DEATH RESULT OF EVOLUTION.

Lower Organisms Come to Their End Only as Victims of Accident.

Death is not a universal accompaniment of life, writes Prof. Charles S. Minot in the Popular Science Monthly. In the lower organisms death does not occur as a natural and necessary result of life. Death with them is purely the result of an accident. some external cause. Natural death is a thing which has been acquired in the process of evolution. Why should it have been acquired?

You will, I think, readily answer this question if you hold that the views which I have been bringing before you have been well defended. by saying that it is due to differentiation that when the cells acquire the additional faculty of passing beyond the simple stage of the more complicated organization, they lose something of their vitality, something of their possibilities of perpetuation; and, as the organization in the process of evolution becomes higher and higher, this necessity for change becomes more and more imperative. But it involves the end. Differentiation leads up, as its inevitable conclusion, to death. Death is the price we are sobliged to pay for our organization. for the differentiation existing in us.

HARLAN'S FIRST GOLF STROKE.

Ne Success Made Justice an Enthusiset from That Moment.

The celebration by Supreme Court Justice Harlan of the 30th anniversary of his elevation to the bench by playing golf all day recalls the story of how he was first infected with the golf microbe.

As a week-end guest of Senator Newlands he drove over with a party of guests to the links, where the senator was to play. The justice was urged to take a club and begin the game. but steadily declined, with some side remark about it being a foolish substitute for real sport, and popular probably only because it was British. "But you will never know what it really is until you try," urged Senator

club and try a stroke at the ball." The justice is no kill-joy, so he took a driver, and with a mighty swing swatted a terrific swat at the liver pill., The unexpected happened. There was a sharp, crisp kiss of the wood and the ball and the almost startled justice saw the little white sphere sail gracefully away for 150 yards. What was his finish? He has been a golf enthusiast from that transcendent mo-

Newlands, good-naturedly, "Take this

Killing Off Savage Sled Dogs.

Malamute dogs, deprived of sufficient food, have become so ferocious in Nome that the northern camp has been compelled to establish a pound and to take up all dogs whose owners will not care for them.

Unless the dogs can be tamed they are shot. Scores of valuable sled dogs have already been killed this winter, and before spring, it is believed, hundreds will have to be shot to make Nome safe for women and children.

A score or more of women and children have been attacked by half-famished Malamutes, and it is almost unsafe for children to wander about town unprotected. Even men have been attacked at times by the dogs and only heroic measures adopted by the town will prevent death or maining of many people this winter. It was this that led the Nome council to order the hungry dogs killed.

Parallel to the Druce Case.

Grand Duke Nicholas Mikhailovitch has lately issued in St. Petersburg a little work entitled "The Legend of Alexander I. in Siberia." One finds in it curious parallels to the sensational mystery which Mr. Plowden is now endeavoring to unravel. Thus, like the fifth Dake of Portland, Crar Alexander I. is alleged to have led a double life and also to have arranged a bogus funeral of himself. The story has long been firmly credited by the middle and lewer classes in Russia, and it has even received a measure of countenance from the best of Alexander's biographors, Gou. Schilders. Of this legend the grand duke has made a careful study, with the result that he shows conclusively, by documentary and other evidence that it is a legend and nothing more.-London Daily Grapie.

Got His Answer. The victim of the dentist held up

his hand.

"Doctor," said he, "hefore you put the lid on my conversation, will you answer a question?" "Yes." said the dentist, selecting a

square place of rubber and snipping it with his acissors. "Do people chew more on one side

of the mouth than the other?" "Sure," said the dentist, picking up the clamps.

- "How interesting! Which side?" "The inside," replied the dentist, slipping the subber dam over the verbal one that issued from his patient's line. -- Limpincott's.

Prolonged His Life. "I can't understand," said the doctor, after the operation had been neror formed and the patient had been prepared for burlal, "how your husband was able to live, with such an af-Siction as he had." "Well, you see." replied the corrowful widow, "It was years and years before we could persuade him to go on the operating table."-Chicago Record Herald

ENGAGEMENT THAT CAME FIRST.

Something Like an Apt Illustration of the Eternal Feminine.

A woman who had a deposit of \$19,-000 appealed to an influential friend during the financial flurry, to help her get the money. She called at his house at a late hour upon the same evening that the newspapers mentioned the name of her bank.

Shortly after nine o'clock the next morning the woman anawered the telephone. Her business friend advised her to remain at home until he could visit several banks and see if any of them would advance the money. He called on four without success, but the fifth promised to advance it. The man quickly jumped to a telephone. His acquaintance, according to instructions, had a check for the full amount made out and ready to present.

"Come down at once to the -- and bring your check with you. as I have everything arranged," said

the man. "I can't come to-day, I have an engagement with my dressmaker," replied the woman who had been in such fistress.-N. Y. Evening Post.

WHAT SHE SHOULD HAVE SAID. Mike's Addition Added to Discomfiture of Teacher.

A teacher in the Garfield school was teaching a primary class the beginsings of arithmetic.

"Now, I have one pencil in my right hand and one in my left," she said. "How many pencils have i? Helen. rou may answer."

"Two," piped a small voice. "Then one and one make two, do they not?"

"Sure!" The teacher frowned at the disrespectful answer. "That's hardly what you should

have said." she said. "Will some one in the class tell

Helen what her answer should have been?" There was a moment of hesitation. Then one brown fist shot confidently

into the air. "Ah, James, you may tell Helen what she should have said."

"Sure, Mike!" shouted Jimmie, in a tone of triumph.—Kansas City Star.

The Life Plant.

Visitors to Bermuda often take home as a souvenir of their trip the leaves of an interesting plant of the houseleek family. It is known as the life plant, and when the leaves begin to shrivel and fade they send out little shoots which in turn bear leaves that continue to grow and remain fresh and green for months. The leaves are about four inches long. rich green in color and of waxen texture. If one of the leaves is pinned to the wall indoors it will begin to sprout within three or four days, be it winter or summer. At first the top part of the leaf will begin to wither and shrivel up, and this is likely to continue until the upper half has lost its green color. Then tiny white roots will sprout from the edges, and in time diminutive green leaves will apnear on these. These little offshoots will sometimes grow to be an inch long, and contain several pair of leaves. The limit of their existence seems to depend on the amount of heat and light which they obtain.

Banana Ink.

"The banana furnishes us with ink, with handkerchiefs, with wax, with blacking, with excelsior, with oil, with flour, with window cord, with brushes." The speaker, a banana planter from Jamaica, paused and smiled.

"You don't believe me, do you?" he said. "Yet, truly, the banana tree is a wonderful thing. Every part of it serves some good use. Thus the long leaves make a fine excelsior. The juice, being rich in tannin, furnishes a good indelible ink and a good shoe polish. The stems yield a fine quality of hemp and from this hemp there are made lace handkerchiefs, cords and ropes of all kinds, mats and brushes. The oil is used in gilding. Of banana flour. the flour ground from the dried frint. there is no use speaking-you are too familiar with it."

Getting Rich Quickly.

There can be no harm in liking to "get rich" quickly. Let us call things by their right names. Avarice, greed, injustice are wrong; they hurt society and dwarf a man's own soul. But we are made to enjoy success in whatever we do. Does not a farmer like to have a large crop-a hundred-fold over what he put in the ground? Does not every fisherman like to strike a school of mackerel or bluefish? All inventions and the labor-saving application of natural powers are simply means to bring about the most rapid production of wealth. The complaint never ought to be that riches are produced too rapidly, but that they are not fairly distributed.-Charles F. Dole, in the Atlantic.

A Short Christmas.

"Christmas Day is only three hours long in the Finnish town of Tornea." said a traveler. "I spent last Christmas there. At suarise I got up to see my presents and to read my Christmas mail, and night had fallen before I got through breakfast.

"Tornes," he went on, "has a day 22 hours long in June. Pretty good, ch? But that is nothing beside Ward. bury. Wardbury, in Norway, has a day that lasts from May 21 to July 22, And Spitzhergen's longest day lasts three and a haif months."

PAYING UP AN ELECTION BET.

Much Time Had Elapsed, Dut Loser Proved His Honesty.

Among the passengers on a steamer which arrived at New York last week was a retired German manufacturer who had not been in this country for many years. At quarantine he received this message: "Dine with us next Friday evening and we will finish our game of chess." The message was signed with the name of a physician, an old friend of the tourist. He accepted the invitation, and after dinner the physician took from his desk a memorandum, on which the position of the vieces had been recorded when a call interrupted the game of long ago. The pieces were placed in position and the game proceeded as though there had not been a great space between the moves. When it was over and the many happenings in the life of the players since the night of the unwelcome call had been disoussed, the physician gave the servant a signal and presently a bottle of wine was brought and placed before the men. "You may not remember," said the doctor, "that I made a bet with von that night. Well. I lost, and here is the bottle of wine. Blaine was not elected president. Nothing like paying your honest debts nowadays."

NOT MUCH OF ROMANCE THERE.

Wooing and Wedding of an Indian, as Dickens Saw H.

If an Indian wants a wife, be appears before the kennel of the gentleman whom he has selected as his father-in-law, attended by a party of male friends of a very strong flavor, who screech and whistle and stamp an offer of so many cows for the lady's hand, wrote Charles Dickens. The chosen father-in-law, also supported by a high-flavored party of male friends, screeches, whistles and yells (being seated on the ground he can't stamp) that there never was such a daughter on the market as his daughter and that he must have six more cows. The son-in-law and his select circle of backers screech, whistle stamp and yell in reply that they will give three more cows. The father-inlaw (an old deluder, overbaid at the beginning) accepts four and rises to bind the bargain.

The whole party, the young lady included, then fall into epileptic convulsions, screeching, whistling, stamping and veiling together. The noble savage is considered married, and his friends make demoniacal leaps at him, by way of congratulation.

Sermons Over the Departed.

The minister is regarded by the undertaker as an unsatisfactory, assistant. True, "a successful minister is usually a very busy man and cannot be expected to give himself in a spiritual way to funeral reforms;" nevertheless, he should forego the use of "antiquated methods" and "by practicing modern and correct customs" co-operate with the undertaker. He should take care, too, that his remarks be appropriate. Under no circumstances should he "attempt to preach a departed to heaven, regardless of the life he had lived:" even "to conduct the service of a notoriously bad person and ask the choir to sing 'Safe in the Arms of Jesus' is hardly the proper thing." Briefly. says the undertaker, people should not be led to believe that a man can live like the devil and die like a

Reduced Size.

After a concert at Manchester England. Joachim, the great violinist, whose death occurred recently, was at the railway station, waiting for a train.

A respectable-looking man, apparently a navvy in his best clothes. paced at his side a while, watching him with close interest. Finally he asked for a light, and got it. As he daew at his pipe to get it started, he looked Joachim full in the face. Then, just as he was about to go on, he tapped the violinist's chest impres-

"But Paganini was the man," said

Joachim used to say, declares the narrator of this story, that he never felt so small in his life. Whole pages of learned musical criticism had never begun to whittle him down so fine .--Youth's Companion.

Changing Our Language. If we come down to the philosophy of the thing, we are confronted with the phenomenon that virtually all the people in the world are engaged in the eternal amusement of sloughing of their inherited and familiar language and learning to speak another. No spoken language, anywhere on earth, has ever been the same thing for a hundred years. Slang is sweet in all mouths, because it is new. By and by slang becomes idiom; people weary of it because it is traditional, and-

adopt new phrases. The English in this respect are quite as bad as we: you shall hear a "cinch" spoken of any day in Oxford or Cambridge or Bel-Learning's Influence. Profound learning can never take

the place of familiar and everyday contact with men and women. To move the world we must know the world. To influence men we must aspreciate their condition and be in some sense familiar with the things in which they are interested. It is only in this way that learning can have its rightful influence over the lay mind.-United Presbyterian.

" BALLROOM UNDER THE GROUND. How It is Lighted by Day and Night-The Gardens Overhead.

The underground ballroom at Welbeck has none of the gloomy characteristics of a cellar, says the London

Chronicle. By day as well as by night it is perfeetly lighted, being designed and built by the old duke as a picture gallery. It is lighted entirely from above, the flat, wonderfully decorated roof being pierced by 27 big octagonal skylights, built up of prisms and recessed from view. The light falling thus is softened by passing through rich crimson silk. The 18 exquisite glass chandoliers which illuminate the room by night were an object of the mysterious duke's particular care; many sets after being specially made were ruthlessly

rejected before his taste was pleased. One notable feature in the room is the marble bust of the "invisible prince"-as his tenants called himwho constructed the apartment by the simple process of excavating a quarter of an acre of ground, lining the clay banks with a double wall, sandwiched with asphalt to exclude damp, spanning it with iron beams weighing over 20 tons each and resting on arches to form the roof.

It is quite flat and level with the garden above, so that one walks over a beautifully turfed lawn. Ittle dreaming that below this sylvan spot is the splendid chamber 160 feet long and 64 feet wide, which has been described by competent judges as the most noble and amazing private room in Europe.

OLD IDEAS ARE PASSING AWAY.

Incident That Conclusively Demonstrated This Is a New Age.

A reporter congratulated Mayor Douglass of Niagara on his recent superb illumination of the great falls. "Yes," said Mayor Douglass, thought-

fully, "the idea was novel and striking. It made an excellent advertisement. New things are what is wanted nowadays. New ideas! new methods!" he exclaimed. "It is to them that young men owe their success. Thus, the other day I sat in the private office of a certain firm and saw the triumph of the new idea over the old demonstrated. The senior partner, a whitehaired conservative, was studying the letter of an applicant for a position.

"'No, no,' said the senior partner, shaking his head, 'this young man won't do at all. See how he put the stamp on this letter. It is not only crooked, but upside down as well. That indicates that he is lazy and careless.

"But the junior partner said emphatically:

"'Nothing of the kind. It indicates that he is a hustler who doesn't waste his time on useless trifles. that young man."

Future Copper States.

Two tons of average iron ore will make one ton of metal, but it takes from 33 to 75 tons of copper ore to produce one ton of copper. Iron ore occurs in large deposits, worked in some cases by steam shovels, whereas copper comes from comparatively narrow veins or irregular masses.

In 1882 the western states attained prominence as conner producers the lakes supplying 25,000 long tons. Arizona 8,000 long tons and Montana 4,000 long tons of copper: In 1887 Montana was first in production and has never been headed, with Arizona second and the lakes third in 1905

Before the civil war Tennessee was the chief copper state. In 1896 that state was creditetd with 3,750,124 pounds of copper and 18.821.000 pounds last year. Utah added 39,712,-000 pounds to the world's stock in 1906 and California 24,421,000 pounds. Alaska sent to the smelter 8,700,000 pounds of copper last year and Utah and Nevada are the largest certain sources of new supply.-American Review of Reviews.

Quick Wit Saved Situation. The quick wit of a younug woman attendant at one of Washington's fashionable photograph studios saved her from a very embarrassing situation the other day. Senator Daniel dropped in to see some proofs of nictures for which he had sat the day before. The young lady did not recognize the senator and adopted the time-worn formula of asking: "How do you spell your name, please?"

"Da-n-i-e-i," spelled the senator. "Did you ever know it to be spelled any other way?"

His manner was rather short but the young woman had identified her customer in the brief orthography les-. son, and replied, sweetly:

"No. sir; I never did; but so many liberties are taken with spelling nowadays that I never even attempt to spell Smith."

History Repeats Itself.

It is interesting in this day and generation to know that the lawver for the defense in the Brown-Bradley case is of the opinion that a woman who is interested in politics must be an abnormal creature. "I have no taste," said Napoleon, "for women who meddle in politics." "You may perhaps be right," replied Mme. de Stael "but since people have taken the freedom to cut their heads on on account of politics, they ought at least to be allowed to understand why."

Against Wine Sellers.

No wine may hereafter be sold in Spain on Sundays, and the inns must be closed on weekdays at midnight.

AUTOGRAPHS CAME IN USCHUL Stranded Englishman Raised Money

on Famous Names.

It is sometimes mighty useful to have distinguished relatives. Here is an instance in point. A young New Yorker, a brother in law of Sir Philip Burne-Jones, the artist, found himself stranded while in Albany a few days ago. Heing unacquainted in the state capital, the problem of how to raise enough money to get back to Broadway was a serious one. Suddenly it dawned upon him that a couple of letters, which he had in his possession. and which he only recently had rerelved from Burne-Jones and Rudyard .Kipling, the author, might be made to

realize, if not train fare, at least the

price of a ham sandwich. Acting on

the inspiration, he took the letters to

a nearby bookstore, which made a

specialty of the buying and selling of

original autograph letters of famous persons. Fortunately there happened to be nothing of a particularly private or confidential nature in the missives in question, and after examining them earefully and asking some questions relating thereto the proprietor of the store finally offered their owner \$4.75 for both letters-\$4 for the Kipling epistle and 75 cents for the Burne-Jones one. Needless to say, the offer was promptly accepted.

ALWAYS READY FOR BUSINESS.

Real Estate Man Evidently Never Let Opportunity Slip.

There was a beefsteak party in Healy's jungle room in West Sixtysixth street recently, says a New York exchange. After the festivities, which were unusually jolly, two of the guesta got mixed up on Columbus avenue, and Brady, the "con from Kerry," was on the tob in a minute. He took the two to the West Sixty-eighth Street Police station, where they were invoiced and consigned to the night police court. The magistrate was in a benevolent mood and sent them on their way with a lecture

Brady, the cop, called on Tom Healy bright and early to-day. "Wor thim la-ads I tuk in last night

all right?" he asked. "Sure they were," replied Healy. "Why do you ask"" "Well, while I was riding thim to

the court in the hurry-up wagon one of thim sold me a piece of ground in Astoria, L. L. for \$500, and he go, me dough, too." He was looking his bargain up this

afternoon in the Queens county ar-

Czar's Many Thrones.

Emperor Nichelas of Russia has many thrones. The three chief ones are those at the imperial palace and the winter palace at St. Petersburg, and in the Kremlin at Moscow. This last was a present to Czar Alexis in 1660 from the shah of Persia. It is entirely covered with thick plates of gold set with precious stones and alternating with plaques of ivory, chiseled in high relief. The fact and date of the attesantation are recorded in an inscription on the back of the throne. Just above are glistening double-headed eagles of Russia, with angels on either side supporting the imperial crown. In the imperial palace at St. Petersburg the throno stands in an alcove of the marble throne room, with a wide-stretching canopy with thick gold cords and deep fringes of gold embroidery. On the curtains behind are emblazoned the arms of the Romanoffs surmounted by the crown, with a curious star-shaped border all round. Three wide steps lead up to the throne.

Week-End Soap and Things. The week-end custom of entertaining has brought about a new departure in the toilet preparations that hostesses are expected to furnish for their men and women guests, says a writer in Vogue. Mrs. or Miss arrives and finds everything provided in the chamber and bath allotted to her. Not only combs and brushes, but pins of all shades and sizes up to an equal variety.

Perfumes, powders for face, manicure preparations, brilliantine, bathl and hand soaps of several kinds. Perfumed bath bags and waters, dentifrice in powder and liquid form. lieterine, camphor spirits. For men age added shaving creams;

cigarettes and slippers.

The Time to Learn Singing. Madame Mathilde Marchesi, the eminent vocal teacher, writes in the Ladles' Home Journal:

"For young girls all vocal training before they reach the 16th or 17th year of age (and even then with great caution) is a sin, and may spoil many good voices before their normal development. Young girls designed for a vocal coreer, instead of singing, eught to employ their time in learning music, piano and languages, all indispensable nowadays for good singers to complete their education. Flat singing proceeds, in general, from the fatigue of the larnyx."

Too improbable. "Mr. Addemup," inquired Mr. Spotcash, head of the firm of Spotcash & Co., "can't you afford to smoke better cigars than that one?"

"Not on my salary, sir," answered the bookkeeper. "Hereafter," rejoined his chief, "your salary will be ten dollars a

With a violent effort Mr. Addemup woke himself. He knew it was noth-

week more

FREAK PLAYS IN ROYAL GAME F

Records on Golf Crounds Very Muc ( Out of the Orginary.

On one ccuasion a player hand! canned himself to the extent of playing & all his shots with one leg held up, and the only crumb of satisfaction that some people can get out of the story is that the man missed nearly every shot and lost his wager. Also, who has not heard of men trying to play with one eye covered up, others who have had but one club against the full set used by their opponents, and others who have agreed to put with nothing but their umbrellas? On one occasion a golfer played a round with a champagne bottle against a man who had all his clubs, and it is a sadthing to know that it is on record that the man with the champagne bottle won! There are sold to be various Scots who have edriven balls off the face of expensive watches without at the same time driving the faces off the watches, and an American variation of this form of golf freak ishness, as practiced with much success on one occasion, was to drive a ball off the top of a hen's egg, which had been dented at one end to make it hold the ball, but not otherwise damagud.

CALLED FOR SLIGHT SEVERITY.

Indian Viceroy Departed from His Policy of Kindness.

Lord Lawrence, one of the famous viceroys of India, was an able and very simple man. He used to do his work in his shirt sleeves, and discouraged as much as possible all'siate and ceremony. He was inclined to treat the natives like children, although he always strenuously insisted upon their meriting and receiving justice and kindness. Lord Mayo went to India to succeed him and on the last afternoon before land Lawrence was to leave for home he took the incoming viceroy for a drive. On the way he impressed his doctrine of kindness very emphatically and solemnly on his successor. Lord Mayo thanked him for his helpful advice, and they returned in due course to the government house. The syce or footman, with slow and awkward in opening the door of the carriage, whereupon Lord Lawtence jumped out in temper and gave his ear an unmistakable the Lord Mayo turned to the viceroy's aid with a smile. "My first practical lesson in kindness to natives undoubledly is an odd one," he whispered.

Effect of Relaxation.

Dr. Long May belive Young of Chicago does not agree with as that sleeping on the front is good, says the New York Press But he seems to be in his own mind an expent to metaxarion. "In my opinion," he says, "the want of relaxation is the principal cause of insemnia. To produce relaxation we must first equatize the circulation of the blood. This is very often necessiblished by sleeping with the knows up, which throws the blood into the lumber region a The position. is rather thresome if should may soft. and on stretching out the legs equalization and therefore relaxation takes place. For insomnia e supervening mon nervousness I would advise tak the some good, long oreaths. When size to want of control of the thinking imparatus est three or four ginger mais tien cents a pound), which will warm up the stomach and transfer the nervous energy to the solar plexis, or stemach brain."

Nurses Oread Lightning.

Of all people who are glad when the season of thunderstorms is past, none are more thankful than professional rurses. "It isn't that we are so afraid of lightning ourselves," said a hospital nurse, "but it has a harmful effect on our patients. Most sick people have an unreasoning fear of lightning. In cases of extreme weakness or nerv-Gishess a dozen flashes of blinding lightning reduces the patient to such aistate of prostration that it takes extraordinary efforts on the part of the purse to bring him around. If one sick person requires all that extra attention in a thunderstorm, just imagine the predicament of the nurse who has a whole ward full of them on her

German Exactitude.

The widow of a German officer presented herself at the office in Berlin for the purpose of drawing the pension due her. She handed in the necessary certificate from the mayor of the village in which she lived to the effect that she was still alive. "This certificate is not correct," said the offloer in charge. "What is the matter with it?" asked the lady. "It bears the date of September 21," was the stern reply, "and your pension was due on September 15." "What kind of a certificate do you wish?" asked the disappointed applicant. "We must have a certificate stating that you were alive on September 15," said the officer with great firmness.

The Reason.

"There goes a man who doesn't get credit at any business establishment in town." "Who? Old Mr. Worthy? Why, I thought he was one of the most reliable men in the city. Why doesn't he get credit?" "Because he always pays cash."

One of the Tests.

"So your daughter made a brilliant marriage?" "Not very," answered Mr. Connex. "Your son-in-law is of noble origin?" "Yes. But I could pronounce his name properly the first time [

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