

THE HEAVENLY TWINS.

Pair of Baby Worlds That Have Recently Been Added to Astronomical Menagerie.

The most interesting of recent astronomical discoveries is the fact that there, the nearest of the minor planets, the double—

Erin is such an infant among the worlds, its total area being only about as great as that of the state of Rhode Island, that the news that it is double

These two worlds, the stars in order seem to be the beautiful enough. One of them, for example, is Castor, in the constellation Gemini, which, huge

Bliss, the middle star in the handle of the Dipper, is really a pair of giant suns and another double is a fiery red sun in the constellation Scorpio, which

Recent measurements appear to show that the greatest of all stars, and the biggest of all suns, is Arcturus, which gives out something like 4,000 times as much light and heat as are

BUTCHERY OF WILD TURKEYS.

What Hunting and Pen Trapping Has Been Killing of the Birds in North Carolina.

"When the news came that Gil McDuffie, of the Rock Hill, had killed seven wild turkeys at one shot," said Angus Ray, of Chicago later Ocean, the exploit

"Wild turkeys are still abundant in the pine woods of North Carolina, but what there are any of that noble race

"Baiting for turkeys is a simple and sure way to bag them. The hunter

"At that spot he pieces a quantity of corn in a small space on the ground,

"The hunter, or, more properly, the turkey butcher, is hidden behind a log

"I know one hunter who killed ten. This bait-hunting for turkeys and the

Group of "Shoelocks (in chorus)—Shine, sir, shine! Bredly Masher (irritably)—No, con-

ODDITIES OF THE ARCTIC.

Animals Change Their Colors with the Changing of the Seasons—A Domestic Tyrant.

During the summer months much of the land becomes free from snow and ice under the joint action of sun and wind, and the snow that resists

In winter, white is again worn. The background is now snow and ice, and the only chance which the Arctic chuk-

The seal does not stop his search for food until he has completely satisfied his excellent appetite; then he takes a

The beautiful older-duck has often been cited as an ideal mother, and touching stories are told of her pluck-

However, when the brood is hatched, the drake becomes the teacher to the young. Not in swimming, for that

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THE OLDEST INHABITANT.

He Could Go Just as Far Back as Anybody Wanted Him to and Tell About the Weather.

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"Hey?" inquired the O. I., putting his hand to his ear.

"Nice day," explained the friendly man, so that an ordinary citizen could have heard him two miles away.

"Nice day—yes, but it don't begin to compare with sum o' th' nice days we had back in th' '50s, jes' before th' civil war. Then long about 1810 we

"And do you remember what kind of weather we had during the winter of 467, B. C.?" persisted the friendly man, cruelly.

"Pears tew me," said the O. I., scratching his head thoughtfully, "thet th' winter of 467 wuz a hard winter, jist I won't be reel sure, cuz I wuz laid up with roomytum thet winter, an' my mem'ry hain't jes' ez good ez it might be."

George—And do you really and truly love me, darling? Edyth—Love you, George? Why, only yesterday papa offered me a five-dollar gold piece if I would give you up, and I actually refused.—Chicago Daily News.

NEW LIFE STATISTICS.

Calculations by Insurance Experts Show That the First Born Child—Green Live Longest.

"Not only life insurance experts, but a great many other people have observed that longevity or the reverse runs in families," said an insurance man lately, reports the Gal-

"A comparison was made between the lengths of the lives of two adult brothers and two adult sisters to ascertain if there was a perceptible

"It thus appears that the average age of the elder brothers was 55.55 years, the younger brothers 54.375,

"The limited inquiry here mentioned was first to pairs the younger members of which had attained the age of 51. A second comparison was

STEEL RAILROAD TIES.

They Are Far More Commonly Used in Europe Than in the United States.

"Steel ties," said a railroad man, "which, as to width and length, are of ordinary dimensions, are made

"Steel ties are far more commonly used in Europe than they are here, this being especially true as to Italy,

"Wood is more costly in Europe than here, and is used with greater economy. Here we drive the spikes

"Here, while wood is dearer than it was, and ties cost more than they formerly did, and we are using now

"And thus the comparatively limited use of steel ties here—I doubt if there are laid in this country a

"Where did you live when Columbus discovered America?" asked the friendly man.

"Let's see," mumbled gran'pap. "What year wuz thet in?"

"That was in the fall of 1492," replied the friendly man.

"So it wuz! So it wuz! Yes—yes, I rickollect now—yes, wuz livin' in th' same house I liv in now."

"Do you believe in the saying, 'Love will find a way'?" "Oh, yes. Love will find a way all right, but it isn't always the best way. Sometimes it's the way to the poorhouse."—Chicago Post.

NEW STYLE OF CANTERS.

Has Many Good Points But Is Rejected by Department Because of One Serious Defect.

For a long time the army has been trying to get a canteen which the soldier may carry on the march and which will keep its contents at a drinkable

Everybody seemed impressed with the device, which was further perfected by the possibility of its employment in boiling water, in which function

Of course, the after effect would be fatal, and with its liability there seemed nothing else to do than reject the novel canker.

PRaises BOEKER WASHINGTON

Felix Adler Declares He Is Better Qualified to Rank as a Benefactor of Humanity Than Cecil Rhodes.

In his address before the Society for Ethical Culture at Carnegie hall, New York, Felix Adler contrasted the

"From one point of view," said he, "I am sure that while the Americans see the brilliant side of the proposed union, they will be quick to see the

PLAYS MORPHINE MISSIONARY

An Innocent Parisian Made the Victim of an Insane Cur of the Potent Drug.

M. Emile Lamerchard uses morphine. He was walking on the boulevards at Paris when he suddenly drew

Suddenly the latter gave a start; he had been pricked severely in the neck. His stupefaction was great at seeing

"Monsieur, excuse me if I have caused you suffering. I consider that the use of morphine is not sufficiently

Red Tape Carried to Extremes. The Paris Figaro has opened an original

His Money and Oil Fall Him. John D. Rockefeller is suffering from a

A Chilly Time Ahead. Oh, but won't it be chilly, exclaims the Chicago Record-Herald, when the

Know Whom to Search. The custom house officials will continue for the present to search with

Know Not Trunk of Flat-Dwellers. From the fact that the late Cecil Rhodes left \$60,000 to a janitor, the

Chop Doctor Fees. In the shams of London there are doctors who charge only 15 cents for a

INVOLVES MILLIONS.

Old Bible Found Which Contains Much-Sought-For Records.

Information How to Hand Which May Make It Possible to Tackle Up the

Unearthed amidst a lot of rubbish in the loft of an old barn in Huron county, O., where it had been hidden from

Leonard Case, Sr., died in Cleveland, O., in 1864, leaving over half a million dollars, a son, Leonard Case, Jr. The

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FACES JAIL BY WHALE TALE.

Eugene Higgins, an American, Is Nearly Arrested for Reporting a Sea Monster of Nice.

Eugene Higgins nearly got into serious trouble on returning to Nice from a two days' cruise in his yacht.

Fortunately a timely telephone message from Antibes announced that a whale traveling at a terrific

The whale is said to have been the largest ever caught anywhere, it being 104 feet long. Scientific men

NATURAL GAS IN ENGLAND.

An American Engineer, Operating a Plant at Heathfield, Sussex, by Means of That Product.

Natural gas, of which England was generally supposed to be deficient, has

Let His Sausage Appetite. "Another new waiter has come and gone," said the veteran of the 15-cent

"What was the matter with him?" asked the favorite customer.

"Well, it wasn't exactly his fault," explained the veteran. "You see, the

The boss saw the whole thing, and that night the new waiter was paid off, and quit. Pretty tough, wasn't it?"—Philadelphia Record.

Wiping Out the Past. Visitor—I suppose your daughter is busy preparing for her wedding? Mother—Yes; she is up in her room now destroying all her old letters.—Tit-Bits.

LANDS WITHOUT COLONIES.

Sweden Is the Only Latin-American State That Has Acquired a Colony.

One of the most interesting facts that will occur to any one who examines a map of the colonial possessions

All the other Latin-American countries have had so much trouble at home that they apparently have not

Argentina, to be sure, still asserts that the Falkland Islands belong to her by right, but Great Britain has

Chili maintains the most southern post office in the world at Punta Arenas. There are settlements

France, in fact, is now the only Latin country that may be called a colonial power of large importance.

The European powers that have no colonies are the Kingdom of Sweden and Norway, which has long seacoasts

Japan entered the colonial arena with the acquisition of Formosa, and China would have stepped out of it

The regions of the world that rank as colonies are far greater in extent than all the states that have no colonies;

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