

**THE GREEK FIRE.**

Composition of the Seething Mixture Used in Early Warfare.

The great use made of Greek fire in the Middle Ages, so graphically described by Gibbon, shows an intimate knowledge of one of the objects to which crude petroleum could be applied.

Sometimes at the moment of the attack on a besieged place, great cauldrons containing the seething mixture were tilted on the walls and the contents poured upon the assailants with terrible effect.

**WHAT HE COULD RAISE.**

A Crop That Never Fails Upon the Stony Farms of New Hampshire.

"The God who made New Hampshire" (to quote Emerson) can hardly have intended it for a farming country; and yet, while so much newspaper wit is expended upon the stony pastures of the Granite State, it is well to remember that a good many men have been raised upon them.

A farmer living in New Hampshire was visited by a friend of his boyhood who had a fine wheat farm in California. The visitor eyed the scanty products of his friend's farm with dismay, almost fearing that his visit of a few days would eat up all the profits of the year.

"Yes-a-; that's my turnips!" "Turnips! They haunt enough turnips that ter feed a dyin' lamb. And what's that patch over thar?"

"Pa's nips." "Hump! Pa's nips! An' this?" "Potatoes," (laconically.) "Now, Jim, I'd just like to have you tell me what your farm kin raise?"

"You want ter know?" "Yes" (fervently.) "W-a-a-a, jist this: I kin raise the biggest lot of dust on or windy day of any farm east or west. 'Side from that, 'tain't much fur projuce!"

**Gases as Liquids and Solids.** Oleswski, the Russian physicist, has been continuing his researches on the condensation of the gases, with some very interesting results.

A swimming school in Frankfort-on-the-Main announces in English: "Swimming instructions given by a teacher of both sexes."

The barber who slicks up our hair, and the chiroprapist who remodels our feet, both should be called "Destiny," for that is what "shapes our ends."

My son, look out for those "disinterested" people. They are, most of them, very much interested even when "disinterested."

In the wilds of Borneo the thirsty cannibal throws a knife, sticks a man and drinks blood; in Boston the thirsty tramp throws dice, sticks his friend and drinks beer.

The Slippery Walks of Life.—He slipped on the banana peel, and O! what followed after! He peered his head—peeled his shin, and there were peals of laughter.

You want to know the derivation of the word gumpition, do you, Eulalia? Very well; it is derived from gum and shun, and a girl who has gumpition is one who shuns gum. Chew see?—Pittsburgh Chronicle.

School Teacher (illustrating the difference between plants and animals).—Plants are not susceptible of ailments to man as animals are.—Small Boy (at foot of class).—"How about birds, teacher?"

**EXTINCT ANIMALS.**

The Bones of Enormous Beasts Examined in Spokane County, W. T.

W. M. Lee, the well-known fruit grower of Taonma, gives the particulars of a wonderful discovery of bones of extinct animals in Washington Territory, which will attract the attention of the students of natural history and archaeology all over the world.

The first layer was ancient peat, then gravel, then volcanic ashes, then a layer of coarse peat. From this spring were taken no less than nine mammoths, or elephants, of different sizes, the remains of a cave bear, and hyenas, extinct birds and a sea turtle.

The horns were worn away several inches deep at the bottom of the turn or half circle, indicating constant use by rubbing on the ground or rocks. One of these horns was ten feet and one inch long and twenty-four inches in circumference. It weighed 145 pounds.

Just imagine far back in the misty by-gones of antiquity, probably before the appearance of man upon the earth, that Washington Territory was the home of these monstrous animals that roamed over the great prairies, traversed the Columbia river, and made the genial climes of Puget Sound their haunts in winter.

**NICHOLAS ALLEN.**

Unfortunate Career of the Discoverer of Anthracite Coal in Pennsylvania.

Anthracite was discovered in Pennsylvania in 1790, by Nicholas Allen. This Allen, according to the stories and traditions that have been handed down about him must have been a kind of American Rip Van Winkle.

He came down from the Lake Champlain lumber region and opened an inn on the summit of the Broad Mountain. For a time he led a wandering existence, hunting, fishing and lumbering, while his wife attended to the wants of thirsty travelers.

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**HINTS TO SWIMMERS.**

Timely Suggestions for Enthusiastic Lovers of Aquatic Sport.

Now that the bathing season, for the people who bathe only during the season, is running on full time and half soap, there will be the usual number of "sad cases of drowning" reported in the daily paper by reporters who seem to think that the ordinary drowning case is a rather joyous affair and great care must therefore be taken to specify the sad ones.

People are drowned when they are thrown suddenly into the water because the shock disturbs their presence of mind and disarranges the life preserver. To avoid drowning from this cause, therefore, never get thrown into the water suddenly; always be expecting it.

If you don't know whether you can swim or not, having never tried, it is a good plan to consult some well-known authority on the subject before venturing into forty foot water. Go to Jay Gould; he has floated about as many water-logged scoundrels as any man in America.

If, in spite of all precautions, you find that you are actually drowning, no time should be lost in calling in a physician; if possible, go for him yourself; the exercise will prove exceedingly beneficial.

If you should find a drowning person on the beach and it should prove to be some one whom it is your interest to save, run him through a clothes wringer without delay; it is essential to get all the water out of him.

Do not, however, hang him up after this operation; it's no good; you can't hang a man up for any thing after you've squeezed him dry.

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**Bismarck and Von Moltke** were tackled the other day by an autograph fiend. Von Moltke wrote first, saying: "Luge vergeth, Wahrheit besteh," which is translated thus: "Lies pass away, truth lives for aye." Bismarck wrote after this four lines of German, which have been put into English as follows:

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