

SUPERSTITION.—The following anecdotes, recorded in the very interesting voyage of Messrs. Bennet and Tyerman round the world, are extracted, as showing the absurdity and groundlessness of some superstitious fears.

"Our chief mate told us, that on board a ship where he had served, the mate on duty ordered some of the youth to reef the main-top-sail. When the first got up, he heard a strange voice saying, "It blows hard." The lad waited for no more; he was down in a trice, and telling his adventure. A second immediately ascended, laughing at the folly of his companion, but returned even more quickly, declaring that he was quite sure that a voice not of this world had cried in his ear, "It blows hard!" Another went, and another, but each came back with the same tale. At length the mate, having sent up the whole watch, ran up the shrouds himself, and when he reached the haunted spot, heard the dreadful words distinctly uttered in his ears, "It blows hard!" "Aye, aye, old one! but, blow it ever so hard, we must ease the earings for all that," replied the mate undauntedly; and, looking round, he spied a fine parrot perched on one of the clues, the thoughtless author of all the false alarms, which had probably escaped from some other vessel, but had not previously been discovered to have taken refuge on this. Another of our officers mentioned, that on one of his voyages, he remembered a boy having been sent up to clear a rope which had got foul above the mizen-top. Presently, however, he returned back, trembling, and almost tumbling to the bottom, declaring that he had seen "Old Davy" aft the cross-trees; moreover, that the evil one had a huge head and face, with prick ears and eyes as bright as fire. Two or three others were sent up in succession; to all of whom the apparition glared forth, and was identified by each to be "Old Davy," sure enough. The mate, in a rage, at length mounted himself, when resolutely, as in the former case, searching for the lugbear, he soon ascertained the innocent cause of so much terror to be a large horned owl, so lodged as to be out of sight to those who ascended on the other side the vessel, but which, when any one approached the cross-tree, popped up his portentous visage to see what was coming. The mate brought him down in triumph, and "Old Davy," the owl, became a very peaceable ship-mate among the crew, who were no longer scared by his horns and eyes; for sailors turn their backs on nothing when they know what it is. Had the birds, in these two instances, departed as secretly as they came, of course they would have been deemed supernatural visitants to the respective ships, by all who had heard the one, or seen the other."

INSECT MANUFACTURES.—A most extraordinary species of manufacture, which is in a slight degree connected with copying, has been contrived by an officer of engineers residing at Munich. It consists of lace, and veils, with open patterns in them, made entirely by caterpillars. The following is the mode of proceeding adopted:—Having made a paste of the leaves of the plant on which the species of caterpillar he employs feeds, he spreads it thinly over a stone, or other flat substance, of the required size. He then, with a camel-hair pencil dipped in olive oil, draws the pattern he wishes the insects to leave open. This stone is then placed in an inclined position, and a considerable number of caterpillars are placed at the bottom. A peculiar species is chosen, which spins a strong web; and the animals commence at the bottom, eating and spinning their way up to the top, carefully avoiding every part touched by the oil, but devouring every other part of the paste. The extreme lightness of these veils, combined with some strength, is truly surprising. One of them, measuring twenty-six and a half inches by seventeen inches, weighed only 1.51 grains, a degree of lightness which will appear more strongly by contrast with other fabrics. One square yard of the substance of which these veils are made weighs four grains and one-third, whilst one square yard of silk gauze weighs one hundred and thirty-seven grains, and one square yard of the finest patent net weighs two hundred and sixty-two grains and a half.—*Babbage's Economy of Manufactures.*

HAVOC OF WAR.—The siege of Troy lasted ten years, eight months. It is said there died 870,070 Grecians, 670,000 Trojans; at the taking of the city after, were slain 276,000 men, women, and children of all sorts. Cesar killed a million, Mohammed the second Turk 80,000 persons; Sicius Dentatus fought in a hundred battles; eight times in single combat he overcame, had forty wounds before, was rewarded with one hundred and forty crowns, triumphed nine times for his various services. M Sergius had thirty-two wounds; Scæva the centurion, I know not how many; every nation hath their Hectors, Scipios, Cesars, and Alexanders. Our Edward the Fourth was in twenty-six battles afoot: and as they do all, he glories in it; this is related to his honour. At the siege of Jerusalem 1,100,000 died with sword and famine. At the battle of Cannæ, 70,000 men were slain, as Polybius records, and as many at the Battle Abbey with us; and it is no news to fight from sun to sun, as they did, as Constantine, and Licinius, etc. At the siege of Ostend, a poor town in respect, a small fort, but a great grave, 120,000 men lost

their lives, besides whole towns ruined, and hospitals full of maimed soldiers. There were engines, fire-works, and whatsoever the devil could invent to do mischief, with 2,500,000 iron bullets, and shot of forty pounds weight, three or four millions of gold consumed. What plague, what fury, brought so devilish, so brutish a thing as war, first into men's minds? "From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?" James iv. 1.—*Burton.*

HUNTING SPIDERS.—There is a tribe of hunting spiders that leap like tigers on their prey, and, what is more extraordinary, have the faculty of doing so sideways. One of these jumped two feet off an humble bee. They approach the object of their intended attack with the noiseless and imperceptible motion of the shadow of a sun-dial. If the fly move, the spider moves also, backwards, forwards, or sideways, and that with so much precision as to time and distance, that the two insects appear as if bound together by some invisible chain, or actuated by the same spirit. If the fly take wing and pitch behind the spider, the head of the latter is turned round to meet it so quickly, that the human eye is deceived, and the spider appears to be motionless. When all these manœuvres bring the fly within its spring, the leap is made with fearful rapidity, and the prey struck down like lightning. The redeeming trait in these cruel creatures is their affection for their young.—*Family Library.*

THE HUMAN BRAIN.—It is a curious fact, that in the brain of man, no less than 80 per cent. of the weight is water. According to the analysis of Vanquelin, 100 parts of human brain, consist of 80 parts of water; 4.53 of white fat; 0.7 of red fat; 1.12 of osmazone; 7 of albumen; 1.5 of phosphorus united with the fats; 5. 15 of sulphur, biphosphate of potash, phosphates of lime and magnesia, and other salts. Of such materials is the thinking organ of man composed. The spinal marrow and nerves are similarly constituted. The ratio of water in the brain of the calf is also 80 per cent.—*Lardner.*

CARD.

MR. WM. F. TEULON, Practitioner in Medicine, Obstetrics, etc. having now spent one year in Halifax, returns thanks for the attention and favors which he has experienced from the public during this term. At the same time he is obliged to acknowledge that owing to the healthy state of the Town, and other causes his support has been very inadequate, — he therefore requests the renewed exertions of his friends, as having with a family of seven experienced great difficulties; but which might soon be overcome if he had a sufficiency of professional engagements. Having practised the duties of his profession three years in this peaceful Province, and nine years in a neighbouring colony, previous to which he had assiduously studied for several years in the metropolis the human syncrasies; normal and diseased, and the arrangements of Divine Providence in reference to the preservation and regeneration of health in the respective functions; he has obtained a habit, a confidence, and a love of the science and art of healing, which he would not willingly exchange for any of the gifted acquirements of life, but to give these efficiency he must secure the favours and confidence of a number. With this laudable object before him he respectfully invites their attention, and promises to use his studious endeavours to emulate the conduct of those worthy members of the profession, who have proved its ornaments, and not that only, but the ornaments of civil and scientific life; and also of Humanity.

W. F. Teulon General Practitioner; next House to that of H. Bell, Esq. M. P. A. Aug. 18.

Agricultural Fair.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a fair will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday the 3rd and 4th of October next, at the Fair ground at Windsor, for the exhibition and sale of

HORSES, HORNED CATTLE, SHEEP AND SWINE, FARMING IMPLEMENTS, Seeds and Agricultural Produce.

As this Fair has been revived for the encouragement of the Farmer, to afford him a more extensive market, by collecting together the Producer and the Consumer, and the Buyer and the Seller, it is obvious that it cannot be sustained, without the cordial co-operation of those for whose benefit it is designed. The patronage therefore of the practical Farmer is respectfully and earnestly solicited. It is also hoped, that the Market will be countenanced by the friends of agriculture from the Metropolis and elsewhere. By order of the President,

E. HARDING,

Clerk of the Peace for Hant's County.

Note.—This Fair, which was unavoidably postponed last Spring, in consequence of the great Agricultural distress existing at that time, and the extraordinary backwardness of the season, will positively take place as above advertized.

Windsor, September 13.

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