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Belentific Reasons in Support of the Theory That It Is. One of the most interesting subjects discussed by Professor George Darwin during his recent visit to this country was that of the possible and probable increase in the length of the day.

When once the earth is in motion about an axis, no matter how the motion can

of the same length unless something i happening or will happen to interfere with that motion. Now, there are several causes earth's rotation, some of which tend to make the period less and others to make it greater. Fortunately the influence of each of the causes is very small. They are generally easy to understand, and a simple experiment will illustrate one of them. Tie a stone to one end of a string, and, holding the other in the hand, whirl it around as nearly as may be in the circum ference of a circle. When its speed is neary uniform, allow the string to wind up on the finger. It will be noticed that as the string shortens the angular velocity increases. In the same way, if the matter forming the earth should in any way be drawn nearer the axis of rotation, it would turn faster, and the day would be short-

By continual loss of heat a shrinkage of he earth is probably in progress, and, although the process is exceedingly slow, it certainly tends to diminish the period of rotation. On the other hand, any addition of matter from the outside will tend to in crease that period and make the day lon ger. Undoubtedly slight additions to the mass of the earth are constantly made by the arrest of meteoric bodies passing through the atmosphere. Their influence is opposed to and tends to neutralize that of any earth shrinkage that may be going

The most important interference with the rotation of the earth that we know of is that of the tidal wave, which is due to the attraction of the sun and incon, but more largely to the latter. It is easy to see that this is a resistance against which the earth turns, and its effect is to increase the length of the day.

Astronomical observations extending over about 2,000 years have failed to show any sensible change in the day, but the influence of the tides must become evident after the lapse of a great many years. Professor Darwin declares that the day may lengthen until it is at last 55 times as long as it is at present, and that would be also the period of the revolution of the moon about the earth. A day of 1,320 hours, such hours as we

now have, would offer many interesting advantages, but there would be some things about it not altogether agreeable As it is not likely to come for some millions of years it is not a matter for immediate anxiety.—Youth's Companion. POLE SAVED HIM \$30,000.

It Gave Him the Chance to Avoid the Man Who Had Cheated Him. "The most thrilling moment I ever had," remarked a man in the lobby of a hotel the other evening, "was during the great western boom of 1888. Through my agent, Seymour Green, I had invested about \$30,000 in ranches near San Diego. uncleus of a fortune when something came up that made me suspicious. "I had placed entire confidence in Green

and decided to go out and see if I had inade a mistake in so doing. He took me to visit the ranches, and I found to my surprise that there weren't half a dozon cattle on either of them. " 'They're all back in the brush,' insisted Green poinpously, but they are all in line condition, and you have the two best ranches in southern California.'

"However, I soon saw that my \$30,600 was invested in a scoundrel. I knew that if I showed the least sign of suspecting him he would skip over the border into Mexico, and that would be the last of my money. So I pretended to believe him and let him take me to the station, supposedly to go back home. He seemed particularly anxious to have me get out of lown and never left ine for a moment until we reached the depot. I waited until he was out of sight and then took a carringe to the hotel.
"The next morning we made arrange-

ments for his arrest in the afternoon, and about 1 o'clock I decided to take a little stroll. There was only one man in town that I knew must not see me, and that was Green. The chances were small, as I was two miles from his house, and I took

"I didn't meet a pedestrian, but at the sound of wheels leoked up, and there was Green driving right toward me! There seemed no way of escape, and for the moment I was paralyzed. Suddenly I noticed that there was a large telegraph pole just ahead of ine, and I saw that by retarding my speed and gauging it according to his I could move in such relation to the pole that it would obstruct his line of vision and hide me. I never walked so carefully in my life, but it saved me \$30,000, for two hours after we arrested him and he refunded the money."-Detroit Free Press.

PIN HOLES IN THE CHECKS. The Only One of the Cashier's Precaution

That Was Overlooked by the Forger. In the course of a lecture delivered recently on chemical tests used in discovering by the ink the age of documents and whether there have been interpolations Professor C. A. Doremus told of a curious discovery in the case of a raised check made by his father, who is an expert in chemistry and in documents. The interests involved in this case were very large, and it was not practicable that the original check should be tampered with or chemically treated. For purposes of testimony an enlarged photograph of the check was taken by Dr. Doremus, who was called as an expert in the case. The first trial resulted in no decision, and on the second trial what purported to be the original check was produced. It was handed to the cashier of the bank for identification. He "This is not the original check."

"How do you know that?" demanded the amazed lawyer. "Because in the heading of the original check I picked a hole in the center of each of the 'o's' with a pin," was the reply. 'This check has not those holes." In all other respects the check seemed to be identical. The court called for Dr. Doremus' photograph to be produced. It

I met a man yesterday who used to be in the circus business, or at least in one branch of it, for he made most of the money he has now by keeping a lemonade stand near the big tent-the "main top," he calls it. Circus lemonade has been so long a stock joke of the humorists that I felt desire to know how it is really made. I asked the man to tell me and with perfect candor he gave me this recipe: Take a barrel of water, preferably rainwater; add to it 3 pounds of tartaric acid, a little cechineal, sugar to taste and half a dozen lemons sliced thin. told me, frequently reached \$100 a day.

"We make more in the cities than in the country," he said. "Why?" I asked. "Because of the large crowd?" "No," he answered, "but country people always cat the lemon. City people leave it in the glass or simply throw it on thograss, where it can be picked up again. The real secret of success is, always save the floater.''

After all, I never knew anybody to suffer from the effects of circus lemonade, and really no more startling than a little economy I saw practiced by a Washington hostess one afternoon. She was giving a reception, and in a momentary full the young woman at the punch bowl asked for a serv ant to empty the glasses which guests had left half filled. The hostess did not even whisper.

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BIRD SONGS.

To Hear Them Truly Requires as Eas Particularly Attuned. John Burroughs writes for The Contury an article on the "Songs of American Birds." Mr. Burroughs says: I suspect it requires a special gift of grace to enable one to hear the bird songs. Some new power must be added to the car or some obstruction removed. There are not only scales upon our eyes so that we do not see; there are scales upon our ears so that we do not hear. A city woman who had spent much of her time in the country once asked a well known ornithologist to take her where she could hear the bluebird. "What, never heard the bluebird?" said he. "I have not," said the woman. "Then you will never hear it," said the bird lover-that is, nover hear it with that inward ear that gives beauty and meaning to the note. He could probably have taken her in a few minutes where she could have heard the call or warble of the bluebird, but it would have fallen tipon unresponsive ears—tipon ears that were not sensitized by love for the birds or associations with them.

Bird songs are not music, properly speaking, but only suggestions of music. A great many people whose attention would be quickly arrested by the same volume of sound made by a musical instrument or by any artificial means never hear them at all. The sound of a boy's penny whistle there in the grove or th neadow would separate itself more from the background of nature and be a greater challenge to the car than is the strain of the thrush or the song of the sparrow. There is something clusive, indefinite, neutral, about bird songs that makes them strike obliquely, as it were, upon the ear, and we are very apt to iniss them. They are a part of nature, and nature lies about is, entirely occupied with her own affairs and quite regardless of our presence. Hence it is with bird songs as it is with so nany other things in nature—they are what we make them. The ear that hears them must be half creative. I am always disturbed when persons not

especially observant of birds ask me to take them where they can hear some particular bird the song of which they have become interested in through a descrip-tion of it in some book. As I listen with them I feel like apologizing for the bird -it has a bad cold or has just heard some depressing news; it will not let itself out. The song scoms so casual and ininor when you make a dead set at it. I have taken persons to hear the hermit thrush, and I have fancied that they were all the time saying to themselves, "Is that all?" But when one hears the bird in his walk, when the mind is attuned to simple things and ls open and receptive, when expectation la not aroused and the song comes as a surprise out of the dusky silence of the woods one feels that it merits all the fine thing, that can be said of it.

DECAY OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. The Average Sunday School of Today Is a Rebuke to Intelligence.

In The Ladies' Home Journal Edward Bok writes on "The Decay of the Sunday School," and points out the reasons therefor. "I have in mind," he says, "not less than 12 different men who are acting as superintendents of our Sunday schools. Not one of these men has even a sugges-The returns on the investment were sent me regularly, and I supposed I had the STEANED OYSTER SHELLS oysTER SHELLS tion of force; not a spark of personal magnetism, not a personal possession which netism, not a personal possession which goes to draw children to him or to the school over which he presides. In five of these cases the men have been failures in business; by men in the outer world they are passed over and yet the church places them in positions which call pre-eminently for every element which they so distinctly

"To be a successful head of a Sunday school calls for a man with the instincts of leadership—a man who will infuse life into the school, hope and courage into his teachers, who is fertile of mind and infinite in capacity, who can draw children to him and retain their interest. Not only must be elevate his children in a spiritual sense, but lessons of the highest morality must be taught, an influence refining to mind and nature must be exhaled, and all the time the interest of the children must be arrested and held. Infinite variety of method inust be sought.

"The young quickly tire of anything which long remains the same, and that is why they are tiring of the Sunday school It has too long remained the same. It has fallen into a rut, and the fault lies between the presiding spirits of the school who have no ability for their positions and the churches who have placed their there or allowed them to remain." Mr. Bok concludes his discussion with the assertion that "the average Sunday school o today is a rebuke to intelligence and a dis-

The Gargoyle.

It is only recently that the word gargoyle has found its way into our dictionaries. Even technical glossaries of repute passed it over a few years ago. But now it is not only included, but chosen for illustration, in lexicographical works that are callivened with woodcuts.

We find our predecessors not only contrived a means to prevent the damp that would have ensued if rainwater had not been diverted from falling off their roofs into the foundations of their buildings, but so treated these discharging spout heads from their gutters as to make them give considerable ornamentation. The application of the term gargoyle to these contrivances is said to be due to the dragonlike character that was at first given to them, coupled with the fact that there was a particular dragon known by that name that kept the district around Rouen in trepidation. Directly these fantastic spouts came into use they were treated as works of art, in so far as two were never made alike. Those who have studied the subject aver that many of them are fine works of sculpture, and they are often so adroitly placed as to bring out the salient points of a fabric and conduce to its pleasing effect. They were employed from about the middle of the thirteenth century and were gradually improved in form and delicacy of design and execution. At first they were semewhat short and thick, but after a time were made longer, to project farther and with more elegant details.—Chambers'

Siberian Gentleman's Life. "For five months of the year the Sibo rian man of fashion lives in the open air either at the mining camp or in the hunt ing field," says Thomas G. Allen, Jr. writing of "Fashionable Life In Siberia," in The Ladies' Home Journal. "He is an early bird under all circumstances and invariably rises between 7 and 8 o'clock, although he may have had but a couple of hours' rest. Nearly every meal is succeeded by a nap. However, dressing operations do not take very long, for when he retires the Siberian only divests himself of his coat and boots. Shirts are unknown in Siberia, and in many houses beds also. The samovar is set on the dining room table at 8 a. m., together with eggs, black and white bread, sardines, jam and cakes, etc. Breakfast is eaten and washed down by five or six glasses of tea stirred up with sugar, cream and sometimes jam, At o'clock dinner is served, and at 5 in the ifternoon another small meal, much like that of the morning, is taken. A ment

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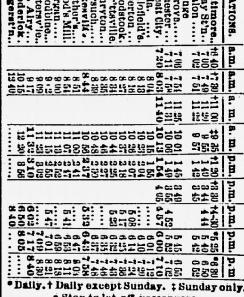
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"Just 41 years ago," said he, "I succeeded M. Roche, who had been valet to the famous or notorious M. Heindrich, and with whom I served my apprentice ship in turn in 1855. I assisted him altogether in 82 executions before I commenced business on my own account, so I was no novice. Yet my first independent performance was not an easy matter, I can assure you, for the criminal, a youth named Laprade, who had murdered his father, mother and grandmother, resisted so stronuously that I was compelled to resort to methods the reverse of gentle. However, the story of that execution got noised abroad, and, though the Paris journalists were very severe with me and declared that I lost my head as well as did tho wrotch I executed, since then I have tailor, and so from a maker of garments in second class emporitims I have worked my way up, as you see, to be refirst class cutter in the government establishment."
And M. Deibler laughed heartily at his

own rather ghastly joke. I next ventured to ask if I could be allowed a private view of the guillotine, which its manipulator referred to as "la M. Deibler shook his head most decisively. "Impossible! Quite impossible! But here is a model which will show you how it is worked. It is all very simple. The

culprit is strapped on to this seesaw plank, which, toppling over, brings his neck into this semicircular ring, called 'la lunette,' where it is secured thus. Then I touch this button, the knife, which is heavily weighted to make it fall swiftly, descends with tremendous force, and the head is received in a tin pan partially filled with sawdust. Is it not simple now? I may tell you that I always keep 'la machine' ready for use, as I am liable to be summoned at a moment's notice. I am supposed to receive a full day's notice in Paris and two days for the departments, but I always hold myself in readiness to start at any moment, as so soon as the day and hour of an execution are fixed by the authorities there is a great teal to be done

a very short time.

"In Paris I make it a rule to pass th night preceding an execution at the Roquette prison so as to be on the spot when the two black vans—one containing the woods of justice' and the other destined to convey the body of the culprit to Ivry cometery—arrive at daybreak. Then I personally superintend the installation of a machine and give a dress rehearsal, as it were, of the performance with the gentleman who is to take the leading role left out. By this means I have always, with one solitary exception, avoided any hitch at the last critical moment. As soon as the hour decided upon strikes the culprit is handed over to my assistant, who, together with the prison chaplain, escorts him to the depot—his last station on earth before reaching la machine—where his toilet is performed. This does not take long, for his hair and beard have been kept close cropped since his condemnation. He is pinioned, his shirt collar cut away, and ie goes forth to his death. As soon as the body is unstrapped from the plank it is put into a coffin, with the head between the feet, driven off to the cemetery and

"And now, M. Deibler," I said, "what is your opinion as to the theory that life actually endures in the head for some little time after it is severed from the body?" "Well," was the reply, given reflectively, "I have certainly on more than one occasion seen the eyes in a decapitated head open and close and the lips twitch convulsively for quite ten minutes and even longer after the fatal stroke has been given. But though this may give all the semblance of lingering life, I do not fancy that it is life, and for this reason: You see, the knife is so heavily weighted that at the same instant that the neck is severed the occiput receives a blow that frequently cracks the skull, and would, in iny opinion, be quite sufficient to drive out any ray of memory, reflection or real sensibility that might otherwise linger in the brain. Then, again, the great loss of blood would produce syncope. Still, after all, there may be exceptional cases. I should not like to assert positively that MAIN STREET.

there are not. "And with regard to the proposed universal abolition of capital punishment, are you favorable toward it or otherwise?" M. Deibler gave a most expressive shrug of his shoulders, as he said: "One must not quarrel with one's bread and butter, you know. As I am paid to carry out th centence of the law I do not feel justified in expressing an opinion as to whether the law is right or wrong. Still, by that you must not imagine that I feel no responsibility in shedding the blood of a fellow creature, for I do feel it most acutely, and custom has not hardened ine to it in the least."—Philadelphia Press,

Mansfield and Shaw. Richard Mansfield acknowledges that George Bernard Shaw is a clever man but he is irritated by the brilliant Irishman's conceit. A bit of advice from Shaw that rankles in the actor's breast was the request that he walk through his lines in "The Devil's Discipline" rather than act them. The piece, however, is one of the most successful in Mansfield's repertory. That it is by Shaw galls him. "What d I do," he complained one evening, "but make the public go away and talk about Bernard Shaw-Bernard Shaw, confound him!" At this a member of the company protested vehemently against Mansfield's ingratitude to Shaw and added that he ought indeed to thank God every night of his life for so good a play. "So I do," said Mansfield carnestly, "so I do. I go on my knees every night and do that very thing. I thank God for so good a play. But," he went on, "I also say, 'O Ged, why did it have to be by Shaw?"—San Francisco Argonaut. The Dreaded Comes to Pass.

"Hush, now; your shoes squeak! Take them off." "Do you think he is asleep?" 'Yes, but don't breathe. Now wait. "How infernally dark the house is Can't I light up a little?" "Sh-h! Certainly not. He would hear the match. Come. "Hang the stairs! How they creak!" "Step softly. Don't stumble.

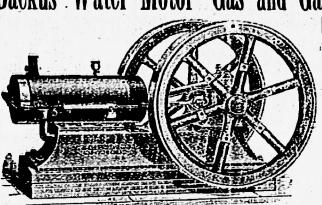
"Where are you?"

"Keep quiet. Don't breathe so loud." "I—I can't help it. I can't hold it in." "Hang that infernal chair!" "Now you've gone and done it! The baby is awake!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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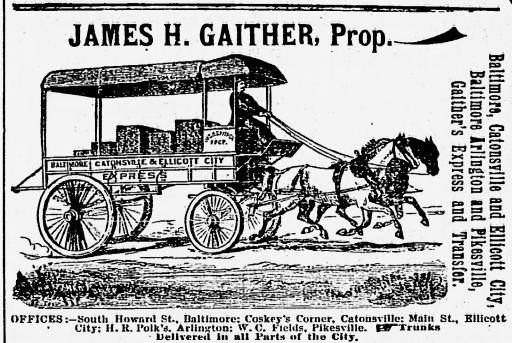
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