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It is probable that if boys could bump up their brains as they do their biceps, and say stoutly, says the Youth Companion, "Feel of that, will you?" they would take much more kindly to mental training. But the brain is shut away in a bony case, where they cannot see it or touch it, and there is no visible sign that it grows in strength and vigor. Boys too easily think of it as something fixed and unalterable, too easily conclude that they are born either bright or dull and will continue either bright or dull to the end of the chapter. Arguing from this premise, they are likely to decide that education is no quiring information—mostly information which a bright man does not need in order to get along, and which a dull man can make no use of—in either case superfluous. The brain should be thought of as something that can be as easily developed as the biceps. It is important and advisable, of course to have supple, strong, quickly responding muscles which will do rapidly and easily whatever you ask of them; but they cannot do their best work except under a good master and their master is the brain. You cannot even play athletic games well without a good brain. Imagine what the muscles of a man would be who had sat in a chair since the age of ten. If you do not want your mind to be in an analogous condition when you are a man, exercise it.

What would Thomas Jefferson have said if some one had suggested to him that the government would one day give free lessons in gastronomy and cooking? That is virtually what the Department of Agriculture is doing and has done for years to the great benefit of the nation. Its various bulletins on cereals, vegetables, fruits, berries, cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry, on eggs, cheese-making, canning, are all lessons in national good living. It may not be wholly due to these lessons that we are the best-nourished people in the world, and have the highest standard of living, but it is due in part, at least.

Portland has her Rose carnival, Spokane her apple show, Milton and Freewater their Strawberry and Peach days, and even Weston her festival in honor of the peerless Mountain berries, but it remains for Waterville, Wash., to exploit the lowly spud. On November 1, 3 and 5, a three days' carnival will be held in that city in honor of King Murphy. Lectures on potato growing, varieties and marketing will be given during the time. Fifty dollars in gold will be given for the best 50 pounds of potatoes grown in the state of Washington.

The students at the Oregon Agricultural college who come from the counties east of the mountains, held a meeting last Saturday night for the purpose of organizing an Eastern Oregon club. The idea is to bring together the students who come from counties having similar conditions, where the problems to be met are of a like nature. The meetings will be given to the discussion of crops and methods most suitable for application in these counties.

Oregonians have been fairly busy the past week in welcoming new railroads. No sooner had the golden spike been driven in the new road up the Deschutes to Bend, than Tillamook held a similar celebration marking the completion of the new Barman road to that place from Portland. The Tillamook line will be open to traffic

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November 1.  
Montana is getting in line with other Pacific Northwest states for development. Billings, a city of less than 11,000 people, raised \$17,700 at one meeting for publicity work, during the past week. The Oregon system is spreading and this state should not fall behind others in the good work.

## SCALES OF THE EEL.

**They Are Very Minute and Resemble Herringbone Brickwork.**  
In the ordinary conception of the term the eel is a scaleless fish. But it is due to the fact that its scales are very minute and imbedded in the skin. They form, as pointed out by a correspondent, very interesting and beautiful objects for the microscope. In size the scales of the eel vary from one-twentieth of an inch upward, according to the age of the fish. They are formed of two layers of a clear, horny substance, the upper of which is studded with crystals of calcium carbonate. These are so transparent as to look like empty cells. The scales vary in shape from a blunt to an elongated oval and are sometimes almost kidney shaped.  
This is how the scales of the eel tell its age. On each may be observed at intervals several more or less clearly marked lines parallel to the margin. These mark lines of growth, one for each year of the life of the fish. Three years, however, must be allowed for the innermost ring, as the eel has no scales until the third year. The scales do not overlap to any extent and are arranged in series of small groups at right angles to each other, so as to resemble what is known as herring bone brickwork. Conger eels, however, are said to have no scales.—London Field.

## BALKED THE BURGLAR.

**It May or May Not Have Been a Low Down Game, but It Won.**  
The man with his coat collar turned up and his derby pitched down over his eyes who was slouching along in the shadow of the building suddenly beckoned to the man on the other side of the street. "Here's an easy one, Pete," he growled hoarsely.  
"Where's an easy one?" snarled Pete.  
"This here house. It's like taking gum from a stenographer that's fixin' her hair. Some chump has gone away an' left his latch key in this door."  
Pete took a swift look at the house and began to back up. "You can go to it," he said. "I don't want to butt in on it."  
"Are youse nutty?"  
"Naw, I ain't nutty. But de feller wot lives dere is a low down sneak wout no feelin' fer nobody, an' I don't want nothin' ter do with 'im. No, I don't know him, but I'm next ter his game. He sticks that key in dere to ketch suckers like you. Dere's a wire on dat key an' a million volts hangery attached to dat wire. I wouldn't touch it if yer'd gimme de First National bank. But go ahead—I'll be acrost de street watchin' wot happens."  
Nothing happened.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Ancient Inkstands.**  
An inkstand that was probably in use 3,400 years ago is exhibited in a Berlin museum. It is of Egyptian make and is supposed to belong to the eighteenth or nineteenth dynasty, or somewhere about 1500 B. C., although its real age can be judged only approximately. It is made of wood and has two compartments, an upper one provided with two holes, one for black and one for red ink, and a lower one for holding reed pens. The black and red ink are certain, for some still remains, in a dry condition, within the receptacles. Another ancient inkstand is supposed to have been intended for the use of a schoolboy. It would certainly hold ink enough for a schoolboy's needs, for it has no fewer than four ink holes. Both inkstands were found at Thebes.—London Globe.

**Eased His Conscience.**  
Dean Packard when at Westminster used to tell a curious story of a brown paper parcel which he received one day by post. After many wrappings had been unfolded he found a small black splinter of oak about an inch and a half long. The writer of the unsigned note accompanying the parcel said that when he was a boy, many years before, he had clipped the splinter off the coronation chair. As age advanced his conscience grew troublesome, and he asked the donor to be kind enough to restore the splinter to its place.—Pall Mall Gazette.

**Making It Clear.**  
Parson's daughter: "Good morning, Giles! Haven't noticed you in church for the last few weeks." Giles: "No, miss; I've been out at Nooconite a-visitin' my old 'aunts. And strange, isn't it, I don't see no change in 'em since I was a child like?" Parson's daughter: "What wonderful old ladies they must be!" Giles: "I didn't say 'aunts,' miss; I said 'aunts'—aunts where I used to wander in my childhood days like!"

**Advice.**  
"Now that you've heard my daughter sing, what would you advise me to do?"  
"Well," the music master replied, "I hardly know. Don't you suppose you could get her interested in settlement work or horseback riding or something like that?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

**His Grievance.**  
Editor—We are sorry to lose your subscription, Mr. Jackson. What's the matter? Don't you like our politics? Metha Jackson—"Tain't dat, sah, 'tain't dat. Mah wife-jes' been an' dun landed a job o' work fob me by advertisin' in your darned old papah!"—Puck.

**Where It Was.**  
"Johnny, run get the family Bible; I want to show it to the parson."  
"Oh, naw, I can't move all those trunks and boxes!"—Baltimore Sun.

**They Bumped.**  
A true happening which has been made the subject of a cartoon occurred at a fashionable golf club near London. A young man interested in golf solely for the sake of the social atmosphere one day decided to play a round. So he sauntered leisurely down to the caddy house, where he met a certain peppery lord. Not knowing the gentleman and barely looking at him, the somewhat foppish youth asked, "Are you the caddy master here?" Without an instant's hesitation Lord — replied, "No, I am not, but I happen to know that he is not in need of any caddies this afternoon." It was some time before either remembered.—Boston Transcript.

**The Snake Stone.**  
In most accounts of snake charming in India the snake stone plays an important part. When the charmer is bitten the stone is applied to the bite and is supposed to aid in his recovery. Writing in the London Field, Lieutenant L. Mackenzie gives some notes on two of these stones, which he had the opportunity of seeing. They were triangular in shape, flat and rounded, with smooth polished black surfaces. They are said to come from the hills of Tibet and to be the solidified saliva of the markhor. This animal is spoken of in Lieutenant Mackenzie's note as the "Persian snake eater." Its saliva is thought to contain an antidote to snake poison. The markhor is a species of wild goat found in India, Tibet and Kashmir.

**Notice to Creditors.**  
In the Matter of the Estate of A. J. Willaby, deceased:  
Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that Clyde Willaby has been appointed administrator of the estate of A. J. Willaby, deceased. All persons having claims against the said estate are required to present them, with proper vouchers as required by law to the said administrator at the law offices of Peterson & Wilson, his attorneys, at Athena, Oregon, or Pendleton, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.  
Dated at Athena, Oregon, on this 1st day of September, A. D. 1911.  
Clyde Willaby,  
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Peterson & Wilson,  
Attorneys for the Administrator.

**Notice of Board of Equalization.**  
The said Board will convene at the Court House in Pendleton, Monday, October 16th, and remain in session until Saturday at 5 p. m., October 21, 1911. Taxpayers may then, by sworn complaint, apply for reductions or other corrections in their assessment.  
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