the earth, since the dust scatters a great amount of the solar radiation. Thus a period of excessive volcanic activity, if long continued, would produce the thermal onditions of an ice age. The geological record is said to furnish evidence that such a period actually began shortly before the last ice age and has continued with diminishing intensity to the present time.

Changing Tastes In Perfumee. Perfumes were in common use in the ancient world, but it is curious to notice how views have changed as to the pleasantness or otherwise of various odors. The smell of aloes is now considered disagreeable by the majority of people, but in the old days aloes. both as solid extract and as wood, formed a staple perfume or aromatic Saffron, too, was the most popular perfume of the Romans and was much in favor in England until about the sixteenth century. But who would tolerate the smell of saffron about ouse or person nowadays?-London Chronicle.

The Old Time Foundry. An auctioneer at a late sale of an tiquities put up a belmet with the fol-

lowing candid observation: "This, ladies and gentlemen, is a bel met of Romulus, the Roman founder, but whether he was a brass or fron founder I cannot tell." - St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Fault of the Auto.

Hiram-The doctor says Ezra is suffering from autointoxication. Silas-Guess that's it, b'gosh! The feller acted jest like any one else until he got that automobile.-Judge.

Theatrical Note. "Hist!" whispered the villgin, creep ng stealthily away.
"I expected you would be," rejoised the stage manager, with curling lip.

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