

ITEMS.

The Siamese have great horror of odd numbers, and were never known to put 5, 7, 9 or 11 windows in a house or temple.

Amsterdam will have next year an international exhibition of hotel arrangements and accommodations for travelers.

The smallest coal burning locomotive in America, 235 pounds, was made by C. D. Young of Denver, in 1891.

An eagle with seven feet spread of wings was caught in a wolf trap near Brady Island, Neb., recently.

The medusa is a true sea water jelly which, when abandoned by the waves on the beach, melts and disappears.

A professor at Edinburgh University has an income of over \$20,000 a year, and his chair is the most valuable in the world.

The churches in the new town of Enid O. T., have no bells yet, and the town fire bell is rung every Sunday to announce the hour of religious services.

At Heazig, Hungary, on Oct. 11, 1894, three perfect rainbows were seen—three smaller ones inside the main or primary bow.

A lower floor of the crypt of old St. Paul's was recently discovered by a bin of wine falling through from a cellar just above.

The German house builders always contrive to leave a small flat place on the roof of each house for the storks to rest and build on.

In several European countries butter is sold by the yard. The rolls are a yard in length, and are sold in sections to suit purchasers.

A butcher in Belfast, Me., is training a hog to harness, driving him behind a sled. He has also two tame skunks which act as tramp discouragers.

The Guild of Arts and Crafts of San Francisco will erect a memorial to Robert Louis Stevenson in the shape of a very beautiful drinking fountain which is to cost \$500.

At a banquet of lawyers in Edinburgh not long ago a toast was drunk to "The greatest benefactor of the profession—the man who makes his own will."

Good Friday is a legal holiday in the states of Alabama, Louisiana, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Tennessee. In many others it is informally observed.

B. F. Bachman, an early pioneer of Los Gatos, Cal., who died the other day was one of the party that discovered the Yosemite valley, in March, 1851.

The Boston Police board has recommended to the legislature the enactment of a law providing for the appointment of an assayer of the liquor of that city.

Another innovation upon the conduct of funerals has been started by Mrs. Furner of Grand Rapids, Mich., who upon the occasion of her husband's interment, delivered the address over his grave. She knew him best, and was quite fitted to do justice to his memory.

A certain lady in Maysville, Ga. unwittingly carried a spool of thread to church. A young lady saw the end of the thread on her dress and innocently supposing it to be a loose one began to take it off. The spool continued to unwind and the lady to pull until she had almost enough to supply a retail store.

One of the absurdities of the application of silver to all sorts of things is its use in trowels for the use of the conservatory. Silver is no better suited for trowels than some other and cheaper noncorroding metals, since the used trowel, of whatever material, is always bright. An iron or steel trowel of the best material and workmanship costs \$150, while the silver trowel costs from eight to twenty times as much.

An American in Germany was surprised to find a number of cripples among the celebrated college professors, men whose high standard of learning makes them famous the world over. One Berlin professor is wheeled into his lecture-room every day, and there are others similarly though for the most part less painfully afflicted. This is due partly to the fact that under the military regime of Germany, when a boy is disqualified for the army he is trained for science or the law.

Writers of fiction should be careful how they trifle with natural science. One popular novelist described with much eloquence a tropical full moon, and represented as occurring immediately afterward a total eclipse of the sun, an astronomical impossibility at such a time. An American novelist represents one of his characters as pointing to a certain star in the course of conversation, and names as the exact date of the incident a day when the star is visible in no part of the earth.

A summer and a winter in an exposed position on the campus north of the University of Pennsylvania library, says the Philadelphia Record, has severely tested the enduring qualities of the statue of Benjamin Franklin, which during the world's fair graced the main entrance to the electricity building. The extremes of heat and cold have fractured the philosopher's right leg just above the ankle, the seams of the coat are burst open in the back, and his neck is encircled by a narrow fissure. But the most severe trial of all for the author of "Poor Richard's Almanac" is that last summer some children, in climbing up to get a better view of Franklin's face, broke his left arm near the shoulder, and now that limb is supported in a wire sling.

Queen Victoria is something of a hypochondriac. It is not generally known but it is a fact that she has a fondness for trying patent medicines for her rheumatism and other bodily afflictions. She uses a good deal of secrecy in thus dosing herself, in order not to give offence to her court physicians and to furnish no free advertisement to medicine with which she is experimenting.

The South stood the financial and commercial stress better than any other section of the country, and the South is showing better progress towards the attainment of normal business conditions than any other section of the country, according to the reports of the commercial agencies. It is to be hoped the adjournment Congress will permit of the Northern and Eastern sections doing something to catch up with the procession.

One of the absurdities of the times is a dictionary of 300 or 400 pages, the size of a big thumb nail, inclosed in a case of aluminium, silver or gold, and read by means of a magnifying lens let into the case. Many persons bought them at 50 cents, and a few were foolish enough to take the gold-cased ones at more than twenty times that price.

The Georgia State building for the Atlanta Exposition is expected to cover an area of 15,000 square feet, and in display is expected to be one of the best. It will be built entirely of Georgia material. Governor Atkinson has had offers from several architects to furnish designs free of charge. Some of those offers come from Atlanta, and one is from the supervising architect of the Exposition.

Lord Rothschild recently gave a dinner party in London to the staff of Punch to meet the Dukes of York and Fife. There were present besides them Messrs. Barnaud, Du Maurier, Lindsey, Sambourne and Partridge. The display of gold and china on the table was extraordinary. The Duke of Fife declared, "if he had such dessert plates, he would not think of using them, but would hang them up in his drawing room."

The division of the mean day into twenty-four hours of sixty minutes each originated with the Egyptians; then passed to Babylon and Greece. Why divided into twenty-four, instead of some other number of hours it is impossible to say. The Chinese and a few other Oriental nations reckon but twelve hours to the day and night—evidently making the whole to correspond with the apparent passage of the sun over one of the zodiacal signs.

Whether real kissing should be allowed on the stage is the question that is now agitating Vienna. In the play given lately at the Raimund theater a good deal of kissing was required in the most important scene; the actress subjected to it held out for ten performances, when her husband interfered and insisted that the kissing should be made believe. The manager refused to yield and dismissed the actress, who is pretty and popular. Thereupon the Freudenblatt collected the opinions of all well known German, French and Hungarian actresses, and found that nine-tenths of them were in favor of the real kiss. The men were not asked.

A severe rheumatic pain in the left shoulder had troubled Mr. J. A. Loper, a well known druggist of Des Moines, Iowa, for over six months. At times the pain was so severe that he could not lift anything. With all he could do he could not get rid of it until he applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm. "I only made three applications of it," he says, "and have since been free from all pain." He now recommends it to persons similarly afflicted. It is for sale by Dr. A. J. Chioa.

Mercurial Poison. Is the result of the usual treatment of blood disorders. The system is filled with Mercury and Potash remedies—more to be dreaded than the disease—and in a short while is in a far worse condition than before. The most common result is RHEUMATISM for which S. S. S. is the most reliable cure. A few bottles will afford relief where all else has failed. I suffered from a severe attack of Mercurial Rheumatism, my arms and legs being swollen to more than twice their natural size, causing the most excruciating pains. I spent hundreds of dollars without relief, but after taking a few bottles of S. S. S. I improved rapidly and am now a well man completely cured. I can heartily recommend your wonderful medicine to anyone afflicted with this painful disease. W. F. DALEY, Brooklyn Elevated R. R. Our Treatment on Blood and Skin Diseases mailed free to any address. SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., Atlanta, Ga.

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Advertisement for A. White & Son, Fire Insurance Agency, established 1866, with branches in Liverpool & London & Globe, North British & Mercantile, Home, of New York, Underwriters' Agency, N. Y., Lancaster Insurance Co.

Advertisement for Otto F. Weiters, Wholesale Grocer and Liquor Dealer, located at 183 East Bay, Charleston, S.C.

Advertisement for Cotton Blight prevention, featuring Kainit. Tests made by the Alabama Experiment Station and elsewhere prove conclusively that cotton blight. Planters can prevent the immense loss caused annually by this disease. Send for our pamphlets. They are sent free. It will cost you nothing to read them, and they will save you dollars. GERMANY KALI WORKS, 93 Nassau Street, New York.

Advertisement for J. F. W. DeLorme, Dealer in Medicines and Drugs, featuring an illustration of a mortar and pestle.

Advertisement for Toilet Soaps, Perfumery and all kinds of Druggist's Sundries Usually Kept in a First Class Drug Store.

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Advertisement for The Sumter Institute for Women, established in 1894, offering a course of instruction for young ladies, equal to any college for women in this State.

Advertisement for H. Frank Wilson, President, for Best New Garden Seed, Full Line, Purest Drugs and Chemicals, J. S. Hughson & Co., Harby & Co., Brokers, Court House Square, Sumter, S.C.

Advertisement for The Edition We Offer, featuring a special mention of a thorough equipment of new maps up to date, costing \$30,000 to produce.

Advertisement for Proposals for Sumter County Bonds, Office of County Supervisor, Sumter County, Sumter, S.C., Feb. 13, 1895.

Advertisement for The State, Columbia, S.C., featuring an illustration of a plow and text about purchasing the plant of the Atlantic Phosphate Company.

Advertisement for Rice, Rice, Rice, featuring an illustration of a rice stalk and text about rough rice in any quantity.

Table for Atlantic Coast Line, Manchester and Augusta Railroad, Condensed Schedule, showing North and South train routes and stations.

Table for Atlantic Coast Line, North-Eastern R. R. of S. C., Condensed Schedule, showing train routes and stations.

Train 50 and 51 carry through Pullman Palace Buffet Sleeping Cars between New York and Augusta and Macon. Train No. 50 leaves Atlanta 7.15 a. m., Macon 9.00 a. m., Augusta 2.25 p. m., arriving Sumter 4.17 p. m., Fayetteville 9.35 p. m., Petersburg 2.39 a. m., Richmond 3.40 a. m., Washington 7.00 a. m., Baltimore 8.20 a. m., Philadelphia 10.45 a. m., New York 1.23 p. m.

Train No. 51 leaves New York 9.00 a. m., Philadelphia 11.40 a. m., Baltimore 2.13 p. m., Washington 3.30 p. m., Richmond 7.13 p. m., Petersburg 7.46 p. m., Fayetteville 12.53 a. m., Sumter 4.19 a. m., Augusta 8.00 a. m., Macon 11.00 a. m., Atlanta 12.15 p. m.

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Table for Ohio River & Charleston Railway Co., showing train routes and stations.

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