

"WINTER."

Originally indicated Wetness, Not Coldness.

There is a prevailing impression that there is something in the word "winter" that signifies cold, and the sea is usually associated with the idea of low temperature, but where the word originated there is little of it as we understand it, while there was a great deal of moisture at the time the earth was nearest to the sun so that it is not the temperature but the atmospheric condition that has us the word.

The word "winter," as we use it, is derived with slight modifications in the branches of the Aryan languages, for the idea of wetness associated with the season was given to it by the Aryan family was divided.

It goes to the root of the word we use, with the signification of to wash out, to moisten or make our Aryan ancestors used that to apply to all conditions of wetness, and many words besides have grown out of it, wet and being among them.

The root "wad" is in the Sanskrit as "water." Anglo-Saxon has "wæad" in Latin we have "unda," from which we get our "Inundation."

Danish and Swedish cousins of the "w" into a "v" and have "vinter." In Icelandic it is "vetir," the old high German has "wind" it is "winter" in German.

Four words are all from the base "wata," which means to it has been moisture that has indicated from the birth of the world which all of the different words of the various languages have grown.—York Herald.

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Plant Which Feeds Upon Ants and Other Insects.

Everybody knows there are plants as insectivorous or carnivorous, but it is doubtful if many have any such plants growing here in southern Florida.

There is a plant, or rather here which is really a fern.

It will account of its behavior either it has escaped from the prophecies to have that the botanists also, to Tillamook it classed they have.

and the other, and the any other, is of any very rarely reach.

The three inches of timber the leaves are extremely and pre- for saline and secrete a transparent fluid which is holding the very small insects and the like, upon the leaves slowly acquire a cut shape and sometimes curl up over their victims. When they have absorbed the insect they recover their original shape, leaving only the skeleton of the insect remaining.

These plants grow on the very low, poor and sandy lands. They appear in the late winter and early spring months.—Punta Gorda (Fla.) Herald.

The Human Temperature.

Put to the test of the thermometer, it appears that the normal temperature of the body is almost invariably the same of latitude or season. Put to the test of the thermometer, the tongue of an Eskimo at the north or of a man under the sun of the tropics, we find that in each case, the body being in a state of equilibrium, the difference is about the same.

We may say absolutely that the average normal temperature of an being is about 98.5 degrees, and as we may say that at sea water boils at 212 degrees F.—York American.

Put In More Words.

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A Phonetic Purchase.

The late Henry Miller, who was a guide, philosopher and friend to many book lovers within a thousand miles of New York, was a most successful salesman. One day he called on Col. P. Huntington and showed him a rare copy of a book.

"There are two volumes of this," said Mr. Miller. "The other volume is in perfect order, as you see this one is. You cannot possibly let them escape you, for you know you have nothing like this in your library."

"What is the price?" asked the railroad king.

"Seven hundred dollars," said the bookman.

"Those are too valuable volumes for my library," Mr. Huntington exclaimed.

Mr. Miller went back to his place and sent the books to Mr. Huntington's house with a bill for \$700. Next day the railroad king sent for him.

"Why did you send me those books?" he demanded sharply.

"Because you bought them," was the bookman's calm reply.

"I certainly did not!" cried the millionaire.

"Oh, yes, you did!" answered Mr. Miller. "You'll remember perfectly well when I tell you what you said. You told me distinctly, 'Those are two valuable volumes for my library.'—Harper's Weekly.

Books of Reference. Newspaper editors like to answer questions addressed to them by their readers—if they are not too hard—and they deem themselves as arbiters rather than as accessories to a misdemeanor when they are appealed to for information "to decide a bet." But they wonder sometimes why certain questions are put to them for arbitration when the answers are to be found in one of three very accessible books—an almanac, a grammar and a small dictionary.

These are books of reference that ought to be in every home library, however small. We guess that they are, but that they are sometimes dusty with misuse or out of easy reach on a top shelf. It is well to have an almanac, a dictionary or an atlas handy when you are reading your newspaper. By consulting them frequently the reader will find his daily paper relates his early historical studies to present events and makes his touch with the world closer and more significant. Get the habit!—New York Mail.

A Sporting Parson. The inhibition of a hunting reactor by his bishop reminds a correspondent that the Rev. Jack Russell, the famous west country sporting parson, was once cited to appear before the bishop of Exeter to answer charges of neglecting his spiritual and parochial duties, and he was also remonstrated with for keeping and following a pack of hounds. The charges were proved unfounded, and Russell refused to give up the sport, which he continued to pursue almost to the day of his death in 1883, at the age of eighty-eight. Besides being an insatiable hunter, he was, as his biographer pithily remarks, "a staunch supporter of Devonshire wrestlers, an admirable sparrer and an enthusiastic upholder of the virtues of Devonshire cider and cream." And in the pulpit he tried to reform conduct rather than to expound doctrine and was a stern denouncer of bad language, strong drink and "the filthy habit of smoking."—St. James' Gazette.

Sarcasm in the Commons. The reluctance of the house of commons to adjourn over Derby day recalls a story related of one of the Roman Catholic peers who took their seats some four or five years before the passage of the first reform bill after an exclusion of a century and a half. He gave notice that on a certain day he would make a certain motion, whereupon there arose from his noble colleagues a general cry of "Derby!" The astonished novice named another day, only to be greeted with an equally unanimous expostulation of "Onks!" At this he explained that he would have to ask the forgiveness of their lordships; but, having been educated abroad, he was forced to acknowledge that he was not familiar with the list of saints' days in the Anglican calendar.

His Glasses. He came home in the small hours of the morning, and his loving spouse confronted him with wrath in her eye and a telegram in her hand, saying, "Here is news that has been waiting for you since supper time."

He blinked, looked wise and, braced up against the hatrack, felt through his pockets, murmuring, "I left my glasses down town."

"Yes," she replied, with scathing irony, "but you brought the contents with you."

Not Grasping. "What a grasping fellow you are, Hawkins! You've bothered me about this bill fifty times in ten days."

"You wrong me, Jarley. I'm not grasping. I've bothered you about the bill, I admit, but I haven't been able to grasp anything yet."

Found Him Guilty. Counsel (to the jury)—The principal fault of the prisoner has been his unfortunate characteristic of putting faith in thieves and secondhands of the basest description. I have done. The unhappy man in the dock puts implicit faith in you, gentlemen of the jury!

She Had to Mend Them. Benham—I believe in putting my best foot forward. Mrs. Benham—I have noticed that your toe always goes right through your stocking.—New York Press.

BIG DEAL IN TIMBER.

Forest Tract in Tillamook County Brings \$1,075,000—Carries 1,000,000,000 Feet.

Another big timber deal came to light yesterday. A tract of 13,400 acres of timber lands in Tillamook County, adjoining the Simpson tract in Washington County, an account of the sale of which was printed in The Sunday Oregonian, has been secured by the same interests that bought the Simpson tract and is said to have secured the important Schrader tract as well. The amount involved is about \$1,075,000 in this latest transaction.

This sale is of combined tracts in the Wilson River district and is estimated to contain at least 1,000,000,000 feet of logs. There are several individuals and firms mentioned in connection with the deal, two expert lumbermen, T. J. Leonard and J. E. Page, having worked in conjunction with W. C. Slattery in getting the several owners to sign over the property into one company's control. That was finally accomplished, however, and then the firm of Stine & Belcher entered into the transaction and were given a ten days option on the whole combined tract. That option expired last Saturday, but before banking hours had elapsed the sum of \$10,000 in gold coin was deposited with the bank in Portland where the contract had been placed in escrow, and the bargain was thereby bound. Both members of the firm of Stine & Belcher are at present in Chicago, so that a verification of their connection with the deal could not be secured yesterday. From information received from a reliable source, however, there is no doubt entertained that the firm is handling the property.

It is reported by those supposed to be in a position to know the facts the Wilson River tracts cost Mr. Slattery about \$80,000, which, if borne out by more positive information, shows a gain of over \$200,000 in the deal. This tract is considered the largest body of standing timber handled in one deal in many months in this part of the state, and with the two tracts referred to in The Sunday Oregonian, secured by the same capitalist, makes an investment of considerably over \$2,500,000. That Eastern capital is interested in the big transaction is believed by all who have any information on the subject, but until the absent members of the firm of Stine & Belcher return is unlikely that names will be divulged.

Concerning the projected railroad line that is to enter the timber lands of both the Washington and Tillamook County tracts, it is learned that the right-of-way has been secured from Portland to Tillamook Bay and that it is the intention of the Midland to ultimately build the road between those points.—Oregonian.

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