

STUPIDITY.

Experiences With Natives. Central Africa are described by Henry M. Stanley as being in the hands of a man who, with another canoe across a company of men to an hour Stanley where he found the other for his stu-

ANTARCTICA.

As All Europe is the Polar Continent. The continent has been at least twice as large as the evidence of paleontological effect that Antarctica connected with the more

ing in the Public Eye. regarding what constitutes the public may vary, but as City negro who presides at a buffet in a certain Kansas

knows Ah've been in business for a great many years," was the but that's not saying Ah'm old.

Night Light Machines. The first match appeared in as late as 1827, the idea seized genius years before that date.

Difference in Speech. You can never tell much about a man from his speech. Belle-That's

Spoiled the Game. We made a rule in our card club that no member should be allowed to win more than two prizes during the season.

Was it a success? Not exactly. As soon as a lady won two prizes she dropped out.—Detroit Free Press.

This Life of Ours. At the end of life we discover that we have passed nearly one-half of it in being happy without realizing it and the other in imagining that we were miserable.

Couldn't See Them. Joke Seller—Did you receive my letter and that batch of jokes? I received the letter, but I didn't see the jokes.—Satire.

LONELIEST SPOT ON EARTH.

Tristan d'Acunha is a Tiny Oasis in a Wilderness of Water. When Napoleon was sent to St. Helena it was thought that the loneliest place on earth had been assigned to him as a prison. But St. Helena is 1,400 miles nearer a continent than is Tristan d'Acunha.

A FORTRESS OF THORNS.

Curious Nest of the Little Brown Wren of Central America. The little brown wren of Central America builds a nest that should belong to a bird five or six times as large as it is, and, to prevent other birds from disturbing its home while it is away it builds as a protection a fence of thorns leading to it.

Bothered by Plurals. The Norwegian waitress who was learning English had more trouble with her plurals than with any other one thing. It seemed impossible for her to acquire the trick of putting on the letter "s" at the right time and leaving it off at others.

An Emperor's Strange Fancy. Strange fancies have taken hold of some men regarding the manner in which their bodies were to be disposed of after death and the ceremonies to be observed at their funerals.

Why Bother About the Rest? "Does your husband carry any life insurance?" "I don't know." "I should think you would want to be informed about a matter that would be so serious to you."

What Interested Him. "What interested me most in your travels," said Henpeck, "was the memory of a queen I saw in Egypt." "Wonderful, eh?" asked his friend.

Doubtful Meaning. He—So you lost that handsome little dog you had? She—Yes, in a railroad accident. I was saved, but the dog was killed. He—What a pity!—Boston Transcript.

The most delicate, the most sensible, of all pleasures consists in promoting the pleasure of others.—Bryant.

THE EYE OF GENIUS.

And the Strain of the Nervous System Due to Defective Vision. Much was made in the newspapers some years ago of the part bad eyes have played in the lives of great musicians and writers. What was called "the eye of genius" was illustrated in many portraits, notably the Lenbach paintings of Richard Wagner, in which one eye droops and is surrounded by concentric wrinkles of pain.

The straining of the nervous system due to defective vision is to be found among all who use their eyes in work near at hand. "The eye of genius" is as common among typesetters and proofreaders, reporters and typewriters, bookkeepers, lathe workers and seamstresses as among the master spirits of music and letters.

THE ART OF FELTING.

It Was Developed Long Before the Weaver Was First Known. Felt is a fabric formed without weaving by taking advantage of the tendency of hair and wool to interlace and cling to each other. Antiquarians state that the art of felting was developed long before the weaver was first known.

It follows that when a number of hairs are pressed together those which lie in the opposite direction to each other will interlock with the bars of the hair surface and resist an effort to tear them asunder.

Early Manuscripts. The type of letters in early manuscript was the same as that of those used on the earlier metal plates and wax tablets. All letters were capitals. Minuscule, or small lettering, as opposed to the majuscule, was invented in the seventh century.

The First Lesson of an Arab Boy. The very first lesson which an Arab baby learns when he begins to talk is to keep facts to himself. It does not sound very friendly put in that way, but it saves a deal of trouble.

Strength. "Some scientist has declared that there is as much strength in three eggs as there is in a pound of beef-steak," said the observer.

On Principle. Bert (nervously)—I heard pa tell ma he was goin' to fog me on principle after prayers tonight. What's principle, Billy? Billy—I think it's somewhere at the back, Bert. The last time he fogged me on principle I had to sit sideways for morn'a fortnight.—London Tit-Bits.

One Way to Look at it. "A man always gets on easier by taking his wife's advice." "Yes," answered Mr. Meekton. "When things turn out badly there ain't so much said."

A busybody is always malevolent.—Latta.

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