

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Two persons playing dominoes ten hours a day and making four moves a minute could continue 118,000 years without exhausting all the combinations of the game, the total of which is 248,528,211,840.

An order of knighthood has been established in the Transvaal, and it is reported from Pretoria that "applications for the new title are pouring in." 'Twas ever thus, either one way or the other.—*Colonies and India.*

Electricity has been successfully used to drive a parcels delivery van through the streets of London. We should not be surprised at anything nowadays. The time will come when horses will no longer be used to draw conveyances of any kind, and the electric force have universal sway.

Lord Crewe once, on the occasion of some charitable entertainment, leaned up against a corridor wall, fast asleep, with his hat in his hand. Some wild young men started dropping coppers and half-crowns into the hat, until the chinking awakened him, when, with gay humour, he pocketed all the silver, and pelted his impertinent benefactors with the pence.—*London Tit-Bits.*

A correspondent to *The Watchman* says the condition of Japan in a religious sense today is a reflection of the mixed and changing political complexion of the country. The older religious beliefs are undoubtedly passing away, but the new faith is yet mingled with the old beliefs in a confusing and chaotic and changing mass, out of which will be involved the future religion of Japan.

Esthetics is the science which treats of our beauty-loving faculty. Its object is beauty; its product is art. Beauty is the formal manifestation of a meritorious idea; it is a fusion which is delightful to our whole being, without any previous conception, consideration of end or personal interest. Beauty is beauty only when both its expressive harmonic form and its true and good contents are in accordance with the eternal laws of our mind.

The French Ecole d'Athens has discovered some music at Delphos. It consists of hymns or fragments of hymns composed for the use of the local sanctuary. One of the hymns is complete and reveals some new sides of the Apollo legend. It is prefaced by a Delphian decree by which the citizens confer honourable distinctions on the poet-author. But more important is the music itself, which accompanies the hymns. The date of the fragments is about 278 B.C.

## CONFEDERATION LIFE ASSOCIATION.

In another column of this number of THE WEEK will be found the twenty-second annual report of the Confederation Life Association. It must be a matter of great gratification to the able and energetic managing director, Mr. J. K. Macdonald, that the report is of such a satisfactory character. To his skilful management, no doubt, it is due that the new business for 1893 is the largest obtained by the Association in any year. The total new business for 1893 was 2,408 policies for \$3,917,543 of insurance. If the Association can make so good a showing for a year of such severe depression in the business world, the possibilities of future enlargement in the coming better times are many and great. The Association is as strong, financially, as its position is prominent amongst the life insurance companies of Canada. At the close of the year the total insurance in force was \$24,430,731, under 15,872 policies on 13,961 lives. The company has recently adopted the new "Unconditional Policy," with its absolutely and automatically non-forfeitable provision known as the "Extended Insurance" feature. This new policy has met with general acceptance, and has tended to popularize the company. Sir W. P. Howland, the president, and Messrs. Edward Hooper and W. H. Beatty, the vice-presidents, were all unanimously re-elected to their respective offices.

## FROM SUFFERING TO HEALTH.

THE EXPERIENCE OF A WELL-KNOWN BRUCE COUNTY FARMER.

He tells the Story of the Disease that Afflicted Him, the Sufferings he Endured and How he Found Release—Other Sufferers May Take Hope From His Release.

From the Teeswater News.

Of all the ills that flesh is heir to perhaps none causes the sufferer keener anguish, and few are more persistent and more difficult to eradicate from the system than that nervous disease known as sciatica. The victim of an aggravated form of this malady suffers beyond the power of words to express, and it is with the utmost reluctance that the disorder yields to any course of treatment intended for its cure. Hearing that a rather remarkable cure had been effected in the case of Mr. William Baptist, a respected resident of the township of Culross, a News reporter called upon that gentleman to ascertain the facts. Mr. Baptist is an intelligent and well-to-do farmer. He is well known in the section in which he resides and is looked upon as a man of unimpeachable integrity. He is in the prime of life, and his present appearance does not indicate that he had at one time been a great sufferer. He received the News representative with the utmost cordiality, and cheerfully told the story of his restoration to health, remarking that he felt it a duty to do so in order that others afflicted as he had been might find relief.

Up to the fall of 1892 he had been a healthy man, but at that time while harvesting the turnip crop during a spell of wet, cold and disagreeable weather, he was attacked by sciatica. Only those who have passed through a similar experience can tell what he suffered. He says it was something terrible. The pain was almost unendurable and would at times cause the perspiration to ooze from every pore. Sleep forsook his eyelids. His days were days of anguish and night brought no relief. Reputable physicians were consulted without any appreciable benefit. Remedies of various kinds were resorted to and his condition was worse than before. The limb affected began to decrease in size, the flesh appeared to be parting from the bone, and the leg assumed a withered aspect. Its power of sensation grew less and less. It appeared as a dead thing and as it grew more and more helpless it is little wonder that the hope of recovery began to fade away. All through the long winter he continued to suffer, and towards spring was prevailed upon to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He commenced using them and soon felt that they were doing him good, and hope began to revive. By the time he had taken three boxes the pain was eased and the diseased limb began to assume a natural condition. He continued the use of the remedy until he had taken twelve boxes. In course of time he was able to resume work and to-day feels that he is completely cured. He has since recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to others with good results.

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The opera is just three hundred years old. Italy is its home. The first opera was "Daphne," text by Rinuccini and music by Peri. It was first produced in 1594 in Florence under the title, "Opera in Musica in Style Representative." Thence the opera was carried to France and thence to Germany, where, in 1630, "Daphne" was given before the Saxon King in Dresden.—*New York Sun.*

The Kamehameha training school at Honolulu has received from Charles Reed Bishop, a banker, and probably the wealthiest man in that city, the gift of a well stocked ranch of 85,000 acres on the island of Molokai, valued at about \$200,000. Mr. Bishop is a native American, and was born in New York State. He went to Hawaii in the early days, and became a banker after a residence there of some years. He married a famous princess, the last of the Kamehamehas.



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