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ne Forest" One of California's Natural Wonders.

is, among many other natural contains a "stone forest." eated in Sonoma county, only les from the little resort of Springs. This "forest" cona great many petrified trees, ich are prostrate.

ect to the great number of trees and their immense size, ornia "stone forest" surpasses Arizona. Strange to say, very known about these wonderna county petrifactions-so e general public is concerned these trees are of enormous e famous "Queen of the Forprehistoric redwood about long and nearly twelve feet ter. It has been broken in aces, and these breaks are as if cut off with a saw. A tree n up through one of the breaks attained quite a large size. giant tree known as the "Mons near by, which is almost et long and is without a This tree is a fir. and averages in diameter. Not far away is giant son of the forest-a red. t is about sixty feet long and in diameter. This tree is nto many hundreds of pieces. ains its shape almost perfecttered about for the area of cres are many other pieces of n. So perfect has been the tion into stone that the grain od still remains very clear ariety of the tree may be eas-mined.-Scientific American.

OLD LIBERTY BELL.

of This Relic of the Revolu-

tionary Patriots. rous ringing of the old Libmany years ago on the occae celebration of the Declara-Independence was what put in it and forever destroyed nt tone. It was cast by l'ass in Philadelphia and hung in of the now historic statewer Chestnut street early in 53. It contains 2,080 pounds

be top of the bell were cast "Proclaim Liberty Throughe Land Unto All the Inhabiteof." Prophetic of its desgave it the name Liberty

he British army marched on hia in 1777 the bell was takby patriots and carried off in to Allentown in order that not fall into the hands of the n 1781 it was returned to the the statehouse

e than balf a hundred years the bell was rung and hondependence day every year crack appeared in it. An made to restore its tone by e crack wider, but this provavail. The bell was finally from the tower to a lower e statehouse and used only rdinary occasions. Subsewas rigged up on its origin Chicago.

kespeare as an Actor.

once played the ghost n "Hamlet." A younger the dramatist in describing said that he wore "a long appeared so weak and and unable to walk that he ed to be supported and carnother person to a table, at was seated among some

You Like It" Avon's bard the role of Adam, the old in whom was represented ant service of the antique nd who was "not for the of these times."

mous Gretna Green.

Green, Scotland, became faits celebration of irregular For many years the averwas 500. The ceremony only of an admission, before the couple that they were y the couple that they were te a valid marriage. After officiating functionary (for rs a blacksmith), together witnesses, signed the mar

What He Wanted.

r stood at the bedside and ely down at the invalid. bide from you the fact that ery ill," he said. "Is there would like to see?" id the sufferer faintly.

doétor."

No Obstruction. purse of a trial at Waterthe examiner was trying topography of the country ative situation of objects. was asked, "Which way ad run past your bouse?" was, "Both ways, your nd down."-Case and Com-

Touching Him. saw your husband in the we today. In fact, he was at I could have touched ess-That's strange. At so close that nobody can

cts of Kindness. his neighbor and refused tindness half the sorrow would be lifted and dis-Maclaren.

MADDENED THE BEAR.

Ingenious Trap That Was Formerly Used by the Mexicans.

The Mexicans in California bad an ingenuous method of trapping bears before the advent of the Yankees brought modern firearms into the region. A piece of meat was nailed to the stout horizontal limb of an oak tree. From a limb five or six feet above a rope was suspended, to the end of which a large stone was made fast so that it bung about six inches above and a trifle nearer the trunk than the meat on the lower limb.

When a bear smelled the meat from afar he would climb up the tree and make his way to the bait. In doing so he would push the stone pendulum to one side. Just as be was about to fasten his teeth in the meat the stone would swing back and bang his head This would arouse the anger of the bear, and he would give the stone a sweep of his paw which would send it swinging farther out. The consequence was a barder bang and more anger. The more he struck the stone the harder he would be hit in return. until from ferocious anger he would lose his caution and attack the pendulum with all his vigor. One powerful sweep, then bang, and bruin would be tumbled out of the tree to the rocks below, where, disabled by his fall, he would be at the mercy of those who set the trap whenever they chose to take him.

THE HANDY MAN.

His Job of Varnishing the Door Was

Not a Howling Success. Mr. Brewster thought his front door looked as though a coat of varnish would do it no barm and resolved to do it himself to save the expense of a painter.

Finding an old "golden sirup" tin in the yard, he went off to the shop for some "best oak varnish." He placed it in the pantry for the night and was up early next morning and by half past 12 had got the door finished. "I don't like it now it's done," be

said to his wife. "It's bad varnish," replied she. "He's sold you the wrong sort of

He thought so, too, and went back to the shop, taking what was left with

"This is funny varnish you sold me." said he. "It's dull, sticky stuff."

After examining it the shopman said: "This is not what I sold you. This is

It then dawned on him that be had got hold of the wrong tin, and he went back home to explain to his wife, who at once said: "Good graclous James! And I've made the pudding with the other tinful!" Then, after a moment's pause, "You'll dine today on roast mutton and varnish pudding!"-Pearson's Weekly.

The Gallery Gods' Applause Lawrence Barrett once told of a conversation he had with Edwin Booth. way. The latter had been congratulated upon an ovation given him by a crowded it?" His honor smiled insinuatingly house on the opening night of an en- as he rasped out the question. gagement. "The sweetest music to my "Send 'im back, jedge!" exclaimed hibited at the Columbian ex- ears," said the great tragedian, "is the the woman, throwing up her hands in shouting of the boys in the gallery. I a gesture of astonishment. "Send 'im know they are not applauding because back! W'y, jedge, ain't yo' jest done I have a reputation or because they been told me I didn't oughter send my wish to make a display. They simply give vent to their natural enthusiasm. When they shout I know that I am giving a good performance. As for the parquet, it may clap its bands out of politeness. A dramatic critic who had certain notions as to how a line should be read will applaud if I read it his way; otherwise be will remain quiet. I can never analyze the applause of the front rows, but the gallery is sincere in its likes or dislikes."

Shakespeare's Education. Shakespeare could not have been an educated man, that is, in the academic sense of the word, for he was a mere youth when he went to London from Stratford and had had, up to that time. only such mental training as be could pick up in the schools of his native town. It nowhere appears that he attended school after leaving Stratford And yet, as Matthew Arnold says, he lived during his London residence "In a current of ideas in the highest degree animating and nourishing to the crea tive faculty in a society permeated by fresh thought, intelligent and alive." And he used not only the ideas which he imbibed as they floated around him. but all the learning be could pick up without neglecting his calling.-New York American.

Drawing the Disease Out. The Chinese have a curious custom of trying to care a sick man. A friend of the patient obtains a straight branch with a few leaves and twigs at the end. On this he hangs a mirror of polished steel, and under that one of the sick man's coats. Then he goes for a short walk, a priest in the meantime performing a ceremony. The coat, being carried in this way, is supposed to draw the disease from the

Just So. "He doesn't really love you. He's after your money." "But if his love were not genuine

how could he put so much fervor into his wooing?" "Oh, a man can dig up considerable fervor when he has to marry money or go to work."-Exchange.

Inside Information. "Dear sir." wrote the man who owed his tailor and had received a letter asking for payment of the bill. "your let ter was extremely impertinent, and I return it to you unopened."

They Trace Those Who Steal or De-

who steal or destroy railroad property.

stolen goods

who trace and arrest those guilty.

However, the special agent must be a keen judge of human nature and with sufficient tact to make himself popular with the police officers in his territory. Usually he is an old time detective and is well enough acquainted with detectives and police throughout the country to obtain results where

desk to the ample and solicitous form of the culprit's mother. "Why do pick up coal?" demanded his honor.
"You know it is against the law to

jeopardy of his life." 'Deed, jedge, I doesn't send 'im. I nebber has sent 4m, 'deed"-"Doesn't he bring home the coal?"

interrupted the judge impatiently. "But, jedge, I whips 'im, jedge, ebery time he brings it. I whips de little rapscallion till be cayn't set, 'deed I does."

"Burns it-burns it-cose I burns it. W'y, jedge, I has to git it out ob de

chile to no sech dange'some and jeopardous place?"-Youth's Compan-

Bumps on the Head.

connective tissue.

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Socotra, a large island in the Indian ocean, is one of the least known of the inhabited parts of the world. It is mountainous, but very fertile, and in ancient times was famed for frankincense and myrrh, aloes, dragon's blood and spices. But now Sumatra and South America produce more dragon's

I am going to marry your sister. What

do you think about that?" "I think it serves her right."-Hous



stroy Property of the Road. The secret service is a hard game to tackle, but, like all kinds of work, it has its easy jobs. One of them is that of special agent for a railroad. The agent is supposed to trace those

When he is notified that a trunk or other article of baggage is missing he finds out by its number from where it was sent and follows it on the books to the last station where it has been checked. Then be notifies the police in the vicinity between the station where the baggage was last checked and the station where it should have been checked. The police get busy, and probably the property is soon recovered and the thieves put in jail. The baggage is then turned over to the special agent, who notifies the railroad official that he has recovered the

If a freight car is robbed the special agent pursues the same tactics. He finds out where the car was last sealed and the place where the car was reported as having its seal broken The police or constables in the country between the two points are notified, and if they fail to capture the robbers the railroad may never hear again of the stolen goods. Wherever destruction has occurred to railroad property it is usually police officers

an amateur would fail.

THE JUDGE ERRED.

His Mistake Clearly Explained by the Old Colored Woman.

The judge of the juvenile court, leaning forward in his chair, looked searchingly from the discreet and very ragged piccaninny before his you send him to the rallroad yards to send syour child where he will be in

The careful disciplinarian turned her broad, shiny countenance reprovingly upon her undisturbed offspring, but kept a conciliatory eye for the judge. "You burn the coal he brings, do you not?" persisted the judge.

The lump raised by a blow on the head is due to the resistance offered by the hard skull and its close connection with the movable elastic scalp by many circumscribed bands of counective tissue. The result of a blow when the scalp is not cut is the bruising and laceration of many of the small blood vessels or capillaries. Blood or its fluid constituent, serum, is poured into the meshes of the surrounding connective tissue, which is delicate, spongy, distensible and cellular, and the well known bump or lump is quickformed. This cannot push inward at all and naturally takes the line of least resistance. Similar bumps may be formed on the skin in exactly the same way, for the shin bone also is covered only by skin and subcutaneous

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