

THE OCTOPUS.

Its Terrible Army of Suckers and Its Powerful Jaws.

Both the octopus and the cuttlefish have arms that are clothed with a formidable array of suckers which are wonderful pieces of mechanism.

In addition to these suckers the octopus has a powerful pair of jaws, shaped like the beak of a parrot, behind which is a formidable armor plated tongue used as a rasping organ.

Conger eels hunt for the octopus and, when found, proceed to browse on its limbs. The octopus tries to hug the slippery, slimy conger tight, but in vain, and, finding its limbs growing less, discharges its ink in the face of the foe and under cover of the turbid water beats a hasty retreat.

WHEN WE STAND UPRIGHT.

A Special Complex Mechanism Enables Us to Do It.

We are so accustomed to standing upright as a natural attitude that few of us think what a special complex mechanism is required for this purpose.

The fact is that when we are standing a large number of powerful muscles (both front and back) are simultaneously at work, the effects of their action being to neutralize each other.

That the upright is not its normal position is easily shown by the fact that a man nods as he is falling asleep, for as soon as the controlling nervous force is deadened the head drops forward by its own weight, only to be pulled back into position again with a jerk when the brain becomes suddenly aware of an unusual attitude.

Their wealth, their luxury, their cultivation of arts which we have not yet had time to seriously contemplate, their civilization, their strange class distinctions, but above all the great wealth and the great poverty of their people, stir our wondering faculties more than any other things can ever do.

A Scottish parish minister met the lady's gamekeeper one day and said to him, "I say, Davidson, why is it I never see you in church?"

"Why, sir," replied Davidson, "I don't want to hurt the attendance."

"Friend of the Family—You are very lucky, my boy, to be the seventh son. It will bring you everlasting fortune."

"I have nothing but praise for our new minister!"

"No, I don't like her airs."

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TAMMANY SOCIETY.

The Origin of the Organization in the Time of Jefferson.

Tammany was the heir of the spirit of the Sons of Liberty of the Revolutionary war. It was kin in some of its purposes at least to those who were then beginning the revolution in France.

William Mooney, an upholsterer, but, like many of the mechanics of that day, keenly interested in politics, suggested that there be brought together in an association those who dreaded the aristocracy and who suspected that the purpose of Hamilton was to force the government into something like a limited monarchy.

BURIED LIVING PERSONS.

Horrible Custom of Japanese Prior to Year 648 A. D.

Prior to the year 648 A. D. the Japanese had one of the most horrible burial customs that can be imagined—that of burying all the immediate friends and retainers of a prince or other person of note in a standing position around the potentate's grave and leaving them in the earth up to their necks to perish of thirst and hunger.

The custom cannot be said to have been general as late as the date given, for the Japanese records prove that in the time of the Emperor Suinin (97-30 B. C.) the burial rites of royal personages were so modified as to partially abolish former cruelties.

Carlyle's Bluntness. Thomas Carlyle once took Lord Houghton (Richard Milnes) to task in regard to the proposed pension for Lord Tennyson.

A Careful Patient.

A woman whose throat had troubled her for a long time, says a writer in the Philadelphia Ledger, grew impatient at the slow progress she was making and made complaint to her doctor, who said:

"What Noah Did. The story is told of a congressman that he once declared in an address to the house, 'As Daniel Webster says in his dictionary,'"

"Noah nothing," replied the speaker. "Noah built the ark."

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MT. HOOD THESPIANS HELP LIBRARY FUND

The entertainment held at the Mount Hood hall Friday evening, January 26, was pronounced a decided success by the large audience which was present.

The teachers and pupils of the school feel very grateful to all who took part in any way and thereby helped to increase the library fund to the amount of about \$27 worth of books.

The lunch and candy counters were well patronized and seemed much appreciated.

After the entertainment was over a few hours were spent in social enjoyment, all wishing as they departed that such affairs would happen often.

The program was as follows:

Instrumental duet, Mae Cooper and Erney Noble; Recitation, Cecel Lufferty; Doll song, Eight little girls; Burlesque doll drill, Eight boys; Recitation, "The Pride of Baltimore II," Laura Miller; Duet, "Those Evening Bells," Mae and Hattie Cooper; Eastern Band; Solo, "Where the Silver Colorado Winds Its Way," Chester Monroe; PART II.

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