

With Pleasure.

"How do you like your new typewriter?" inquired the agent.

"It's grand," was the immediate reply. "I wonder how I ever got along without it."

"Well, would you mind giving me a little testimonial to that effect?"

"Certainly not; do it gladly." So he rolled up his sleeves, and in an incredibly short time pounded out this:

"After Using the automatic Back action a type writer for three months I Over. I unhesitatingly pronounce it pron-o-c-e it to be at even more than the Manufacturers Claim for it. During the time I been in our possession it is the very month it has more than paid for itself in the saving of time an labor. John S. Gibbs."

"There you are, sir."
"Thanks," said the agent, and moved quickly away.

How Ants Talk.

Two ants, when they are talking together stand with their heads opposite to each other, working their sensitive feelers in the liveliest manner, and tapping each other's head. Numerous examinations prove that they are able in this way to make mutual communications, and even ascertain definite subjects. "I have often," says a well-known naturalist, "placed a small green caterpillar in the neighborhood of an ants' nest. It is immediately seized by an ant, which calls in the assistance of a friend after unobtrusive efforts to drag the caterpillar into the nest. It can be easily seen that the little creatures hold a conversation by means of their feelers, and, this being ended, they repair together to the caterpillar in order to draw it into the nest by their united strength."

Further, I have observed the meeting of ants on their way to and from their nests. They stop, touch each other with their feelers, and appear to hold a conversation, which I have good reason to suppose refers to the best ground for food.—*Young Woman.*

Ancient Seed.

At Kames, in the Isle of Bute, Mr. R. A. Stewart, a saddler, has succeeded in growing a fine crop of peas from seed found in a tomb of an ancient Egyptian king. Mr. Stewart got the peas from a Glasgow friend of his who has some in Egypt, by whom they were forwarded to Glasgow, and the seed is estimated to have been 2,000 or 3,000 years old. The peas were sown in open ground, and the plants have grown up strong and vigorous to a height of about six feet. They possess certain characteristics. The flower of the ancient Egyptian variety has a beautiful red centre, surrounded by a white corona, and looks very elegant and handsome. The pods average from two to three inches in length by one-half inch in breadth, and the peas are said to be of excellent flavor.

A Simple Refrigerator.

In Egypt, when picnicking in the desert at spots too remote from the Nile to carry ice with us, we nevertheless always managed to have water that was of icy coldness, no matter how scorching the temperature, and this by a very simple process. We would fill one of the porous earthenware bottles with water of the normal temperature, namely, lukewarm, cork it, then envelop it with a wet cloth, and fasten a cord about a yard long tightly around its neck. One of the native attendants was thereupon instructed to keep the jug swinging at the end of the cord round and round in a circle. No matter how hot the wind or how blazing the sun, the current of air thus created against the wet cloth had the effect almost of icing the water in the bottle within the space of about ten minutes.—*Ec.*

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