

# MARVELS OF ANIMAL INTELLIGENCE.

The sensation of London about the year 1760 was a "cats' opera," conducted by a Scotch shoemaker named Bisset, who had taught these creatures to play tunes on the dulcimer as an accompaniment to their own squalling. His greatest success, however, was with a pig which was seen for two or three days by many persons of espectability to spell without any apparent diection the names of those in the company; to case up accounts; to point out words thought of by per-

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sons present; to tell exactly the hours, minutes, seconds; to distinguish the married from the single," etc. While this learned pig was performing in Dublin an armed ruffian broke into the room, slew the animal with his sword, assaulted Bisset himself, and so unnerved the unfortunate animal trainer that he took to his bed and died within a few days.

A naturalist, who is in charge of a fine museum assured me that he had once seen a horse in a field sieze and work with his teeth the handle of a pump in order to water some thirsty cows which were lowing lamentably over the waterless trough! This naturalist had also seen a young half fledged sparrow which had failen out of the nest helped UNCONSCIOUS ASSIMILATION AND PLAGIARISM. back by its parents thus: They thrust a straw into the little derelict's beak and, seizing themselves each end of it, they flew up with the nestling above the nest, and then dropped him gently into it!

In a Fifeshire village a sparrow had laid her eggs and half reared her brood in a last year's swallow nest. On the return of the swallows the original owner and builder tried to take possession of the nest with the help not of its mate only but of a number of other swallows. Their combined efforts to dislodge the sparrow being vain, they hold a council of war, which sentenced the usurper to death. Not only the little band which had tried to storm the nest but the whole flock of swallows fetched building material and in a short time walled up the criminal and her brood to perish miserably.

In a nest in the corner of one of the windows of a house at Strathendry a brood of swallows was helf reared when a young sportsman, disappointed in duck shooting. fired at a flock of these birds and shot both the parents of the nestlings. Fearing that the brood would perish of starvation he was about to remove them from the nest and try to rear them in the house, when he was amazed to find the work of mercy taken out of his hands by the rest of the flock of swallows! They took it in turn to feed the orphans till they were full fiedged and able to provide for themselves!

## COLLECTING FAD THE HEIGHT OF FOLLY.

By H. B. Marriott-Watson. It seems quite practicable to start a collection in anything under the sun. The fancier has

ters, and finally that even whole blocks of them had vary

is the same with prints and jewels. These things are valunble; but they must needs be rendered infinitely costly and deadly uninteresting by the collector. The cult of first editions is a commercial matter in which the credulity and folly of the collector make the market price. It is not sentiment that moves the collector of these things, for he will exchange or sell his boasted Dickenses or Scotts for other volumes by other authors which he considers more precious. He is actuated wholly by this abominable mania. Dealers know it and grin in their sleeves, so to speak, and batten on him until they, too, become infected by the disease, and so the madness goes round.

The science of collecting is a colossal monument to the folly of human nature. It is a well known fact that collecting dulls the moral facilities. I have known philatelists play the most abominable tricks in what is known as "swaps;" and it is notorious that you cannot trust a china ornament to a china maniac. Rut the craze for china is more or less decent in comparison with more unworthy manias, such as that developed by tobacco manufacturers in stimulating the collection of gaudy cigarette pictures and demoralizing the youth of the land. It is a pity some one will not collect collectors-and dispose of them.

By Dr. P. C. Klernan.

When two decades and more ago a Chicago clergyman pleaded unconscious assimilation as an answer to an allegation of plaglarism the plea was sneered at as involving an impossibility. Unconscious assimilation, however, is an ordinary mental process. Culture makes ordinary mental processes automatic in like manner as training does walking. For this reason in ordinary life, as well as to a less extent in idlocy and insanity, much is unconsciously assimilated by the mind that remains without direct association with the daily life of the assimilator.

Conan Doyle has been charged by a St. Louis newspaper correspondent with plagiarism from Poe's 'Gold Bug." The allegation is not supported by the citations, which simply show a similarity in thought and expression likely to occur to cryptographers. Similarities, however, exist between Conan Doyle and Walter Scott and between Conan Doyle and Poe which do not admit of this explanation. The smuggler scenes in "Micah Clark" and "Guy Mannering" are so nearly alike as to suggest the influence of Scott on Doyle. The mercenary warrior Saxon of "Micah Clark," moreover, is an undeniable replica of Dugald Dalgetty of "A Legend of Montrose." In his case, and particularly in the case of the smugglers, unconscious assimilation is out of the question, since the surroundings of Saxon and the smugglers are altered and the phraseology is likewise. This shows deliberation inconsistent with unconscious assimilation, more especially as Doyle has repudiated Scott's influence upon him. Such delibernothing better to do than to take up the newest ation is still more evident in the instance of Poe's "Puridea. I have known people to collect pipes, walk- loined Letter" and Doyle's "Scandal in Bohemia." These ing sticks, hairpins, cats and matchboxes. The tales, identical in plot and incident, vary only in the fact art of collecting stamps not being found difficult that Poe's woman, attacked by a diplomat with a comenough in its original form, the fancy set to promising letter, becomes Doyle's king attacked by an work to make it more so. Some ingenious per- actress with a compromising photograph. The methods son discovered that stamps had different num- of Poe's Dupin and Doyle's Sherlock Holmes are identical bers of perforations and were characterized by different let- The memory of Wycherley, the dramatist, in his later years, vas so enfeebled by illness as to play him strange tricks. ing water marks. Conceive the delight of the brother- He would read himself to sleep with Montaigne, Rochefouhood! It was now possible to enlarge the art. Stamp col- cald, and Racine. Next morning the thoughts of these ness as original. At other times Wycherley would repeat word for word as new his previous compositions. Since Once developed to this point there was no holding Doyle has repudiated the influence of Scott and Poe they Chancery Sherman detected between "Cyrano de Bergerac" and the "Merchant Prince of Cornville." Both Rostand's



party, it is of interest to note that his nomination would mark the exorcising of the seeming "boodoo" that has in the past militated against those of our chief executives who became President by the death of the elected head of the nation. Prior to President Roosevelt there have been four Vice Presidents elevated to the presidential chair by the demise of its incumbents, the four being John Tyler, Millard Fillmore, Andrew Johnson and Chester A. Arthur.

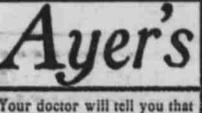
Mr. Tyler was elected Vice President in 1840 on the celebrated "Tippecance and Tyler too" ticket and became President within little more than a month after the inauguration of General William Henry Harrison, who died in April, 1841.

The Whigs again came into power with the elections of 1848, General Zachary Taylor, of Indian and Mexican war fame, being elected Vice President. In July, 1850, President Taylor died, and Vice President Filimore was at once sworn into office, forming a new cabinet, with Daniel Webster as Secretary of State.

The third accidental President was Andrew Johnson, who attained the presidency in 1865 when the assassin's bullet killed Abraham Lincoln. President Johnson's tenure of office was marked by a succession of disputes between the Chief Executive and Congress, the apex of dissension being reached when he was impeached for the removal from office of Secretary of War Stanton, etc. The break between the President and Congress hinged on the method to be followed in reconstructing the American Union.

Chester A. Arthur, who in 1880 was elected Vice President on the Republican ticket headed by James A. Garfield, took the oath of office as President of the United States Sept. 20, 1881, the day after Mr. Garfield died at Elberon, N. J., victim of Guiteau's pistol. Mr. Arthur's administration was not marked by any event of momentous importance, but was characterized by his opposition to extravagance in appropriations, his views on this matter leading him to veto the river and harbor bills of 1882.





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A respectable old gentleman, somewhat tight, on entering an emaibus, got his feet entangled in a lady's dress and fell headlong. He staggered to his feet, and looking round, indignantly demanded who struck him. A gentleman present remarked sotte voce:-'You fell over that lady's feet; nebody struck you."

The indignant citizen turned round and surveyed the cause of the accident a moment, and then, as if by no means satisfied with the cause of his mishap, said:

"Madame, you have got the biggest feet 1 ever saw!"

"Sir!" responded the lady, fushing with anger.

"Pray, don't apologize; it ain't your fault, but take my advice, sit sideways in the future, and give them the full range of the bus."

### Rheumstiam in Utah.

Frisco, Utah, May 2nd .- There is a great deal of rheumatism in this and neighboring states and this painful disease has crippled many a strong man and woman among an otherwise healthy people.

Recently, however, there has been introduced into Utah a remedy for Rheumatism which bids fair to stamp out this awfully painful complaiat. The name of this new remedy is Dedd's Kidney Pills, and it has already wrought some wonderful cures. Right here in Frisco there is a case of a Mr. Grace who had Rheumatism so had in his feet that he could hardly walk. He tried many remedies in vain but Dodd's Kidney Pills cured him.

His wife says :--- "We both had Kid-

lectors could surmount hill after hill in their ascent to authors would be written down with entire unconscious wards the ideal and still find their goal remote and inaccessible.

philately back. Emporiums arose on all hands and hun- cannot be employed to explain his similarities to these dreds of thousands of dollars were spent annually in the authors, which are much greater than those that Master in cult.

Coins have in some way a sort of excuse in themselves. And collections of pictures also might be tolerated if col- production and the Merchant Prince, however, are based lectors hung them on their walls and admired them. But on the career of the historic Cyrano de Bergerac, from the man who buys the pictures to stack them in his cel- whose "Voyage to the Moon" Swift drew much of the satire lars has passed from the dignity of the connoisseur. It of "Gulliver's Travels."

\*\*\*\*\* LANDLUBBERS ON SHIPBOARD. 

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them gun-barrels?" was the question of another Kentuckian, as he inspect-When the United States monitor ed the big twelve-inch guns.

Arkansas anchored off Memphis on its trip up the Mississippi River a year ago, a family-father, mother and seven children-went on board the queer steel vessel. The father, the New York Sun says, held two of his boys by the hands, and as they were shown about by one of the apprentice seamen he pointed out objects of Interest.

"That thar is the turtle, Johnny," he said, pointing to the big turret with the twelve-inch guns sticking out.

"Goodness, paw!" said Johnny. "Jes' look what long front legs it's got!"

"They call hit a turtle, Jimmy," "paw" explained, "because it can turn clean over on its back an' go after the enemy all spraddled out, I reckon."

At Paducah, Kentucky, a countryman boarded the Arkansas with a knowing air. He walked round for some time, going over the ship three or four times, but looking mostly at the fighting top. His eyes seemed fascinated by that part of the vessel, and the seamen noticed that he looked expectant, as if he thought something was going to happen there. Finally he turned to one of them.

"Pardner," said he, "when do they call time nex'?"

The sailor did not understand him. and said so.

"Hain't that the fightin' top?" he inquired.

"Yes," replied the sailor.

"Wall," said the Kentuckian, "then hain't you-all goin' to give us a few rounds?"

"What do you mean?" the sailor them to fire the big guns for him.

"I mean I come on this here steamboat to see a fight," said he, "en I wanted to see hit. I've heerd tell a whole lot about the way you fellers see hit done. So I reckon as how it's about time you'all was a-givin' us a few rounds."

Then the sailor understood. The visitor thought the fighting top was the ring where the ship's men boxed.

"What's this here thing?" asked a boy, pointing to the winch used for boisting the boats. A seaman told him what it was.

"My stars!" he exclaimed. "Do you tifying, condemning and convicting one lift the enemy's boats clean outen the of past error. Every indiscretion or water so's to get a good aim at 'em?" vicious indulgence simply opens a leak "Don't you have any ramrods to which drains off success capital.

One of the ship's jokers gravely told him that they pulled out the mainmast it last until your success is assured? when they needed a ramroad, and that the last time they used it the gun went off accidentally and blew the mainmast into Posey County, Indiana, which explained why the ship had no pletely demoralized, his prospects ruinmainmast then.

**KEEP IN CONDITION.** 

Your Physical and Mental Equipment Determine Your Success

The real material with which you build your career is in you. Your own self is your greatest capital. The secret of your future achievement is locked up in your brain, in your nerves, in your muscles, in your ambition, in your determination, and in your ideal. Everything depends upon your physical and mental condition, for that governs your vitality, your vigor, and your ability to do things. The amount of physical and mental force you are able to use in your vocation will measure your ultimate success, and whatever lessens this force, or the effectiveness of your achievement capital, will cut down your usefulness in life and your chances of success. Achievement does not depend so much upon the size of the deposits you have in the bank as upon the amount of capital you have in yourself, the effective ness with which you can use it, and the power you can bring to your vocation. 'A man who is weakened by ill health, or who has sapped his energy by excessive use of tobacco or alcohol. asked, supposing the visitor wanted or in any other way, has small chance for success when pitted against one who is sound and vigorous in every

organ and faculty. Nature is not sentimental or merciful. If you violate her law, you must fight with the mitts on, an' I want to pay the penalty, though you sit on a throne: king or beggar is all the same with her. You cannot plead weakness or handicap as an excuse for failure. She demands that you be ever at the top of your condition, that you always

do your best, and will accept no excuse or apology. A weakness anywhere mars one's

ghost all through one's life-work, mor- | fact that he never traded horses.

Of what use is great success capital, of mental and physical equipment, if you are not wise enough to manage it to the best advantage, and to make It is sad to see a young man try to win high place with a broken-down constitution, or with his faculties half trained, and his success army comed by a shattered physique. The saddest thing of all is that wise living might have made fulfillment of ambition possible, and enriched the world with a noble, well-rounded life.

The great problem, then, which every one has to face, is how to gener ate energy, how to conserve it, and how to keep oneself always at the top of his condition .- Success.

## Philadelphia's Potato Patch.

An adaptation of the Pingree potato patch idea is said to have met with success in Philadelphia. It is in charge of the "superintendent of vacant lot farming." His annual report shows that the utilization of vacant lots by partly disabled and decrepit or by otherwise idle people has brought good returns. Over 3,600 people, including 140 orphan children, were given employment on these vacant lots last year and brought a return of \$200 on each quarter-acre garden at a nominal expense of \$5,000. each dollar invested in instruction. tools and seeds yielding a return of from \$5 to \$7. The usual obstacle in the way of success of this scheme has been to find people who were willing to make use of the opportunities offered.

Pledge Might Have Saved Him. ock

"How foolish I was," he exclaimed. "I should have told them I swore off ive work of a higher and more interestat New Year's.

Bewailing his thoughtlessness, there with, was nothing left but to await the result .- New York Tribune.

Dense Population.

people of the world.

whole career. It will rise up as a truthfulness may have been due to the been kind to hin. in many little ways, miles of the Simplon tunnel are now



One of the chief causes of the Russo-Japanese war was the refusal of the Czar's Government to withdraw the Muscovite soldiery from Manchuria and especially from Mukden, the capital of that province. Instead of taking these troops away, however, more have been constantly shipped in and added to the forces already present. At one time Russia did make a bluff at withdrawal, it is true, but eyewitnesses reported that the armies which marched out a day or two later marched in at another gate. At frequent intervals a few Slav regiments sally forth from their quarters in Mukden and parade through the streets to overawe the natives. Our illustration shows one of these processions and also gives a graphic idea of the appearance of Ivan in uniform.

A TRANSPORTATION EXPERT.

William Barclay Parsons, of the Pan ama Commission. The most distinguished engineer on the Panama Commission is William Barclay Parsons. He won his spurs in

railroad work in China for a syndicate of which the late Senator Calvin S. Brice was the head, but is best known as the designer of the subway in New York city for the Rapid Transit Commis-

sion, of which he WM. B. PARSONS. has for several years been the chief engineer. His work in connection with the transportation problem in New York-to-day the most difficult and complicated means." transportation problem in the worldhas been marked by a high order of ability and zeal. He may not have shown much originality, but it was not a field in which pioneering was desired. He is now recognized as one of the foremost transportation experts in the world, as is witnessed by the fact that he has been chosen an advisory member of the royal (English)

and energetic, and on the Isthmus will find a field for original and construct- them enough money to see them

An amusing story is told of an old seaman on one of the United States Asia contains more than half of the cruisers in the North Atlantic squad- him up then .-- Philadelphia Press. ron. He was not a person of wide affections, but he had a warm place in George Washington's reputation for his heart for a young ensign who had One day a landsman fell from the

rigging to the water, and as he could not swim he would have been drowned but for a young officer who sprang in after him and held him up till assistance came.

Later the young officer received a complimentary letter from the Secretary of the Navy. Every one rejoiced but the old seaman; he coveted the letter for his ensign.

"That's a nice thing to have, a letter like that," he said, a few days later. "You ought to have one."

"I don't quite see how I can get one," laughed the ensign.

"Well, see here," said the old man, eagerly. "To-morrow night I'll be in the main chains, fussing with something or other, and I might fall in, and you could jump after me."

"That would be very good of you." said the ensign, gravely, "but you see I'm not a good swimmer by any Little Liver Pills.

"Ho! That's no matter," said the old seaman. "I'll hold you up 'till the hoat comes."

The Very Latest News. "Your wife," began the, reporter, "and the man with whom she eloped have just been caught in New York. where they lost their money and were stranded just as they were starting for commission which is to investigate and Europe. We thought you'd want to

"That isn't the news," replied the man, "The news is that I've sent through."-Philadelphia Press.

Then He Shows Himself. Kwoter-You can never judge a man by his clothes.

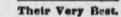
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ney Trouble and my husband had the Rheumatism so bad that he could hardly walk. We used Dodd's Kidney Pills with much benefit. We have tried many remedies, but none have done us so much good as Dodd's Kidney Pills." Similar reports come from all over the state and it would seem as if Rheumatism had at last been conquered.

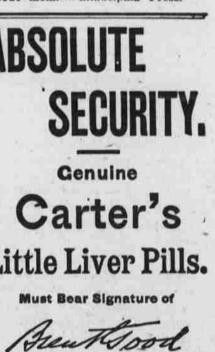
### Uncle Sam's Coffee Bill.

It is estimated that the people of the United States drink 1,500,000,000 gallons of coffee in the course of a year. at a cost of about 10 cents per gallon. The importing cost of the requisite quantity of coffee berries for this supply at 7 cents a pound, is about \$75,-000,000. From this it appears that preparation, package, distribution and dealers' profits make the prices to the consumer about double the importing cost.



Real Estate Agent-You really ought to buy the house. Now, if you and your wife will only discuss the matter thoroughly-

Peckham-Oh, that's out of the question. We never discuss things. The most we can ever do is dispute about them .--- Philadelphia Press.

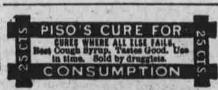


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