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Bessemer Steel.

The so called bessemer process of making steel by injecting air blasts into molten iron was discovered first by an American named Kelly and known as his air boiling process. After the ironworkers had seen it done they still would not believe it. "Some crank will be burning ice next thing," they said. Some of his customers when they heard about it wrote Kelly that they wanted their iron made either in the regular way, and not by any new-fangled method, or not at all. When the first blast was so strong that it melted the iron the spectators roared with laughter at what they called "Kelly's fireworks" and laughed for ten years at his "folly." When Bessemer introduced his process to the British ironmakers they, too, roared with laughter at the "crazy Frenchman" and would not allow the "silly idea" to be mentioned in their records. The steel rail proposition excited only derision. "Bosh! Stuff! Humbug! Nonsense!" said the railroad directors when it was proposed to them. But after one road had tried it the steel mills could not keep up with the orders sent in.

Hard on a Drowning Man.

Vieuxtemps, the famous violinist, used to tell the following story: When crossing London bridge one day he was suddenly brushed aside by a wretched tatterdemalion, who climbed the parapet and plunged out into the river. The foot passengers crowded around immediately to watch the unfortunate man as he rose to the surface, and in a trice some one shouted, "I'll bet he drowns!"

"Two to one he'll swim ashore!" was the answer. The rest of the pedestrians joined in the betting.

Meantime Vieuxtemps rushed down to the river bank, secured a waterman and rowed out to the rescue. Just as the boatman was about to reach forth to grasp the poor fellow, who by this time was floundering about in the water, having lost his desire for death, the spectators above cried out: "Leave him alone! There's a bet on it!"

The oarsman drew back into the boat, and the unfortunate wretch sank before their eyes.

Double Eggs.

The production of one egg within another is of frequent occurrence, and, though now and then recorded as a curiosity, the so called phenomenon is very easily accounted for. It is invariably caused by overstimulation of the system by feeding. The ovum, or yolk, when mature is received into the upper part of the oviduct, a tube nearly two feet in length in the domestic fowl, and in its descent is clothed successively with the layers of albumen, or white, the lining membrane of the shell, and finally on arriving at the classifying portion of the oviduct is enveloped in a shell itself. Ordinarily the egg is then expelled, but in the case of the product of a double yolked egg a reverse action of the oviduct takes place, and the egg is carried back, meets with another ovum and redescends with it, the two being surrounded together with albumen, membrane and shell.

Louis XV.'s Flawed Diamond.

"Comte," said Louis XV. to the Count de St. Germain, "will you help me to gain 4,000 francs? I have got here a diamond with a flaw, valued at 6,000 francs. It would be worth 10,000 if it were flawless." After having the diamond carefully weighed Louis handed it to the count, who examined it minutely and replied, "It might be done, sire, if you will allow me to keep the stone for a month." A month later he brought back the diamond almost inappreciably less in weight, but flawless. The jeweler to whom a friend of Louis offered it for sale gave 9,000 francs for it, but the king repurchased it as a curiosity.—T. P.'s London Weekly.

Blow of a Swordfish.

A remarkable illustration of the force with which a swordfish strikes a blow has recently been reported. While repairing a ship recently which had completed a long voyage in Pacific waters a sword was found which had successfully pierced a sheathing one inch thick, a three inch plank and beyond that four and a half inches of firm timber. It has been estimated that it would require nine strokes of a hammer weighing twenty-five pounds to drive an iron bolt of similar shape the same distance.—Shanghai Times.

Enumerated.

A schoolteacher says this sweeping answer was made by a pupil in a history lesson:

"How many wars," she asked this pupil, "did England fight with Spain?"

"Six," the pupil answered.

"Six?" said the teacher. "Enumerate them, please."

"One, two, three, four, five, six," said the little girl.

A Broken Cup.

Signora Veronelli (seeking a servant)—Why were you sent away from your last place?

"Because I broke a coffee cup."

"Was that the only reason?"

"Certainly, except that on that occasion my mistress had a little wound on the head."—Il Riso.

Like All the Rest.

"I suppose," said the curious old lady to the driver of the city sprinkling cart, "that you only follow this business for the money there is in it?"

"Yes, madam," said the driver of the cart; "I frankly confess I am out for the dust."—Baltimore American.

This is the law of benefits between men: The one ought to forget at once what he has given and the other ought never to forget what he has received.—Seneca.

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Johnson on Actors.

Although he wrote plays, Johnson claimed not to be fond of players. When Boswell suggested that we might respect a great actor Johnson cried: "What, sir, a fellow who claps a hump on his back and a bump on his legs and cries, 'I am Richard III? Nay, sir; a ballad singer is a higher man." No doubt Boswell had Garrick in mind when, after hearing Johnson say that he looked on players as no better than dancing dogs, he timidly suggested, "But, sir, you will allow that some players are better than others." "Yes, sir, as some dogs dance better than others."

A Black Mast.

Most trading steamers which wish to study economy and effect have their aft mast painted black. If they did not the mast would soon be sullied by smoke and would look very dirty in consequence. The smoke from the vessel's funnel is carried backward by the forward motion of the vessel, and the mast would look grimy if it was painted any other color than black.

Let Him Right In.

A minister, addressing a meeting of the London Bible society, of which the Marquis of Anglesey was president, said that St. Peter refused to admit the marquis as a peer or as Wellington's old officer or lord lieutenant of Ireland or the leader of the Horse guards at Waterloo, but let him right in as soon as he knew that he was president of the Bible society.

Be First In Attack.

An old Scotch drillmaster, so the story goes, taught his pupils the art of thrusting with the saber until they were quite proficient.

"Now teach us to parry," said they.

"Oh," said he, "you must do the thrusting and let your enemy do the parrying."

Her Opportunity.

Wife—I had better take that hat for 45 shillings. Husband—But I've only got £2 with me now. I'll have to owe them the odd 5 shillings. Wife—Oh, then, I'll take this one for 3 guineas. Five shillings is too insignificant a sum to owe.

What Saved Him.

Miss Opper—I will never marry you. Denkelsen—Oh, heavens, I would blow my brains out if we were not in the midst of the busy season and I have so much to do!—Fliegende Blatter.

MUST LOOK YOUNG.

This Accounts For Dyed Locks That Nurses Sometimes Show.

"Yes, she's a good nurse, doctor," said the patient rather reluctantly.

"You don't mean that," was the answer of the physician. "What's the matter with her? Come, tell me."

"Nothing," began the faint contradiction. "She's quiet, tidy and sympathetic, but, doctor, her hair's dyed. I could see it plainly yesterday when she sat between me and the window."

The doctor did not speak for a moment. He did not even look surprised.

"Such a nice nurse, too," went on the patient. "Why should she do such a foolish thing?"

It was then that she learned from the doctor that dyed hair is not nearly so uncommon in the case of trained nurses as might be supposed. Sick people like to have young nurses about them. Even physicians have a weakness for the young nurses. They believe that their interest and enthusiasm are greater.

"The nurses' term of usefulness is short enough as it is," this physician said, "for the work is so exhaustive that they must soon succumb. Some of them are compelled to give up after ten years. Few are ever able to keep up until they have put in twenty years.

"If they feel that gray hairs, coming perhaps a little earlier than they are due, are going to make the term of their best days even briefer they are driven to hiding those traces of time and overwork by the use of hair dye, and the number that do make use of it is very much larger than anybody supposes."—New York Sun.

MAHOGANY.

The Way This Beautiful Wood Was Brought Into Fashion.

Every one knows how effective and handsome mahogany is when used for good furniture, but few of us know how its value was first discovered.

In the latter part of the seventeenth century a London physician had a brother engaged in trade with the West Indies who on one occasion brought home several logs of mahogany as ballast. The doctor was building a house, and his brother suggested that the logs would serve for ceiling beams. Acting on the proposal, the doctor gave orders to the workmen to make use of the mahogany, but their tools were not equal to the task of cutting the hard wood, and the logs were put out of the way in a corner in the garden.

Some time afterward the head carpenter tried to make a box from the wood, but was unsuccessful with ordinary tools. He told the doctor, who was interested in the baffling timber and ordered heavier tools to be made to work it with, says Home Notes. When this was done and a box at last made and polished, it was so handsome that a bureau was made from another of the despised logs, and this was declared by experts to be so superior to other furniture making woods that the craze for mahogany set in, and furniture made from it became highly popular, the then Duchess of Buckingham fostering the craze in the fashionable [illegible].

The Tact Master.

Chancellor James R. Day was once advising a young undergraduate of Syracuse university to cultivate tact. "But, alas," he said, "I fear that advice on such a subject must always be wasted. On tact the last word was spoken by Barbey d'Aureville when he said:

"'If tact could be bought, only those already possessed of it would want to buy it.'"

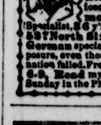
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