

CHARLESTON

THUNDER.

Old Beliefs That Used to Exist in Days of Old.

Thunder, just because it is a noise for which there is no visible cause, has always excited the imagination of the unscientific, so it is natural that the most outrageous superstitions about storms should date back to the time when everybody, more or less, was unscientific. One old writer explains the belief of his day that "a storm is said to follow presently when a company of hogs runne crying home," on the ground that "a hogge is most dull and of a melancholy nature and so by reason doth foresee the raine that cometh."

The same writer goes on to say, "Some write (but their ground I see not) that Sunday's thunder should bring the death of learned men, judges and others; Monday's, the death of women; Tuesday's, plenty of grain; Wednesday's, bloodshed; Thursday's, plenty of sheep and corn; Friday's, the slaughter of a great man and other horrible murders; Saturday, a general pestilence and great dearth."

A STUDY IN MILEAGE.

Almost Every Country Has a Standard of Its Own.

English speaking countries have four different miles—the ordinary mile of 5,280 feet and the geographical or nautical mile of 6,085, making a difference of about one-seventh between the two; then there is the Scotch mile of 5,928 feet and the Irish mile of 6,720 feet—four various miles, every one of which is still in use.

Then almost every country has its own standard mile. The Romans had their mille passuum, 1,000 paces, which must have been about 3,000 feet in length unless we ascribe to Caesar's legionaries great stepping capacity. The German mile of today is 24,818 feet in length, more than four and a half times as long as our mile.

The Dutch, the Danes and the Prussians enjoy a mile that is 18,440 feet long, three and a half times the length of ours, and the Swiss get more exercise in walking one of their miles than we get in walking five miles, for their mile is 9,153 yards long, while ours is only 1,760 yards. The Italian mile is only a few feet longer than ours; the Roman mile is shorter, while the Tuscan and the Turkish miles are 150 yards longer. The Swedish mile is six and a half times and the Vienna post mile is four and a half times the length of the English mile.

Wonderful Monastery.

At Solovetsk, in the Russian government of Archangel, is the most remarkable monastery in the world. The monastery of Solovetsk is inclosed on every side by a wall of granite bowlders which measures nearly a mile in circumference. The monastery itself is a very strongly fortified, being supported by round and square towers about thirty feet in height, with walls twenty feet in thickness. The monastery consists in reality of six churches, which are completely filled with statues of all kinds and precious stones. Upon the walls and the towers surrounding these churches are mounted huge guns, which in the time of the Crimean war were directed against the British White sea squadron.

Too Energetic.

"Last Saturday," said the fat dweller, "I went out into the hall and saw a woman on her knees scrubbing the marble very well, making it a beautiful dead white. I thought to myself, 'This is a good scrubwoman; I'll ask her to scrub my kitchen and clean my windows.' I did. She scrubbed all the paint off the floor of my kitchen and washed the panes of two windows entirely out. 'I was glad I didn't ask her to wash my face,' she finished.

When Honeymoon Ends.

"How," said the young man who had been in the matrimonial game for nearly a week, "can I tell when the honeymoon is over?" "It will be over," answered the man who had been married three times, "when your wife stops telling things and begins to ask questions."

Social Danger.

So long as we have at the bottom of our social fabric an army of vagabonds, hand to mouth livers and slum dwellers, half starved, dirty, foul mouthed, so long as we are in imminent danger. And it is want of work which makes recruits for this army.—Mirror.

Tart Retort.

"Young man, you are better fed than taught," said the professor snarlingly. "Quite right, sir. My father feeds me," answered the student.—London Tit-Bits.

Generous.

"You said that when we were married you would refuse me nothing." "I'll be still more generous. I'll not even refuse you nothing. I'll give it to you."

The first English work on anatomy was by Thomas Vicary, in 1548.

Mrs. R. Foster returned on Tuesday from Buffalo and Syracuse where she was visiting friends.

A rumor was going the rounds last week that John Foster and son of Hanley Sask. had been lost in a blizzard and his relatives here became very anxious but on Friday they received a letter from him saying that he would be home the first of February.

The Shamrock concert Co. is drawing a large crowd to the town hall Athens.

Miss Minnie Malvanna who is very ill is convalescent.

Mrs. T. Keese is recovering from her recent illness.

Mrs. C. Slack received a letter from her brother a few days ago saying that the snow was to the depth of six feet at Boise-Idaho and wood and coal was very hard to get.

Mrs. B. Killingbeck is somewhat better.

Mrs. E. Welster who is quite ill is on the mend.

W. W. Eyr is quite ill with pneumonia.

A Proud Old Steed.

Fred Fish of Southington, Ont., recently decided to sell his old mare and buy a younger horse, so he sold it for \$15 to a peddler. No sooner had the money been paid than the old mare fell down dead. The previous owner says that she was always a proud old steed and that he is sure that she died rather than belong to a peddler, and so as he always admired the mare he is going to erect a monument to her with the \$15 he received.—Boston Globe.

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On Monday, Jan. 21st H. A. Stewart, on behalf of Mr. Pritchard, a resident of the Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne, made application before Judge McDonald for a recount of the ballots cast at the recent local option vote in that township. The by-law came within one and a fraction of the required three-fifths majority necessary to put the law into force.

The death of Dr. A. T. Dann, one of the oldest practitioners of these counties, at North Augusta has removed a man well known to scores of citizens throughout Eastern Ontario. About four years ago he became a victim of paralysis and since then has been in failing health. Death came as a release on Wed Jan. 16. The funeral took place on Friday from St. Peter's church and was largely attended.

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