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The Dignity of a Dialect.

WE HAVE LOST.

(By Keighley Snowden, in John O'-

London's Weekly.) lover of pure English assumes owadays that the dialects are delected by too many writers as if they Cornwall. were. It is easy to see the signs of this plead for a revival of dead words, but dioms forgotten. This is deplorable.

Bad Cess to You. The dignity of dialect is due to age and sincerity. When, in the North, we say that a man is "drucken" or flaed," we are not mispronouncing "drunken" and "afraid," but using old Norse words. Cess, for assessment was Spenser's word for his "View of the State of Ireland;" and, as one finds it meaning also parish relief the phrase "Bad cess to you" may be understood, perhaps. In counancashire they talk of "Cater Cousns," quarter cousins, meaning good curable. Well, you find this in "The casing to mean skinning, but it is a dia lect, and in "All's Well" Shakespeare uses the word too: "We'll make you him." In Yorkshire and elsewhere, combating the dread complaint. vinegar is allegar, which is ale plus

Some Yorkshire Words. Dr. Joseph Wright's "Dictionary of Dialects" is a book in which I love to browse. It is inspiring. What makes t so is not however, the occurence words that have dropped out of iterary use, and are merely curious, but the frequency of a strong, simple expression that needs no explaining. Such are heart-hold, heart-bound, and heart-grace, common in North Yorkshire. They denote the sincerity of those who use them, as well as that of of meaning are house-pride, blue-need morning beer of harvestmen,) heather-faced (unshaven,) daisy-quilt (over modest graves in Ireland,) henhearted, hair-sore, a dandilly maid,

in one search! Origin of Dud. The quaint words with a sound that rives their meaning are fascinating. blunder or a confusion is a boffle; faltered means entangled clearly; a thunge is unmistakably a loud, hollow sound; a cushle a gentle sliding down. Is there a more expressive word than dud, which lately became common? In most dictionaries you may look in vain for its derivation. example "He's a saft dud," and from Cumberland. "Thoo wad mak two o'or Mary, and she's nea dud." It first neant a rag, then became a term of contempt, and so described a harm-

There is life in such words, wild flowers that now and then find their way into the garden and are welcomed. To carry on is Yorkshire. It has meant to take up work after an illness. Not long since disgruntle came up from Scotland. The slang word flapper, though looked upon askance, seems to be the Northumberland flap, a girl who does not settle down to her work, a young gadabout. One sees cricket derived by learned authorities from the Anglo-Saxon crice, a staff or crutch, though the game is not known to have been played before 1598. But a cricket was a three-legged stool, as it still is in a score of our ountles; and what seems likely is that the word came handy for the three stumps now called a wicket. Names are often given facetiously, and the stool itself may have been called a cricket from the Norman word for a little horse, criquet.

Cirage Money. But, if curious words like these may at any time come into general use, so may any word that has life and dignity. The garden is not fenced, though pedants would have it so. Like a landscape garden, it breaks into the wild. Words stray in and out, and so one finds in the wild nowadays words like bondager, cirage money, and cheeny. Bondager is a relic of the feudal system; in Kirkcudbright and Northumberland there are still tenants who give service as part of their rent. Cirage money, the Prestbury term for church rates, was shioned in the days of wax shot. Cheeny (Cheyne Walk) is old china, and survives in the same ground as cater cousin. Then gavelock, the northern word for a crowbar, is the only near case of a spear turned pruning-hook; gafeluc was a spear n Old English. Censioners, important people once, are now judges at a bell-inging match in the West Riding.

pretty flower was first wild, and in no fewer than fourteen places of meant a thickset little fellow, as it the hand, legs and thighs. SOME GOOD WORDS AND IDIOMS we have lost Spenser's "breme winter

Good as many an old word is, old ed to a rabbit and a dog. business in hand, for instance? To year by year living words of great give it attention is less energetic. And value are displaced by words less what energy runs in the Aberdeenvirile and characteristic, and true shire phrase, "the head hurry of the work"! Men praise the compactness of Latin, and Latin may be compact in skilful hands; but it has nothing much better than our proverbs. "As many heads, so may wits" beats Quot homines tot sententiae by a syllable

Conquering a Disease THOUGHT TO BE INCURALE.

For thousands of years up to quite ecently, the disease known as rabtries as far apart as Devonshire and les in dogs, and as hydrophobia in

"Dread of water"—is as a rule causerchant of Venice:" "His master and ed by the bite of a mad dog. It does he are scarce cater cousins." In the not appear in all those bitten, but ordinary dictionary, you will not find when once it shows itself it is almost always fatal. It was this that induced a French

scientist, Louis Pasteur, in the year some sport with the fox ere we case 1880, to try to discover a means of He began by inoculating a rabbit aigre-sour ale; and this appears both with poisonous matter, or virus, takin Johnson and a 15th century cook- en from the spinal column of a mad ery book. Indeed, every dialect word dog. The rabbit developed rabies

is much older than current English. and died. The virus from this rabbit, when injected into a second rabbit, also caused death, but less quickly; and so on from rabbit to rabbit, the virus becoming less and less powerful, until, finally, at about the twelfth rabbit, it had no effect whatever.

Pasteur's next step was to inject into a healthy dog a strong dose of virus taken from a mad animal, and then start giving it daily injections of the virus from the different rabbits their speech. What fine words, full rabbit, and working backwards to mausoleum, he actually founded and strength.

Nothing happened. The dog, which ly populated center of trade in Asia. should in the ordinary course have and the like, most of which I found dose of virus, remained perfectly the members of the reigning house of

beings. In practice, however, it might George's-a tomb surmounted be otherwise.

They connect it with old clothes. But and if he injected his hydrophobia. The Cid's horse, Babieca, was, in by a rabid dog develops hydrophobia, of the ape. and if he injected his hydrophobia The Cid's horse, Babieca, was, in virus into a patient, and the patient recent years, entombed before the subsequently developed the disease gates of the Temple Monastery at Vaand died, it might be said that he lencia, in Spain, and two elms were developed it because of the injections, and a criminal prosecution might

easily follow. After five years' patient

name, was brought to his surgery. The little lad, writes L. Descour in battle of Kunersdorf-a horse to "Pasteur and his Work," had been which on several occasions he had shockingly torn and mauled by his owed his life. It is said that the father's dog, which had gone sudden- horse lies entombed within the prely mad. The boy had been dragged cincts of the church. from under the rabid animal, bitten

with chamfred browes"; it lives only unless something were done to avert on the fells, where breme weather is it, Pasteur, with the consent of his bleak and sharp and a breme bar- parents, started inoculating him with gainer keen. In the wild places life is the rabies virus, increasing the tenacious. You may hear someone say, strength of the injections until finally when children make a racket, "What's he gave him an injection of the graded forms of it, but they are neg- all that chevy-chasing?" even down in strongest possible virus. At the same

neglect in a writer's style. One knows, idioms are more of a help to anyone too, that other old models are neglect—who would write English well. Dr. died. But Joseph Meister, having been wright has recorded these abundant—red immune by graduated doses of strength. Good by and we should be grateful. Why do of virus, suffered no ill effects, and actually escaped the dreaded hydro-

The most terrible disease known to

Some Monuments

to Animals.

HOMER KINGSLEY.

Our friends the Japanese are convinced that animals have souls and a hereafter. At the close of the war with China they consecrated with much religious pomp and ceremony a magnificent monument, erected at a cost of forty thousand dollars, at Tokio, to the memory of their horses lost in the campaign, while in 1905 grand funeral services were held at Miyagi for the horses killed in the

war with Russia In the presence of the whole people, the royal family and the military, prayers were said by the clergy of the Buddhist and Shinto rites for the the royal family and the military, welfare and repose of the spirits of the horses that had given their lives in the services of the country. Offerings of wheat and oats were placed on a large altar, and then the ranking general present delivered a memorial tention. He told of the bravery of the is to say, their souls-in the name of the emperor, of the army, and of the nation for the assistance which they had afforded to their human comrades in gaining the victory from the Russians.

hereafter of horses. For not content with entombing his favorite charger, Bucephalus, killed under him at the beginning with that from the twelfth battle of Hydaspes, in a splendid that obtained from the first rabbit, built, as a lasting memorial to him, or meaning are nouse-prine, blue-need which was, of course, of maximum the city of Bucephala, which became

Few who have visited St. George's gone raving mad because of the first chapel at Windsor, where so many of the members of the reigning house of England lie at rest, are aware that Identical experiments with other among its illustrious dead there are dogs produced like results. In no the remains of a pet monkey. It besingle case did any of the animals longed to the Countess of Lincoln, so treated go mad. They had been wife of Queen Elizabeth's lord high protected by the graduated doses of admiral. It did not survive its mis-virus. In theory the same thing ought tress, and lies beside her in the beauto happen in the case of human tiful tomb in the Lincoln Chapel of St. eeings. In practice, however, it might George's—a tomb surmounted by the recumbent figures of the Earl and of his consort, the feet of the latter berible one. For not everybody bitten ing pressed against the stone figure

nted to adorn the site.

It was in the same spirit, undoubtedly, that Frederick the Great erected one of the most beautiful perimenting with animals, however, Lutheran churches in Prussian Po-Pasteur decided to face the re- land, a magnificent edifice in white sponsibility. On July 6th, 1885, a stone, which age has failed to damwounded child, Joseph Meister by age, as a memorial to his favorite charger, killed beneath him at the There are other instances

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