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Idiosyncracies of Genius.

Most geniuses and men of great talent have been known for some peculiar habit or striking idiosyncracy. Napoleon would tremble with fear at the sight of a cat; General Eliott, of toiraltar fame, was always accompanied by a number of them. Johnson liked to imbibe floods of tea and wine, and yet "be aone the worse for it." Porson drank everything that came in his way. Visiting once a friend's house, when evening came, they desired to feed the lamp, but the spirits on the sly, not knowing it was intended for the lamp. Douglas Jerrold could not bear the smell of apples. Cavendish hated women. If he met one of his own female servants by accident in any part of the house she was instantly dismissed. Garrick was vain almost to the degree of insanity. Rouseau was vain, and could not write except when dressed as a fop. Bulwer Lytton, it is said, could write best, when dressed in a court suit. Marlborough was a miser, mended his own stockings to save paying for it, and would writh best, when dressed in a court suit. Marlborough was a miser, mended his own stockings to save paying for it, and would writh home ever so late at night rather than pay for a "chair." Napoleon did his "thinking" and formed his plans for cohquest while pacing in a garden, shrugging his shoulders now and then as if to help and "compress" thought. When Thiers was engaged in his long and oratorical displays, he always had beside him a supply of run and coffee. The coffee he got direct from Mecca. Gibbon dictated walking in his room, like Scott, and many others. Moliere wrote with his knees near the fire, and Bacon liked to study in a small room, which, he said, helped him to condense his thoughts. George Stephenson used to lie in bedfor two or three days, the better to "think out" his plans. It would be better if many people would do this who have much thinking to do, who have would find the supply of blood to the brain assisted by a recumbent position.

Modern Definition of Commercia!

Bankrupt-A man who gives everything a lawyer so that his creditors will get

Assignee—Is the chap who has the deal and ves himself four aces. A Bank—Is a place where people put their noney so it will be handy when other folks want it.

President—Is the big fat man who pro-nises to boss the job and afterwards sublets

A Director—Is one of those who accepts a trust, that don't involve either the use of his eyes or ears.

Cashier—Is often a man who undertakes to support a wife, six children and a brown stone front on fifty dollars a month and be

Assets—Usually consist of five chairs and an old stove; to these may be added a spit-toon if the "bust" ain't a bad one. toon if the "bust" ain't a bad one.
Liabilities—Are usually a big "blind" that
the assets won't "see" nor "raise."
A Note—A promise to do an impossible
thing in an impossible time.

Endorser—Is a man who signs a com-mercial philopena with a friend and gets caught.

A man, curious to know the amount of good done by advertising through dodgers handed to people by boys, kept count the other day, and found that out of 100 people to whom a boy tendered a dodger, 35 refused it utterly, 50 received mechanically and dropped without looking at it, 25 merely glanced at it and then discarded, 6 read a portion of it before throwing it away and one put it in his pocket. This is probably about the proportion that characterizes the busines. Dedgers are money thrown away by the advertiser on that account and only benefit the printer.

Poor Man's Pudding.—Take one cup of rasins, one cup of suct, one cup of molasses, one cup of water, one teaspoonful of saleratus, one teaspoonful of saleratus, one teaspoonful of salt, and half a nutmeg.

White muslin slips for little girls under five years are box-plaited from the neck down to the edge, where they are finished off with a wide edging of embroidery, or else they are cut shorter, and a Spanish flounce added.

Ir has been proposed to the Khedive of Egypt to convert into paper the cloth of the mummies, of which it is calculated 420,000,000 must be deposited in the pits of Egypt.

Now that all or nearly all who are likely to have liquor licenses this year have received them, it is time to rout out a few of the hundreds who set the law at defiance.

The proportion of convictions to arrests is, we believe, lower in Toronto than in any other city which has a police force and a magistracy. Either the former are too busy or the latter too lemient.