

A QUEER CALCULATION.

The Power That Would Be Required to Move the Earth.

Statisticians sometimes have queer ideas. One of them amused himself by calculating how much energy, water and coal it would take to move the earth a foot, supposing that it was subjected throughout its mass to a force equivalent to terrestrial gravitation. This is a gratuitous supposition, for in spite of its enormous mass the earth weighs nothing.

Starting with the fact that the earth's mass is about 6,100 million-million tons, our statistician calculates that we should require 70,000,000,000 years for a 10,000 horsepower engine to move our globe a foot. The boiler that should feed this engine would vaporize a quantity of water that would cover the whole face of the globe with a layer 300 feet deep. The vaporization of this water would require 4,600 million-million tons of coal. This coal, carried in cars holding ten tons each and having a total length of thirty feet, would require 400 million-million cars around the earth. This train, moving at the rate of forty miles an hour, would take more than 5,000,000 years to travel its own length. It would require for storage a shed that would cover 1,000 times the area of Europe.

If we realize that this fantastically huge amount of energy is nothing at all compared with what the earth possesses in virtue of its rotation about its axis, its revolution about the sun and its translation in space with the solar system, of which the earth is but an infinitesimal part of the universe, we may get some idea of the importance of man in the universe and estimate his incommensurable pride at its just value.

A PIQUED BONIFACE.

Melliac and a Costly Dish That He Did Not Eat.

Among the most abstruse of geniuses was the French composer, Melliac. On the occasion of the first presentation of one of his operas Melliac, in evening dress, entered a fashionable restaurant and threw himself down at a table, thinking earnestly about the title of the evening and nothing else.

A waiter brought him a menu. Melliac, a man of very simple tastes in the matter of food, abstractedly indicated with his finger the first dish on the bill that his eye had struck. Now it chanced that this was the most elaborate and costly dish on the bill, and when the waiter went to the kitchen with the order there was in consequence great commotion there. The proprietor himself was summoned, and the kitchen staff divided themselves into the preparation of the famous dish. Melliac was sent for this purpose, and Melliac waited, as usual.

At last, the dish was brought with a great flourish, and the proprietor, with a proud air, stood not far away to observe the result. When it was discovered that Melliac had not touched a morsel, the waiter expressed indignation.

"Did I do that?" he asked.

"Certainly, M. Melliac."

"Do you think so?"

"Yes, yes, monsieur; but—"

"Then kindly take it away and eat it yourself," ordered Melliac, "and bring me two fresh eggs."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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A writer in the St. Louis Republic says that the most vicious and fearless member of the brute creation is the peccary, or wild hog, of Mexico. This animal seems utterly devoid of fear and displays an intelligence in fighting man strangely at variance with its apparently complete lack of mental attributes.

Their ability to scent man is particularly marked. The only thing to do when they get after you is to run away from them as fast as a horse can carry you, and then there is no certainty that they won't catch you. They are nearly as swift as a horse, and their endurance is as great as their viciousness.

A friend of mine encountered a drove of them in a wild part of Mexico a few years ago, and his escape was almost miraculous. He very foolishly shot and wounded a number of them. Then he took refuge in a tree.

The peccaries kept him in the tree all that day and through the night. They circled round the tree, grunting and squealing their delight at the prospect of a feast. He soon exhausted his ammunition and brought down a peccary at each fire, but this had no terrors for the beasts.

Toward morning they began to eat those he had killed, after which they formed in line and trotted off. If they had not had some of their own number to devour they would have guarded that tree until my friend through sheer exhaustion dropped from his perch and allowed them to make a meal of him.

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Its Fire and Its Girdle Cakes.

The Chequers Inn, Omsteadley, is a relic of the old coaching days, but it is now famed for its fire, which has never been out for more than 100 years and over which girdle cakes are baked. This huge fire is kept continually burning by peat or turf from the Yorkshire moors. An excellent tea is provided for visitors, the chief dainties being the girdle cakes. The peat flows like red embers on a red tiled floor, the girdle being suspended from a bar above, the whole looking most quaint and picturesque. The exterior of the inn is most unpretentious and old world looking as it nestles alone on the Yorkshire wolds.—London Standard.

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The Tallabegs (Ala.) Reporter

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Senator Knox, Crane and Foraker

are clearly "undesirable citizens." They are actually saying and doing things without consulting the oracle of Oyster Bay.

"If Mr. Cortelyou will look good to me like Elkins, he will not look good to the people at large," says the Kansas City Times. Yet he seems to look good to Roosevelt and Jim Woodruff, whose motto is anything to beat Hughes.

It is gravely announced that Wall Street operators have lost patience with Taft. "Now, what do you think of that?"

The Preparation.

William O'Brien in his "Recollections" tells the story of Dr. Coke, the archbishop of Cashel: "Once on one of his examinations of the children for confirmation the archbishop put to a little girl the question from the catechism, 'What is the preparation for matrimony?' The little one blushed and giggled and put the corner of her bib in her mouth by way of answer. The question was repeated. 'Oh, sure, your lordship knows it yourself, was the timid reply. 'Yes, but you must tell me, my child. What is the preparation for matrimony?' 'Well, my lord, a little courting, of course,' at last came the reluctant answer from amid a rosary of blushes."

Declining a Present.

Sir Henry Irving made it a rule not to accept presents from strangers and was often heard pressed for sufficient excuses for declining. During the Russo-Japanese war a wealthy admirer of the great actor approached him with: "Please accept, Sir Henry, but I want to give you a present."

"What is it?" asked the actor.

"A Russian wolfhound."

"Awfully sorry I can't accept it," replied Sir Henry. "But I'm a lover of peace, and I have a Japanese valet."

The Instinct.

All our progress is an unfolding like the vegetable bud. You have first an instinct, then an opinion, then a knowledge, as the plant has root, bud and fruit. Trust the instinct to the end, though you can render no reason.—Emerson.

Understood.

"He—I have a sweet little home to which I would like to install you as its mistress. She—indeed, sir, I'll go into no home on the installment plan.—Baltimore American.

The Same or Another?

"And you saw Muriel?"

"I did."

"Tell me, is she married?"

"Yes."

"One question more. Again or yet?"—Washington Herald.

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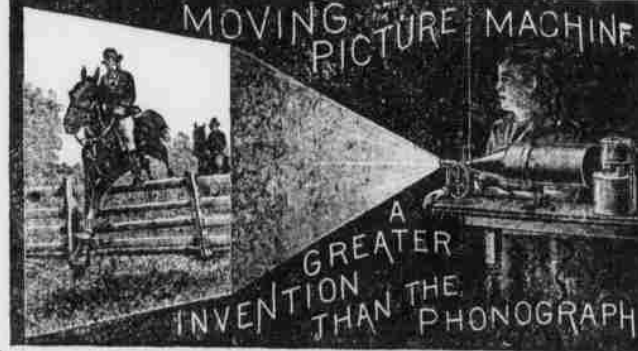
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