

THE SPICE OF LIFE.

PUPIL'S VIEW OF THE KAISER.

A teacher in one of the schools of Berlin has given to the papers of that city a composition written by one of the pupils in his school on the subject, "The Kaiser," in the course of which the young author says: "Prince Wilhelm was born on the Kaiser's birthday. From the tower of the castle 101 salute shots were fired. The old grandfather and old Wrangel hopped into a cab and went to the schloss, and old Wrangel said, 'The boy is all right,' and the father made a bow from the balcony, and it was awful cold. And when the boy was baptized his father held his watch in front of the little fellow's nose, and he grabbed it and never let go again, because he is a Hohenzollernd."

NOT GUILTY.

Martin Gosford's hens received so much blame to which they were justly entitled that when their owner could prove them guiltless of depredations he hastened to their defence, says the Youth's Companion. "My flower beds are in a terrible condition, Mr. Gosford," said one of his summer neighbors one day. "I know they be, I know they be," groaned Martin, "but my hens didn't do it this time, Mis' Gage!" "Are you sure?" asked the lady in a tone of chill doubt. "Yes, ma'am, I am," said Martin, with emphasis. "There was only one chicken, Mis' Gage, and it hadn't but just went into the front bed when I sot my dog after it, and he chased that chicken through every last one o' them flower beds till he got it headed for home, an' there wa'n't nary another chicken nor hen fast go nigh 'em."

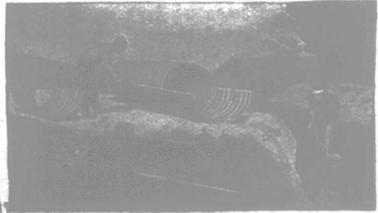
NATURE'S PATENT OFFICE.

The block and pulley, or "tackle," was a great mechanical discovery, but nature made every man carry several of these around with him at the very beginning of creation. The most important of these tackles is found in the eye. If you turn your eye to look at the tip of your nose you see this block and pulley, which is just as perfect as any erected on a ship to hoist sail. The muscle which moves the eyeball works through the block easily and smoothly, and without friction, for nature has supplied to all of her machinery, automatic or mechanical oiling inventions. These never fail to work unless we are sick, and then the danger of a hot-box is to be considered. The invention of the safety-valve for steam engines has saved thousands of lives and millions of dollars of property. It is an invention that stands prominently to the front in this age of mechanical progress. But nature supplied us each with a safety valve, which, for effectiveness, works better than any made by man. If we did not have this safety valve, we would not live 24 hours. This safety valve is the perspirative, or sweat gland, and to make sure that we would not run short of the supply she has furnished the body with some two and a half millions of them. If our temperature rose seven or eight degrees, we would die within a few hours, and yet we could not run, row, play tennis, ball, or even walk briskly any distance without increasing our temperature to the danger point, if we had no safety valve provided innocuously by nature. The cup-and-ball socket and the air-tight valve, were first used in the human body. If our hip joints and arms were not provided with air-tight sockets, we could get too tired to continue our work for any length of time in just holding these limbs together by muscles. It is the pressure of the air which holds them in place, and thus all physical effort is avoided. In the various air-tight joints and sockets found in the human body, we may find nearly all the mechanical principles involved in the air-brake or the use of compressed air for a thousand different things. Someone explains that nature did not discover ball-and-socket joints, a mechanical device which has revolutionized the vehicular world. But the principle is almost developed in the joints of the leg bone and the socket of the hip, which are made so smooth and so well oiled that they slide back and forth with practically no friction.

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In the shack on the prairie a square-jawed young man was disconsolately washing his breakfast dishes when a thundering knock brought him to the door with a bound. "Howdy, Professor," called a jovial voice. "Telegram fer yez. Come on Christmas Day; been waitin' all this time fer the blizzard to let up. Hope it isn't too late." The young man tore open the yellow missive. "Meet me in Winnipeg, New Year's Eve, without fail—Margaret," he read. A crimson flush overspread his bronzed face. "She's coming, Bill," he cried. "The mountain is coming to Mohammed." "O, come off; she ain't that big," protested Bill. "Why, yer face is like the sunrise," he added in astonishment. "But if y' want to meet her, you'd better make tracks."

The new principal of New College, Edinburgh, Dr. Alexander Whyte, was asked on one occasion by a Highland minister for some financial assistance for work in the north. Dr. Whyte regretted that he could not afford to assist the Highlander, but advised him to visit a wealthy layman in the city. The latter was not only disinclined to give, but ungracious in manner. Nettled at his reception, the Highlander answered brusquely. Resenting the tone, the rich man asked, "And whom do you take me for?" "A hell-deserving sinner, like myself," came the quick retort. Returning to Dr. Whyte, he explained the circumstances. "You did not say that?" eagerly asked the doctor. "Aye, I did!" replied the other. "Well, well; I've been wanting to say that to him for the last fifteen years. Here's a five-pound note for your fund."

Judge Giles Baker, of a Pennsylvania county, was likewise cashier of his home bank. A man presented a check one day for payment. He was a stranger. His evidence of identification was not satisfactory to the cashier. "Why, Judge," said the man, "I've known you to sentence men to be hanged on no better evidence than this?" "Very likely," replied the Judge. "But when it comes to letting go of cold cash, we have to be mighty careful." Uncle Ezra says: "Three different evangelists claim to have converted our milkman, but the last was the only one that made it show in the milk." "My husband is plain spoken; he calls a spade a spade." "So does mine; but I must decline to repeat what he calls the lawn-mower."