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SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

TIMBER PRESERVATIVES .-- Of the many processes suggested for preserving timber, only three have been much used. Of these, kyanizing, or impregnation with bichloride of mercury, has proven very effective for structures-like bridges -exposed to the weather alone, and not to continuous dampness: but for railway sleepers or pavements it is of doubtful value. Bury nectizing, or treatment with sulphate of zinc, is unfitted for bridges and other exposed places, on ac. count of the readiness with which the zinc is washed out. Several methods of preventing this, however, by closing the pores of the wood, bave been proposed. The burnets tizing process is used to some extent in the United States for railway sleepers, though the cost is 20 to 25 cents each; while on English railways the third process, creosoting, is almost universally employed. Creosoting is also much used for harbor works, as it offers the only practicable means of resisting the attacks of marine worms. A new process, consisting in soaking the timber to naphthaline, was introoced into England in 1882, and is reported to have given good experimental results for sleepers, coalmine supports, harbor works and cars, and to have the advantages of not unfitting the wood for cutting or painting, and of being readily

applied to the undried logs. GROUND'S WATER AND DISEASE .- Mr Baldwin Latham, President of the Royal Meteorological Society, states that most epidemics accompany or immediately follow a period when the underground water is ususually low, though some diseases are most rife when the soil contains most water. Cholera ordinarily breaks out when there is least ground wat. er; small-pox is almost always preceded by a long season of dryness of the ground; and typhoid and scarlet fevers are most prevalent on the first wetting of the ground after a dry period. There is usually most diphtheria in a low water year. Measles, on the contrary, is most prevalent at and near high water periods, while whooping-cough increases with the ground-water, and diminishes as it subsides. The death-rate is always greatest in years of drought and low ground-

CONSTITUTION OF THE EARTH.-Sir Wm. Thompson demonstrates the solidity of the earth by rotating two eggs, one raw and the other cooked, suspended by steel threads. The cooked egg behaves like any solid body, and continues to move for a long time, but the raw egg soou comes to a stop, because the shell only was put in motion, and the friction of the matter of the egg soon overcomes the impulse. From this it appears that the earth cannot consist of a thin solid crust containing a liquid or pasty nucleus, such constitution being particularly incompatible with the movement of the terrestrial axis corresponding to the p reession of the equinoxes.

An Austrian naval officer flads thar, contrary to general statement, the imaginary line separating one day from the next does not pass the Philippine Islands on the west but considerably to the eastward-A change to the European date was made by the governor of tho e islands in 1844 by omitting Dec. 31 f om the eslendar for that year. A similar change was made in Alack : on its purchase from Russia.

The 300th asteroid was discovered the first pounds.

on Oct. 3d. The first was discovered Jap, 1st, 1801, and the list has been increased by about 100 in the ast ten years

VARIATIONS OF LATITUDE. - Obervations at Berlin, Strasburg, Prague and other places have been reported as showing a decrease in the latitude of Central Europe. This implies that a shifting of the earth's axis is in progress. For the six months ending with February, 1890. the amount of decrease was half a second, which would be quite a serious rate of alteration if steadily continued. According to Prof. Als fred Kirchoff, however, the observations for the half-year ending with August, 1890, show an oppos site change-or increase-in Berlin's latitude. The movement, therefore, appears to be a minute oscillation o the axis, which is probably produced by some changes in the internal mass of our planet. It was lately pointed out that a heaping up of the sea to the extent of 500 cubic miles would give a perceptible vi bration, and an ice accumulation might have a like effect.

A SALT LAKE .- The saltest body of water known is stated to be the Lake of Uramia, in Persia. The lake is 84 miles long, 24 miles wide and very shallow, and is at a heigh of more than 4000 feet above sea level. Its northern shore is a glittering border of salt. Analysis shows that the water contains 22 per cent of salt, a much larger pro portion than exists in the Dead Sea. A very small species of jelly fish is the only living thing that can endure the salt.

Measurements of the sun's distance by the methods of different periods in astronomical science have given these results: Hipparchus, 150 B. C., found it to be 5,900,000 miles; Posidonius, 100 B. C., 62, 750,000 miles; Copernicus, 1543 A. D., 4,700,000; Kepler, 1628, 13,500, 000 miles : Wendelin, 1640, 58,600,-000; Riccioli, 1650, 29,200,000 miles; Cassin', 1680, 86,000,000 miles; La bire, 1687, 136,000,000; Laplace 1799, 92,800,000; Eucke, 1824, 95, 250,000; and recent estimates make t 92,890,000 miles.

Cancilorm tablets lately deciphered prove to be among the earliest astronomical records known, giving a minute account of Chaldean observations of the moon and the planets for the year 522 B. C.

Acidity on the Stomach.

This condition is due to germs, and the cute lies in getting rid of the germs. Germs of fermentation in the stomach produce first alcohol, then carbonic acid, and then acetic acid, A person troubled with this form of dyspepsia should be careful to take only such articles of food as do not favor the development of germs, and thus starve them out. Another thing to do is to wash the germs out of the stomach by drinking freely of hot water before meals. If food is put into a stomach already sour, of course fermentation will be set up immediately. Some persons notice that as soon as they eat, their stomachs become sour The third important thing to do is to stimulate the stomach to make more gastric juice, which is a natu. ral antiseptic, and prevents fermentation and also bastens absorption. The glands may be sumulated by applying hot formentation to the stomach for half an hour or an hour immediately after the close of a meal, or, easier still, by wearing a rubber bag filled with hot water directly over the stomach for half an hour or an hour. Heat is a natural stimulant, and there are no T. H. Hoke, Chm'n, Lincolnton, N. possible ill +ffects from its use in A. L. Cherry, this way .- Good Health.

Koch's Lymph in Asheville.

There is probably no busier man R. Z. Johnston, Chm'n, Lincolnton,c in Asheville to-day than Dr. Karl D. A. Coon, von Ruch, of the Winyah sanitari. S. V. Goodson, um. The fact of his having procured a supply of the now famous Dr. Koch's lymph, has caused him to be besieged with applications for Mayor, H. E. Ramssur. reatment. The Doctor now has Secretary & Treasurer, W. R. Edwards. hree cases under the Koch treat ment, and says that although the Jenkins, F. A. Toby, H. W. Burton, T reaction has been slight in each H. Hoke, W. L. crouse, L. T. Wilkie, P. case he has every reason to be S. Beal. hopeful, as the effect on the patients Mails on C C Railway, distributed 6:80 F is almost identical with that folfowing the application of the lymph by Dr. Koch. Dr. von Ruch made an application of the lymph Sunday coluton at 7 A M, Mondays, Wednesdays were righteen physicians present who are interested in watching the ary, February and March result. A second injection was

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Died, Aged 115 Years.

SANTA FE, N. M., Dec. 24, 1890. News of the death of Pedro Anto nio Lopez, aged 115 years, was received here to-day. He passed off very quietly and without any suffer ng, being conscious and especially talkative up to the last moment He knew that the end was coming, and he had his children and grandchildren gathered around him. He talked to them of the service he had done as a soldier under the Spanish kings. Lopez was mentioned in connection with the census report in last June on account of his extreme old age.

Dropping into the Court House, one going to see the Register of Deeds would find a one-legged man, and sitting by would be his chief clerk, a one-armed man. In the clerk's office he would find the deputy a one-armed man; and up in the office of Superintendent of Publie Instruction he would also flud a one-armed man, while as he goes out be would bid farewell to the anitor, who still bears in his person 4 ball received in battle. Is there ony other Court House in the State that makes such a good showing -Raleigh Observer.

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