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Trees Not Olerized.

Brazilian cocconut palms live from 600 to 700 years, and the Arabs assert that the date palm frequently reaches the age of 200 to 300 years, says the Dundee Advertiser. Wallan's oak near Paisley, Scotland, is known to be over 700 years old and there are eight olive trees on the Mount of Olives, near Jerusalem which are known to have been flourishing in 1099. The views at Fountains Abbey, Yorkshire, were old trees when in 1132 the abbey was built, and a redwood in Mariposa Grove, California, is a manifold centenarian. Babab trees of Africa have been computed to be over 5,000 years old, and the deciduous cypress at Chalteppec is considered to be of a still greater age. Humbolt said that the Dracaena Draco at Orotava, on Tenerife, was one of the oldest inhabitants of the earth.

Too Exalted a Parent.

The great Wellington was always precise about religious observances. One Saturday evening a lady, one of his guests at Strathfieldsaye, Wellington's country seat, apologized for not forming one of the party to church the following morning. She was a Roman Catholic and there was not a Catholic church within a distance of 20 or 30 miles. "That," said His Grace, "need be no difficulty. My carriage and horses are at your disposal. Breakfast shall be ready a little before daybreak and the thing can easily be done." The second Duke of Wellington, in telling the story of the author of "Society in the Country House," adds, "And she had to go." "Imagine," he exclaimed, "the impossibility of living up to such a father!"—Saturday Evening Post.

Lightning's Peculiar Pranks.

The peculiar pranks played by a bolt of lightning on an oak tree attracted hundreds of people recently to Wissahickon avenue, near Lincoln Lake, says the Philadelphia Record. The tree which was fully 125 feet tall was struck during an electrical storm recently and was split down a distance of 75 feet, the halves falling in opposite directions. Fifty feet of the upper part was stripped of bark, and a most peculiar thing was that the roots were torn completely out of the ground and hurled a considerable distance, while a circle of bark four feet high was left standing.

Feathered Songsters in Church.

A novel service has just been celebrated in Trinity Methodist Church, Toronto, in which birds and blossoms played a conspicuous part. The altar was filled with sprays of fruit blossoms and carnations, roses, and other flowers, while suspended from the gallery were seven cages, each containing the favorite songster from

some member's home, lent for the occasion. When the members of the congregation entered they were greeted by a chorus from these birds.—Exchange.

Been Dry 4,000 Years.

By means of a steel-lined irrigation canal engineers are preparing to give water to a district in Egypt near Assuan which has been dry and parched for 3,000 or 4,000 years. The soil is saline, and for this reason it is necessary to wash the ground for from three to four weeks before any crops can be grown upon it. When first wet the ground swells and rises about six inches, afterward subsiding from one foot to two feet.

Kissing Room Required.

It is proposed by the master of the Grand Central Station in New York that it would be advisable for the railway companies in their new plans to procure a kissing room and require all osculation to be performed there, so that the concourse, doorways, platforms and gates be not congested by those who linger for the last goodbye.

The Bishop's Job.

Bishop Potter was staying with a friend in a country house. On Sunday morning as he passed through the library he found a small boy curled up in a big chair deeply interested in a book. "Are you going to church, Tom?" he asked. "No," he replied. "Why, I am," the Bishop said. "Huh!" the boy returned. "That's your job."

From Army Officer to Butcher.

Aladar Stolnicki, an aristocratic lieutenant of a Hungarian hussar regiment, has resigned his commission to become an apprentice to a pork butcher in Budapest. He says he cannot live on his pay—\$400 a year—and that he considers a man of intelligence and energy can do well in the pork trade.

Cause of Blood Poisoning.

Experiments conducted by a German surgeon prove that blood poisoning may easily result from allowing conversation around an operation. He found that the minute drops of saliva expelled in the act of speaking contained on an average 4,373 bacteria many of which are disease producers.

Poet's Relative a Judge.

The great-grandson of Robert Burns, the poet, has recently been acting as Judge of the Police Court of Louisville. His name is J. Marshall Chatterton and for many years he has been an attorney in Louisville.

"Into every wilderness God sends some voice."

Turns Wood and Water to Sugar.

An electro-chemical process by which wood and water are actually converted into the purest and sweetest sugar is being demonstrated in a Western city, says Popular Mechanics. The machine which costs only \$1000, is composed of a water boiler furnace for heating steam until it turns into hydrogen and oxygen, a retort in which the charcoal is reduced to a gas and mixed with the hydrogen and oxygen, a water tank in which the combination of gasses is cooled, an air compressor and a set of highly charged electrodes. In a test the machine's output of chemically pure sugar was 70 pounds in 30 minutes. It is claimed that sugar can be produced commercially at 1 cent per pound from elements almost as free as air.

Didn't Know Him.

In Westminster Abbey a stonecutter was at work in the little cloisters recutting the name of Wilson, the great tenor of Shakespeare's day. An antiquary visiting the abbey began to tell the stonecutter about Wilson, whom he had been Shakespeare's friend, and Ben Johnson's and Kit Marlowe's, and how all these men had loved and honored him. The stonecutter, looking up from his work, frowned and shook his head. "I wish, sire," he said, "we'd knowed he was such a swell afore we run that drain pipe through him."

Mineral Product.

Estimates of the mineral product of the United States during the last year contain the following items: Pig iron, 25,397,000 long tons, valued at \$505,700,000; aluminum, 14,910,000 pounds, at \$4,263,000; cement, 51,000,445 barrels, valued at \$55,303,000, of which 46,463,424 barrels, at \$52,447,000, were Portland cement. Of minor interest it may be noted that the total production of grindstones is valued at \$745,000, and of whetstones and oilstones at \$268,000.

Premier Diamond Mine.

The Premier is by far the largest and most valuable individual diamond mine ever found in South Africa, and it is probably not an exaggeration to say that it is one of the most valuable mines of any kind ever discovered in the world. It is estimated that when its full plant is at work it will make profit at the rate of \$9,648,000 a year, the life of the mine on this basis being well over 50 years.

Meat Too High? Eat Peanuts.

Prof. H. E. Jaffa of the California state university declares in a bulletin just prepared for the department of agriculture that 10 cents' worth of peanuts contain more than twice the

protein and six times the amount of energy contained in a porterhouse steak. Prof. Jaffa carried on exhaustive experiments with students as subjects.

Never Even in Danger.

"Uncle Dan" Miller of Borgertown, Pa., who celebrates his 99th birthday this week, claims distinction as "the oldest old bachelor" in the country, for he says he was "never even in danger of getting married." He has never ridden in a steam or trolley car and attributes his longevity to "keeping away from such contraptions."

Color Photography.

The London Times says that the work of pioneers in color photography has reached a promising stage and that a plate is now on sale upon which a fairly satisfactory heliochrome transparency may be made with one exposure, and with little more trouble than when making an ordinary negative.

Worked To Death.

"Worked to death" was the verdict of a London Coroner's jury in the case of Isabella Thurgood, a widow 77 years old, who died after a hard day at the washtub. "I think the Lord is calling me, but I am ready," she said just before she passed away.

Just Household Pests.

Some mosquitoes are strictly household pests and are found nowhere except about the verandas and sleeping rooms. Another variety lives exclusively in the woods and thrives upon animal life of the kind provided by nature. To this class human blood comes as a treat.

Indoor Snowstorm.

A writer tells of an indoor snowstorm on a very clear, cold evening at a party given in Stockholm, Sweden. Many people were gathered in a single room, which became so warm as to be insufferable. The window sashes were found frozen, and a pane of glass was smashed out. A cold air current rushed in, and at the same instant flakes of snow were seen to fall on the floor in all parts of the room. The atmosphere was so saturated with moisture that the sudden fall in temperature produced a snowfall indoors.—Chicago Chronicle

His Idea of It.

Johnny's mother believed that pine apple was not wholesome for little boys, so the lad never ate any of the fruit until he visited his aunt. When it was put before him, he looked at it with suspicion, and then cautiously tasted it. "Do you know what it is?" asked his aunt. "I think," answered Johnny, evidently satisfied that he liked it, "that it is wooden lemonade."

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