

Multiplying by Machinery.
The clerical staffs of many of the big insurance companies have of late years been considerably reduced by the employment of mechanical calculators. One of these, the invention of a German, is a compact little affair resembling a music box. It may be made to perform almost instantaneously the most portentous sums in addition, subtraction, multiplication by one or two factors, division, squaring and cubing. It is required, for instance, to multiply 531,975 by 924. The first factor is set by touching the little knobs representing 531,975. To multiply by the other factor you turn a handle four times, push along a slide one place and turn the handle twice, then push the slide another place on and push the handle nine times. The long multiplication is now done without a possibility of error so far as the machine is concerned, and the dial shows 491,544,900. In the same mechanical way may be done all the other arithmetical processes.—London Globe.

Strange Timekeepers.
To ascertain the time at night the Apache Indians employed a gourd on which the stars of the heavens were marked. As the constellations rose in the sky the Indian referred to his gourd and found out the hour. By turning the gourd around he could tell the order in which the constellations might be expected to appear.
The hill people of Assam reckon time and distance by the number of quids of betel nuts chewed. It will be remembered how, according to Washington Irving, the Dutch colonial assembly was invariably dismissed at the last puff of the third pipe of tobacco of Governor Wouter Van Twiller.

A Montagnis Indian of Canada will set up a tail stick in the snow when traveling ahead of friends who are to follow. He marks with his foot the line of shadow cast, and by the change in the angle of the shadow, the oncoming party can tell on arriving at the spot about how far ahead the leader is.

Fighter of the Family.
The tough little boy with the red air and freckled face pushed up against the neat little boy and said impudently:
"My sister can lick your sister."
The neat little boy did not argue the matter.
"And my big brother can lick your big brother."
The good little lad winced.
"And my ma can lick your ma."
The quiet lad shifted from one foot to the other.
"And my pa can lick your pa."
There was a flash of pink shirt waist, the sound of some hard object coming in contact with a spongy substance, and the quiet little lad stood triumphantly over his adversary, quietly waiting for him to push his nose back into the center of his face where it belonged.

"But just remember this," he observed quietly, "you can't lick me."—Youngstown Telegram.

The Famous "Green Man of Brighton."
In October, 1895, an individual was to be observed at Brighton, England, who walked out every day dressed in green from head to foot—green shoes, green gloves, green handkerchief and other articles to match. This eccentric person lived alone, knew nobody and in his house the curtains, the wall paper, the furniture, even the plates and dishes and the smallest toilet articles, offered an uninterrupted sequence of green. Having started on his career, there was obviously no reason to stop, and with full consistency he carried this scruples so far as to eat nothing but fruit and vegetables of the same green color. The consequences were extremely disastrous. One fine day the green man jumped from his window into the street, rushed forward and performed a second somersault from the top of the nearest cliff.

Climate and Food.
In the arctic regions human food is almost exclusively animal, because that is the only sort which is available in quantity. In the tropics, where vegetable food is abundant and animal foods readily decay, plant products are and always have been of very great importance in the diet. In temperate regions all kinds of food may be secured, and it seems reasonable to suppose that all kinds have always been eaten as they are today.

Awaiting the Test.
Pilgrim—"If I come in will that dog bite me?" Mrs. Hawkins—"We ain't no ways sure, mister. But the feller that let us take him on trial said he'd chew up a tramp in less'n two minutes; but, land sakes, we ain't goin' to believe it till we see it done."—Chicago News.

He Got the Limit.
"Do you believe there is anything prophetic in dreams?"
"Believe it! I know it. Only the other night I dreamed that I was at a church fair and awoke to find that my wife had been through my pockets and taken my last sou."—Exchange.

He Knew.
"It's the first \$1,000 that's hard to get," explained the eminent millionaire.
"I know that," responded the mere man. "I've been trying to accumulate it for the past forty years."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Light itself is a great corrective. A thousand wrongs and abuses that are grown in darkness disappear like owls and bats before the light of day.

Mrs. A. R. Tabor, of Crider, Mo., had been troubled with headache for about five years, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She has taken two bottles of them and they have cured her. Sick headache is caused by a disordered stomach for which these tablets are especially intended. Try them, get well and stay well. Sold by All Dealers.

Successful and fortunate crime is called virtue.—Seneca.

SANTA CLAUS QUITE LIBERAL

Among His Grits to White House Was Thrive Usual Mail.

Among the things that Santa Claus brought to the White House was a mail bag that contained what the office force estimated at three times the usual quota of Christmas mail. In addition to the letters scores of cable messages and telegrams from the outlying countries of the earth and from various parts of the United States came in over the White House wires. The usual merry Christmas and Happy New Year wishes came to the President, but there were many expressions of faith in his administration and hope for the future.

The President spent two hours in his office before luncheon dictating and signing letters and was unable to attend church. The White House dinner was held at night.

Death in Roaring Fire

may not result from the work of firebugs, but often severe burns are caused that make a quick need for Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the quickest, surest cure for burns, wounds, bruises, boils, sores. It subdues inflammation. It kills pain. It soothes and heals. Drives off skin eruptions, ulcers or piles. Only 25c at Mebane Drug Co.

THE LOSSES ARE HEAVY

Russians Occupy Tabriz After Nine-Day Siege

A nine days' siege of Tabriz, Persia by the Russian troops has resulted in its complete occupation by the Russian forces and the dispersal of the combatants belonging to the constitutional progressive party (or Fidaïis). Numerous casualties were sustained by both sides, the Russians alone losing from 100 to 200 men, while the losses of the Fidaïis were very severe, although the number cannot be ascertained.
During the fighting an enormous amount of damage to property was done and the Stars and Stripes floating over the United States consulate was shot down by a Russian shell which, however, did no further damage to the consulate.

Old Soldier Tortured.

"For years I suffered unspeakable torture from indigestion, constipation and liver trouble," wrote A. K. Smith a war veteran at Erie, Pa., "but Dr. King's New Life Pills fixed me all right. They're simply great." Try them for any stomach, liver or kidney trouble. Only 25c at Mebane Drug Co.

No casualties were suffered by the president foreign population, but many individuals suffered from a lack of provisions while they were closely confined to their homes during the prolonged street fighting.

And Yet Children are Starving.

Millions of dollars worth of jewels have been showered on the wives of millionaires for the Christmas holidays. It has been estimated that more than \$200,000,000 is a low estimate to be placed on the baubles that have been given by the various millionaires to their wives as Christmas tokens, year after year. Mrs. Corey, formerly Mabelle Gilman, the actress, was showered with jeweled gifts by her husband, William E. Corey, of Steel Trust fame. The famous necklace of Mrs. William B. Leeds is worth a fabulous amount, the custom house authorities demanding \$120,000 duty on it. Frank Gould gave his wife a pearl necklace, consisting of three strands of pearls, estimated to be worth more than \$500,000. Not to be outdone, the lover-like Col. John Jacob Astor showered on his beautiful young bride jewels and diamonds of every description. New York society has gone jewel mad, and there is a mad rush on to see who can outshine the other with the most wonderful brilliants.

Saves Two Lives.

"Neither my sister nor myself might be living to-day, if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery" writes A. D. McDonald of Fayetteville N. C. Rfd No. 8 "for we both had frightful coughs that no other remedy could help. We were told my sister had consumption. She was very weak and had night sweats but your wonderful medicine completely cured us both. It's the best I ever used or heard of." For sore lungs, coughs, colds, hemorrhage, la-grippe, asthma, hay fever, croup, whooping cough, all bronchial troubles its supreme. Trial bottle free 50c and \$1.00 Guaranteed by Mebane Drug Co.

Adversity is sometimes hard upon a man; but for one man who can stand prosperity there are a hundred that will stand adversity.—Carlyle.

Solves A Deep Mystery.

"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," wrote C. B. Rader, of Lewisburg, W. Va., "for the wonderful double benefit I got from Electric Bitters, in curing me of both a severe case of stomach trouble and of rheumatism, from which I had been an almost helpless sufferer for ten years. It suited my case as though made just for me." For dyspepsia, indigestion, jaundice and to rid the system of kidney poisons that cause rheumatism, Electric Bitters has no equal. Try them. Every bottle is guaranteed to satisfy. Only 50c at Mebane Drug Co.

Life is not so short but that there is always time for courtesy.—Emerson

When you want a reliable medicine for a cough or cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by All Dealers.

OUR LOSS IS YOUR GAIN
The Mebane Store Co.,
We have just finished Stock Taking and as usual, have some great bargains for you. We are going to offer for the next few days, Clothing, Trousers, Hats, Dry Goods, Shoes, Plant Bed Canvass, Rocking Chairs, and numerous other things at greatly reduced prices. All New and "Up-to-Date" goods. We just simply want to turn it into money. You can't afford not to see us.

Yours very truly,
THE MEBANE STORE CO.
Mebane, N. C.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU
We have done our best to supply you with pretty things for Christmas, now we want to advise you that we are prepared to meet your every wish in a first class Drug Store- Just think of anything one may need then, think of us.
Mebane Drug Co.
F. L. WHITE, Mgr.
Mebane, - - North Carolina

1912 A PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
This Greeting We Extend To All our Customers and the Public
Permit us, just at this time to extend to you greetings of the New Year, and to express to you our sincere appreciation of past pleasant business relations.
We most heartily thank one and all for the splendid patronage of the past year, and it was such a splendid patronage that it makes us feel happy, this the beginning of a new year.
To those who made possible this increased business, and all others we wish a most prosperous New Year for 1912 throughout.
Holmes-Warren Co.
Mebane, - - - - North Carolina

Half Price.
All hats at half price from now to the end of the year. This means a tremendous reduction when style and quality is considered.
LEADING MILLINER OF GRAHAM
Miss Margaret Clegg
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TAKING INVENTORY
And getting ready for you for the New Years business. Last years trade was splendid, let us make this the best ever. This will be the place for bargains always, you can always rely upon our treating you right.
Come right on, we will be glad to see you.
Yours anxious to please,
H. E. Wilkinson,
Company
Mebane, - - - North Carolina

Surrender.
Oh, with your glances lay a snare,
And trick me with your charms,
Then bind me with your flowing hair,
And lock me in your arms!
And when your prisoner am I,
Completely in your pow'r
Condemn me, if you will, to die
Of love, within the hour!
And let this be my prison fare;
Your tears and scented breath;
Oh, I shall be resigned, I swear,
So kiss me then to death!
—Town Topics!

Showered With Congratulations.
Miss Clara Barton, founder and first president of the American National Red Cross society, was showered Christmas day with greetings and good wishes upon the 90th anniversary of her birth. Although feeble from her recent illness, Miss Barton was able to celebrate the day with her relatives and friends who spent Christmas with her at her home, "Red Cross, in Glen Echo, Md., a suburb of Washington.—Greensboro Daily News.

Persons troubled with partial paralysis are often very much benefited by massaging the affected parts thoroughly when applying Chamberlain's Liniment. This liniment also relieves rheumatic pains. For sale by All Dealers.

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The new firm of
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are showing the most complete line of high class clothing, furnishings and hats ever shown in Durham.
Suits ranging in price from \$10.00 to \$40.00. Overcoats \$10 to \$30. A beautiful line of boys and children clothing.
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