

COLOR-BLINDNESS.

A Defect of Vision Which is Said to Be Largely Hereditary.

The defect of vision known as color-blindness is a very curious one. It consists of either total or partial lack of ability to distinguish color, while the sight may be faultless in every other respect.

Persons who are red-blind see all red objects as a shade of gray, and the same is true of the green blind as to green. A mixture of white and black in proper proportions will give to the color-blind the same sensation as the different shades of red and green.

The first case on record is that of a shoemaker named Harris, who lived in Mayport, England. It is said that his first suspicion of any peculiarity of vision on his part arose when he was about four years old.

Seventeen years later the celebrated English chemist, Dalton, described his own case as accurately and minutely that color-blindness in general, and especially the form of it with which he was afflicted—namely, red blindness—has since been known as Daltonism.

Color-blindness is largely hereditary, and affects males much more frequently than females. It exists from birth, and there is no means known by which it can be remedied.

The duty of organization is often pressed on us, and not too often, for it is to be accomplished. But in performing it we should not forget the other duty—that of person to person.

All the corkwood of commerce comes from the Spanish peninsula, where the trees abound not only in cultivated forests, but also grow wild on the mountains.

GLORIOUS MOUNT SHASTA.

A Poetical Description of the Grandest Mountain in America.

Between the great pines going up you see the religious dome of Mount Shasta, its snows and frowns so mixed that one perceives it nearly with superstition.

Shasta is one of the finest mountains in America, a naked dome of rock, gravel and perpetual snow, made by a volcano, and having two side pieces or trapezoids, the whole mass standing up white and dim in gray-crusty patches of triangles of snow and ovals of rocks, and slides of loam and gravel, above a skirt of Oregon pines, which are of a soft green and seem the kirtle of a skit of green as he kneels upon the plateau and surveys his brood of moody peaks extending around him in an amphitheater of a hundred miles.

There is but one Shasta, and he is a Sierra—one of the hold range beyond the Rockies, overlooking the Orient West. "There is no East, there is Europe," says the statue of Thomas Benton at St. Louis, pointing at the same time West.

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THE ENGLISH HANGMAN.

He Tells of His Various Struggles to Reach His Present Position.

James Berry, the public executioner, has taken advantage of a recent professional visit to Chelmsford to confide to a reporter a number of particulars regarding himself, his family and his profession. Some of his confessions are of a kind on which persons of good taste would hardly care to dwell; others are comparatively void of offense and undoubtedly curious.

In other words, James Berry is, according to his own declaration, "a Conservative through and through," in that regard differing from a brother of his (of whom more anon) who is, or rather was, "a Liberal, and in favor of abolishing capital punishment." Berry, we gather, stands No. 14 in the list of a family of twenty-one children. It will hardly surprise any one to learn that his friends did not approve of his choice of a profession, and his right-feeling persons will be shocked to hear of the disastrous indirect effects of James Berry's abnormal inclinations upon his afflicted relatives.

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FREAKS OF FORTUNE.

"I wonder how I should feel if I won \$10,000 in the lottery?" is a remark one frequently hears.

David Stern, pawn broker, 614 Clay street, is one man at least who has experienced the sensation of winning a fortune for a dollar. On Thursday he drew \$1,000 from Wells, Fargo & Co's bank, a coupon, representing one tenth of the capital prize of \$5,000 in the January drawing of the Louisiana State Lottery having been immediately honored.

He added that he had not counted it, but the information was scarcely necessary, for he was in no frame of mind to count anything. The \$10,000 note and heap of silver which he had just received, he cheerfully gave to the Stern family near his fingers through it. They seemed, as he said, to be in a state of great excitement. They looked at the gold, and felt it, as if they expected to see it vanish like a puff of smoke.

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S'JACOBS OIL.

SCIATICA.

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