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**Mr. W. H. Willman, a Prosperous Traveling Man, of Greenville, S. C., in Charlotte Observer, Writes:**  
GREENVILLE, S. C., May 24, 1897.  
EDITOR CHARLOTTE OBSERVER:—Five years ago, last February, I registered as a patient at the Keeley Institute, Greensboro, N. C. I had drunk for ten years. I remained there two weeks. The treatment completely reformed me. I have had no desire to drink since and I personally know more than one hundred men who have had the same experience at the Green-horo Keeley, and have never tasted any kind of intoxicants since. I write this because I consider it a duty as well as a pleasure.

**An Old Minister.**  
Many stories are told of Dr. Gad Hitchcock, who was a minister in Pembroke, Mass., before and during revolutionary times. He was noted for his patriotism and the fearless expression of his views when opportunity offered. He was chaplain in the army at one time, and preached many a stirring sermon to the men.

The first sermon he published was addressed to a military company at the time when the French were making inroads on the northern frontier. The year before the breaking out of the revolution he preached his famous "Election Sermon," which roused Gov. Gage to great wrath, and struck even the minister's staunchest friends as ill-advised. It is said that when Doctor Hitchcock wrote it, the Governor was not expected to be in the audience at the time of its delivery.

When it was found that he was there, one of the minister's friends suggested that a slight modification of some of the strong expressions in the sermon would perhaps be advisable; but Dr. Hitchcock was of another mind.

"My sermon is written," he calmly said, "and it will not be altered."  
On his journeyings to and from Boston he usually fell into conversation with any one with whom he was thrown. One day he traveled to Boston in company with a sailor of whom he asked many questions as to his name, residence, habits and tastes.

At last the sailor began questioning in his turn: "What is your name?" he asked.

"I am Gad Hitchcock from Tunk" (the name of his parish).

"Three of the worst names I ever heard!" cried the sailor, bluntly, greatly to Dr. Hitchcock's delight.

**Debts Delayed His Burial.**  
The case of a burial long delayed has recently come to light at Revel, a Russian town near the Gulf of Revel, a land. The body thus tardily interred was that of a Belgian soldier of fortune, the Duc Charles de Croy, who had been commander-in-chief of the Russian army at the historic battle of Narva in 1700. Made a prisoner during the fight, De Croy took up his residence at Revel, where he died in the course of events; his creditors demurred to his burial, however, until his debts were paid. So the soldier was mummified and his remains have stayed ever since in a church, where they have been exhibited to visitors as a curiosity. Now, at least, amid such pomp as was to be found among the local authorities, he has been given a fitting coffin and properly interred in one of the vaults of the church.

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**THE WORLD DRYING UP.**  
Rainfall's Steady Decrease for Twenty Years Back.

**A GRADUAL FALLING OFF.**  
1897 Threatens to Break all Previous Records for Deficiency -- Some Figures.

The world is slowly drying up. This is a startling fact, but is supported by statistics of the United States weather bureau. If the record continues unbroken in less than 100 years this will be an arid desert.

For the last forty years there has been a gradual decrease in the rainfall. Up to ten years ago this was hardly noticeable, but for the past eight years the deficiency of rain has been so great as to be alarming.

The rapid decrease in rainfall began in 1888. That year the precipitation was abnormally large, registering 64.98 inches. The next year it was more than ten inches less, and has rapidly decreased until last year the total rainfall was but 34.12 inches.

The normal rainfall is 51.99 inches, or a fraction less than fifty-two inches every year. Estimating that 51.99 inches is the normal annual precipitation the world is now over two years behind in its rainfall, assuming that last year is the new average of yearly rainfall.

During the past eight years only 384.98 inches of water fell. The normal is 415.92 inches. The deficiency during the eight years. Added to this starting deficiency is the deficiency accumulated during the six months of the present year. This deficiency on June 30th amounted to 7.44 inches, which added to the deficiency of the eight preceding years amounts to 68.78 inches of water yet due the earth by the normal quantity of rain.

The rain continues to decrease as fast for the next twenty years as it has during the past eighty years by the end of that period the old world will be as dry as a hot brick.

This is a horrible picture to contemplate, but the figures of the men employed by the government to keep a daily record of every drop of water that falls from the heavens show that the rainfall is decreasing and that if a change in the tide does not come soon this section of the world will be a dry, restless piece of land.

A close investigation has revealed the fact that there is no known scientific reason for the abnormal condition. It is simply an unparalleled freak of nature which the wisest of mortals has been unable to explain.

The situation is certainly one of interest despite the awful prospect presented. It is an attractive but not a pleasing study to sit down and figure out how long it will be before the inhabitants of this sphere will be left without anything to drink, and the earth will be but a piece of parched geology. It is a ghastly thought to think that inside of fifty years the people may be wondering each other for the last drop of water.

Against Lynching.  
The Texas State Legislature, which has just concluded its session, enacted a stringent law against lynchings, and makes all participants in a mob which inflicts death upon any person, for any reason whatever, guilty of murder in the first degree.

**POPULAR SCIENCE.**  
It is well known that continued darkness has caused the vision of animals to become partially destroyed.

An English physician claims that regular daily traveling in railway cars has a hygienic value, and is especially beneficial in cases of gout.

A bee is never caught in the rain, and you will notice that ants, wasps and spiders will prepare their nests against the coming of a storm many hours in advance.

The frog cannot breathe with its mouth open, its breathing apparatus being so arranged as to exclude air at all times, except when the nostrils alone are working.

Size for size, a thread of spider's silk is decidedly tougher than one of steel. An ordinary thread will bear a weight of three grains, while a steel wire of the same thickness will support only one-fifth of the weight.

It is estimated that twenty-two acres of land are necessary to sustain one man on fresh meat. The same space of land, if devoted to wheat culture, would feed 42 people; if to oats, 88, and if to potatoes and rice, 176 people.

The purest water in the world is said to be that of the small Swedish river Loka, which in one hundred thousand parts contains only 434 parts of mineral substances. The Thames, at London Bridge, contains in the same quantity of water from sixty-nine to seventy parts; the Seine; in Paris, twenty-three to twenty-four, and the River Jordan, 139 parts.

The Paris meteorologist, Professor Metier, estimates the quantity of water turned into vapor by the sun in the Mediterranean Sea alone on a clear, hot summer day at not less than 5,280,000,000 tons. At that rate, the quantity of water taken from the entire globe on one hot day within the limits of the temperate and tropical zones would amount to not less than 245,000,000 tons.

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**Home Life Among the Indians.**  
Mrs. Alice C. Fletcher contributes a paper with this title to the Century. Mrs. Fletcher says: One would hardly suppose that there could be particular rules as to the manner of sitting upon the ground; but here, as in every other part of Indian life, there is a rigid observance of custom.

Men may properly sit upon their heels or cross-legged, but no woman may assume these attitudes. She must sit sideways, and make a broad, smooth lap. When working she may kneel or squat, and when resting she, as well as the men, may sit with legs extended; but at all other times men and women must observe the etiquette of posture distinctive of sex.

**Bismarck's Courtship.**  
A characteristic story of Bismarck's courtship of the woman who made him such an excellent and devoted wife is told by the Boston Globe. After falling in love with her he proceeded to apply to her parents in the conventional way. He was acceptable to them, and they appointed an interview for him with their daughter. It took place in their presence, but instead of the formality which they expected Bismarck opened the proceedings by throwing his arms around his betrothed and giving her several resounding kisses.

**THE RISING GENERATION.**  
A Happy Little African That's Not Troubled with Fyris.

This picture of a little African, as taken at Port Elizabeth, strikes one as being curious contrast to the little folks in the feathers one is accustomed to see. Let us see if it is a he?—is none the less happy.



py for his nakedness; and the hut and mother in the background no doubt constitute a home for the child in the full sense of the term.

**A Queer Death.**  
John Wahrman, 9-year-old son of John Wahrman, a farmer living fifteen miles southeast of Kansas City, and one mile from Union Point school-house, met death in a peculiar manner on Saturday afternoon.

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In 1893 I had two chums of the name of Seth and Cleo Dodge, who lived down in the forks of Coon about four miles below us.

The boys were handling wood to town, and they told me that the woods down in the forks were alive with squirrels, and that if I would go back with them that evening they would get their father to let them have the first day off, and we would have lots of fun. I went home and got my No. 14 muzzle loader, plenty of ammunition and my dog, and went home with them. Father Dodge had built a new frame house, but it was not large enough to accommodate the family and any strangers, so Cleo and I slept out in the old log house. I shall never forget the scare we got that night. As boys will, we lay there a long time discussing the various propositions that suggest themselves to two boy chums who haven't seen each other for some time. Along toward midnight we thought we discovered the presence of somebody under our bed. To make it more certain we distinctly heard the ticking of his watch. We became uneasy for the ticking of that watch was regular and incessant. At last Cleo quietly slipped out of bed, went over to the new house and called his father, who came and investigated. Much to our chagrin the old gentleman soon discovered that the cause of our dread and forebodings was only a deathwatch at work in an old log by the side of the bed—Forest and Stream.

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