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INVISIBLE LIGHT.

Only When It Strikes the Retina of the Eye Can It Be Seen.

What is the simplest demonstration of the fact that light is invisible? The blackness of a midnight sky demonstrates this fact most readily. We may see the planets brilliantly illuminated by the sun's rays, but the surrounding space is dark, although we know that light must be passing there. The passage of a beam of light through a darkened room is only visible on the dust in the air, and the cone of light seen when the sun shines through a small hole in a shutter is not visible, but only light reflected from the notes in the beam. This can be easily and simply demonstrated by placing in the beam a glass vessel from which the dust has been carefully removed. The beam then may be seen before and behind the vessel, but is invisible within. A Bunsen burner or a red-hot poker held so as to destroy the notes will also render the beam invisible at that spot. Light is only visible when it strikes on the retina of the eye, and it can only do so when it reaches it in a direct line or is turned by a reflection or refraction into a direct line. Just as the bullets from a gun do a man no harm unless aimed or turned in their course toward his body, so light is without effect unless it is aimed or turned toward the retina.—Pearson's Weekly.

DUMAS AND HIS BARBER.

Origin of the Practice of Speculating in Theater Tickets.

The practice of speculating in theater tickets, strange as it may appear, was started by the elder Dumas. He patronized a Paris barber named Porcher, and one day this worthy while shaving the novelist asked him why he did not sell the tickets given him by the managers of the theaters where his plays were produced.

"To whom could I sell them?" asked the author of the "Three Musketeers." "Why, to me, if you like," replied Porcher. "And what would you do with them?" asked Dumas. "That's my business," replied the barber, continuing to lather the bearded face of the famous story teller.

"But I give you tickets whenever you ask for them," said Dumas. "Ah! One or two are not sufficient for my purpose," responded Porcher. "I must have all your tickets, and every day too." "And you will pay for them?" said the dramatist. "Cash," was the simple yet practical reply.

Dumas at that moment was very badly in need of money, so he at once concluded the bargain. Porcher, who shortly after this gave up shaving and cutting hair, made splendid bargains with other authors and quickly became rich.

The Spread of Species.

One of the problems that confront the naturalist is that of accounting for the distribution of identical forms of life through widely separated localities. Investigation frequently shows that this has been accomplished in many ways that appear quite simple when once discovered, although one would hardly have thought of them. Some interesting facts have been gleaned concerning the dispersion of fresh water mollusks, accounting for their appearance in remote and isolated ponds. Waterfowl play an important part in this work. Ducks have been known to carry mussels attached to their feet a hundred miles or more. Bivalve mollusks not infrequently cling to the toes of wading birds and are thus transported for considerable distances. Even aquatic insects have been known to carry small fresh water mollusks attached to their legs.—Harper's Weekly.

A Wonderful Instructor.

Over a door leading to one of the smaller lecture halls in the Sorbonne at Paris a notice was posted recently, which read: "Here the instructor does not pause when feet are shuffled, does not smile when he is applauded and does not single out the one who knows the least for the hardest work. Here the instructor never comes too late or too early, and one may say unparliamentary things without fear of offending. This wonderful instructor never sleeps, eats or drinks and, being absolutely bloodless and brainless and blind, must be carried to the rostrum from which the voice reaches the student." The door leads to a room where French officers receive instruction in the German language by means of a talking machine.

Eye Strain and Its Dangers.

Never allow children to read or do any form of fine work unless there is a bright, steady light, says a medical journal. Working by firelight or in the dusk causes such a strain on young eyes that they never quite recover, and weak or defective vision is the result. Notice whether a child holds books and work very close to the eyes, and if so consult an oculist, so that the child may be fitted with suitable spectacles.

Breaking Him In.

"My future mother-in-law is really a bit too careful. So that my fiancée shall know what to buy after we are married she takes us both with her to the market every morning." "Well, but what use are you?" "Oh, I pay."—Pilegenie Blatter.

Open to Adjustment.

"Horrors, John! We have come off and left the cat and the parrot with nothing to eat." "Well, I wouldn't worry. These things generally adjust themselves. Maybe the cat will eat the parrot."—Puck.

THE DUTCH MILKMAID.

Her Picturesque Costume and Her Robust Style of Beauty.

Of all Zealand the particular costume of that province can be observed to the best advantage on the island of Watherra.

A milkmaid of Middelburg, for example, is a joy to look upon. Her spotless white cap bristles at the temples with argentiferous filae the antennae of a prehistoric beetle. Her skirts are ankle high and padded generously at the hips. If she be naturally round and the skirts need no padding circumstantial evidence of the fact is sufficient to stamp her the belle of the community.

The sleeves of her bodice are very short and very tight, placing the arms above the elbows so that they might be mistaken for a pair of aggravated cases of inflammatory rheumatism. Of course the sun in all its glory strikes the backs of these arms; for she always walks with them akimbo, the better to balance the poles which dangle one from each end of a wooden yoke enameled a vivid robin's egg blue. But the redder the arms from the rays of the sun and the tighter the pinch of the sleeves, the flatter the chest and the broader the hips, the sooner will she cease to be a mere milkmaid through the medium of a simple marriage ceremony in the village kerk.—Travel Magazine.

BRAINS IN BUSINESS.

The Way a Cigar Dealer Won a Big Office Building's Trade.

With the opening of a new business block in one of the largest cities in the middle west also came the inevitable cigar stand inside the building. Trade, however, came very slowly the first few weeks. In the rush of moving the business men gave very little attention to the new cigar stand.

It was not long before the proprietor of the stand began to feel uneasy and set about devising some scheme for stimulating trade. One morning about four weeks after the building had been open every man in the building received a visit from the cigar stand proprietor, who carried around with him several boxes of cigars and a grip full of cigarettes. Every smoker was made a present of his favorite smoke. With his entrance into an office the enterprising dealer introduced himself, asked each man to have a smoke and politely intimated that he would be glad to enter to him in future.

His outlay for the free smokes amounted to over \$25, but it paid in returns a thousand per cent. Practically every smoker in the building is now a firm patron of his stand, not merely because of the free gift, but because as business men they recognized a smart piece of enterprise.—Business.

Located His Home.

"When the late Amos Cummings was doing newspaper work in New York," said a representative from that city, "he owned a home in a row of buildings painted white. On more than one occasion Cummings made a mistake and got in the wrong house, his mind being occupied with news of the day and wondering if any of the opposition papers would get in a 'scoop' on him. He grew tired of getting in the wrong pew and determined that he would end it. One morning there was an advertisement in his paper for twelve painters, and the following day they went to work on Cummings' house and it was painted the most flaming red that eyes ever beheld. Some of the neighbors and property owners protested, but there was no law to prevent a house owner from painting it just as his fancy dictated.

"After this the worn-out newspaper man never had any trouble in making a proper landing when he left his office in the 'wee small hours.'—Washington Star.

Eccentric England.

There are one or two place names in England which for eccentricity it would be hard to beat, even in Canada. Cornwall boasts of a village called Drunkards All and of a tithing called London Apprentice. The name of another Cornish village—Grumbla—sounds worse when spoken than it looks in print. The same may be said of the neighboring village of St. Eval, which is always pronounced "Sandeval." Bishop Philpotts asked a candidate for ordination where he came from. "St. Eval," was the reply. "Dear me," remarked the bishop; "I know that Cornishmen venerate St. Tudy, St. Cuby, St. Uay and other saints unknown to the calendar, but I was not aware they had canonized—him!"—London Chronicle.

Sheridan's Retort.

Sheridan was at Brighton one summer when Fox, the manager of the building and explained its beauties. "There, Mr. Sheridan," said Fox, who combined twenty occupations without being clever in one, "I built and painted all these boxes, and I painted all these scenes." "Did you?" said Sheridan, surveying them rapidly. "Well, I should not, I am sure, have known you were a Fox by your brush!"

Liked Them Short.

"Do you think that under any circumstances a minister is justified in using another clergyman's sermon?" "Well, yes." "Indeed, sir! Please state the circumstances." "If it was a very short sermon."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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