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You can't always tell by the size of a man's hat how much he knows, he may have had it streched that very morning because he didn't know enough to keep sober the night before.

THE natural desire to simplify speech is leading to an unnatural epidemic of new languages. Volapuk, pasilingua, spelin and lingualumina are a few of many systems lately devised to supply a "universal language."

WANNAMAKER spends $5000 a week for advertisements and pays a man $12,000 a year to attend to his advertising. You can't keep such a man out of the cabinet. There's more truth than poetry in the moral to this story, namely: Stick close to to advertising; never run to seed: You're all sure to prosper if you live by this creed.

IT is predicted that in ten years hence pupils in public schools will not only be given mechanical training, but will also be taught memory and quickness of perception, as a preparation for studies requiring thought. In this brief time there will be such revolutions as no supernaturalist ever dreamed of.

THE rapid advance of medical research has shown that the contagious or infectious diseases, terrible in their nature, once blamed on evil spirits, are caused by minute organisms lurking in the moist foul ground or decaying matters; in our food, or drink, most often in the latter. The best provision for the health of ourselves and animals, is water free from contamination.

UNSAFE SAFES.

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THE VALUE OF ROADS.

During the late session of the legislature a number of Willamette valley papers denounced the appropriation of state money to aid in the construction of thoroughfares in Coos, Curry, Douglas and other counties, offering no good reasons for their objections, which were a string of assertions simply, and which betrayed a degree of stupid selfishness possible only to a disgruntled valley editor whose affirmative strength is nil and who must needs be negative to be anything. In gratifying contrast to these doleful cadences is the editorial tenor of the CAPITAL JOURNAL of Salem.—Bandon Recorder.

ICE RIVERS OF ALASKA.—The Agassiz Glacier, in Alaska, covers an estimated area of about 600 square miles, while the Great Guyot Glacier, west of it, is of quite unknown extent. Between the St. Elias Alps and the sea, from Cross Sound to the Copper River, the country consists almost entirely of glaciers, at whose bases the ice lies buried under millions of tons and hundreds of square miles of loose rocks which it has carried down from the mountains. The extent of these terminal moraines misled early navigators, who saw a barren country composed of loose stones, while the protruding ice was supposed to be snow lying on the ground.

ARTIFICIAL SPECIES.

Though it is not certainly known that new species of animals or plants have been produced artificially, everybody is aware that, by means of intelligent selection, remarkable changes have been sought and accomplished for man's profit and pleasure. Fruits have been improved in size and quality, flowers in beauty, and animals in flesh and other products and in physical endowments. Some urge that such experiments in variation be made for the benefit of science, believing that results not yet dreamed of might be attained and the problems of the origin of species and the limits of animals intellect be brought nearer solution. When such extraordinary results have been produced by the chance methods of selection of superficial traits so far practiced, the adoption of scientific methods and the selection of more significant characteristics would very likely yield varieties of the utmost interest and value to science.

WORLD---TIME.

We imagine that we ascend very high into the past when we behold the ancient pyramids still standing on the plains of Egypt, the obelisks covered with mysterious hieroglyphics, the silent temples of Asia, the antique pagodas of India, the idols of Mexico and Peru, the secular traditions of Asia and of our Aryan ancestors, the instruments of the age of stone, the arrows, the spears, the knives, the rasps and the stone slings of our primitive barbarism. We hardly dare to speak of 10,000, of 20,000 years. But even if we should admit 100,000 years as the age of our species so slowly progressive, what would that be at the side of the apparently fabulous accumulation of centuries which have preceded us in the history of the planet? Allowing but 100,000 years to the quaternary age (the existing age), we see that the tertiary period must have lasted 300,000 years, the secondary 1,200,000 years, the primary nearly 3,000,000, and the primordial more than 5,000,000 years. What is this history of life to the total history of the globe, which has required 300,000,000 years for the earth to solidify, while its exterior temperature was descending to 200 degrees? And how many millions shall we need to add to represent the time which has elapsed between the temperature of 200 degrees and that of 70 degrees, the probable maximum of organic life? The study of worlds opens to us in the order of time horizons as immense as those which open to us in the order of space; it causes us to think of eternity as we think of the infinite.

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