

STRENGTH OF SPIDER'S WEB

Single Thread Supports Weight Seventy-Four Times Weight of Spider Himself.

The strength of the spider, and of the materials it employs, is something almost incomprehensible, when the size of the insect and the thickness of his thread are taken into account. Recent experiments have shown that a single thread of a web made by a spider which weighed 54 milligrams supported endwise a weight of four grams, or 74 times the weight of the spider itself.

TO READ COIN INSCRIPTIONS

Nuismatist Shows Test That Seldom Falls to Reveal Dates on Worn Coins.

Lying on the table in front of a numismatist was an old copper coin. It had experienced hard usage. "Can you read the date and the inscription?" inquired the collector.

Costumes of Fish Skins.

Among the most wonderful garments worn at the present day are the curious fish skin dresses of the wealthy women of the Gold Tribe, living along the Amur river, East Siberia.

Business Methods in the Home.

There is some discussion going on in England, according to the London Daily Mirror, as to whether a man should not manage the house. A woman, say those in favor of the plan, is never trained in business methods, and when she has served apprenticeship in business, before marriage even, it was in a subordinate position where she had merely to take orders and carry them out mechanically.

Buzzard Freed of Trap.

After a chase of three hours, Abram Layton and his son captured one of the largest buzzards ever seen in this section. Attached to the bird's leg was a steel trap and an iron chain three feet long.

Expected It.

The crazy vehicle went bumping over the uneven pavement. "This is enough to drive a man to drink," groaned the passenger inside.

Earning Her Way.

"I am working my way through college." "Brave girl! How do you earn money?" "Well, father gives me \$10 for every singing lesson I don't take."

EARTH WEARS DUST BLANKET

Increases Temperature in Daytime and Checks Fall of Temperature at Night.

When the air is very thick and hazy it may contain floating dust particles to the number of from 10,000 to 20,000 in every cubic centimeter, while a cubic centimeter of very clear air may contain only from a dozen to a few hundred particles.

WHERE ART WAS AT FAULT

House Maid Has Trouble With Picture of Leaning Tower of Pisa.

Among the engravings that adorned the walls of a Toledo woman's home was one big one of the leaning tower of Pisa. One morning, shortly after the advent of a new maid, the mistress of the house noticed that the picture of the tower hung crooked.

Unredeemed Paris Pledge.

An incident not without pathos occurred toward the end of last week at a sale of unredeemed pledges at the Mont de Pieté. There were sold by auction a child's drinking cup, plate, spoon and knife and fork.

Austrian State Coach.

The emperor Austria owns the most beautiful state coach in existence. Its proportions are perfect and the finish of the moldings and carvings are exquisite. It was built in 1698, and is shaped with all the curves which distinguish Louis Quatorze furniture, straight lines being carefully avoided.

Fastening Battery Wires.

There are two ways of doing almost everything, and this is especially true of fastening battery and coil terminal wires. One way is wrong, and the other is to twist the bare end of the wire around the terminal as the hands of the clock move, and then tighten up the nut.

Overcrowded.

"There's no doubt," remarked a shopkeeper, "there are too many humbugs and swindlers in this town."

How Birds Keep Warm.

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Nevertheless they feel the cold cruelly, as you may see any frosty night if you visit an ivy creeper clad wall with a lantern; the sparrows nestle together in a closely packed mass, and if there be a chimney you may be sure the birds will have chosen the exterior as their roosting place for the sake of such warmth as it may give.

WOMAN'S WAY THE SUREST

Gets Quick Action Where Man Would Have Argued for Half an Hour.

A writer in the New York Globe tells of a young woman who, he believes, is not inferior to any man in the management of the affairs of life. She bought a small farm, and was busy overseeing the work on it.

EXTRA ALLOWANCE FOR KIDS

Wise Housekeeper Lays Down Safe Rule for the Entertainment of Children.

They just had received a telephone message that Mr. and Mrs. Rankin were over in town with little Bennie, and would drop in for luncheon if it would be convenient, and they had said of course it would be. Then they hastily examined the contents of the letter.

Country With Only One Bank.

There are no public banking institutions in the Dominican republic, and but one private bank with agencies in the more important towns which buys and sells drafts, makes loans, and is the repository of the government funds.

Housekeeping and Business.

Mothers should remember that when their daughters become wives they must know values, not only the values of food and clothing, but the values of time and of patience, of perseverance and of forbearance. Unless they have been taught these, how are they to make success in life?

Birds Killed in Migration.

According to advices from the Caucasus millions of singing birds which every winter used to find a warm retreat on the southern slopes of the forest clad mountains of the Caucasus have suddenly been surprised by the intense cold and severe snowstorms while they were on their way to the north.

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CURIOUS PHASE OF IDIOCY

Man Will Lie in Bed and Shiver Rather Than Get Up for Extra Wraps.

Perhaps a man never realizes so surely what a fool he is as when he wakes up on a cold night with the feeling that there is not enough covering on the bed. While he is perfectly aware that he is shivering, all his powers of action seem to have deserted him. He will no doubt draw his knees up close to his chin, but that is about all he will do to relieve his suffering.

FACTS ABOUT THE SHAMROCK

Is an Entirely Different Plant in Various Sections of the Emerald Isle.

A rose by any other name would be as sweet, and the fact that the shamrock of old Ireland is an entirely different plant in various sections of the Emerald Isle in no wise affects the romance that attaches to the name. The plant generally exported from Ireland under that name is one of the hop clovers, Trifolium minus.

The Sisters.

"What a dainty little person, Miss Blooming's!" exclaimed a very young man at an East end reception one Monday afternoon.

Enemies of Matrimony.

Wedlock seems to be in a bad way in the mountains of the Dauphine. The confirmed bachelors of the country have decided to meet every month and toast celibacy.

How He Ate the Hay.

There are still some mighty eaters left. Not long ago a Berlin market porter undertook for a wager, to put away at one sitting six mutton chops, 12 eggs, a goose, a duck, six pounds of potatoes and 22 pounds of hay.

Need of Ideals.

Mankind always needs ideals which loom so large in the sight of men that they cannot fail to see them clearly. More than ever is this true of today, for the turmoil and the hurry of modern life raise a great dust which of tentacles hides the skies.

Day on Which Women Rule.

Candlemas day is not celebrated in Holland much more than in England, but its place is taken by a festival unknown in this country, says the London Globe.

Queer Guy.

Willis-Bumpus is one of the oddest men I ever saw. "Gills—How so?" "Willis—Why, when a fellow borrows a quarter and doesn't pay it back, Bumpus finally admits that it is the quarter he cares about, and not the principle of the thing.—Puck.

WHAT THE PUBLIC WANTS

Popular Taste is Not Always for the Best in Books, Plays or Anecdotes.

"It is a regrettable fact," said a speaker at a Republican banquet in Fort Wayne, "that the most popular men are not necessarily the best men, the most popular books are not the best books, and the most popular plays are not the best plays."

HE WAS REAL DIPLOMATIST

Man Discovers Sure Way to Get Wife to Mend His Clothes.

As Mr. Compton looked down at his waistcoat he discovered that it lacked a button. "And I asked my wife to sew it on more firmly, last night," he said to his commuter neighbor in the train. "I don't see how she forgot it."

Where Fisherman's "Catgut" is Made.

Probably but a small percentage of the fishermen who use files strung with fine transparent "catgut" are aware that the almost unbreakable substance that holds the hooks against the fiercest struggles of the struck fish comes from silk worms.

Why the Horse Rolls.

Horses are fond of rolling on the ground, and no animal more thoroughly shakes itself than they do. After a roll they give themselves a shake or two to remove anything adhering to the coat.

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WOMAN'S ARTISTIC PRELUDE

Makes Gog on Declaration That France Could Create Beauty of Nothing.

Mme. Van Konig was a young woman of French origin who, ten years before the Franco-Prussian war, had married a German army officer. Her husband was then during the struggle, and though he did not go to the front, her tears were shed for France. At a dinner party some one had the bad taste to speak of "spoiled France."

BRAN BATH IS SOOTHING

High Strung Nervous Woman Will Find Them Beneficial as Well as Cheap.

Besides softening and whitening the warm bran bath is soothing to nerves. These can be taken so easily and cheaply at home that the highly strung woman should experiment with them. Get a peck of bran at a feed store. It is much cheaper than buying it in prepared bags or getting bran mixtures at a drug store.

Foolhardy Snake Keeper.

The only fatal case of snake bite on record in the London Zoological gardens was directly due to the foolhardiness of the victim. He was in charge of the snakes, and coming in one morning with some friends began to boast of his power over the creatures and the extent to which they would submit to be played with by one whom they knew.

The Dak Bungalow.

The Dak bungalow of India is a blessed institution for the weary Dak, as the natives call the traveler. He finds these little shelters dotted over many of the out-of-the-way parts of the country, generally not more than one long day's march apart.

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