

WATERS HEAVY WITH PERFUME

Remarkable Lake to Be Found in the Caspian District.

"Grasse, clinging to its Alp, hies above the Mediterranean, is supposed to give the stranger a headache on account of its perfume at this season," said a perfumer. "Grasse makes the world's flowers there, as, in a milling country, you see mountains of wheat. The odor is powerful, but as far as head aches—no!"

HORSE'S HOOF LIKE TOE NAIL

Grows on Average Third of an Inch Every Month.

Few persons realize that a horse's hoof is really the same thing as the toe nails of human beings or of animal hoofs having toes. The horn of a hoof grows just as a toe nail does.

FEATS OF RAPID COMPOSITION

Quick Work of Some Writers of Popular Music.

M. Bompard a French musician who for a week composed the music to a song in ten minutes, is a formidable rival to Mr. H. Trotter, of whose feats of rapid composition some remarkable stories are told.

OLIVE TREE SHELTERED SAGE

Plato's Tree Still Standing Near Site of Athens' Academy.

It is well known that olive trees will live to an extreme age, and trees are known which are many centuries old. What is known as Plato's olive tree is one of the oldest upon record.

DIET TO CURE SLEEPLESSNESS.

Common Causes of Insomnia—Indigestion and Hunger.

Dr. William Stevens says that insomnia is not a disease itself, but the effect of an unhealthy condition of body or mind. When the cause is removed the insomnia may be expected to disappear.

BETTER THAN CIPHER WRITING.

South Sea Islanders Have Unique Way of Sending Messages.

The day was warm and the sailor turned on the electric fan and stood in its refreshing breeze with a pleased smile.

COMEDY IN THE DRUG STORE.

Serious Place Usually, But Funny Things Happen Occasionally.

"No, I can't say that we have a large number of comic incidents happening here daily," said the drug clerk. "As a matter of fact, the drug business is inclined rather to the serious side of things naturally, but we do have funny things happen occasionally, like this morning, when a little girl came in with a prescription that she said she wanted put up in hataules."

ACCEPTED VERDICT OF DOCTOR.

Great Painter Heard His Sentence and Calmly Passed Away.

When Turner, the famous painter, was dying at Chelsea he sent in a despair for a Ramsgate doctor who had done him some good during his recent stay at that place, and who, he hoped, might take a different view of his case from that which the London physicians had expressed.

Yews in Churchyards.

The object of planting yews in churchyards has been much disputed. Some antiquarians have asserted that the custom arose in order to supply bows for the purpose of archery, but this idea is in the highest degree unlikely.

Leaf That the Devil Tore.

In the library of the Massachusetts Historical society is a leaf of a sermon on which is written the following memorandum by Dr. Elliott:

Strange Human Nature.

"Hill's mighty strange thing," said Broader Williams, "dat wen we lays up treasures in heaven we still spends all we got on earf wid de doctors to keep us fum gwine whar it is! We pray about it, and we sing about it—streets er gold an' milk an' honey, but somehow or other we don't feel lak walkin' on a shiny pavement, an' milk an' honey don't seem ter suit our appetite! I reckon it's dea po' human natur' showin' up whar his heart expected. We is all weak critters!" Atlanta Constitution.

First National Exhibit.

The London Society of Arts is entitled to the credit of having originated national exhibitions, when in 1781 it held a show of agricultural and other machines in its rooms.

To Fall Back Upon.

"We put that motto back on the coin, anyhow," said the congressman. "Yes," answered the constituent, "and in view of what you fellows have accomplished during this session that motto affords us our only consolation."

WORLD'S OLDEST CHURCH ORGAN

On Island of Gothland and in Excellent Preservation.

In the Baltic sea, 40 miles from the mainland, lies the Swedish island, Gothland, a Mecca for students of early gothic architecture. In Wisby alone, the chief town of the island, with its population of 4,000 souls, may be studied what remains of no less than ten churches, some of which date from the eleventh and twelfth centuries.

PROBABLE ORIGIN OF THE HALO.

Said to Have Been Placed Over Statues of Saints to Preserve Them.

The origin of the halo dates back to the eleventh and twelfth centuries. Those years were rich in the building of churches and cathedrals. There were erected around the outside of the sacred edifices statues of the saints, placed under the eaves. In time the caretakers of the buildings perceived that the discoloration from the rains falling from the roofs disfigured the images.

Art on the Safe Door.

"I wonder if anyone can tell me why it is customary to paint on the front door of a safe some sort of rural scene?" he asked, as he left the business office. "Almost all safes have a lake with a couple of trees in the background, or else a field with a stake and rider fence emblazoned on the door."

Few Desertions from Mexican Army.

Instances of desertion from the army in Mexico are very rare and for the best of reasons," said Senor Jose de Minaider, of Nueva Leon. "The reason lies in the almost sure capture of the fugitive and the certainty that he will get not one but numerous floggings on his bare back. These lashings are done in the presence of the comrades of the deserter, and when the men see how great is the suffering of the miserable wretch who tried in vain to quit his military obligations, they are forced to conclude that it is better to stick to the army than to undergo such a terrible ordeal."

Brothers Good Match Makers.

It is a strange thing that mothers are looked on as match makers while girls' brothers never are. Yet the fact remains that many a girl has her brother to thank if she happens to get married, and not her mother at all.

Face.

"Well," said the customer, as he said the barber and moved toward the door, "I feel like congratulating myself on getting safely out of a mighty bad scrape."

Method.

"I love my love in the springtime," warbled the poet.

On the Riots.

"Yes," remarked Hamlet Farr, "I may say I have inherited the mantle of Kemble."

SOME CAUSE FOR HIS DISLIKE.

Scholar's Explanation of His Antipathy to All Children.

"I hate children," he said. "Why?" "I think they ought to be locked up in asylums till they're old enough to take care of themselves. If it hadn't been for a child—well, it might have been—"

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE KID?

That is the Third of the Series of Questions Asked.

This is said to have really happened in a New York public school, and to have nearly cost the "innocent bystander," which happened in this case to be the boys' teacher, her license, her position, and goodness knows what all. One of the members of the board at that time, who spoke with a slight brogue, visited a schoolroom and saw out this problem.

Origin of Pommes Souffles.

With reference to the fifth anniversary of the first railway in France, a French contemporary points out that it was in connection with this event that the virtues of pommes souffles were discovered. A French chef was traveling on the new line from Paris to St. Germain, and was preparing in the train the banquet which was to celebrate the opening. Just before arriving at St. Germain he threw some potatoes in the boiling butter. The train, however, was delayed, and the potatoes had to be taken out again. When the train returned the potatoes were once again put in the boiling butter, and to every one's delight were found, on being taken out, to be deliciously light and inflated. The beauties of the pomme souffle had been revealed.—London Globe.

Holland Has Cheese Carriers' Guild.

The cheese carriers of Holland form a very ancient and exclusive guild, and no one who is not extremely clean in his habits and spotlessly white in dress would have the slightest chance of getting employment in the guild. The cheese markets, which are held once a week during the summer in the principal towns of north Holland, bring an element of gaiety in the lives of the farmers, their wives and daughters, who always don their very best and wear all their gold ornaments and pearls for the occasion. At the same time the shopping for the whole week is done and carried back to the farms in the empty cheese carts. The May cheese, which is brought to market in June, is said to be the very best and choicest.

Sunday Work.

The small nephew from Virginia was making his first visit in the north. Came a rainy Sunday, and he suggested building a man-of-war wood block. His uncle surveyed him amusedly.

The Idle Chickens.

Little Margie on her first visit to a farm was told to wander about the barn and search for eggs. Some time later the child returned almost in tears.

His Natural Place.

"I wonder," exclaimed the wrathful woman witness, "that the lawyer on the other side can lie easy in his bed!" "He can, probably," replied her husband, "but he prefers to do it in court."