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SELECTIONS RECORD OF SOME COLD WINTERS.

Though We Have Been Having a Cold Winter There Have Been Others. The impression that this is a remarkable winter and one of the old fashioned kind led Professor John Snook, the state geologist of New Jersey, to make some seasonal comments on the kind of weather that our forefathers had when this country was new.

Some extracts are made from the records, and they tell their own story: 1641-2—Chesapeake bay nearly frozen over. 1717—Feb. 19-24, great snow; "great snow" known up to that time in New England and on Long Island.

What "Staff" is. With staff at his command Nero could have afforded to fiddle at a fire at least once a year. One of the wonders of staff as seen at Chicago is its color. Grayish white is its natural tone, and the basis of its success at Jackson park, but it will take any tint that one chooses to apply and maintain a liveliness akin to the soft bloom of the human skin.

From Cape Horn to Cape Town by Rail. It adds something to zest of life—if one has a healthy, active fancy—to reflect that there are people now living who may travel by continuous rail from Cape Horn to the Cape of Good Hope.

Why New York Has No Big Hall. The reason why New York city has no town hall for popular gatherings is because it doesn't pay. Meeting halls here are erected by philanthropists, the number of whom does not apparently keep pace with the growth of the population.

At the present rate of developments in Africa the construction of a road from Egypt to the cape ought to be realized within 25 years. The channel tunnel will of course have been built, and electricity or some still more powerful motive force will have superseded steam, so that the Californians and Puget sound denizens would naturally go to London by fast Alaskan and Siberian express.

What Might Be, but Isn't. What might be every day, but isn't, occurred on a train coming into Detroit from Toledo one day last week. There was a good looking young woman in a seat by herself when at a way station a rather fly drummer came on.

Names of Indian Children. Indian boys have queer names. Until they are grown up into boyhood and can handle a bow and arrow they are called after their father. Little girls are named after their mother. An Indian girl will be, perhaps, "Short Face Papoose," "Crock Pipe Papoose," "Crow Woman Papoose," or "Piping Woman Papoose."

A Fight with a Panther. In the early part of this century Jairoa Rich was a famous hunter of Alexandria, N. Y. Once when his traps were set for wolves, he went out on a tour of inspection, and was surprised to see a panther spring up and bound away with one of the traps latched to his hind leg.

He fired, but missed, and the creature made off into the thicket. Jairoa went to a neighbor's, borrowed a dog and returned to the woods. As he neared the place where the on-trapped brute had disappeared, his quick eye detected a panther's head protruding from some bushes a few rods ahead. He took hasty aim, fired, and the creature fell dead.

Examination revealed the fact that this was not the panther in the trap, and the exciting barking of the dog a few rods in advance showed that other game was near. Leaving the dead panther he hurried on and soon came in sight of the entrapped beast, which stood at bay snarling fiercely at the dog, which kept at a safe distance.

Mr. Rich fired at the panther, but only wounded it slightly. In the excitement of the moment he threw down his gun, seized his hatchet and ran forward, thinking to make short work of his game, but in that he was mistaken. The panther made a sudden spring, knocked the hatchet from the hunter's hand, and, furious with rage and pain, began tearing and biting him.

Rich defended himself to the best of his ability, but there was no getting away from the fierce animal. A fearful struggle ensued, and finally the panther got one of the hunter's hands in his mouth. With his free hand Rich succeeded in getting his jackknife from his pocket. He opened it with his teeth, and with it put an end to the life of the ugly brute.

Then he crawled to the nearest house, where his wounds were cared for. It was several weeks before he was able to leave his bed, and the scars of the conflict he bore to the grave.—Youth's Companion.

Hell Will Be on a Comet! What do you think of the idea of hell, the future abode of the wicked, being situated in the nucleus of some gigantic comet? This opinion, odd as it may seem to those who have given comets and the future state of the dead but little attention, has been entertained by many really eminent scientists and philosophers, among them the learned Dr. Whiston, the friend and sometime adviser of the great Sir Isaac Newton.

In answer to the inquiries of a friend, who wrote to ask the doctor for some tangible proof on the subject, the following unique theories were advanced: "According to my calculations and deductions, this theory which you rightly say 'must belong to me and me alone,' does locate hell, the awful prison house of the damned, in the fiery nucleus of some (perhaps yet undiscovered) comet of unthinkable size.

"In this wide circling chariot of fire they will be whirled in the twinkling of an eye from the intolerable heat of the surface of the sun back into space hundreds and hundreds of millions of miles from the great torch bearer of our system. Thus instantly the wretched tenants will be given two unbearable extremes—one of cold and the other of heat—to this to continue through the endless ages of eternity, while the Almighty is dispensing the severities of justice."

Did mortal man ever harbor a more horrible idea than this?—St. Louis Republic.

Literary Chances in New York. The actual chances for literary success in New York are in no respect different from those of any other great city presents over those of a smaller community. If a literary man or woman can go to New York with a certainty offered in the way of a fairly paying position, then I say, by all means go, and if he has any talent in him it will come out and win quick success.

How Could He Forget? The little girl ran flying down the front steps and called out with agonizing cry: "Papa! Papa!" Papa had started down town. He stopped and waited. "What is it, Bessie?" "I want to kiss you goodby."

FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

A Parlor Elephant. Everybody loves the long winter evenings, when the members of the family gather around the sitting room fire and stories or games are always welcomed with joy by the young ones.



Two gentlemen wearing rubbers place themselves in the position represented, while the foremost one holds something in his hands. This is a gray shawl or table cover, rolled up to represent the elephant's trunk, which the performer swings about to produce a lifelike effect.



When a Chinese baby is a month old it is given a name. Its head is shaved for the first time—a ceremony which is called "muneuf" and is made the occasion of great rejoicing in rich families.

On this day the infant is also presented with a red bed, a low chair of the same color and a cap upon which either golden, silver or copper ornaments representing Buddha or eight cherubs, or written characters (that signify old age and riches) are placed.

One little miss in this city wrote to the chief magistrate stating that her papa, lately deceased, was a member of his old regiment and asking if Mr. Harrison remembered his name and could give any account of the dead soldier's record.

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Breaking Up a Square.

A discussion seems to be going on as to whether an infantry square can be broken by a charge of men on foot or on horseback. To the nonmilitary mind this would seem impossible, provided that the square is properly formed.

Is this a fact or an effort of the journalistic imagination? If the former, what is to prevent melinite being fired into any dense mass of men on a battlefield, whether in square or in any other formation, and emitting such fumes that the square would cease to exist?

The grand reception room at Windsor castle is at present in the hands of the workmen, who are executing a process of redecorating and regilding. This magnificent chamber is one of the state apartments, but last year it was used as a greenroom for both opera comique and grand opera, when various companies by royal command gave entertainments in the Waterloo chamber.

There are six superb pieces of old Gobelin tapestry on the walls, illustrating the story of Jason and the golden fleece, and in the fine gothic window which overlooks the home park and Eton college stands a huge vase made entirely of Russian malachite, which was presented to the queen by the Czar Nicholas of Russia.

Two Hundred Years Ago. There was celebrated recently in the town of Danvers, Mass., the 200th anniversary of the death of Rebecca Nurse, who was hanged in Salem in 1692 on account of her religious convictions and because she would not confess to being a witch.

The Advance of Coeducation. Dr. Chaney, president of Bates college, illustrates the progress of coeducation by telling the story of how a man in 1865, on being asked how many students were attending the college, answered, "Forty-three students and a gger and a woman," and adds, "Now are forty women in the classes."

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