

POETRY AND SCIENCE.

Poet Laureate Austin Says They Are Not Antagonistic.

It is so commonly assumed that poetry and science are antagonistic that an address delivered by the Poet Laureate, Alfred Austin, at the opening of a new school of science and art last week, deserves a wide publicity.

It must be obvious to anyone who has read the "Divina Commedia" that the greatest poet of the middle ages, than whom there was none greater in any age, was thoroughly familiar with all the science or exact knowledge of his time; and Leonardo da Vinci, who might have equals but had no superior in the realm of painting, was not more fascinated by artistic conceptions than by what are called scientific problems.

TARDY RECOGNITION.

Eminent Specialist Wanted Appreciation as Well as a Fee.

Eminent specialist as he was, Dr. M. C. O'Toole, was not without vanity, and he not only expected appreciation, but also the unequivocal expression of it.

A case in point was his highly successful treatment, 20 years ago, of the young daughter of an acquaintance. The girl had swallowed a pin, which had lodged half-way down her throat in a very dangerous position.

"Yes," growled the doctor, "and she never so much as came to thank me!" following the surprising remark with a long tirade against the ingratitude of people in general and of women in particular.

Heat holidays have been established by law in the public schools of Switzerland. Recognizing the well-known fact that the brain cannot work properly when the heat is excessive, the children are dismissed from their tasks whenever the thermometer goes above a certain point.

Venezuela has 2,000,000 acres of forest, in which grow all the varieties of ebony, as well as rosewood, satinwood and mahogany.

A DANGEROUS EXPERIMENT.

Young Surgeon Was Ambitious to Try His Skill.

There was deepest sorrow in the Drown family. A fearful calamity had befallen them. The only child, a beautiful little girl of two years, was in a most critical condition.

A physician after another had been consulted in the quiet little town where they lived, but the case had proven quite beyond their skill.

Another doctor was called in. He was young, very popular, and fresh from special advantages for surgical instruction. He had performed some very skillful operations and regarded a nice bit of surgery as the most attractive work of art that could be conceived of.

The mother dared not take the responsibility of deciding alone. The child's father was a traveling man and several days would elapse before he would be home.

Mr. Brown was shocked to find his household plunged in such a subject misery, but he wasn't frightened in the least. Bessie was a strong, healthy child and he didn't believe there was anything that a thoroughly good surgeon couldn't remedy.

A lady in Philadelphia, while making a visit, departed and accidentally left a little cocker spaniel behind her. The home of the dog's mistress was a mile off. In vain did the people of the house endeavor to drive the little one away, he having frequently made the trip. At last the dog was taken to the telephone.

A new use for peanuts is developing as the peanut butter industry becomes better understood. The product of the peanut answers in the place of ordinary butter for the table use, and is said to be excellent for shortening purposes, and for gravies, sauces, etc.

In trying to get to a man's heart by way of his stomach, a woman usually gets his liver out of order before she gets anywhere near his heart.

HE WOULDN'T WORK.

A New Jersey Prisoner Who Preferred Death to Labor.

Of the 1,245 prisoners in the New Jersey state penitentiary at Trenton there is one who will not work, nor can he be compelled to work. He is a man of intelligence and has been put to different kinds of work, but he will not raise a hand, so the officials and keepers have given up the idea of making him toil.

At the end of three days he was brought out and put back to his desk. There he sat. Again he went back into the dungeon and was fed on bread and water for four days. This time it was thought he had been cured. But he wasn't.

But this prisoner wasn't in the pumping business. He was strapped in the tank and the water turned on. Gradually it began to get higher. Several prison-keepers looked on, one laughing remarking that if he never worked before, he would now.

Stingy Alley, the Strangest Thoroughfare in All Kentucky.

Familiarity breeds contempt. Perhaps that is why Paducah people apparently take so little pride in "Stingy Alley." There is perhaps no thoroughfare like "Stingy Alley" in all Kentucky, but Paducah is so used to it that few stop to marvel at the novelty of a public street 300 feet long and four feet wide.

They took the child to one of Chicago's best surgeons. They were prepared to give him the minutest details of the case to aid his diagnosis, but it wasn't necessary, the trained eye of the expert penetrated the mystery at once.

Immediately Paddy wriggled out of the arms of the person who was holding him, ran to the door and barked until let out, when he immediately scooted for home.

A Deering (Me.) man, Thomas Brophy, laid a diamond out of a ring recently, and was worrying about the loss, when one night he dreamed he saw the jewel in the folds of a rug in his house.

The wise man not only lets his wife have the last word, but he is tickled nearly to death when she reaches it.

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