

Swansea is the largest

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Absent-Mindedness.

The best instance I know is that of a amiable Irish judge, now no longer on the bench. Among other amusing tales told of him, it is said that on the occasion of a "bar dinner," he went upstairs to dress, but did not reappear. The company sat patiently for some time, till at length, as their hunger was getting the better of their manners, and an essary was being dispatched to get on the missing judge, his lordship appeared, and explained with any apologies that, imagining he was retiring for the night, he had undressed and got into bed. After an hour's snooze it suddenly struck him that he had not yet undressed, on which he hurried down to guests.

The Early Birds.

The early birds that catch the worm, the proverb, but what a foolish worm to get up so early and be caught. Some farmers are the early birds. They go to bed as early as they can, and as they call it, they catch something else. Tramping about wet grass and stubble on cold, frosty mornings like these, and going all day thereafter, brings to scores of them what they were not looking for. They are home in the evening to suffer all night rheumatism. Now, while men must be up at night, they need not be. Why should you when a bottle of St. Jacobs Oil will keep you all night? A good rub at night with it so strengthens and heal the muscles they resist the influence of the cold and damps, and a man will be cured before he is in bed. Let this be tried for a while, and you will see that it is only because he does not have the patience to rub the pain out.

A Romance of Slavery.

George I. Harwel and a girl named Rose were slaves together on a Virginia plantation thirty-five years ago. They were engaged to be married when the war came, the plantation family was broken up and the two were separated, neither knowing where the other went. They never met again until a few weeks ago when they met by chance in Ashland, Wis. A week ago they were married there.

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CELEBRATES THEIR GOLDEN WEDDINGS.

Many animals live to a surprising age, retaining their vitality so long that it is difficult for man to count their years. Of all, the oldest, or rather the one retaining the greatest longevity, is the Greenland whale, which, if the inferences from its growth be correct, lasts between three or four hundred years.

The king of beasts probably

proclaims his native heath three score and ten years, for even in confinement he has been known to live this period. A lion known as Pompey remained in the tower of London over seventy years, and his age was unknown when captured. Another brought from the River Gambia, died at the age of sixty-three. Leopards, bears and tigers live about twenty-five or thirty years; the camel, forty and more; the rhinoceros and hippopotamus, from seventy to eighty; and the elephant certainly from 140 to 150. Ajax, the famous warrior, captured an elephant from Poria, a King of India, and inscribed upon a brass plate the history of the victory. After this was securely fastened the animal was set at liberty, and it turned up 350 years afterward, still having the plate recording the story.

The tortoise lives an astonishing

time. Several specimens of the Indian variety are to be seen in the zoological gardens of London, promending in their quiet fashion, though each is known to be over 200 years old. Two very antiquated tortoises reside near York, England, which were brought from Rochelle soon after the siege in 1628, and were personally acquainted in all probability with Joan of Arc. A document called the Bishop's Barn, among the archives of Peterborough Cathedral, contains some astonishing details of a tortoise, which dwelt in the palace garden over 200 years. The Bishop's predecessor remembered it over sixty years, and he was the seventh Bishop whose mitre had been seen by the venerable reptile. Its shell was perforated and attached to a chain so that it might roam the garden without a keeper or straying away. Another tortoise appeared at Lambeth Palace about the year 1625, during Archbishop Laud's residence there, but it died in 1758, through the neglect of the gardener.

Some of the birds live to a green

old age also. Falcons and ravens sometimes celebrate their golden weddings as they attain to a hundred years and more; pelicans and herons live fifty years; peacocks, twenty; hawks, thirty; geese a hundred; nightingales, over ten; domestic fowls, ten years, and thrushes and other wood and field birds acquire from eight to nine, while wrens do not survive three years.

The age to which a swan may live

is differently estimated. Bacon said a hundred, and Goldsmith declared 300. Certainly, in 1627 a swan lived in Holland, in the town of Alkmar, wearing a collar dated 1562, and in Moleson's museum, England, there is a stuffed bird known to fame as the "old swan of Dun," which died in 1823, aged 200 years.

Instances of Telepathy.

The following examples of telepathic action are known to the writer, W. J. Colville, as authentic instances of the action of mind with mind without expectation or preconceived plan. During the recent World's Fair Mrs. A. — was frequently thinking of her nephew, Mr. Z. — who was enjoying a few weeks' vacation in Chicago, while she remained in Boston. On the 15th of August, 1893, Mrs. A. — attended evening service in a certain church, and during the sermon, feeling a sense of drowsiness came over her, suddenly felt transported to the fair grounds in Chicago. It was little after 8 p. m. in Boston, and consequently about 7 o'clock in Chicago, when the electric illumination of the exposition garden and buildings was just beginning. The lady, dozing in the church more than one thousand miles away, saw the great buildings lighted up one by one as if by magic, the whole scene appearing as an enchanted fairyland. In the midst of the brilliant spectacle she distinctly saw her nephew walking with two young men, to one of who he suddenly exclaimed, "Oh, Alfred, who I wish my aunt were here to enjoy this."

Two days later Mrs. A. — received an interesting letter from Mr. Z. — in which he detailed his experience at the fair and included this sentence in the description of the brilliant illumination on the evening of Aug. 15, that being his first visit on the grounds after 6 p. m.: "I said to one of my companions, 'Oh, Alfred, how I wish my aunt were here to enjoy this,' and as I spoke I felt you were close beside me and continued walking with me for at least ten minutes." Whatever may be the solution of so strange a phenomenon, it seems incredible that the threadbare explanation conveyed in the term "coincidences" should be proffered to account for so remarkable an occurrence. A few days afterward the same nephew received from her nephew, about to leave for Chicago,

the following mental message while she was quietly engaged in household duties: "Don't expect me till Thursday evening after 9 o'clock, as I have decided to leave on a later train than the one I expected to take when I last wrote to you." Two days later Mrs. A. — received from Mr. Z. — a postal card containing the words. The message had reached her mentally in Boston while he was writing it in Chicago.

FIREPLACE MOTTOES.

They Can Be Etched into Wood With a Hot Poker.

Over the fireplace, in straggling letters, may be carved in the wood, or fired upon the tiling, appropriate devices and sentences. It is not an expensive fad, and is something indicative of real individuality. As instances, "Welcome ye to this cottage by the sea," or "Welcome ye to the cot by the old oak tree," or whatever tree be nearest. Again, "Come, bask in my cheerful warmth," "Find in my fire, your heart's desire," "Good cheer, find ye here," "In gladsome mirth, gather around my hearth," "Shall I not take mine ease beside my fireside?"

These or other mottoes might be

etched into wood, for a cottage, by poker work, a decoration of which too little is generally known. Pyrography, as it is designated, is done after a little practice by any one having the least art training or dexterity and precision in drawing.

While there are sets of tools by which finished work can be done, a small-pointed poker, heated either over a spirit lamp, or in a coal fire, can be made the instrument for fine effects. Not only lettering for mantels, but designs in lights and shadows, for panels, screens, picture frames, cabinets and brackets are made by the poker point.

Good, well seasoned wood, free from knots and cracks, must be used to expect good results. It is said by experts that elm shows the blackest tracings, but that sycamore, holly and lime, followed by the oak, ash and elm, lend themselves readily to this work.

On any simple design or lettering

the beginner can practice. There are but few rules. The bright woman will soon find the limitations and the beauties of pyrography. The beginner should trace upon a panel a simple design, perfectly geometrical, and with the heated poker or point follow the pattern with light, quick strokes. She should avoid resting the poker for an instant, even, on first touching the wood or upon leaving it, under the penalty of leaving an unsightly hard dot or point.

Where the shadows are deep the point can be slowly touched again and again. With practice the amateur can shade the wood etching from any conceivable depth of shadow to the high lights, which are the untouched wood. It is well to first lightly trace the outlines, when the iron can afterwards go over the deeper portions at pleasure. The dark background is made by fine parallel lines crossed diagonally by others. The same rules in regard to leaving the design untouched should be observed, as in any other kind of drawing.

Shaking Down Hickory Nuts.

The yield of hickory nuts is very bountiful this year. Thousands of our readers have wooded pastures with a number of hickory nut trees in them that are loaded with nuts. If there is a market for the nuts, or if it is desired to save them to crack and sandwich with jokes around the "freshest next winter," some device for shaking them from the trees is very desirable. A device that will shake the nuts from a tree in two minutes can be made in half an hour.

Cut a straight white oak tree eight inches in diameter at the butt end and twenty-four to twenty-five feet long. Cut two timbers eight feet long, with strong forks at one end. Hoist the large end of the log so it will strike the tree to be shaken seven or eight feet from the ground. Put the forked timbers, one on each side of the log, say six feet from the big end, with the legs resting in the forks. The battering ram is now in position for work. It is resting in the forks with the butt end about one foot from the tree to be shaken, and the other, or smaller end, resting on the ground. The limbs near the small end should be left six inches long, to serve as handles. With one man on each side of the long pole or log the smaller end is lifted up, and the log is drawn forward and backward, working on the forked poles, and thrust forcibly against the tree. A few vigorous jolts against the tree with the battering ram will make a noise like falling hail and every nut be shaken from the tree.

The Electric Walking Man.

The enterprising advertiser has not been slow in utilizing electricity to catch the eye of the public. Usually it has been employed for obtaining spectacular advertising effects, but the latest electrical device employs it as a motive power in an advertising show wagon, apparently drawn by a man. The wagon is seemingly pulled along by a dummy in heavy, who imitates all the motions of a person walking. Inside the wagon is a storage battery actuating a small motor, attached by sprocket and chain gears to the wheels, and a link movement attached to his hips imitates the walking movements of the dummy.

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STAKE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, vs. FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1893.

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