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MONEY FOR SCIENTIFIC WORK.

British Academy Receives £10,000 for Research.

The British Academy has received £10,000 for the purpose of establishing a memorial to the late Leopold Schwegel, of Paris. This is the first benefaction the academy has received.

In accordance with the wishes of the donor, says the London Express, the endowment is to be called "The Leopold Schwegel Fund," and is to be devoted to the furtherance of research in the archaeology, art, history, languages and literature of ancient civilization, with reference to Biblical study. There are to be annually not less than three public lectures to be delivered in London, dealing with a subject coming within the scope of these studies.

The residue of the income of the fund, with all sums which may be added, is to be applied for the purpose of excavation, and for the publication of the results of original research in connection with one or more of the subjects named.

Ask Pit for Every House.

Among the objects that invariably attract the attention of tourists in Denver are the ash pits at every house. These are made necessary by the character of the coal commonly used for domestic purposes and by the high winds that prevail, says the Kansas City Times.

The ashes of the lignite coal so extensively burned hold the heat for an extraordinary length of time, retaining red hot for many hours, or kept from the air, for days after passing through the grate bars.

It is evident that if these red hot ashes were thrown out in back yards or vacant lots the high winds that sweep across the plains would scatter them broadcast, making them a constant menace to the eyes and clothing of passersby, as well as to inflammable property or over light. Every house is therefore required by city ordinance to be provided with an ash pit, shaped like an old-fashioned bake oven, with small openings at the top through which the ashes are thrown. Another opening in one side at the bottom permits their removal when the pit is full.

\$1,000 For a Newspaper.

During the siege of Kimberley, the editor of the only daily paper there was often laid out to find enough news. One day in a club room he found Cecil Rhodes reading a daily newspaper from Cape Town. He borrowed it and rushed to his own office, where it soon appeared as a special edition, selling like hot cakes. That same evening he met Mr. Rhodes, who inquired: "Where's my Cape Town paper?" "Oh, I cut it up for the printer," was the reply. "Please don't do that again," said Rhodes mildly. "That paper came through by native runner and cost me \$1,000."

Houses Made From Whales.

Not very long ago there was on the coast of Lancashire, England, a cottage and bathhouse that were made almost entirely from the remains of a score or so of whales that had been given ashore some years before. The framework of the edifice consisted wholly of whalebone, and the dried skins of the huge creatures were neatly and strongly fastened as a covering for walls and roof. This is another building of exactly the same kind in Scotland, and in this case the skulls of the whales and some of the heavier bones are used with great effect as outside ornaments.

Thunder Supersaturation.

Thunder, first because it is a noise for which there is no visible cause, has always excited the imagination of the unscientific. One old writer explains the matter of this way that "a storm is said to follow precisely when a company of hoarse voices crying 'home' on the ground that 'a house is most dull and of a melancholy nature and so by reason doth force the rain that cometh.' Leonard Digges, in his 'Proteusation Everlasting' (1666) mentions that 'thunder in the morning signifies wind, about noon rain and in the evening a great tempest.'

A Remarkable New Potato.

The British Vice Consul at Rouen reports that the cultivation in France of the new potato brought from Uruguay has been observed for some time with great interest. The variety is called "Solignum commercialis violet." It is said to possess excellence of taste as well as nutritive value, and is equal to the best table potato known in France. This variety is distinguished by its resistance to frost, as also to disease, and its one great advantage is that it prospers most in a damp and swampy soil, where no other kind of potato would grow.

Chemistry of Fatigue.

A German investigator, Weichardt, has promulgated the theory that fatigue is the direct result of a poison manufactured by the system and developed by hard work, and requiring rest to drive it out. Weichardt experimented with the muscle juice of guinea pigs which he had previously fatigued, and his examination proved that this juice acted as a veritable poison similar to some of the well-known toxins. By inoculating other animals he produced symptoms of fatigue and large doses produced death.

ENGLISH MILK WAGONS.

Gorgeous Floats With Horns Churn and Ice Box Drivers.

In English towns, a Canadian visitor declares in the "Quest," the foreigner runs out to the pavement just to see that gorgeous chariot called a milk float go by—that bit of a two-wheeled thing, white and yellow, white and blue, or red, white and blue, with the shining brass churn erect at the side, the reins coming over the shining brass rail in front, the little square seat in front of the seat and the chariotist standing at the back like Ben Hur and driving as much like that hero as in a modern town where even motor cars are not unknown—practicable.

Then the English milkman who comes on foot, with a modern yoke on his shoulders, and swinging at each side a brass bound tin pail, in which is a queer little measuring dipper. Who could wish to have milk delivered in glass bottles, with a paper sealed top, when he can have it measured out at his door into his own jug in this quaintly curious fashion? What do microbes amount to compared with the joy of the medieval?

Highest Restaurant in World.

What is probably the highest restaurant in the world has been opened at the Elmer station of the Jungfrau railway in Switzerland, says the "Sphere." It is situated 19,000 feet above sea level, close to the summit of the mountain.

The food is not cooked by means of ordinary fuel, but by electricity generated by the Lutschli waterfall, deep down in the valley below. The cooking is done on the principle of the so-called "Fainlin-Algerier," as, owing to the rarefaction of the air at that great altitude, water boils much more quickly, and would evaporate before cooking the food.

With an expenditure of thirty kilowatts of electrical energy it is possible to prepare a five-course dinner for a party of one hundred persons in a very short time. The guests are accommodated in a large hall built out of the solid rock and heated by electricity. The view from the huge windows comprises mountain scenery which for grandeur has perhaps no equal in the world.

Before the Day of Wrath.

Sixty years ago the use of cast iron and steel to produce a fire was not wholly unknown. The late William E. Howe, of Paerle, Ill., lived at Beaver, Pa. His father one warm August night was stricken with apoplexy. The fire was out in the kitchen hearth and his mother in her distress, unable to find the tinder box, was obliged to send his brother, Martin, two miles and a half to a neighbor, who gave him a handful of tow, which he put in his pocket. Arriving a neighbor with some difficulty, she gave him a live coal, which he wrapped in the tow, and putting it back in his pocket, ran home. When he arrived there he swung the tow around his head, thus fanning the coal and produced a flame which lighted a candle. In the meantime the father had been so long comatose that the father was past all surgery.

Milder Definition.

At Emerson's dinner table the day there was mention of a woman well known as a lion hunter; and, in speaking of her, Mrs. Emerson used the word "snob." Mr. Emerson objected, the word was too harsh; he didn't like that ugly class of words beginning with "sn." His wife inquired how he would characterize the lady. "I should say," very slowly, "she is a person having great sympathy with success."

Peculiar Teeth of Fish.

Tooth of the fish vary more greatly than those of any other known creatures. Their teeth are not divided into incisors, canines, and molars as in animals, but almost every kind of fish has differently shaped teeth, all extremely sharp pointed. The front row stands up erect, but those behind are more or less recumbent. There is never any difficulty in identifying a shark's tooth.

Hair Done by Wrong Book.

A New York skin specialist says: "I had to choose between the book and the apothecary as copiator. I think I would not hesitate for a moment to yoke myself with the former." He goes on to say that "the book kills more than the sword." Many people eat not only the wrong foods, but too much of them.

Characteristics of Cities.

Every great city has its characteristics. Americans' most lasting impression of London are the "buses" and the fog. Every one who returns from Paris talks of the "chateaux" and the boulevards. Brussels has its lace, Rome its ruins and Moscow its neggars.

Slighting All the Years.

Because of the hickens which grow abundantly on the stone-paved streets in Madrid, making them slippery, it is possible to slip almost the year around.

Had Reached Her Limit.

"Mamma," exclaimed four-year-old Dorothy one day, "I'm so full of happiness that I couldn't be happier unless I was bigger."

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