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Remarkable Luminous Shrub.

There is a most remarkable tree or shrub in a small gulch near some springs about two miles north of Tuscarora. It is about six or seven feet in height, with a trunk which, at its base, is three times the size of a man's wrist. It has innumerable branches and twigs, and resembles somewhat the barberry tree or bush indigenous to certain localities in the Eastern States. But its only remarkable characteristic is its foliage, which at certain seasons of the year is so luminous that it can be plainly distinguished in the darkest night for a distance of more than a mile, while in its immediate vicinity it emits sufficient light to enable a person to read the finest print. Its foliage is extremely rank, and its leaves resemble somewhat in size, shape and color, those of the aromatic bay tree of California. The luminous property is evidently parasitic and consists of a sort of gummy substance, which, upon being transferred by rubbing to a person's hand, imparts to it the same apparently phosphorescent light, while that on the leaf entirely disappears. The only reasonable explanation for this phenomenon that we can imagine is that the leaves possess some quality which either generates or attracts phosphoric matter. The Indians regarded it with superstition, and will not approach it even in the daytime if they can possibly avoid it. They have a name for it which, literally interpreted, signifies "witch tree." An old Shoshone informed the writer that there were but two others in the entire country, but the closest questioning failed to elicit the slightest information in regard to the localities. He would only shake his head gravely and ejaculate, "bad medicine."—Tuscarora (Nev.) Times-Review.

The Michigan man who counted the number of grains of wheat in a quart measure and then competed in a prize contest of a Detroit clothing firm for a fine horse, was disappointed when he found that the prize was only a clothes horse. He has brought suit to recover the value of a live animal.

Hancock Defeated.

When Hancock was stationed in this city in 1858-61, as quartermaster of the southern district of California, he was an athlete of no small pretensions. Among the animals used for transportation, and over which he had charge, were a number of camels, some of which were the possessors of vicious tempers. One, a large buck, was a continual source of trouble, and he generally made it lively for the unlucky individual who had occasion to go within the inclosure in which he was confined. On one occasion Hancock went into the corral on some matter of business, but as soon as the old camel saw him he started on the dead run for his unlucky victim. The man who has since become famous on many a hard-fought battle ground did not quail from the attack of his formidable antagonist, and soon a Græco-Roman wrestling match of the most approved style was taking place, that would cause even the redoubtable Muldoon to pale with envy. The hero of Gettysburg, with a haven't-got-long-to-live expression on his face, was first thrown into the air, his heels pointing straight toward the heavens and the next moment hurled with irresistible force to the earth. Several rounds were fought without Hancock losing his grip, but the camel was just getting into the right trim for an all-day fight, and, being within a few feet of the fence, Hancock watched his opportunity and suddenly released his hold and started for the house. How he got over the ten-foot fence has never been satisfactorily settled, and as Hancock was always reticent on the subject, it will probably never be explained, unless, at this late day, he unbosoms himself.—Los Angeles Times.

An Atlantic Oasis.

Out in the Atlantic, over twelve hundred miles from Land's End and about six hundred miles due west from Lisbon, lies the beautiful island of St. Michael's, the largest of the nine islands forming the archipelago of the Azores. It is beautiful in its variety of mountain, lake, and valley scenery, in the rich verdure of its cultivated lands, its equable, mild climate, and in its wonderful thermal springs. The principal commerce of St. Michael's is the orange crop. The mode of picking and packing remains unaltered since early days. The city of Ponta Delgada, the capital of the island, is set in the midst of orange gardens, and the air in the early mornings or late in the evenings comes laden to you with the fragrance of the orange blossoms.

Either in the town or suburbs you see the gates of many orange gardens invitingly open, and you will be politely invited to walk in and help yourself to flowers and fruit. If you are a stranger the "cabeca," or head man of the garden, will bring you a bunch of lovely camellias and a branch on which hang clusters of ripe oranges, and invite you to be seated on a garden bench for though it is the month of February you can enjoy sitting out of doors. There you can watch the juvenile toilers sorting the fruit and the dried leaves of the Indian corn. The picker can eat as many oranges as he pleases, and take away every evening a bag or basket full of fruit that has fallen from the trees, which he sells at thirty or forty for a penny.—Leisure Hours.

Complaint is made that early marriages are becoming common among the boys and girls in the east end of London. Boys and girls of 12 "keep company," and at 14 or 15 every lad-die has his lassie. In a single district a boy of sixteen recently married a girl of the same age. In a printing office in one district there are four married boys. The eldest is only 19 and receives 13 shillings a week; the next is 18, has three years of his apprenticeship still to serve, and has two children; the youngest is 16, and has a wife and child to support on 11 shillings a week. Another boy is known whose age is between 16 and 17, and he has two children. Still another boy of 16 has one child.—Philadelphia Record.

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