

lections

HEY'S COMET.

and the Earth at a Fear-ful Rate of Speed.

Important visitor from like gigantic Halley's within measurable distance (speaking of the speeding steadily nearer some thousand miles a

will afford this generation a wonderful sight it is witness, and in some globe it is likely to

scaremongers are busy in and the famous Pro-ve both predicted its the earth, though at dif-

going so far as it goes, they cannot both be er, it may be as well to our peace of mind that

Falb is the selfsame worldwide repute" who destruction of the world met on Nov. 13, 1899, the Dupin prophesied a globe in relation to a would have appeared (but

er comet may come earth is, however, as- by no means unlikely, are not in agreement as happen as the result of actually or whether, in- would "happen" at all.

"escape" we ever had, mentioned, was in 1833, a comet mentioned ed to cross the earth's nce of only 20,000 miles. In an appearance some before it was due and 40,000,000 miles from otherwise have been the t."—Pearson's Weekly.

ading Question. ant McLaren of San stem of public parks the work of restoring to its former beauty, ttle St. Francis has been

vin' this un out. It's a s," remarked a gardener

"? Inquired McLaren. an this beautiful little ? All it needs is more will grow as tall as you

very tall yourself, Mr. dlarly so." McLaren," reflected the htfully, "did you ever rself?"—San Francisco

or Jewelry Stores. The increased number of ies the Jewelers' Secu- rging upon the trade new and effective thief s. The contrivance con- ver hidden behind the erated by the foot. By lever the door of the through the operation e bottom. The appara- also with a large gong over the door, which is the attention of passers- rapped thief. A Phila- says the Jewelers' Cir- milar appliance recently results.

as the Aeroplane. by the Voisin brothers the Wright aeroplane can y value for practical pur- mark that the Wright the monocycle of avia- can work a tricycle with- One can learn to ride few hours, but to ride a s a long time and the of the acrobat. So the ne will never be any- rld for amateurs and The Voisin brothers be- riplanes" on account of

ten Matchboxes. ten years William Bid- t Crook street, Chester, died recently, was en- onstruction of his own empty matchboxes. It ary shape, and much ill have been bestowed s, of course, an inner on to which the match- d, and as there are some s on the lid alone the to- n must run into several ondon Tit-Bits.

the Great Pyramid. Interest has been aroun- phaologists by the an- Father Gulcheteau, a and a well known Egyp- has made further dis- regard to the building of Cheops on the west lie which establish be- date of its construc- C.—African World.

Without a Holiday. ward, aged ninety-one, led at Needham Market, all his life in the same ver had a day's holiday the sea. Hayward was tness as a butcher, and s habit of wearing an sh on Sundays beneath London Mail.

OFFICIALLY DEAD.

"Hungry Joe's" Only Chance to Lead an Honest Life.

"I'm not the only man who is officially dead," said "Hungry Joe" the other day. He was once about as famous a confidant man as Broadway ever produced. In 1902 he was reported to the police as "dead," and his photograph and description were removed from the rogues' gallery. He was recognized on Broadway the other day by his habit of walking along the edge of the curb. Gold couldn't tempt him to walk close to the wall or to pass the mouth of an alley without detouring into the street, just a trick of caution inherited from the old days

"I have reformed," said the man who is said to have once been known as "Hungry Joe." "But reformation doesn't go with the average calf headed imbecile on the police force. A crook's a crook to the end of the chapter with him. So when I made up my mind to live straight I went to the then head of the department. I convinced him that I meant business. 'Call off your men,' I begged. 'Tell them to let me alone. I'm a criminal, I admit. But I'm tired of it, and I want to be a man again.'

"The chief said it wasn't possible. I might tell the men you were reformed," said he, "but they wouldn't believe. They'd pick you up all the quicker, because they would think that you were trying to shelter yourself in this way. The only way out is for you to die." And die I did, on the records. For six years the cops have thought that I have been under the daisies all the time. Now they have forgotten about me. My photo has been taken out of the records, and I think I'm safe. I work steadily, my record is good, and not half a dozen people in the world know that the one time "Hungry Joe" is a respectable cigar salesman. But I had to die to do it."—New York Letter to Cincinnati Times Star.

A Rotary Rudder.

There is on view at the Lepine toy exhibition in Paris the invention of a French engineer which will, its inventor contends, revolutionize marine and aerial navigation. The invention consists of a rotary rudder, said to be capable of turning a vessel in its own length or at any desired angle. All existing steering contrivances are limited in their action to a deflection of 90 degrees to right or left. It is claimed that by the adoption of the new invention sea collision will be prevented and warships will be able to turn in their own length. An aeroplane fitted with the new rudder would be able to leave the ground instantly.

Artificial Black Diamonds.

Carbon in an amorphous fused condition—real black diamond—is produced in a simple manner by a process lately patented in France by M. Bonnet. A vessel of bronze or other metal contains two carbon electrodes, between which is a rod of carbon over a small vessel of carbon bisulphide, and as the first current is passed the liquid is vaporized, generating a high pressure. Under this pressure and the temperature of a high tension current the carbon rod is changed in a few moments to black diamond, the material so prized for drills and as an abrasive.

A New Meat.

"A new meat has appeared," said a Fifth avenue chef to a New York clubman. "It has the rich sweetness of beef and the nutty zest of game. I think it will succeed. This new meat comes from Scotland. It is a cross between beef and buffalo. Near Stirling there is a herd of bison that has been crossed with highland cattle, giving to the world an animal with a new flavor. We import some of the meat, and it figures on our menu as beef-bison beef—see? Try a bifbee steak the next time you lunch here. Dear? No. Two dollars a portion is all."

A Zulu Breakfast.

Dinuzulu, the Zulu chief, has burst a blood vessel, says a telegram from Martsburg, and it is said to be only a wonder that his father did not do the same when he was enjoying British hospitality in London after his capture. He and his sable suit were housed in one of the artistic mansions of Melbury avenue, near Holland House, and his favorite breakfast was a basin of oatmeal porridge and a pint of whiskey, which he preferred to milk. Otherwise he was fairly quick in his assimilation of the manners and customs of civilization.

The Thumb Mark Fad.

Don't mark your stationery any longer with a monogram. That is out of date. The latest symbol is a thumb mark. It is engraved in gold or silver and has all the value of a Bertillon mark of identification. The stationers who have introduced this way of marking use the prints in the center of a correspondence card and about half an inch from the top to make them most effective. The thumb is sometimes printed in red or blue, although the metal colors are more popular.—New York Sun.

An Ancient Trust.

There is a trust corporation of immemorial antiquity at Cairo known as the Wakfs. It holds landed property which has been conveyed to it for pious uses. But this was frequently a device to secure to the family of the donor or testator a large share of the annual proceeds. Its net income last year, according to the Egyptian Standard, was \$2,161,500, and it carried forward a balance of \$381,070, to be expended in new enterprises, presumably of a religious or educational character.

THE CARPENTER'S SERENADE.

A lath! I quite a door you, dear; I've hallways loved your laughter. Oh, window you intend to grant The wish my hopes are rafter?

When first I saw your smile 'twas plain I wood re-joice to marry. Oh, let us to the joiner's hie Nor longer shingle tarry!

And now that I have axed you, dear, Plumb, square and on the level (I've always wanted two by four), Don't spile hope's happy revel.

The cornice is waving, Peggy, dear; The gables all are ringing. Why let me pine? For, oh, you know I'm sawdust when I'm singing! —Saturday Evening Post.

Those Well Meaning Friends.



The man who is so glad to see you—Browning's Magazine.

They Almost Fought.

The angular chap who had been jotting down notes on the margin of a newspaper approached the stern faced man in the waterproof collar.

"Beg pardon, sir, but could I ask you a question?"

"If it isn't nonsensical."

"Well, my memory isn't good of late Who invented the sewing machine?"

"Howe."

"H'm! He must be a little deaf. Who invented the sewing machine?"

"Howe!"

"Great Scott! I'd better get a trumpet. The old geezer is as deaf as he can be. Hey, there, who invented the sewing machine?"

"Howe!"

The angular chap leaned over and curved his hands. Then he whooped:

"For the last time, who invented the sewing machine?"

"H-o-w-e—Howe. Mr. Howe. And now if you ask me again blamed if I don't thrash you within an inch of your life. Now, get!"

And the angular chap "got."—Chicago News.

Given the Mitten.

One cold day a love sick young man who had for some time harassed a young lady with his attentions was hurrying along the street behind this very young lady when he perceived, with delight, something drop from her muff to the sidewalk.

Picking it up, the gallant young man rushed ahead and, accosting her, smilingly held out her recovered property.

Without deigning to accept it she eyed him coldly a moment, then said: "You may keep it. It's my mitten!"—Brooklyn Life.

An Uncertain Speculation.

"Jane has a caustic tongue. I asked her the other day why she didn't marry some old man for his money."

"What did she say?"

"She said the increase in the duration of human life and the depression in stocks made the speculation too uncertain. But she added that she would marry a rich old man under one condition."

"What was that?"

"He must be a chronic aeroplaneist."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Latest.

Roderick—Say, old man, why in the world is that regiment of girls wandering about the gridiron?

Van Albert—Why, they are the gleaners.

Roderick—Gleaners? What are they gleanin'?

Van Albert—Why, loose hair to fill sofa pillows.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Ungrammatical, but Earnest.

"You say there is nearly always something broke about your automobile?"

"Yes," answered Mr. Chuggins nervously.

"What is it, as a rule?"

"Me."—Washington Star.

Heard in the Dressing Room.

"Say, aren't you going out today?" asked the derby hat.

"Sure!" replied the tan shoes. "But you need not wait for me."

"Why not?" asked the hat.

"Because it's your business to go on a head." replied the shoes.—Detroit Tribune.

Shame to Take It.

"I've got a regular cinch."

"What is it?"

"Well, I'm going to take a little railroad trip. So I bet one man that the train would be wrecked. Then another man bet me that it wouldn't be robbed. I can't lose, can I?"—Cleveland Leader.

Hope Ahead.

Weary Walker—Dis paper sez dey's quite a few people dat t'inks it's unlucky to begin any work on Friday.

Ragson Tatters—Well, dat's a good beginnin'. Mebbe a'ter while people'll be dat sensible about ev'ry day in the week.—Catholic Standard and Times.

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