MILES OF VARYING LENGTH.

Measures of Distance Differ Greatly in Several Localities.

Among the English-speaking peoples of the earth there are four different miles—the ordinary mile of 5,280 feet and the geographical mile of 6,085 feet, making a difference between the two of about one-seventh; then there are the Scotch mile of 5,928 feet and the Irish mile of 6,720 feet—four various miles, every one of which is still in use. Then almost every country has its standard mile. The German mile today is 24,318 feet, more than four and a half times as long as ours. The Dutch, Danish and Prussian mile is 18,499 feet, three and a half times as long as ours, and the Swiss get more exercise in walking one of their miles than we get in walking five of ours, for their mile is 9,153 yards long.

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Bobrikoff Gets Sensitive.

Governor General Bobriakoff has commanded the Finnish local government to make extensive preparations for the Northern Scientific congress, as it would be most regrettable if anything should occur to give the foreign visitors an unfavorable impression of the conditions in Finland. The local government is quite willing, however, that the visitors should realize fully what Bobrikoff has done for Finland.

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"What is a vacuum, ma?"

"That part of your father that is directly under his hair."

Raising Eagles.

Nils Dvag, a farmer living some miles from Rorvik, earns some extra money by capturing eagles. He knows where the nests are and scales the high cliffs and takes the young, which he sells for good prices in Christiania. He has had many fights with the parents, but never harms or kills them, as by their death his source of revenue would be gone.

His Occupation.

"Haven't you any occupation?" asked the woman at the kitchen door, after listening to his tale of woe.

"Yes, ma'am," said Tuffold Knutt, "I am a hunter."

"A hunter? Of what?"

"Grub, ma'am."

Agree to Norway's Demands.

The Swedish-Norwegian commission to draft a plan for the revision of the consular system of Sweden and Norway, proposes separate services for the two kingdoms. This was generally expected in both cos, and in untieNorway no other solutf the difficulon olt question would havn acceptable.e bee

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Husband (reading the paper)—What fools some men will make of tqemselves.

Wife—Now, Henry, dear, what have you done this time?

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"I suppose that work in sixty volumes is an encyclopedia?"

"No; it is called 'The Love Letters of a Mormon Elder.'"

Unforseen Results.

Dolly—I believe Julia Gibbs is a mesmerist.

Polly—Why?

Dolly—I went to sell her a ticket to our piacnica nd she sold me one.

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GOOD Short Stories

An inquisitive woman once asked Professor Andre, before he left on his ill-fated balloon trip: "How will you know when you have really crossed the North Pole, professor?" "Oh, that will be simple enough madame," replied Andre, with his well-known dry humor: "a north wind will become a south one."

During a speech in Brooklyn, Henry Ward Beecher once denounced slavery in a merciless manner, and among other things, remarked that better men were in Sing Sing prison than those who dealt in human flesh and blood. A pro-slavery man in the audience called out: "That isn't so!" Beecher quickly answered: "Well, you ought to know; you've been there."

A gushing young woman stood before the portrait of Thomas Jefferson in one of the lobbies of the national Capitol, the other day, the plate on which bears simply the name, "Jefferson." "Oh," she called to her companions, "come here quick, girls, and see 'Joe' Jefferson's picture. It's in the costume of Bob Acres, and it's just grand; but I do wish they had painted him as Rip Van Winkle."

A beginner in newspaper work in a Southern town, who occasionally "sent stuff" to one of the New York dailies, picked up last summer what seemed to him a "big story." Hurrying to the telegraph office he "queried" the telegraph editor: "Column story on so and so. Shall I send it?" The reply was brief and prompt, but, to the enthusiast, unsatisfactory. "Send six hundred words," was all it said. "Can't be told in less than twelve hundred," he wired back. Before long the reply came: "Story of creation of world told in six hundred. Try it."

Rev. M. Greene, a preacher at Findley's Lake, Pa., took his congregation to task a few Sundays ago, because the members were not, in his opinion, giving suitable support to church work. The reverend gentleman mentioned by name several of those whom he regarded as at fault, but was injudicious enough to include Editor Boerman among the lot. "Why," said the preacher, "Mr. Boerman only paid a dollar toward my support." The editor retorted: "It was dear at the price," and Mr. Greene thereupon learned that it is dangerous to monkey with a buzzsaw.

Lieutenant-General Miles declares that once a delegation of rebellious Indians visited his camp in the West for a powwow. Among other things, they were shown a telephone, and allowed to talk over it. Much interested, they demanded to know whence came the voices they heard, and why they should come through the little black instrument. It was, of course, impossible to make them understand the principles of electricity, so the general told them that the Great Spirit had lent his lightning to the white men, and that forced the human voices into the little box they saw. So impressed were they by this wonder and the understanding with the Great Spirit which it implied, that they returned to their homes and became such advocates for peace that their tribe surrendered.

AUSTRALIA'S DROUGHT.

No Copious Rain Since 1894, Sheep Dead, Settlers Ruined.

Apart from the general engagement of forces in the tariff struggle, a contest is now going on in Australia over the duties on cereals and fodder. In consequence of the terrible desolation caused by the continuance of the drought, a powerful agitation has sprung up for the suspension of these duties. The government is on the horns of a dilemma. If it yields to the pastoralists it alienates the farmers and plays into the hands of speculators in grain and cattle food. If it refuses, and the drought does not break, a miniature revolution may occur in the interior. It will probably either make a money grant to the distressed districts or allow rebates to those in charge of starving cattle. The average Englishman can scarcely realize the horrors of the drought in this great country, three-quarters of whose surface is always barren and hateful to the human race.

Let the mind first take in a few grim facts, viz.: (1) That the drought has since 1894 killed off 30,000,000 sheep in Queensland and New South Wales; (2) that with brief spells of rain the drought has lasted in Central and North Australia for seven long years; (3) that in many widespreading districts the rainfall has fallen from 22 inches in 1894 to 1.70 inches last year, and (4) that thousands of settlers are absolutely ruined and have nothing but bankruptcy and starvation before them. Then, let the imagination bestir itself and try to conjure up vistas of wide stretches of grassless plains whitened with the skeletons of dead sheep. Let the Londoner endeavor to imagine himself a tall, loose-limbed, dry-skinned, hollow-eyed settler, with a dirty wide-awake hat and dull, torn, colorless clothes, riding ninety miles on the back of a half-starved, bony horse for a gallon of water—and perhaps he will at last begin to realize what the drought means to his Australian cousin. The outlook is indeed a gloomy one. If the temporary removal of the duties on grain and fodder will brighten it, then, in the name of God, the step should be taken.—Melbourne Correspondent of the London Chronicle.

ON CLIPPING EVERGREENS.

Spruce and Norway Pines Require Attention Periodically.

There is a great variance in gardening tastes. Some persons abhor anything formal, stiff or in the slightest degree abnormal; a few will go utterly to the extreme; the remainder have balanced ideas, admitting both where they seem fitting and proper.

However tastes will disagree, some plants must have a little attention from the pruning shears to make them at all desirable. Many evergreens may be thus classified, but necessity only demands very slight attention. Retinisporas and pines are usually much benefited by a slight shearing every two years. Hemlock and Norway spruce may also be so treated to their advantage, and yews as well.

To accomplish the desired end, which is that of preventing bareness of the lower limbs and to encourage a degree of compactness without absolute formality, the occasional shearings should take place after new growth has advanced several inches, about half being cut away, says a writer in Meehan's Monthly. This check to natural advancement causes the growth of lateral buds and consequently a more compact appearance.

The spruce and any other evergreens of rapid growth and that form larger trees should be trimmed to grow somewhat conical. If allowed to become broader above than below the stronger upper branches will eventually rob the lower of nourishment and make them weak and more or less bare of foliage.

If shearing be neglected at the time designated it may be done late in the growing season, if before growth is quite completed. Then strong buds will be formed for another season's growth.

The pruning of pines should be done by pinching back the young growth while it is soft and brittle.

MADE IN OLDEN TIMES.

Remarkable Mechanical Skill of Anciente—An Old Sun Dial.

One of the greatest benefits from delving into the past, says the American Machinist, is that it teaches contemporary humility. It has been said that the more a man reads of ancient literature the more he is impressed with the modernness thereof. Yet generally in studying old mechanical constructions the constantly excited wonder—as in the case of a dog playing on a fiddle—springs from the fact not that the performers did their work so well but that they did it at all. To this there are exceptions which we are perhaps slow to realize because we come for the most part of northern European races, which have but recently emerged from a state of semi-barbaric crudity there, as the more southern peoples reached a state of highly cultivated ingenuity at an earlier period. Of that a set of drawing and mathematical instruments is witness.

The extrinsic history of this remarkable collection is brief. They are the property of Frans F. Nickel, member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, chief draughtsman at the Worthington pump works, Brooklyn, N. Y. By his grandfather they were acquired in Germany at a time when they were hardly less antique than they are to-day. Many of the separate pieces bear in full or in part the inscription, "Dominicus Lusuerg Mutinensis Faciebat Romoe Ao, 1701" (Dominicus Lusuerg of Mutina was making it at Rome in the year 1701).

One piece is an interesting sun dial. To determine the hour of day with this timepiece it is placed on a level surface, adjusted to the latitude on the folding graduated arc tangent to the ring-shaped dial and set in the meridian by reference to the attached compass. The gnomon, which for use is sprung to a position at right angles to the plane of the dial, casts a shadow upon the inner side of the ring. For ready reference the base is inscribed with the latitudes of prominent cities of Christendom, but no mention is made of New York nor even of Chicago. To determine the time precisely a correction for the seasons of the year would be necessary.

Old News Is No News.

A good newspaper tries to give the people fresh news and to "dress up" old news in an attractive form. Most people like to hear again what they already know, but readers are few indeed who would approve the novel attitude of the editor of a German paper published in America. He was very matter-of-fact, says the Washington Post, but a faithful, hard worker.

One night there was a great fire which destroyed the entire block opposite the newspaper office. The whole town turned out to see it, and the streets were crowded. The proprietor of the paper did not go out, but lay in bed dreaming of the fine display the story of the fire would make on the first page of his journal the next morning.

But when he opened the sheet at breakfast, there was not a word about the fire. With wrath in his eye he went to the office and burst into the sanctum of his German editor.

"Why," he thundered, "is there no mention in this morning's issue of the fire across the street last night?"

"Ach, mein lieber Herr," said the editor, calmly, "for vy vaste so much gute paper? Efrybody vas in de street, und see de fire himself. Vy should ve tell de t'ings vat de people seen already? Shall ve de news print or vat efrybody knows? Dey haf seen de fire, but do dey know dat Schleier has lost his dog? No. So I have dat printed."

An Old One Recalled.

The fact that an Irish story, though trite, is always pat, was illustrated yesterday, when District Attorney Reeves told this anecdote:

"Some people object to releasing prisoners on a floater because of the fact that the renegades are turned loose upon other communities. That reminds me of the Irishman who, after reaching America, was full of homesick brag, in which nothing in America even approached things of a similar variety in Ireland. In speaking of the bees of the ould sod he grew especially roseate and said:

"Whoy, th' base in that counthry is twice as big as in this. Indade, they're bigger than that. They're as big as th' shape ye have in this counthry!"

"Bees as big as sheep!" said his incredulous listener. "Why, what kind of hives do they have to keep them in?"

"No bigger than th' ones in this counthry," was the reply.

"Then how do the bees get into the hives?" he was asked.

"Well," replied the Irishman, "thot's their own dom lookout."—Los Angeles Herald.

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How a Witty Guide Described Mr. Cleveland's Boathouse.

During Cleveland's first term as president he had built for himself a handsome boathouse on the shore of Upper Saranac lake, near the Saranac Inn. It was a long, low affair, with a deep excavation beneath for the storing of boats and fishing tackle. Dave Kronk, a famous guide of the region, never tired of describing the glories of the president's boathouse, which he regarded as the real wonder of the neighborhood. On one occasion Richard Harding Davis, then a reporter in Philadelphia, visited the president socially, and was met at the station by a native, who said he had been sent with his wagon to drive the guest to the inn.

"There is Mr. Cleveland's new three story boathouse," he said, passing the structure.

"Three-story?" asked Mr. Davis. "I see but one."

"Well," said the native, "there's the story you see, the story underneath, and the story Dave Kronk's allus tellin' about it."

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Pigmy Camels.

The western portion of Persia is inhabited by a species of camel which is a pigmy of its kind. These camels are snow white, and are on that account almost worshipped by the people. The shah presented the municipality of Berlin with two of these little wonders. The larger is 27 inches high and weighs 61 pounds. The other is four inches less, but the weight is not given.

Air.

"I tell you," said the landlord of the summer resort near the top of the mountain, "a man can't get too much of this pure air."

"No," gasped the tenderfoot, who was unused to the elevation. "I can't get half enough of it!"

Partly Familiar With It.

"How do you manage to make two kinds of apples grow on one tree?" asked the alderman, who was on his vacation.

"I don't know as you'd understand it if I was to tell you," said the owner of the orchard, "but it's done by a process of graftin', and—"

"Oh, I know all about grafting," interrupted the alderman, impatiently. "What's that got to do with it?"

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