

ABLE TO ENDURE MUCH COLD

Some Microbes Are Killed Only by 256 Degrees Below Zero.

The extreme of heat and cold at which life can exist have much greater range than would be expected.

But there are certain forms of life that can stand much more heat. Some mollusks are not incommode until 120 degrees is reached.

As to cold, it might almost be said that no cold is great enough to destroy all traces of life.

But the greatest cold registers are the bacteria. The germs of the plague have kept their vitality for several months in a temperature of 24 below.

The greatest cold sustained is by the germs of tuberculosis, which are not affected by 148 below.

MONARCHY'S HOLD ON NATIONS.

Republican Movement Practically Extinct in Europe.

Nothing is more remarkable in the last quarter of a century than the revival of monarchy.

Italian Revenge. This is a story of Italian revenge.

You buy a de statuette? he asked, allyingly holding out his choice of offering.

For a moment the Italian regarded the fragments. Then, his eyes flashing fire, he seized from his stock a statuette of George Washington.

Value of the Bonus. The bonus is a great institution.

The Proper Instinct. Birdset seems to have the proper instincts for a married man.

Could Make No Mistake. Mrs. Henpeck—You were talking in your sleep last night, Henry.

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LARGE DEMAND FOR VANADIUM

Metal a Curiosity Ten Years Ago Now Used by the Ton.

A few years ago the rare metal vanadium was scarcely mentioned outside of classes in chemistry.

Probably its most important use is as a component of steel, to which it imparts a wonderful resistance.

It also serves as a coloring agent for ceramics and glassware.

Between 50 and 75 tons yearly are now used, and it is worth about \$4 a pound.

DIED WITH HIS OLD PLAYMATE.

Mongrel Bulldog's Heart Broken at Companion's Demise.

Joseph Friedman tells this to the New York Press in all seriousness.

Cow Had Dark Brown Taste. Dave Leahy has located a cow in Wichita that goes on a spree.

The Arsenal of a Czar. The best armed monarch in Europe to-day is the new czar, Ferdinand of Bulgaria.

Makes Your Hair Curl. The holidays had been dry and bright, and from daylight till dark the links had been covered with bare-headed youths and maids.

Man's Limitations. A man has the liberty to go through the street swinging his arms.

Enthusiastic Audience. Do you dictate your speeches to a stenographer?

Literally. You say the officers tore him limb from limb when they arrested him?

One Was Enough. Will you tell me why you treat me so coldly, Miss Green?

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Old Tailor's Deduction Was Correct, Though Rather Humorous.

H. K. Adair, a western detective, was talking in Dpluth about criminals and the New Year.

"Undeniably," he said, "crime does in some degree diminish in January on account of the criminal's New Year resolutions.

"Shadows a governess, I sat on a park bench on a bright afternoon, and beside me sat a comfortable old gentleman in blue goggles.

"Well, the old gentleman, after a time, began to talk to me. He said: 'Before my sight failed I was a tailor—and, I assure you, sir, a successful tailor. I knew my business.'

"Thus, simply by the feel of this cloth," he said, "I know that you are wearing a suit of imported cloth worth from \$70 to \$80."

STUPID RULES OF ETIQUETTE.

Old-Fashioned Gentleman Says a Few Words on the Subject.

"Whether to eat fish with a fish knife and fork or a fork and a bit of bread, whether to serve champagne in a tumbler or a goblet—it is quite absurd to regard one of these courses as right and the other as wrong.

"Smile at me, nephews and nieces," he resumed, "because I tuck my napkin under my chin. 'Yet why should I spoil my black broadcloth coat with turkey stains or smears of cranberry sauce? It is a rule of etiquette, you say, that the napkin may only be placed across the knee. An absurd, empheral rule!

Long Chinese Banquets. Sir Robert Hart, the veteran inspector general of the Chinese customs, speaking at a dinner in London the other day said that he once, in Peking, sat out a banquet that lasted for 17 consecutive hours.

The Higher the Better. Mrs. Jean Cunco, the superb racing automobilist of New York, said the other day of a cheap car: "It may be all right, but you know how we all feel about cheapness, eh? My doctor recently told me how he once sought out a dealer and said: 'I want to buy a pair of good carriage horses—a good pair, you know—price not stiff!'

Rivals. Eleanor, aged four, was given pennies for Sunday school. Upon her return from Sunday school mamma discovered she still held her pennies.

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SOMETHING NEW TO PERSIANS.

Power of Electricity Astonished Subjects of the Shah.

While sojourning recently at Shiraz, Persia, on business connected with an overland telegraph, an Englishman was visited by a Persian noble who had received a paralytic stroke.

Timidly complying, he was astonished to feel no sensation.

Another Persian, whose curiosity conquered his fear, while examining the battery touched one of the terminals of the machine.

Retain the Ancient Custom. City of London Still Makes the Annual Gift of Cloth.

The corporation of the city has recently forwarded to certain officers of state and other functions gifts of cloth which are annually presented in accordance with a custom many centuries old.

The origin of this custom is thus explained: In the early periods of history the retainers of great lords, wearing their liveries, were so numerous as to be dangerous both to the king and the laws.

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SUFFERING FOR HIS MISTAKE.

Rival Societies Had Plunkville Philosopher Whipped.

"Some people live to learn," remarked the Plunkville philosopher, "and some people know it all from the start."

"What's the matter, Puck?" inquired the town constable. "You ain't feelin' well, be ye?"

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WHEREIN LIES REAL SNOBBERY.

American Writer Takes Distinct Issue with English Author.

"I know," said Mr. Anthony Hope Hawkins, recently, "it needs a good deal of courage to stand up in a cultivated audience and confess you have never read through—right through—'Paradise Lost.'"

"Paradise Lost." But all good people ought to be brave enough to stand up and make such confession.

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