

ANECDOTE OF THOMAS COUTTS.

The Guinea That Was Worn on a Duchess' Bracelet.

A long while ago, when Bristol was growing rich with the profits of the West India trade, of which it had almost a monopoly, a stranger took lodging there toward the close of the year and used to visit the coffee room of that famous old inn, the Bush. He would arrive about noon every day and water sit over it until he had carefully gone through the London paper of the preceding evening.

LAW AND MEDICINE.

Progress of the One Much More Rapid Than the Other.

Mr. Justice Vaughan Williams, in presenting the scholarships, medals, prizes and certificates awarded during the last two sessions to the students at the Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, told the students that he felt himself to be in a place where he was not familiar with the subject upon which he was expected to speak. He came before them in the character of a lawyer, but, although that might be a disqualification, he could not help thinking that there was considerable affinity between law and medicine.

Time in India.

Clarks are regarded as curiosities by the Hindoos, and for this reason half a dozen or more timepieces are often found in the apartments of the wealthy Hindoos. They are not used as timepieces, but simply for ornament, since the old fashioned way of measuring the number of bamboo lengths between the horizon and the shadow of the gnomon is still in vogue in India, where the country police stations are observed. The time is measured by placing in a tub of water a copper pot in which a small hole has been bored. It is supposed that it will take an hour for the water to leak into the pot so as to fill it and sink it. When the policeman sees that the pot has disappeared, he strikes the hour on a bell-like gong. If he is smoking or dozing, the copper pot may have disappeared several minutes before he discovers the fact, but the error is when he strikes the gong.—London Times.

Ruddy Mars.

A French astronomer is of the opinion that the red glow of the planet Mars is caused by crimson vegetation. But we suspect that it is owing to the fact that the astronomers are all redheaded. What the Martians are not redheaded? If you were to prove that, we acknowledge that our paper is wrong. Otherwise we stick to it.—London Transcript.

Financial Discussion.

"What do you wear such ill fitting clothes for?" asked the bright young man of the elderly person in the street. "I wear my money in," was the reply of the elderly person, and the young man turned to walk in another direction.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

CANNOT ALWAYS CASH CHECKS.

Trouble May Arise When the Banks Are Closed For Two Days.

"Were you ever fixed so that you could not get \$200 or so when you wanted it in a hurry?" "Very often," the questioner's friend remarked explosively. "I mean, have you ever tried to get a check cashed and failed everywhere, all particular, I mean, I should describe the situation. It came about because a holiday came on a Saturday. For several days I expected to be called to the west on business, and I thought I might be obliged to leave town in a hurry. "When I went home on Friday, I overlooked the fact that the banks would be closed the next day, and I had only a few dollars in my pocket. On Saturday morning I got a telegram that indicated that I might be obliged to start away on Sunday, and I began to get some clean linen together. "Then I thought of my check, and I went to my dealer for a supply. All of a sudden it struck me that I hadn't any money for railroad fare, and I asked the dealer man whether he could cash a check, but he had only \$10 in the store. "I always have about \$1,000 in my personal account with our business bank, and as I have drawn on it for the big expense of the family I thought I could get a check cashed where I traded. I tried the grocer, but he couldn't raise \$200. Then I went to the butcher, the baker, and the druggist. I could not raise \$200 from the whole lot. "I didn't know what to do. I explained the situation to some of my neighbors, but not one of them had more than a few dollars as pocket money. I thought of going down town and trying there, but I knew that every place of any account would be closed. "I didn't believe that the ticket agent would take a strange check, and I couldn't go into a strange place like a hotel or the telegraph office and ask for the money. "Then I thought of raising the money by getting a money order by telegraph, but on second thought I realized that my correspondent out west would have the same trouble in trying to raise \$200 on a holiday. It looked as if I would be obliged to wait until my bank opened on Monday or get a small check cashed and have the balance sent to me later. "What did you do?" "Nothing. I didn't get another telegram. If I had been summoned to the grave of a dear friend, I would have been in a similar fix. When the banks close for two days, they can create lots of trouble and anxiety. Just keep that in mind if you expect to be called away suddenly."—New York Times.

ICE LOCKED SECRETS.

What Is to Be Gained From Arctic Exploration.

To ascertain with greater precision the shape, size and density of the earth, the astronomer's base of measures, and thus render the science of surveying more accurately, ten pendulum observations near the unknown extreme of the arc are worth a hundred elsewhere. Observations on magnetism, especially near the magnetic pole, will benefit the thousands of ocean vessels which largely depend for their safety on the precision with which the compass can be interpreted. To the meteorologist the arctic is of special importance, because it presents the extreme of a world embracing system, each of whose parts affects every other. Tides and currents are similarly interdependent. The aurora can best be studied where it is most common and most fully developed.

Observations on the character and behavior of plants and animals under the unique conditions of the arctic will give to the student of organic life a more thorough mastery of his problems. To that end the hydrography must be known—depth of sea, temperature, water movement, sea bottom, salinity, light. The arctic affords the best facilities for studying one set of geologic forces—glaciers, icebergs, frost fissuring—in their extreme manifestations. The condition of the earth in past geologic epochs will not be fully known until the strata of the arctic lands have been mapped. To the paleontologist the arctic has already yielded most valuable information in the fossil evidence of a mild climate. Lockwood and Brainerd found the slopes of western Grinnell Land studded with large petrified tree stumps. These and similar fossils, precious to museums or geologic cabinets, can probably be reached by way of Hayes sound. To the ethnologist the Eskimos represent a phase of human life without a parallel.—Popular Science Monthly.

The New Letter Box.

"That new letter box of ours is a great institution," said Mr. Bangle as he looked across the chopped steak at Mrs. Bangle. "How so, Edward?" "Haven't you noticed the unusual cleanliness of the street, my love?" "I don't think I have." "That's strange. It never was quite so free from litter, and what do you suppose we owe this pleasing improvement to? The new letter box, of course." "I don't understand." "But you will. This evening I stopped on the porch and unloaded the box." "Unloaded it?" "That's what I said. And here's the sort of mail matter I found in it: Three circulars, a pamphlet on 'How to Use the Independent Corn Extractor,' one aluminum, two second-hand wads of chewing gum, four apple cores, a decayed tomato, five large pebbles, a sheet of fly paper, a doll's right robe, one Sunday school lesson paper and six cigarette pictures. What do you think of that?" "Will you throw the box away, Edward?" "Throw it away! Not much! I'm going to set it again."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Cordial With the King.

The following story is told of one of our country women not "born to the purple," but who married wealth and lived to see her children prominent in Boston society. During the reign of Louis Philippe she went abroad, and while in Paris was presented to his majesty, who, upon hearing that she was an American, made some courteous remark in her language. The lady, who had been told that she must only address royalty when spoken to, here only address royalty and grasped it. "Oh, saw her opportunity and grasped it. "Oh, king," she exclaimed, "how well you speak English! This is my daughter Carrie. Carrie, let the king hear how nicely you talk French!"—New York Journal.

A Little Misunderstanding.

"Sir, your son's performance on the French horn is execrable. It will drive everybody from my house. You told me he was a teacher." "I did not. I said he was a tooter."—Detroit Free Press.

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