

DEATH RESULT OF EVOLUTION.

Lower Organisms Come to Their End Only as Victims of Accident.

Death is not a universal accompaniment of life, writes Prof. Charles S. Minot in the Popular Science Monthly. In the lower organisms death does not occur as a natural and necessary result of life.

HARLAN'S FIRST GOLF STROKE.

His Success Made Justice an Enthusiast from That Moment.

The celebration by Supreme Court Justice Harlan of the 30th anniversary of his elevation to the bench by playing golf all day recalls the story of how he was first infected with the golf microbe.

Killing Off Savage Sled Dogs.

Malamute dogs, deprived of sufficient food, have become so ferocious in Nome that the northern camp has been compelled to establish a pound and to take up all dogs whose owners will not care for them.

A score or more of women and children have been attacked by half-fancied Malamutes, and it is almost unsafe for children to wander about town unprotected.

Parallels to the Druce Case.

Grand Duke Nicholas Mikhalovitch has lately issued in St. Petersburg a little work entitled "The Legend of Alexander I. in Siberia."

Got His Answer.

The victim of the denial held up his hand. "Doctor," said he, "before you put the lid on my conversation, will you answer a question?"

Prolonged His Life.

"I can't understand," said the doctor, after the operation had been performed and the patient had been prepared for burial, "how your husband was able to live with such an affliction as he had."

ENGAGEMENT THAT CAME FIRST.

Something Like an Art Illustration of the Eternal Feminine.

A woman who had a deposit of \$19,000 appealed to an influential friend during the financial flurry, to help her get the money. She called at his house at a late hour upon the same evening that the newspapers mentioned the name of her bank.

WHAT SHE SHOULD HAVE SAID.

Mike's Addition Added to Discomfiture of Teacher.

A teacher in the Garfield school was teaching a primary class the beginnings of arithmetic.

The Life Plant.

Visitors to Bermuda often take home as a souvenir of their trip the leaves of an interesting plant of the houseleek family. It is known as the life plant, and when the leaves begin to shrivel and fade they send out little shoots which in turn bear leaves that continue to grow and remain fresh and green for months.

Banana Ink.

The banana furnishes us with ink, with handkerchiefs, with wax, with blacking, with excelsior, with oil, with flour, with window cord, with brushes.

Getting Rich Quickly.

There can be no harm in liking to "get rich" quickly. Let us call things by their right names. Avarice, greed, injustice are wrong, they hurt society and dwarf a man's own soul.

A Short Christmas.

"Christmas Day is only three hours long in the Finnish town of Tornea," said a traveler. "I spent last Christmas there. At sunrise I got up to see my presents and to read my Christmas mail, and night had fallen before I got through breakfast."

PAYING UP AN ELECTION BET.

Much Time Had Elapsed, But Loss Proved His Honesty.

Among the passengers on a steamer which arrived at New York last week was a retired German manufacturer who had not been in this country for many years.

NOT MUCH OF ROMANCE THERE.

Woofing and Wedding of an Indian, as Dickens Saw It.

If an Indian wants a wife, he appears before the kennel of the gentleman whom he has selected as his father-in-law, attended by a party of male friends of a very strong flavor, who screech and whistle and stamp an offer of so many cows for the lady's hand, wrote Charles Dickens.

Sermons Over the Departed.

The minister is regarded by the undertaker as an unsatisfactory assistant. True, "a successful minister is usually a very busy man and cannot be expected to give himself in a spiritual way to funeral reforms."

Reduced Size.

After a concert at Manchester, England, Joachim, the great violinist, whose death occurred recently, was at the railway station, waiting for a train.

A respectable-looking man, apparently a navy in his best clothes, paced at his side a while, watching him with close interest.

Changing Our Language.

If we come down to the philosophy of the thing, we are confronted with the phenomenon that virtually all the people in the world are engaged in the eternal amusement of sloughing off their inherited and familiar language and learning to speak another.

Learning's Influence.

Profound learning can never take the place of familiar and everyday contact with men and women. To move the world we must know the world. To influence men we must appreciate their condition and be in some sense familiar with the things in which they are interested.

BALLROOM UNDER THE GROUND.

How It is Lighted by Day and Night—The Gardens Overhead.

The underground ballroom at Welbeck has none of the gloomy characteristics of a cellar, says the London Chronicle.

By day as well as by night it is perfectly lighted, being designed and built by the old duke as a picture gallery. It is lighted entirely from above, the flat, wonderfully decorated roof being pierced by 37 big octagonal skylights.

It is quite flat and level with the garden above, so that one walks over a beautifully turfled lawn, little dreaming that below this sylvan spot is the splendid chamber 160 feet long and 64 feet wide, which has been described by competent judges as the most noble and amazing private room in Europe.

OLD IDEAS ARE PASSING AWAY.

Incident That Conclusively Demonstrated This is a New Age.

A reporter congratulated Mayor Douglass of Niagara on his recent superb illumination of the great falls.

"Nothing of the kind. It indicates that he is a hustler who doesn't waste his time on useless trifles. We'll try that young man."

Future Copper States.

Two tons of average iron ore will make one ton of metal, but it takes from 35 to 75 tons of copper ore to produce one ton of copper.

Week-End Soap and Things.

The week-end custom of entertaining has brought about a new departure in the toilet preparations that hostesses are expected to furnish for their men and women guests, says a writer in Vogue.

Quick Wit Saved Situation.

The quick wit of a young woman attendant at one of Washington's fashionable photograph studios saved her from a very embarrassing situation the other day.

History Repeats Itself.

It is interesting in this day and generation to know that the lawyer for the defense in the Brown-Bradley case is of the opinion that a woman who is interested in politics must be an abnormal creature.

Against Wine Sellers.

No wine may hereafter be sold in Spain or Sundava, and the luns must be closed on weekdays at midnight.

AUTOGRAPHS CAME IN USEFUL.

Stranded Englishman Raised Money on Famous Names.

It is sometimes mighty useful to have distinguished relatives. Here is an instance in point. A young New Yorker, a brother-in-law of Sir Philip Burne-Jones, the artist, found himself stranded while in Albany a few days ago.

Fortunately there happened to be nothing of a particularly private or confidential nature in the missives in question, and after examining them carefully and asking some questions relating thereto the proprietor of the store finally offered their owner \$4.75 for both letters—\$4 for the Kipling epistle and 75 cents for the Burne-Jones one.

ALWAYS READY FOR BUSINESS.

Real Estate Man Evidently Never Let Opportunity Slip.

There was a breakfast party in Healy's jungle room in West Sixty-sixth street recently, says a New York exchange. After the festivities, which were unusually jolly, two of the guests got mixed up on Columbus avenue.

Effect of Relaxation.

Dr. Long Mather Young of Chicago does not believe with us that sleeping on the front is good, says the New York Press. But he seems to be in his own mind an expert on relaxation.

Czar's Many Thrones.

Emperor Nicholas of Russia has many thrones. The three chief ones are those at the imperial palace and the winter palace at St. Petersburg, and in the Kremlin at Moscow.

German Exactitude.

The widow of a German officer presented herself at the office in Berlin for the purpose of drawing the pension due her. She handed in the necessary certificate from the mayor of the village in which she lived to the effect that she was still alive.

The Reason.

"There goes a man who doesn't get credit at any business establishment in town." "Who? Old Mr. Worthy?" "Why, I thought he was one of the most reliable men in the city. Why doesn't he get credit?" "Because he always pays cash."

One of the Tests.

"So your daughter made a brilliant marriage?" "Not very," answered Mr. Gamble. "Your son-in-law is of noble origin?" "Yes. But I could pronounce his name properly the first time."

FREAK PLAYS IN ROYAL GAME.

Records on Golf Courses Very Much Out of the Ordinary.

On one occasion a player handed capped himself to the extent of playing all his shots with one leg hold up, and the only crumb of satisfaction that some people can get out of the story is that the man missed nearly every shot and lost his wager.

CALLER FOR SLIGHT SEVERITY.

Indian Viceroy Departed from His Policy of Kindness.

Lord Lawrence, one of the famous viceroys of India, was an able and very simple man. He used to do his work in his shirt sleeves, and disapproved as much as possible of all state and ceremonial.

Nurses Dread Lightning.

Of all people who are glad when the season of thunderstorms is past, none are more thankful than professional nurses. "It isn't that we are so afraid of lightning ourselves," said a hospital nurse, "but it has a harmful effect on our patients."

Too Imprecable.

"Mr. Addemup," inquired Mr. Spotcash, head of the firm of Spotcash & Co., "can you afford to smoke better cigars than that one?"

Against Wine Sellers.

With a violent effort Mr. Addemup woke himself. He knew it was nothing but a dream.