LIFE SPONTANEOUS.

It is the inevitable Outcome of the

Cooling of a Globe. So far as we have evidence, life is an inevitable outcome of the cooling of a globe, provided that globe is sufficiently large, for life did not reuch this earth from without. No fanciful meteorite bore it the seeds which have since

sprouted and overrun its surface. Meteorites gave it life, indeed, but in the more fundamental way in which all pature's processes are done, by supply ing it with matter only from which by evolution life arose. Of this we are absolutely certain from the fact that while meteors were falling upon it in any numbers they were forming its mass, the full heat of which had not yet been evolved by their impact and subsequent condensation. The heat that thence ensued was excessive. many fold greater than sufficed to kill any germs that might have come to it loused in the meteorites themselves. Thus the action due the meteorites

heat had waned enough to make survival possible found life already started, since protoplasm formed the moment cooling permitted of it. The proof that life was here spon-

taneously evolved appears at every stage in its history not only in its oriupward where a marked departure oc curs from its previous course. It and the environment are observed to have together. Two short parallel the one showing the changes that have occurred in the habitat the other those supervening in the habitat, will make this not simply clear, but As effective as the well known deadly parallel of oratorical utterances, this life giving one reaches the same certainty through the proba-

Occasion of this vital parallelism occurs at the very start. Indeed, we may go back of this and note agreement before the start, for until the conditions were such as could support life no life appeared. This is the first coincidence. Another follows on its heels with the dawn both of conditions fit for some existence and of that ex istence itself. The waters were its birthplace. No other portion of the surface could then have offered it a home, and nowhere except in the sea is it then found.

The simultaneity of each new birth and each new cradle crops up again when a new field arose by the making of the land. As soon as this was suitable plants appeared to take possession of it and from that time on neglected The fourth parallel is found in the

significant fact that the edible plants and the plant eaters made their debu on the scene together in miocene times the world having got along without both before that epoch. This entry hand in hand, so to speak, De Lapparent, the great French geologist, does not hesitate to link logically and to regard the one as the necessary comple ment of the other. If this were not the case, there is certainly no reason why they should appear at the same instan of time. Food evokes its eater in fac as definitely as in phraseology.

The last of this procession of coincidences, man, came on the globe at the time when the cooling of the globe rendered his own extension possible at allowed him to take advantage of conditions less intrinsically favorable than other animals could endure. His mind clothed his body and gave him fire, and with these two products he sallied forth into a world where antagonists were chiefly climatic, with which he

was fitted to cope.

Thus all along the line we perceive that life and its domicile arose together. The second is necessary to the first, and the first is always sufficient to the occasion. The coincidence of the possibility and its seizure, of the posse and the esse, seems to be a general principle of evolution. Endless variation is constantly in progress, and this variation takes advantage of any opportunity so soon as it occurs. Life but waits in the wings of existence for its cue to enter the scene the moment the stage is set.-Professor Lowell in Century Magazine.

"If the Eye Is Maimed"-Necessity gives to the eye a precious power of seeing, and in the same way it gives a precious power of feeling to the whole body. Sometimes it seems as if the very substance of my flesh were so many eyes looking out at will upon a world new created every day The silence and darkness which are said to shut me in open my door most hospitably to countless sensations that distract, inform, admonish and amuse With my three trusty guides-touch smell and taste-I make many excur sions into the borderland of experience which is in sight of the city of light. Nature accommodates itself to alphabet, its words are either symbols every man's necessity. If the eye is maimed so that it does not see the formed by a combination of lines or of world. beauteous face of day, the touch becomes more polgnant and discriminating. Nature proceeds through practice to strengthen and augment the remain ing senses. For this reason the blind of smell becomes almost a new faculty to penetrate the tangle and vagueness of things. Thus, according to an immutable law, the senses assist and reenforce one another. - Helen Keller's "Sense and Sensibility" in Century resenting the objects around him. Magazine.

Knew the Animal. Bacon-Were you ever in a runaway

with me once, but I think it was more by design than accident on the part of that horse .- Yonkers Statesman.

A Smooth Tengue. "No, Mr. Smith." she said gently, but firmly, "I can never be your wife." Then he struggled to his feet and said in broken tones: "Are all my hopes to be thus dashed to pieces? Am I never to be known as the husband of the beautiful Mrs. Smith?" This was too much, and she succumbed .- New Orlearns Times-Democrat.

His Idea of a Wife. "What is your idea of an ideal wife?" "One who will cook the meals, do the washing, look after the furnace, make her own clothes and-and"-"And what?"

"Keep herself looking as young and as beautiful as an actress who pulls down \$450 a week in vaudeville."-Chicago Record-Herald.

"Now, Elsie," said the schoolteacher, "can you tell me what a panther is?" "Yeth, ma'am," lisped the little miss. "He ith a man that makths panths."-Kansas City Independent.

Simplicity forms a main ingredient in a noble nature.-Thucydides.

FREAKS OF CLOCKS.

Electric Storms May Stop Them and May Also Start Them. watch may need cleaning when it is not dirty at all," said a watchmaker, quoted in the Washington Post, "This sometimes accounts for a great, deal of misunderstanding between the owner of a new watch and the watchmaker to whom it is brought for examination. Furthermore, a watch which has never been worn may need

"A common reason is that oil in watch may have dried up around the pivot and become sticky, thus causing a watch to go very slowly or stop entirely, in which case of course it needs not only cleaning, but the addition of

"The oil which is considered best for watches is made from the porpoise or blackfish jawbone. These oils have a most disagreeable odor and have to be treated chemically before being

"The skeleton of the fish, with only the hand left on, is long in the liot sun for several days and the oil allowed to coze out slowly. All the volatile parts of the oil are naturally neutralized in this manner, and the oil collected is said to remain fluid a clear when it comes in contact w' metal for as long as ten years.

"Makers of chronometers are Lapecially scrupulous in the preparation of oils, owing to the accuracy which is demanded of these delicate timepleces, and often prepare their own oil by mixing porpoise, sperm, olive and neatsfoot and a small quantity of mineral oil. When these oils are mixed, it is customary to keep them in an uncorked bottle exposed to the sun. This is done to allow all foreign and coloring substances to fall to the bottom, after which the oil is filtered through a mixture of charcoal cust and animal charcoal.

"Clocks sometimes stop running for no apparent reason. During an electric storm it is not uncommon for them to stop abruptly, only to resume their regular functions with as much accuracy as ever after a certain interval of time. This interval may be only for a few moments or it may be for years. "On the other hand, electric storms have been known to be responsible for the starting of old clocks which have remained mute and inactive for years. Imagine the utter amazement of the members of the household upon suddenly hearing the solemn tick-tack of a stately old hall clock which from all appearance 1 .d long ago retired from active service."

The Serious Breton.

The Breton is stalwart in stature and stern and serious in disposition. He has hewed his life out amid the serious things and along the rocky roads. His bronzed face looks austere, but beneath his blue blouse beats a heart warm and | nigh as might be if it wa'n't so fer as true. The primitive simplicity of his give the Breton short view of the fri- is betwixt an' between fer an' nigh."volities of existence. He carries his religion into his daily life and work, and along all the roads are gaudy cruclfixes, which the peasants never pass without kneeling and crossing themselves. It is characteristic of all these Brittany folk that they mind their own business. I don't know what the result | don Chronicle. would be if you were to try a joke on them. I should be afraid to undertake it. Life is a serious problem to the the least expense to himself. His brain Breton. It is homespun for him even rayed in silks. He has worked out an existence against great odds, and it has given him a character and physique which make him notable among his in the rear of the court bouse dufellow countrymen.-Frank Presbrey in Outing Magazine.

> No Flattery Necessary. "You needn't begin jollying me," said land to sell. "I'm not a man that can be affected by flattery. When I"-"That's just what I said to my boss," interrupted the agent. "I told him when he suggested your name to me that it was a relief to call on a man who did not expect to be praised and flattered to his face all the time. I tell you, Mr. Grump, this city has mighty few men such as you. Nine men out of ten are simply dying to have some one tell them how great they are, but you are above such weakness. Any one can see that at a glance. I'm glad of it. It's helpful to me to meet a man who rises superior to the petty tactics of the average solicitor. It's a

tive experience. Ten minutes later, after a few more such comments on the part of the agent, the man who could not be flattered into signing the contract was asking which line his name should be written upon. Success Magazine.

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The Chinese Language.

The Chinese language has no alphabet. Instead of being formed from an intended to represent images or are among the carriage breeds of the two or more such symbols. The language is monosyllabic. Every word is a root, and every root is a word, and ancient tradition makes it out that the founder of the written language of China was one Tsang Ke, who lived some 3,000 years B. C. According to the account, Tsang Ke, while wandering one day in the fields, found a tortoise, and, observing its shell distinctly and beautifully marked, he took it home and thus formed the idea of rep-Looking upward, he carefully observed the figures presented by the stars, after which he attentively considered the forms of birds, mountains, rivers, etc., and from them at length originated the written characters. At any rate, the Chinese language, as written, is simply a great mass of hieroglyphics .-New York American.



THE ART OF GARGLING.

Not the Same Thing as the Process Usually Followed.

The proper method of gargling is thus described by a writer in the Medical Record: "The patient (at first under the guid-

ance of a physician) should sit well

ter in the mouth and bend the head as far back as possible. "Now he must protrude the tongue from the mouth (the tip of the tongue may be grasped with a handkerchief) and in this posture with protruding tongue he must try to swallow the water. The physician should control the patient's vain efforts, for it is impossi-

ble to swallow under such circum-

"The patient has the sensation as it he actually had swallowed the water. Now he must start to gargle, to exhale air slowly. One can see plainly, the bubbling of the fluid in the wide open

pharvnx. "After gargling thus for awhile the patient is ordered to close the mouth and quickly throw head and body forward. Thereby all the fluid is forced through the choance and nostrils, washing the throat and nose from behind and expelling all the accumulations that had been present with great

"This should be repeated several times, as the first trial is not always successful and satisfactory. It is an act that must be learned.

"When properly executed the sensation, as the patient will assure you, is that of great relief not had by any other method. It will be wise for the practitioner to try the method first on himself. Even small children who are at all clever learn the method readily and rather enjoy it."

His Mouth Full. A certain town council after a proracted sitting was desirous of adjourning for luncheon. The poposition was opposed by the mayor, who thought that if his fellow councilors felt the stimulus of hunger the dispatch of business would be much facilitated.

At last an illiterate member got up and exclaimed: "I ham astonished, I ham surprised, ham amazed, Mr. Mayor, that you

"I'm surprised," exclaimed one of his colleagues, "that a gentleman who has got so much 'ham' in his mouth wants any lunch at all!"-London Scraps.

will not let us go to lunch!"

A Little Vague. "Is it far from here to the next town?" asked a tourist of a man he met on a rural road.

"Well, it ain't so very fer, nor it ain't so very nigh, an' yit it ain't as it is. Still it'd be ferther if it wa'n't so nigh, so I reckon one might say that it Lippincott's Magazine.

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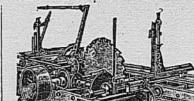
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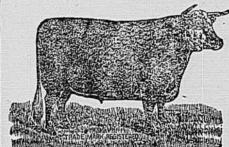
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