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As soon as this fan has raised the "running weight" to its extreme height, the cord to which the weight is attached acts on a wheel which throws a brake into gear, and the more rounds of cord that are added, so much more strongly does the brake act to prevent the weight from rising any higher, the checking tendency being transmitted to the fan wheel with every revolution.

A simple pawl arrangement prevents the down draft from exerting any contrary influence on the fan wheel. There is not, as one might suppose on first thought, any necessity of having a fire in the stove or fireplace of the chimney to which this odd clock is attached. The natural tendency of air is to ascend through such vents, the draft thus created being always sufficient for weight winding purposes. The clock might be placed at the top of a hollow tree with a bottom opening, or any other cylinder from fifteen to twenty-five feet in height.

With its present attachments this clock runs but twenty-four hours after the winding fan stops, but by the addition of another wheel or two, might be made to run a month or two even though the up draft were not sufficiently strong to turn the winding wheel in the meantime. The inventor is a native of Belgium.—St. Louis Republic.

The Marriage Tie.

Said a brilliant woman, whom not one of the refined coterie who heard her thought of calling "immoral:" "At eighteen I married, of my own foolish will, a man of fifty, who adored me. At twenty I had learned that it would be a sin to waste my full young life—the only life I could know this side of the grave—in so monstrous a union. He was a good man, and, according to his lights, a model husband. I could not but respect him, but we had not one emotion in common. We were wholly incompatible in feeling, sentiment, in nature. Upon this ground, and this alone, I obtained a divorce."

Tear away sentimental verbiage and this woman's case stands thus: Her husband's ideas and tastes were not, to her apprehension, favorable to the development of what she sketched as the life she ought to lead. Her individual happiness outranked all other considerations in her mind. The marriage vow, uttered of her own free will, because she then fancied that she was forwarding her selfish interests by the union, became a rope of sand when inclination veered to another quarter.—Marion Harland in Harper's Bazar.

A Prize Easily Won.

A set of tosers were carousing in the Old Boar, and relieved the monotony by cracking jokes and telling funny stories. After an interval of rest one of their number sprang to his feet and shouted:

"I'll give ten bottles of wine to the man who shall most closely imitate the voice of any animal."

The offer was accepted, and there was a neighing, a croaking, a grunting, a quacking, a howling and a growling fit to deafen the hearers. The last man then stood in the ring, and—did nothing. After five minutes' silence he perceived that his companions were growing impatient, when he quietly remarked:

"There, gentlemen, that was the voice of a fish!"

General hilarity. He won the wine.—Kalender.

Prosperous Negroes.

When the war closed there were about 600 negroes owned by the Creek Indians. When they were free the Indians attempted to drive them out of the territory. The government wouldn't permit it, but made them citizens of the Creek nation and clothed them with all the rights and privileges of a full blood.

The Indians were compelled to accept this state of affairs. For awhile they badly treated their black skinned brothers, heaping all sorts of indignities upon them, which were borne with patient fortitude. When the lands were divided the government gave them a pro rata share. They have increased in population, now numbering about 2,000, raised respectable families and are doing well.—New York Advertiser.

The Origin of an Expression.

Mr. McElhey tells this: A few years ago some one defined a Mugwump to be "a person who is educated beyond his intellect." The remark was credited to several leading New Yorkers. But one day, in reading Matthew Arnold's essay "On Translating Homer" I came across this sentence: "The late Duke of Wellington said of a certain peer that 'it was a great pity his education had been so far too much for his disabilities.'"—New York World.

Looking for Gold.

Mr. R. T. Imbrie, of Washington county, Or., found a piece of pure gold about the size of a pea in the gizzard of one of his chickens. He is now on a still hunt for the feeding grounds of that particular chicken, and is thinking of assaying the entire barnyard company.—New York Sun.

It Wouldn't Pay.

The North Carolina boy who went out to shoot birds with a gun made of a brass tube shot himself of course. And we don't know that we are even sorry for his parents. It would not pay to raise such a fool.—Buffalo Express.

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A Strange Accident.

"The strangest accident that ever fell within my observation," said Harold Chapman to a friend in the Lindell, "occurred at my home in Medicine Lodge, Kan. One day in May, 1889, I was driven into the house by a thunder shower. The rain moderated in a few minutes, however, and I took a chair and sat out on the porch. My youngest boy was playing with a tin cup, catching water from the rain pipe and pouring it along a rut in the floor. The water ran along this rut out onto the cistern platform. While he was stooping to fill the cup from the rain pipe a flash of lightning came, seemingly attracted by the iron cistern pump. The current leaped from the pump to the current of water that ran along the porch and flashed along its course to the end.

"As providence, accident, ill luck or something else would have it our Thomas cat had come out from the kitchen and was standing close to the wet gutter made by pouring of the water. The cat received the full benefit of the flash, and lay scorched and dead in an instant. Now I saw that flash distinctly, and saw it travel from the iron pump along that gutter to the cat. If my boy had been there the result would have been the same. If he had not, why I suppose it would have been attracted toward one of us and serious results might have followed. I slightly imagine that I owe my life to that cat's ill fate. I am much obliged to the cat."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Endowment of Daughters.

The propriety of endowing daughters appears to be now seriously discussed in different parts of the country. This arises partly out of a growing sense of justice, which, the philosophers say, is the last sentiment to be developed in the case of women, and partly out of the commercial exigencies which in the last twenty years have left stranded so many women with no means of livelihood. The endowment of daughters would accomplish several ends. It would enable them to marry the men of their choice, it would support them if they do not marry, and in case of commercial disaster would furnish at least temporary provision for the family. The matter has progressed until the methods of endowments in different countries are under advisement.

According to Sir Henry Maine it was the passing of the Roman dowry into France after the conquest of Gaul that has made of France the richest and most prosperous of nations. It is unlikely, however, desirable as it might be, that the frugality and self denial the humblest Frenchman practices to lay aside his daughter's dowry will appeal to a nation accustomed to easy living and as impatient for swift results as this.—New York Evening Sun.

A Japanese Editor.

Editors may find some consolation in the fact that they have inspired feelings of envy in the breasts of a young Japanese boy. A recent issue of an East Indian paper contained the following note: "A schoolboy in Locrabaya was asked to describe an editor of a paper. He did so in this way: 'An editor is the luckiest man in the world. He can go to a circus every afternoon and every evening without paying a cent. He can go also to the court houses, the places of execution and the races.

"He has free tickets to all theaters, receives presents at his office, and gets his ears boxed too. He goes also to Prigen, Malang or Lawang (places of amusement). He does not do this often, however. In one paper he can deny everything that was said in the previous one, and he does so, as a rule. When other people are already in bed, the editor is still up. He stays up late to see what happens. When I grow big I shall become an editor. Then I can stay up too."

A Sermon Exchange.

The latest enterprise which we hear announced in the young and enterprising west is the "Sermon exchange," of Chicago. According to popular belief the practice of clergymen has been to write sermons until they had filled a barrel. Then the barrel would be turned upside down and the sermons all preached over again. Where a minister remained in a church a great many years the congregation would after awhile begin to know when the barrel was turned.

Some sermons were looked forward to with much interest and others with more or less dismay. The Sermon exchange is to do away with all of this. It is no longer necessary to preach a sermon over a second time. The preacher can take an old sermon and tie twenty-five cents to it. This he sends to the exchange and receives one written by some one else by return mail, or if he has no sermon to send he can get one for fifty cents.—Baltimore Sun.

Long Island Indians.

There was a time when many of the Shinnecocks shared in the occupations of the white people and acquitted themselves with great credit. I allude to the whaling period in Southampton history. The Shinnecock at sea, whether pure blood or half breed, made an exact sailor. The discipline of the forecastle was good for him, at least so long as he was afloat. Many of them got to be mates, and one became a captain. This distinguished sailor man was not a pure bred Indian, but was part negro, and probably had a small though potential quantity of white blood. This was Captain Lee, and any one down toward Southampton or Sag Harbor can tell of his giant stature and immense strength. This Captain Lee was the son of a still more famous man, Parson Lee.—John G. Speed in Harper's Weekly.

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