

HOUSEHOLD. DANGERS OF LIGHTNING.

The Best Place of Safety During a Thunder-Storm.

As this is the season for the play of aerial electricity, and as the human body is a good conductor for the fluid, it becomes everyone in a heavy thunderstorm to seek a place of safety.

THE PRINCE OF THE BOLT. Itself is but the consequence of its battle with the air through which it fights its way.

As sound travels at the rate of 1,130 feet per second, and light with such velocity that we need not here consider it, the distance between the observer and the spot struck by the bolt may be readily estimated.

UNSAFE TO STAND BENEATH A TREE, because it is a good conductor, or near a large rock, or mass of iron, or body of water, for the same reason.

IF IN A HOUSE IN A HEAVY THUNDERSTORM, the doors and windows should be closed, for lightning tends to follow an atmospheric current, and hence no many persons are killed while standing in a doorway, or while sitting at an open window.

WHEN LIGHTNING STRIKES A DWELLING-HOUSE, it usually goes down the chimney, or a corner of the building, runs along the walls, taking bell-wires, looking-glasses, lamps, and other metallic articles in its course.

THE GREEKS AND ROMANS believed that Volcanic fire hurled them against the heads of those he hated; the Turk believes that whoever is to be struck by the lightning will be struck by lightning, but we believe in "the means of grace."

THE LIME-KILN CLUB. "I hold beah in my hand," said Brother Gardner as the sixteen kerosene lamps in Paradise Hall were turned on at full blaze.

"2. We can't see dat de color an' bleaching' out any."

"3. We don't know dat de black man has growed any wuss doarin de las' twenty y'ars, an' we can't prove dat he has growed any better."

"4. Truth, honesty an' industry am three great jewels hidden in de ground. Looks like a heap of cull'd folks war too lazy to dig down an' turn 'em up."

"5. Our religion an' 'bout de same, an' our pollytics all mixed up."

"6. De inventive genius of de race hasn't turned so much to mechanism an' art as to plannin' how to make one day's work bring in a libbin' fur de rest ob de week."

"In case any of de members know of any further facks 'bain on de issue I should like to h'ar from him."

Sir Isaac Wapole thought he could see a great improvement in social etiquette. Colored brothers who had formerly heaved brick-bats at him now raised their hats as they passed, and women who once went barefoot in their shoes now wore stockings costing six bits.

Giveadan Jones had seen a great change in his race in ten years. When a black man who never owned a fowl in his life had chicken-pie three times a week the year round there was a combination of genius and progress which could not be kept down nor drowned out.

Waydown Bebee thought the colored man was more industrious than in former years. He had known lots of them to work hard all day for insignificant wages to get money to patronize policy shops and purchase lottery tickets.

Several other choice bits of information were cheerfully tendered, and the secretary was instructed to incorporate them and write his report in red ink.

"To boil de matter down inter syrup," added the president, "de cull'd man has got his liberty, but am hungry an' ragged fo' fifts of de time. He has got de ballot, but de white folks has got de offices. He has got civil rights, but he hasn't got de cash for a seat in de parkay circle, or de palace kyar. Let us pursue to business."—Detroit Free Press.

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