

every respect. *Linen* possesses the contrary of the properties enumerated as excellencies in woollen. It retains the matter of perspiration in its texture, and speedily becomes imbued with it; it gives an unpleasant sensation of cold to the skin; it is very rapidly saturated with moisture, and it conducts heat too rapidly. It is, indeed, the worst of all the substances in use, being the least qualified to answer the purposes of clothing.—*Encyclopedia Americana*.

MEMORY OF PERCEPTION IN AN IDIOT.—Miss Hamilton, in her book on Education, gives a very remarkable proof that the memory of perception may be enjoyed in high perfection, where all the other faculties are defective. 'An idiot so utterly destitute of the faculty of conception, as never to be able of acquiring the use of speech, (though it did not appear that his organs either of speech or hearing, were at all defective) was for a great number of years confined to an apartment, where he was occasionally visited by his family and friends. In this apartment stood a clock, to the striking of which he evidently appeared very attentive, and it was the only sign of attention which he ever displayed. Every time the clock struck, he made a clucking noise, in imitation of the sound; and this he continued to do as often as the hour returned. After several years, the clock was removed: when to the surprise of all, he continued, as the hour came, to make exactly the same noise. He was perfectly exact in the calculation of time, and never missed an hour in the day or night; nor did he ever cluck one too many, or too few. To the hour of his death he continued to give exact notice of the lapse of time without the slightest variation.'

ESCAPE FROM THE POLAR BEAR.—The manner of eluding the Polar Bear is curious. He is a very dangerous animal when his natural ferocity is increased by hunger; but the Iclander almost always escapes from his pursuit, even when unarmed. As the bear comes near, they throw a mitten behind them; the animal powerfully attracted by the smell of perspiration, instantly stops, and will not quit the mitten till he has turned it inside out, thumb and all. When he gains upon his victim, another mitten is thrown him; and so on.—*Henderson's Iceland*.

ICELAND HOUSES: A Critical Situation.—A story is told of a traveller, who riding over the heights and hollows of this remarkably uneven island, one dark night, was at length puzzled by a height, which his sagacious horse refused to mount. However, the whip compelled him to it; and the gentleman did not discover his situation, till the fore-feet of the animal stuck in a hole, which he found, in dismounting, was the chimney of a house!—*Id.*

PARENTAL PROMISES.—If a parent make a promise to a child, it should be strictly performed, however trivial: and a child should never be told a falsehood, even in the most trifling matter—unless the object be to teach the child equivocation and falsehood, and train him up for the penitentiary or gallows.

INGENIOUS ANAGRAM.—The following anagram on the well known biographer, William Oldys, may claim a place among the first productions of this class. It was by Oldys himself, and was found by his executors in one of his MSS.

W. O.

In word and WILL I AM a friend to you,
And one friend OLD IS worth an hundred new.

ROWLAND HILL.—Rowland Hill, when at College, was remarkable for the vivacity of his manners, and humour of his observations. In a conversation on the powers of the letter H, when it was contended that it was no letter, but a simple aspiration of breathing, Rowland took the opposite side of the question, and insisted on its being to all intents and purposes, a letter; and concluded by observing, that, if it were

not, it was a very serious affair to him, as it would occasion his being ill all the days of his life.

ANECDOTE.—A young prince having asked his tutor to instruct him in religion and teach him to say his prayers, was answered "that he was yet too young." "That cannot be," said the little boy, "for I have been in the burying ground and measured the graves; I found many of them shorter than myself."

BIBLICAL LORE.—At a recent discussion on some points in Biblical history, it happened to be remarked that there was no account of the death of Eve. 'Nor of Adam either,' said one of the company. 'I beg your pardon,' replied a religious lady, 'if you read your bible carefully, you will find it stated that Adam was gathered to his forefathers.'

A GOOD REASON.—A gentleman ordered his servant to wake him at six o'clock, that he might get ready to start at seven by an early coach, in which he had taken his place for the country. The gentleman awoke, and called his man:—'What o'clock is it?' 'Just seven, your honour.' 'Seven! did I not tell you to wake me at six?' 'Yes, Sir.' 'And why did not you?' 'Because your honour was asleep.'

POTATOE CHEESE.—Select good white potatoes, boil them, and when cold, peel and reduce them to a pulp, with a rasp or mortar; to five pounds of this pulp add a pint of sour milk and the requisite portion of salt; knead the whole well, cover it, and let it remain three or four days, according to the season; then knead it afresh, and place the cheeses in small buckets, where they will part with their superfluous matter; dry them in the shade, and place them in layers in large pots or kegs, where they may remain a fortnight. Age improves their quality, and they possess the property of never engendering worms. If kept in a dry, well closed vessel, they may be preserved for many years.

TO CUT GLASS VESSELS.—Glass vessels may be cut in two by tying around them at the place you wish to divide, a worsted thread dipped in spirits of turpentine, and then setting fire to the thread.

A WARNING TO BOYS.—An interesting little boy aged nine years died in — of apoplexy, or a congestion of the brain, caused by his amusing himself with the dangerous practice of walking on his hands and "turning up," as it is called. The practice is but too prevalent among boys, and they should take warning.

THE WAY TO COMMIT MURDER QUIETLY.—Take a young lady, and tell her she has a pretty foot. She will then wear a small, thin shoe—go out in the wet—catch cold—the cold will become a fever—and she will die in a month.

BAD AIR AND BAD COMPANY.—From bad air, we take diseases; from bad company, vice and imperfections.

MAXIM.—It is more prudent to pass by trivial offences than to quarrel for them; by the last you are even with your adversary, but by the first above him.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK.—On Sunday last, the Venerable Archbishop of York preached his farewell sermon at the Cathedral in that city. There were present the Earl de Gray, Viscount Milton, the officers and men of the Yorkshire Hussars, and almost all the members of the Vernon families. His Grace said he had now reached his eighty-fourth year, and that he felt he must refrain from preaching at his advanced age. The congregation might not again hear his voice; but he entreated them to live according to, and be guided by the Christian faith; as it must render them happier, wiser, and better members of society, and insure them immortal glory.—*York Herald*.