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WOULD EXPLORE TURKESTAN.

Professor Pumpelly, American Geologist, Hopes to Acquire Much Valuable Information.

Prof. Raphael Pumpelly, the geologist and author, who is now in London, will start in a few days for Russia, whence he hopes to visit Turkestan, though it is not certain that Russia will permit him to go there.

There have been great physical geographical changes operating through many thousands of years toward rendering central Asia more or less a desert country. These changes have proceeded gradually and insidiously, with different degrees of civilization dating back several thousand years.

PROPOSES TO DEEPEN THAMES

British Parliament is Asked to Expedite Millions in Improvement of River.

The president of the London board of trade, Gerald Balfour, has introduced a bill in the house of commons establishing port and dock authority for London.

ANOTHER CHANGE AT YALE.

Effective Course Now Thrown Open to the Members of the Freshman Classes.

Hereafter all four years of the college course at Yale are to be elective in character. By a new rule eight courses will be opened to the freshmen, and this rule will make it possible for a freshman to drop Greek, Latin and mathematics on his entrance to college.

African Babies Turn Black.

In a contribution to the Revue Encyclopedique a German physician who had spent several years at Kéroulé, in the African Togoland, says that the stages of color through which negro babies pass in the equatorial regions are as follows: At birth they are the same color as European infants.

INVITES WRONG MAN.

German Emperor Annoyed and Perplexed by Amusing Mistake.

Professor Pined with Hard Questions by the Royal Host, Which He Cannot Answer and Blunder is Discovers.

A very amusing incident is reported to have occurred lately at the Berlin court. A renowned professor of mathematical chemistry there was most astonished one day to be called suddenly home through the telephone.

After the second course, the Kaiser turned suddenly to the professor and said: "I should like to hear something from you about the cause of phosphorescence on the sea."

LONDONERS ASTONISHED.

American Energy is a Never-Failing Source of Amusement in England.

James C. Stewart, who first made the British workmen hustle in building the great Westinghouse works at Manchester, is now giving London contractors an object lesson in lightning methods of construction at the great electric power works for the Metropolitan railway.

ELEMENTS OF GREATNESS.

The Nobility of George Washington Analyzed by a Massachusetts Senator.

Byron, who died fighting a battle of sentiment for Greek liberty, paid the highest tribute of any European to Washington in "Child's Harold's Pilgrimage."

SHOOTING WILD GESE AT NIGHT.

In Salina the other night a man was awakened by the honking of wild geese. He took his gun and went out and found a big gander walking along the street, while the air was filled with others flying in every direction.

Fogs Prevent Disease.

It is rarely that suspended matter in the air or water falls at length to subside, but the process may be slow or it may be rapid. In either case, the act of subsidence effects purification.

Spots Appear on the Sun.

French astronomers are much exercised at the appearance of large spots on the sun. Abo Moqueux, a well-known savant, who has been observing the heavens closely, says one spot 20,000 miles in diameter, and a second spot, which has just appeared, is nearly as large.

What Your Head Is For.

Let your head be a workroom rather than a storeroom. Chicago Journal.

THE REWARD OF VIRTUE.

There must be a Reward for the Virtuous Man, That He Will Not Be Defeated.

"You can always reckon on it, if you're good," said Uncle Bill, according to the New York Sun.

"Take the case of poor old Jake Phelps, for example. How's that? You never heard tell of what happened to Jake? Well, then, you better listen now. It'll be a good lesson for you."

"Jake was a bad man clear through. He drank an' cussed an' Lor' knows what he didn't do. He'd steal th' dinner bag of a blind horse if he thought there was oats in it."

"As for me, on th' other hand, I've always lived a good Christian life an' never done no crither harm, as anyone who ever knew me 'll tell ye. I knew Jake's old man an' felt sorry to see th' boy goin' wrong."

"Suddenly Jake wheeled 'round, facin' me. A strange look came into his eyes an' I drew back skeered-like."

"'Help!' I hollered, but he grabbed hold my throat an' shut me off. There we fought like two hyenas, he a-tryin' to throw me off, an' me a-tryin' not to let him."

"'Down, down, down!' 'Poor Jake met a just but awful death in th' placid lake below."

SOME RAILROAD FRAUDS.

Different Kinds of Deceits That Conductors Have to Contend With.

"Oh, no," said the conductor, according to the Detroit Free Press. "I know you were all right. That punch a little old? Well, yes, but you don't have the air to make me think there was anything wrong about it."

THE AGE OF OYSTERS.

A wholesale oyster dealer was sizing up a new invoice the other day. "There are some old fellows in that lot," he said, as he shoved to one side some abnormally large ones.

WOMEN SLAVES TO TEA.

A Boston physician protests against the use of tea by women. He says that 50,000 women in the Hub are addicted to the use of the beverage, and that at least 20,000 of them are slaves to it.

BEETLES AS SNAWS.

Some large beetles seize a branch or twig with their deeply toothed jaws, and whirl round and round until the twig is sawn off.

TO START A PHEASANTRY.

Country to General Opinion, These Pretty Birds Can Be Raised in Small Places.

The impression has prevailed for many years that the beautiful pheasants of the old world would not thrive in a small place, and that it was difficult in this country to breed them even on a large estate.

LEAPS INTO THE PEERAGE.

Tricks Played by the Law of Succession Bring Titles Never Expected.

To retire at night just an ordinary citizen, a poor man, and to rise in the morning with a noble title or two and perhaps vast acres, with castles and wealth, is an experience possible only to a British subject.

The present duke of Hamilton, by a sequence of accidents, found himself transformed seven years ago from an unknown lieutenant to the premier peerage of Scotland, with three ducal titles and as many marquises to say nothing of earldoms and baronies sufficient to equip half a dozen average peers.

How slight was the prospect of Lieut. Alfred Douglas-Hamilton ever succeeding to the family honors may be gathered from the fact that, although he is the thirteenth duke of Hamilton he derives his descent from a third son of the fourth duke.

Many of the ordinary varieties of pheasants are no more difficult to raise than fancy breeds of chickens. Their quarters are about the same and their food not much different.

CAPTAIN OF A BATTLESHIP.

Rules with Autocratic Power, But Is Battered with Tremendous Responsibility.

Over the vast establishment rules the captain in supreme and isolated authority, says Lieutenant Commander Greaves, U. S. N., in the World's Work.

When Master William Grey first opened his eyes in Newfoundland 50 years ago his prospects of a coronet would have been considered dim at half a crown, for his father was but the third son of the third son of an earl of Stamford; and there were many lives between him and rank and fortune.

Probably no one was more surprised than the late earl of Caithness, when he realized that he was heir to his distant cousin, the fifth earl.

There are few more dramatic stories in the peerage than that of the elevation of the hall porter of Chester town hall to the rank of earl, viscount, and baron by a series of accidents, early less remarkable than the hard blows that fortune had dealt him before she revolutionized his life in this startling fashion.

There was equally little chance of Augustus Arthur Percival ever qualifying for a seat in the house of lords, for his father, a poor army officer, was a second son of the fifth son of the second Baron Arden, who himself was not within measurable distance of the earldom of Egmont.

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PITH AND POINT.

The next time you complain of being overworked, think of the time you waste.—Athenion-Globe.

"He's publishing a paper now, I hear." "Yes, it's the official organ of the dental profession." "All sort of a mouth-organ, eh?"—Philadelphia Press.

"The Critics."—Ida—"They say it was a case of love at first sight with him." "May I?" "What a pity he wasn't a medium and could have taken a second sight!"—Chicago Daily News.

Adolphus (penitently): "So sorry, dearest, that I was angry with you yesterday evening, and lost my temper." Olivia: "Pray don't mention it, Dolly. It wasn't a very good one, and I'm sure you can easily find a better."—Punch.

His Apology.—Bill—"Do you know you owe me \$10?" Bill—"O, yes, I remember, I borrowed it a month ago."

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