

Words had not escaped his mouth for weeks; but now, as the last seconds ticked by, he raised his hand and prepared for an exultant shout. "I"—a feeble whisper shook his whole frame and caused a grating sound—"have": he trembled like an aspen leaf, and his eyes, blurred and rolling about beyond control, refused to let in the light of day. Another effort; but as the faintest whisper escaped his lips he shook and rattled to the floor. The last ray of the sixtieth second of the twenty-fourth hour shone through the window on a little heap of crumbled dust. Savet Imer had solved the problem; he had conquered sleep and work and had no longer need of food; he had all eternity before him for the contemplation of his own littleness and the reflection upon his follies.

TEMPUS FUGIT.

SELECTIONS.

PROF. CHARLES K. ADAMS, of the University of Michigan, has been appointed to succeed President White, of Cornell.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL defines a really civilized woman as "one who knows the difference between literature and books."

By music we reach those special states of consciousness which, being without form, cannot be shaped with the mosaics of the vocabulary.

No one thinks he owes us anything who hath borrowed our time, when this is the only thing which even a grateful man cannot repay.

THE different species of insects are believed to number 222,000, of which beetles form 93,000, orthoptera 7,000, and neuroptera 4,000.

It has been observed by Professor Holdefleiss, that beet seed sown in a pot in which the soil was exposed to the electric light by night germinated two days earlier than similar seed without the action of electric light.