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A SHREWD lad dwells in Santa Rosa, Cal. His father lost a colt, and the boy asked what reward would be given for finding hime. "I will give you a dollar," said the father. But how much would you give another boy?" queried the son. "I would give any other boy \$2.50," replied the parent. It was not long before the neighbor's lad appeared with the lost colt, and the owner promptly paid the boy \$2.50. Then the neighbor's lad went son of the man who owned the colt, and divided with him.

A PLEASANT interchange of civilities was recently witnessed in Philadelphia. A well-dressed Frenchman stopped at the corner of Walnut and Broad streets, to wait for a street car. An organ-grinder with a mankey started to play the "Marseillaise." The monkey tripped across to the French gentleman and held up his paw. The doreigner placed therein a coin, and the monkey took off his little red cap, advantages of sunlight. Without a thought, the polite Frenchman immediately raised his own silk hat in return to the salute, and the monkey ran to his master chattering with delight, a broad grin spreading over his little brown face.

- L. J. CROTHERS has a 10,000-acre ranch in Texas He questions whether electricity would not make a good fence -that is, taken in conjunction with a three-string barb wire barrier of the French watercourses flowing into the usual kind. He fenced a thousandacre tract with one smooth wire and charged the wire from the dynamothat lighted his residence. Into the enclosure separated from the tract containing the main herd by this single wire, he drove some wild steers. They broke for the main body. The leader of the stampede met the wire, bellowed, and retreated rapidly. Others tried the wire and did likewise. Hence Mr. Crothers thinks that one wire will the electric waves, of the movements fence in the toughest quadruped in of the diaphragm molecules, and,

THE Duke of Bedford, who has just died, was one of the richest men in Great Britain. Some years ago, he admitted that his income was the emiyalent of one million five hundred thousand dollars a year. He was an excentric man and a mean man. He has stood for years in the way of local improvements in London. His real-estate holdings in that city were enormous, and he consistently fought every attempt to open the new streets dimanded by the increasing traffic. The private thoroughfares under his control flower, and the turning upside down he closed and barred at an early hour every evening. It is hardly probable that the successor to the title and estate will depart from the hard practices of his father. Lord Tavistock is a narrow-minded individual, purseproud, selfish, and egotistical.

THE platypus, a small, molelike heast of Australia, has been voted the palm for being the most extraordinary mammal in the known world. For the last twenty years its skin has been highly prized as an article of commerce, yet during all of that time scientists have been trying to settle the question whether it is born alive or hatched from an egg. Mr. Caldwell of North America. The calf is a was sent out to Australia by the British Association for the express purpose of studying the life history of this wonderful creature, and was finally rewarded by the discovery of the eggs and nest of this contradiction of nature. The body of the platypus resembles that of the mole, and is covered with a close, short, grayish brown fur. Like the beaver, its tail is broad and flattened. A horny extension of the jaws form a beak like that of a duck, their margins being sheathed with horn and supplied with transverse horny plates, two in each jaw, but these are not true teeth. The toes are united by a membrane or web, so the animal is enabled to swim with great ease. It inhabits small streams and ponds, living principally, if not wholly, on insects. When the young are hatched they are blind and quite naked. The method by which they obtain milk from the other is still obscure, as the creature ins no nipples, only a flat surface; nor there any marsupial pouch. The beak of the young is wholly unlike that of an adult. It cost the British Association over \$10,000 to ascertain the above facts.

THE Common Council of Cincinnsti, it the suggestion of the health officer. has passed an ordinance making it a misdemeasor to give public exhibi-tions of measurerism and hypnotism.

SCIENTIFIC SCRAPS.

Incandescent lamp globes blacken more readily with alternating currents than with the direct currents.

A new substitute for quinine is known as pambutano. It is an aqueous extract from the root of a shrub of

A steel company of Cleveland, Ohio, recently rolled a 20-inch square ingot into a three-quarter-inch plate at a single heat. The ingot weighed

An Italian physiolog'st of repute, named Mosso, has demonstrated by experiment that thinking causes a rush of blood to the brain, which varies with the nature of the thought.

The camera shows that the star Vega, one of the brightest in the heavens, is apparently a double star, composed of two suns, each revolving around a point midway between

It is proposed doing away with the old system of lightning-rod pretection and replacing the rods with narrow ribbous of copper, which will use up the energy of the lightning and save the building from destruction.

Owing to the difficulties that have so often been found with the closed type of engines for electric light maaround the corner, where stood the chinery, the English Admiralty has abolished them in recent ships and substituted open engines of the compound type.

A prominent photographer expresses the opinion that the gallery of the future will contain no skylight. A high room, with the north wall entirely of glass and a roof open to the sky, will produce the best results. The inside painted in light color gives admirable illumination, without the dis-

The French Acclimatization Society, which possesses two important establishments for the raising of fish at Quillan and Gesse, in the Department of the Aude, has just received 100,000 Californian salmon eggs from the United States. This society, which is of quite modern growth, has set itself the task of restocking with salmon all Mediterranean.

In the telephone an alternation of timbre, consisting of a disagreeable snuffling which distorts words, is said to be due to the fundamental note and harmonies of the diaphragm being superunposed upon those of the voice, without becoming confounded with them, and producing a disturbance of therefore, of the sound waves which reach the ear.

A recent little work on barometric plants, published in France, gives, among other interesting facts, the following: If the stalks of clover and other leguminous plants stand upright, there will be rain; if the leaf of the wood sorrel turns up, it is a sign of a storm, as is also the closing of the convolvulus flower, the expanding of the lettuce of the flower of the pitcher plant, but if the last named stands erect it will be tine, as it will be if the flower on the sorrel opens.

Birth of a Bison.

The female bison at the Zoological Gardens has just given birth to a fine calf. This is a matter for some rejoicing, since the American bison is getting very rare. It is even now as rare, or nearly so, as its European relative, the aurochs, and not so very long ago it was abundant on the plains reddish-brown color, like the calf of an ordinary domestic cow, and not a bit like its black, shaggy mother.

If the theory is true that every shade and variety of color has its meaning, this fact is very extraordinary. If the colors of the adult bison have a relation to its usual surroundings, why should the calf be colored differently? One would have thought that what was sauce for the goose was also sauce for the gosling. It has, however, been suggested that such differences between the parents and their offspring are to facilitate recognition, and it is noticeable that the young of many animals are, as in this case, more brightly colored than their parents, and, therefore, more conspicuous in the dusk or twilight .- [London News.

A Reasonable Request.

Mr. Waffle-Aw, Miss West, kindy allow me to escort you into the banqueting salon.

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Miss West-Then please get off the

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The more sonr people profess to have religion the harder they make it for the Lord to reach those who have much to do with them. Sour people who claim to be Chris-

tians make sinners think that the Lord is opposed to anybody having a very good time in this world. Sometimes people are sour because

they have just enough religion to make them miserable, and not enough to make them happy, and sometimes they are born that way. Sour people are very often made

more so by brooding over their troubles, and thinking only of themselves and their disappointments, instead of meditating upon the goodness of God and His unfailing kindness.

"A merry heart doeth good like a meckcine; but a broken spirit drieth the

Nothing can so quickly take the bitterness out of the heart, and put a smile on the face that will keep sweet in any climate, as to become well acquainted with the Lord Jesus Christ.

A insane man turned loose with a shotgun would not do as much harm as some people do with bitter hearts and long faces,-Ram's Horn.

Forgiveness.

There is no bravery like that involved in the forgiveness of injuries. The man who forgives has two victories-one over himself, and one of the person who has injured him. Men are not slow to appreciate and to applaud virtues they are not so ready to imitate. They will understand that the sublimest human act is that of forgiveness. But to appreciate a noble act is a great deal easier than to perform one precisely like it, just as it is comparatively easy to look upon the sublime heights of a mountain; but it requires a powerful long continued effort to reach and stand upon those heights. The man of meanest capacity makes himself more than the peer of the man of the loftiest capacity, if he forgives him. He who revenges an injury makes himself the inferior, not only of his enemy, but of all others, because he has stooped to a base act. Revenge is generally disproportionately severe, even if a man's judgment is taken as the standard, and he who practices it has laid up for himself a long harvest of regret and re-morse, while the man who forgives is at peace with himself and all the world, and has transformed his enemy into a friend. We should also make it a point to always forgive those we cannot thrash.—Texas Siftings. PROFESSIONAL

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