

WARNED BY BEETLE'S KNOCKS.

It Meant Death According to an Ancient Superstition.

A curious superstition has caused—or at any rate accelerated—the death of Mrs. Bellamy, the wife of a Hunt-

GAVE THEM FAIR WARNING.

Congregation Apprised of the "Ottomatic Election Box."

A negro preacher, whose supply of hominy and bacon was running low, decided to take radical steps to im-

Self-Developing Plates.

The amateur photographer slid the milk-colored plate into a tray and poured over it a pint of water.

Utilization of Waste.

The United States Steel corporation is installing 12 monster engines at various plants, the unique feature about them being that they do not require

Tainted Money in England.

The man who is charitable, or who joins heartily in the steady warfare now waging against poverty, is the

Awful Break.

The man of the house had shown the caller the leaky roof, the insecure foundation, the unfinished upper

SAILOR SIGNS AND TOKENS.

Many Strange Superstitions of Those Who Roam the Oceans.

There is a general idea that the sailor labors under more than the one pet superstition popular tradition assigns to each individual.

THINGS WE DO NOT SEE.

Proof That the Majority of People Are Unobservant.

A man who had recently been in Europe was entertaining his friends with stories about Paris, and in the course of his talk mentioned several

Play a Necessity of Life.

The gospel of play will, we are confident, win for itself a hearing as the gospel of wholesomeness and a fuller life.

Movements of Flying Fish.

The fish that have solved the problem of M. Santos Dumont are found in the Mediterranean, and in all seas of the tropics.

The Other Woman.

A certain mother-in-law had stopped so often with her daughter as to cause a quarrel with the husband, and one day, when she again came to

Very Queer Newspaper.

The oddest newspaper in the world is one named the Wochenblatt, published in Gruningen, a small town of some 1,200 inhabitants, in the Canton of Zurich, in Switzerland.

Might Be Contagious.

A young matron of Baltimore, upon entering her nursery, found her youngest in tears. "Why, what's the matter with Harry?" she asked the

PAID TRIBUTE TO WASHINGTON.

English Journal Extolled Virtues of the Great American.

The melancholy account of the death of Gen. Washington was brought by a vessel from Baltimore which arrived off Dover, said the London Courier of January 24, 1800.

MENTAL OFFICE HELD HIGH.

Man of Ability Willing to Be Scullion to Young Queen.

In the court of Louis XIV., to hold the candle at night for the king to get into bed by, and to help him on with his shirt in the morning, were the two highest honors to which his nobles could aspire.

First Note of Color Blindness.

Color blindness has probably existed ever since the time of Adam, but it has been recognized for only 130 years.

Facts as to Birthrate.

Sir William Dubar, English register general, in a report recently submitted, inclines to the belief that the increasing low birthrate in England does not indicate decay.

Novelist Set a Limit.

When the Norwegian novelist Bjornson was in this country he was on one occasion the guest of a club at dinner.

A Careless Traveler.

A man had occasion to ship a mule by rail to another county, says a writer in Harper's. He sent the animal to the station in the care of a

MADE STIR IN THE HOUSE.

Lady's Presence in British Commons Caused Consternation.

A lady appeared in the house of commons one night, and members feared for a moment that the dreams of the suffragists had come true.

MONEY SPENT FOR SODAS.

Ten Thousand Dollars a Day Not Unusual in Big City.

"Ten thousand dollars' worth of soda water a day—well, probably," said a city druggist whose trade in the effervescent fluid is a considerable part of his business.

Too Much Frankness.

Dr. Hollis B. Friswell, the learned principal of the famous Hampton institute, in the course of an eloquent appeal passed, smiled and said:

Gamin Broke Up Scene.

"James H. Roe," said a Chicagoan, "crossed with me on the Oceanic, and on the promenade deck one morning the talk turned to Napoleon.

Chicken Obstinacy.

A police court story which is said to illustrate "the indifference of the average chicken to good advice," was told recently at Kingston, England.

Too Much.

"That man Rieberndirt is the most conceited, insufferable, vain, arrogant insolent, purebred individual that

Realism on the Stage.

"The most realistic play I have ever seen." "What is there so realistic about it?" "There are four acts and they are supposed to occur on four successive days."

A Sardonian Definition.

"Father," said the small boy, "what is a scientist?" "A scientist, my son, is a man who calls ordinary things by such long names that you can't recognize them."

IT MADE HER LAUGH.

Husband Could Not Tell Difference Between Sawdust and Oatmeal.

There was a worried look on the grocer's face as he rushed hatless down the street ran up the steps of Acacia Villa and gave a nervous bell-pull says London Tit-Bits.

HAD MADE AN IMPRESSION.

Effect of Improvised Sleeping Accommodations on Weighty Senator.

Ex-Senator Billy Mason tells of a political campaign wherein he had been called upon by the state committee to take a part.

Sleep and Old Age.

There is no question that the quantity of sleep required steadily diminishes from infancy to old age. This is a rather interesting exception to the general rule that, as in so many matters, old age returns to the needs of infancy.

His Most Thrilling Time.

When a teacher asked her pupils to write an account of their most thrilling experience, one of them hesitated. Then he raised his hand.

Clergyman's Complaint.

Collier's Weekly quotes a New York clergyman as saying: "No one outside the clergy can know how sorely I am beset by the hysterical, the weak, the feebly sentimental, I listen to the gushing, the complaining, to the petty from week's end to week's end."

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MAKE HOMES FIREPROOF.

Precautions Now Taken in the Most Modest Dwellings.

Within the last few years the price of lumber has increased to such an extent that the fireproof home is no longer the expensive luxury it used to be.

Great Pigeon Cities in the Swamps.

Each spring, in May, all the rosy gulls of a wide region somehow agree to resort to a particular one of various marshy lakes for the purpose of rearing their young.

She Was Taking No Chances.

Ian McLaren, the noted novelist and clergyman, was talking in New York about traveling.

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