ODDS AND ENDS.

In California they catch fish by wheels.

Laplanders often skate a distance of 150 miles a day.

It is intended to lay a submarine cable in the Caspian sea.

Try to keep a cash account and to teach a girl to do the same.

Weather, smoke and a vicious woman drive men out of doors.

Keeping a pan of water in the oven will prevent fowl from scorching.

A good handful of borax will soften ten gallons of water for laundry use.

Maine has a foreign born population of 78,961 and a colored population of 1,823.

So minute are the pores of the skin that a grain of fine sand will cover 300 of them.

Over 2,000,000 postal cards are necessary to meet the daily demands in this country.

The trouble with the man who knows nothing is that he is always the last to find it out.

A North Carolina woman only learned to write after she had passed the age of eighty-two.

The town of Roanoke, Va., has grown in ten years from a population of 600 to one of 23,000.

The word "reverend" occurs but once in the Bible, which is in the ninth verse of the eleventh psalm.

People who conceal their mistakes in many instances destroy their only chances of usefulness in life.

It is the man who has to live on corn bread at home who finds the most fault with the pie when he travels.

The big battleship Texas will have cost Uncle Sam $3,000,000 after her guns shall have been put on board.

Never forget to mention to the doctor the appearance of a rash. It may be nothing or it may be most serious.

The freshman class of Vassar have chosen rose pink for their class color, and the sweet pea for their class flower.

The state of Massachusetts has decided to give financial and other aid to 103 of its towns that they may secure free public libraries.

When you are driving a bargain with your iceman don't contradict him when he says the crop was small last winter, because he can prove it was very thin by the number of persons who fell through and were drowned.

A Daring Young Creature.

"I sometimes wonder that any child ever lives to reach maturity," said P. C. Wright. "The saying that there is a special providence watching over children, drunken men and fools must be a truism. We hear much of the recklessness of boys, but I believe that girls take fully as many chances with the great hereafter. When my oldest daughter was five years old she did not climb hills nor ride wild horses, but she went bathing in the Mississippi river and had a penchant for exploring old wells. When we traveled we had to label her so the police would know where to return her. At seven years of age she mounted a railway locomotive, during the temporary absence of the engineer and fireman, pulled open the throttle and sent it spinning down the line at a mile a minute gait until the steam was exhausted.

"At ten years she manufactured a hot air balloon and attempted an ascent, but fortunately the flimsy airship was too small to bear her above the earth. I believe that girls are naturally as insensible to danger as their brothers, and, with proper culture, would make as good soldiers."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

An Egyptian Superstition.

The Egyptians believed that human life had its seat in the head. In order that the dead person should not really perish altogether, reproductions of the form, and particularly of the face, of the defunct were provided for the soul to take up a residence in. As many as forty such images have been found in a single tomb, and for the same object rich people had numerous statues made to represent themselves as well as the dear departed.

Owing to the perpetuation of this notion that carved and sculptured figures of human beings are occupied by spirits, it is very difficult to find a statue in Egypt today that has not been more or less defaced and broken by the natives, who imagine that in this manner they can render such spirits powerless to harm them.—Washington Star.

Ancient Nations and Electricity.

The ancient nations have records of electric currents or magnetic forces. This power was confined to their wise men, priests and astrologers, who made use of their knowledge to frighten the ignorant and keep them under complete control of the church or other superstitious power. Those loadstones were made use of by the priests in the grand ceremonies of their sacred temples to frighten sinners and reward saints.—New York Telegram.

Worthy of a Boy.

Papa—I have a little time this morning, and we'll go down town and get the bicycle I promised you for passing the school examination successfully.

Little Son—I saw two or three girls on bicycles yesterday, and I don't want anything that girls can ride.

Papa—Well, what can we do about it?

Little Boy—I was thinkin you might get me a trick mule.—Good News.

Tuberculosis in Rats.

For seven years I have been making almost daily experiments upon the internal organs of dead animals in order to increase my knowledge of comparative pathology. The postmortem examinations were made for the most part at the Lamparter Glue works, in the suburbs of Lancaster, Pa. Here of course were the bodies of large numbers of animals which afforded me an abundant supply of subjects for examination. The vicinity of the works swarmed with rats. Many of those, the workmen told me, sickened and died from time to time, and I became curious to know something about the disease that carried so many of the rodents off.

I could find next to nothing about the rat in books, so the thought growing upon me that the disease so fatal to the rat might be made dangerous to the rat's nearest neighbor, man himself, I undertook a series of experiments. My first rat subject was a sick one which I captured in the yard of the glue works without any exertion. The animal crawled about, made no effort to escape from me and when picked up offered no resistance. Its appearance indicated that it was dying of general debility. Its body was greatly emaciated. Its back was arched and its face bore an expression of distress. It refused food, was racked with a constant cough and in a few hours after being captured was found dead in the comfortable prison in which I had placed it.

My next subject was a healthier and more active rat. I caught him only to mark him and then gave him his freedom. He came into the yard regularly for his rations of flesh from various animals, but gradually showed the same symptoms that marked the condition of my first subject, and in fourteen days after capture he, too, was dead. The postmortem examination of these two cases developed the fact that the lungs were badly diseased. Tuberculosis had destroyed the right lung of each and only a part of the left remained.—Dr. S. E. Weber's Lecture.

Changes in an English School.

In 1824 Mr. Milnes Gaskell writes from Eton that an upper boy "got spurs and rode some of us (lower boys) over a leap positively impossible to be leaped over with a person on your back, and every time (which is every time) we cannot accomplish it he spurs us violently, and my thigh is quite sore with the inroads made by those dreadful spurs; my new coat is completely ruined." In the next year Ashley minor, a son of Lord Shaftesbury, died in consequence of a fight which lasted two hours and a quarter on the same evening. The quarrel originated about a seat in the upper school.

Dr. Keate spoke about the sad event to the school three days later; he blamed the boys for letting the fight go on so long, but was not to be "seduced into any namby pamby peace-at-any-price sentimentalism." He said: "Not that I object to all fighting in itself; on the contrary, I like to see a boy return a blow." Such a state of things has fortunately entirely disappeared; a clergyman, a head master, a doctor of divinity, however much he might feel that the meek acceptance of injuries was not the sign of a keen and generous character, yet would now hesitate to mark fighting with his approval before an audience of boys whom he was bound by statute to instruct in Christian principles.—National Review.

Lake Erie, it is said, produces more fish to the square mile than any body of water in the world. This is because of the result of the good work done by the fish commissioners.

The Earliest Lighthouses.

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