A MEMORY TEST.

The Act by Which One Controversy Was Decided.

Three men were disputing in Berlin one day as to which of them had the best memory, and finally they asked Oscar Blumenthal, a well known writer, to decide the matter.

"Read me any page of Goethe's prose works," said one of the three, "and I will at once repeat it word for word."

"I can do better than that," said the second one. "Put me in a corner of this room, and I will play three games of chess simultaneously without ever looking at the boards."

"That's nothing to what I can do," said the first speaker again. "Begin a conversation with me now about the most absurd things possible, and at the end of an hour I will repeat the entire conversation to you."

The third man was silent, and Blumenthal said to him: "Why don't you tell us what you can do? A few minutes ago you were boasting a good deal of your wonderful memory."

"I know it," was the reply, "but I did not then know that my two friends took the matter so seriously. And as they are so much in earnest I will not try to surpass them, for I cannot forget that each of them did me a favor yesterday."

"Yesterday?" asked Blumenthal.

"Yes," was the reply.

"And you have not yet forgotten it? In that case the laurels belong to you, for you have indeed a wonderful memory."—New York Herald.

Paying the Premium.

Some few months ago a young matron telephoned to one of the young men she knew, who is connected with a large insurance firm, asking him to write a policy covering her new household effects.

"Don't tell Dick," she asked. "I want to surprise him. He really thinks I have no business head at all."

The young man assented and issued the policy. He waited a considerable time for the payment of the premium. His friendship for the young woman caused him to resist sending the bill, but he finally did so. The recipient complained bitterly to an acquaintance, who is considerable of a wag, and he readily encouraged her in her ideas.

"Now, really," she said, wrinkling her pretty brows, "this bit of paper costs next to nothing. I could have written it myself."

"Yes," said he, "but if you have a fire the company will have to pay the loss."

"Well," she suggested, "let them deduct what they say I owe them. Then they won't be out anything."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Tricks of the Fahyahs.

The Fahyahs have a trick which is performed in this manner: They take a small cup, put it on the ground—all feats are performed in the open air—and place in it a small bulb, which is then covered with sand.

Taking a small fan from their waist and standing about two feet away, they fan a rosebush from the cup at least two and a half feet high, bearing quite a number of roses, one of which they will give for a piece of silver. The flower withers away into ether in twenty minutes.

I have seen a peach, a pear and a plum tree grow from seed, bear fruit and wither away again in five hours. I have seen these Fahyahs throw themselves upon broken glass held in a large box that it would be impossible for any one else to touch without receiving a wound and never get a scratch.

Admiral and Chaplain.

On the return from a long cruise Admiral Goldsborough's chaplain was asked by the admiral whether or not he considered the result of his labors satisfactory from a clerical standpoint.

"Yes," he answered, "the result has been in the main most satisfactory. The only serious impediment to progress with the sailors has been that it is impossible to prevent their swearing when they hear the officers guilty of the very fault for which I correct them."

"Tut, tut, man, that is not to be helped. The officers all swear," replied the admiral. "I do it myself sometimes, but I don't mean anything—not a bit more than you do by your praying."

Saved by His Wits.

The Duke of Wellington once met by accident an officer in a state of inebriety.

"Look here, sir," said the Iron Duke. "What would you do if you met one of your men in the condition in which I find you?"

The officer drew himself up, gave the military salute and replied with great gravity, "I would not condescend to speak to the brute!" His wit saved him his commission.

The Inquiring Mind.

Jimmy—I say, daddy, I want you to answer a question.

His Father—What is it?

Jimmy—Well, if the end of the world was to come and the earth was destroyed while a man was up in a balloon, where would he land when he came down?

Far From It.

Girl With the Plump Neck—Fan Billiwink has begun to show her age, hasn't she?

Girl With the Dimple—I should say not! She's begun to try to hide it.—Chicago Tribune.

Some people can study a subject all their lives and then know nothing about it.—Atchison Globe.

A man is generally at his heaviest in his fortieth year.

A Cure for Cholera Infantum.

"Last May," says Mrs. Curtis Baker, of Bookwalter, Ohio, "an infant child of our neighbor's was suffering from cholera infantum. The doctor had given up all hopes of recovery. I took a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy to the house, telling them I felt sure it would do good if used according to directions. In two days' time the child had fully recovered, and is now (nearly a year since) a vigorous, healthy girl. I have recommended this remedy frequently and have never known it to fail in any single instance." For sale by all druggists.

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A RESTORATION BEAU.

Daily Programme of a Dandy in England During Charles' Time.

The history of an ordinary day of a restoration beau was something like this: From about 10 till 12 he received visitors in his sleeping chamber, where he lay in state, with his periwig, thickly powdered, lying beside him on the coverlet. Near at hand, on his dressing table, the curious visitor might have noticed some little volumes of amatory verse, a canister of Lisbon or Spanish snuff, a smelling bottle and perhaps a few fashionable trinkets.

As soon as he deemed proper the beau arose and with incredible difficulty proceeded to put on all his charms, to perfume his garments, to soak his hands in washes for the sake of producing whiteness and delicacy, to tinge his cheeks with carminative in order to give them that gentle blush which nature had denied them, to arrange a number of patches upon his face so as to produce the effect of moles and dimples, to dip his pocket handkerchief in rosewater and to powder his linen so as to banish from it the smell of soap, to consume a quarter of an hour in the attempt to fasten his cravat, so long again in the endeavor to adjust his wig and to "cock" his hat, as long again in the contemplation of his charms in the looking glass and as long again in the practice of such smiles as would display to the best advantage the ivory whiteness of his teeth—these were the processes through which he who desired to figure as a beau of the first magnitude was compelled in that age to pass.

The character of the beau, so far as his outward and personal appearance was concerned, was now complete, and as in those days fashionable gentlemen used their legs to a much less extent than they do now our imaginary beau would have directed his valet to order a sedan chair without delay. Into this he stepped and was borne to the fashionable haunt—to the mall in St. James park or perhaps to the more ceremonious parade in Hyde park—where, like a butterfly, he delighted to flutter in the train of some jilting beauty, who gloried in nothing so much as "an equipage of fools" and who was perfectly willing for the nonce to furnish him with an excuse for toasting her in a tavern at night.—Gentleman's Magazine.

Marshal Ney was the son of a hard-working cooper and had risen from the ranks of the army. He was a child of the people, and whatever may have been his vanities he threw them all aside in his last days.

When he was led out to death, an officer ordered a bandage tied over his eyes.

"Why should you do that?" said Ney. "Haven't I been accustomed for twenty-five years to look bullets and cannon balls in the face?"

He himself ordered the soldiers to fire, standing and facing them.

His career summed up in one life the spectacular heroism of the past.

A Young Lady's Life Saved.

Dr. Chas. H. Utter, a prominent physician, of Panama, Columbia, in a recent letter states: "Last March I had as a patient a young lady sixteen years of age, who had a very bad attack of dysentery. Everything I prescribed for her proved ineffectual and she was growing worse every hour. Her parents were sure she would die. She had become so weak that she could not turn over in bed. What to do at this critical moment was a study for me, but I thought of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and as a last resort prescribed it. The most wonderful result was effected. Within eight hours she was feeling much better; inside of three days she was upon her feet and at the end of one week was entirely well." For sale by all druggists.

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The Mississippi 400,000 Years Ago.

Did you ever figure on what was the probable condition of the great Mississippi river 10,000, 100,000 or even 400,000 years ago? Scientists suggest that the erosion of its bed was accomplished by a mighty cataract, which began far down the river, probably at the place where it then emptied into the gulf, and by gradual retrogression dug out the valleylike gorge through which it now flows. That this theory is tenable may be inferred from the high, wall-like bluffs, features so characteristic of the upper part of its course.

A wearing away of a monster cataract would of course necessarily leave high walls or bluffs on either side. These are the well known features of the father of meandering streams. It would seem, according to this theory, that St. Anthony's falls constitute the remnant of what was once the most stupendous cataract in the world. Geologists estimate that it has taken the river 400,000 years to carve out the mighty ditch through which it now flows.

Bones For Bread.

There is an interesting child's story called "Jack the Giant Killer," in which one of the giants is supposed to use the expression "fe-faw-fum," or something like it, when Jack has climbed a beanstalk and been hidden by the giant's wife, the rest of the growl being, "I smell the blood of an Englishman, but be he alive or be he dead I'll take his bones to make my bread." Possibly it has not occurred to many to ask where the idea of making bread out of bones originated, as we do not often seriously investigate fairy tales. It is a historical fact that during the siege of Paris by Henry IV., owing to famine, bread, which had been sold while any remained for more than $1 a pound, was made from the bones in the charnel house of the Holy Innocents. This occurred in 1594.—New York Press.

Napoleon III. and His Cigarettes.

The most obstinate of cigarette smokers was the Emperor Napoleon III. It is an error to suppose that he was ambitious. A fatalist, he followed a plan which he imagined had been traced in advance. At Sedan, when the end came, he calmly lit a cigarette. Hugo's epic anger against him had a large element of irritation at the man's supreme calmness. Hugo was not a cigarette smoker. He never understood, he could not understand, him. Zola, who was a cigarette smoker and who ceased in order that he might become a great workman, understood and described Napoleon III. in "La Debacle" perfectly.

Usual Result.

Mrs. Gabb—Dear me! There comes my husband. There won't be a whole piece of furniture left in the house by midnight.

Mrs. Gadd—Horrors! Does he drink, and is that a case of whisky he is carrying?

Mrs. Gabb—No, he doesn't drink. That's a new box of tools.

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Doctor—Yes.—Judge.

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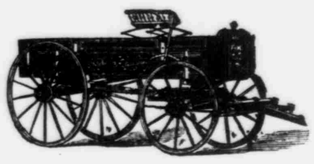

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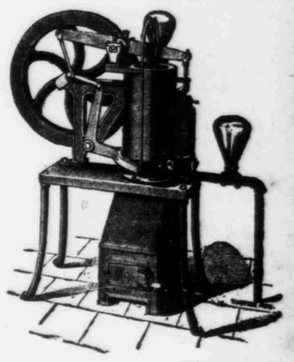

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