## CURIOSITY COLUMN

## A Deft-Fingered Blacksmith-

A Deit-Fingered Blacksmith-At Norristown, Maine, W. B. Logan, a horseshoer, made nine miniature horse shoes from the metal contained in one silver dime. Each shoe has the number of holes usually found in horseshoes of the ordinary size ; but, strangs to say, the smallest cambrio needle is too large to be used as nails in these miniature wonders. Logan has made affidavit that every one of these tiny silver rescents were made with the same hammer and punch used in making shoes for the argest sized horse. How it was ever done s a mystery.

### Wonders of Sleep

Wonders of Sleep. Therefore to be no limit to the possible accomplishments of the human mind while in that state known as sleep. Condorcet, the great mathematician, solved one of his most difficult problems while asleep—one which he had failed to solve while awake. Reichart, of the University of Basle, wrote a sermon while asleep. Coloridge the "dream-ing philosopher," composed Kubla Khan while fast asleep. Next morning he said that he was sure there had been an acquisi-tion to his literature, but he was too negli-gent to write it out. A few days later he attempted to recall the verses, but they had in most part fled from his mind. The poem as it now stands is only a fragment.

### Parata, the Maori Sea Monster.

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confined in the monster's mouth with the others recited a charm which caused Parata to disgorge his load in time for those in the cause to land acfoly on the created the new New Zealand. The words of this charm are still known to the natives and repeated in times of great danger. Superstitions About the Aurora Borealis The ancients viewed the aurora borealis with superstitious awe—always looking upon it as an omen of direful disaster. If is not unusual for old time descriptions of battles to make allusions to the "waful" display of aurora borealis, or "Northern Lights," which preceded them. The ancient inhabitants of the lands bordering the Medi-terranean See called the aurora by names Superstitions About the Aurora Borealis. The ancients viewed the aurora borealis with superstitious awe—always looking upon it as an omen of direful disaster. It is not unusual for old time descriptions of battles to make allusions to the "tawful" display of aurora borealis, or "Northern Lights," which preceded them. The ancient inhabitants of the lands bordering the Medi-terranean Sea called the aurora by names which erpressed the different colors—such aq" chasmate," "bolides," "trabes" etc. In the annals of Clan-Macnoise is to be found an account of a great purple aurora which an account of a great purple aurora which lighted up the whole northern skies on the raises or subjective great battle between Lains is ter and Munster, Ireland. In the Fall of a return calls.
Only vulgar women pay visits; ladies the profession.
B59 the people of America witnessed some of the great displays known to his face, but cheered to the echo. Iliterate persons will oftentimes say that the peculiar appearance of the day began, etc. This is bad form. Days of the great rebellion. On the 2d, 3d, and in the foregoing, brilliant auroras were reported from every point in the civilized world.
Wonderful Woodel Libraries.
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One department of the town museum at Lassel, Germany, is made up of the most singular lot of books that ever greeted the wharp admiring eye of the bibliomaniac. Ibrary of 500 volumes, each a perfect book made of a different kind of wood. The back of each volume is formed of a bark of its particular tree, the sides of the wood in its mature state, the top of young, immature wood, and the bottom of the same after hav-ing been dried and seasoned. When opened these remarkable books are found to be with-ever begun, or opened, or started ; invari-able is insure state.

these remarkable books are found to be with-out leaves, the inside being a box containing the flower, seed, fruit, and leaf of the tree from which the box book has been made. Australia has over 1000 species of trees large enough to work up into books, and one Colonel Clamp, modeling from the Cassel odities, exhibited in a large collec-tion of wooden books at the Colonel's collection was aphabetically arranged and labelled

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the city last named above all in Babylonia of their opinions in tayor of Birs Nimod as being the site of the proposed heaven-pen-trating shaft. The ruins at this point, which consist mainly of kiln-burnt bricks, huge ough and cut stones and vitrified mortas which have been accumulating for centuries, are 198 feet in height and nearly 300 yards in circumference. Sir. R. K. Porter, who had studying the Birs Nimod ruins believes its viriled appearance to be the re-sults of numerous lightning strokes, con-dustions which (taken in connection with the tradition that the tower was "destroyed subt for though. Porter also says that and the exception of natural accumulation almost in the exact condition as it was when abandoned at the time of the contusion of tongues.

A Monster Rose But. The trunk of a rose bush or tree which has been in full bloom at Ventura, Cal., all Summer is three feet in circumference at the ground. The first branch, which juts out at a height of about four feet from the ground, is eight inches in diameter, or about two feet in circumference. It was planted in 1876 from a slip obtained in the Centennial Exhibition, and, although sever-al wagon-loads of limbs are annually pruned off, it now covers an area of nearly 2,000 square feet. It is predicted that by the time it is twenty five years old it will have outstripped the gigantic rose tree at Col-ogne, which is 'nown to be more than 300 years old, and is less that four feet in cir-cumference.

The Uddest Watch. A watchmaker in Newcastle, England, recently completed a set of three gold shirt studs, in one of which there is a watch that keeps absolutely correct time, the dial of which is only three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter. The three studs are connected by a strip of silver inside the shirt bosom, the watch contained in the middle one being wound up by turning the stud above. To set the hands it is only necessary to give the lower stud the proper twist.

A Monster Rose Buth

The Oddest Watch.

Lucky Friday.

DICTIONARY OF SNOBBISMS.

cumference.

the great matters and sometimes gives a recital. Any new enterprise—he it a railroad, a government, a horse race or piggery—is never begun, or opened, or started; invari-ably is it inaugurated. In ordinary conversation it is well enough to speak of doors being opened; but in composition never fail to say that the doors were thrown open. Remember that when a criminal leaves this world through the instrumentality of the gallows he falls with a dull, sickening thad, or is launched into eternity. It may be unnecessary to suggest to young?

would prescribe for they are such as I would prescribe for patients suffering from ki ney troubles, for they are both a tonic and a diuretic."

" Doctor, is it true that diseased kidneys poison the blood ?" "Yes the blood gets full of uric acid."

"Yes, I certainly do."

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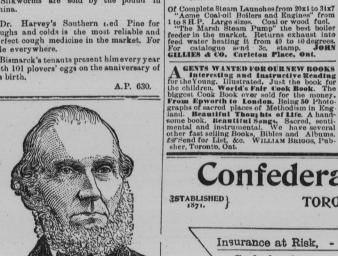


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How the "Big Dipper " Has Ohanged. One of the most notable of examples of the constant and yet almost imperceptible changes taking place in the heavens is to be found in the motion of the seven bright stars collectively known as "the Big Dip-per." Huggins, the noted astronomer, was for long engaged in proving that five of these stars are moving in one direction, while the thet two are moving in a direction directly bontrary. Professor Flammarion has reduc-ed the Huggins calculations and theories to a system, arranging them upon charts. These ingeniously constructed heavenly out-lines show that 100,000 years ago the "Dip-per "stars were arranged in the form of a cross, and that 100,000 years hence they will have assumed the shape of an elongated diamond, stretching out over three or four times as much space as they now occupy.

### The Tower of Babel.

The Tower of Babel. Three different piles of ruins in Babylonia claim the distinction of being the remnants of the original tower, the building of which saused the "confusion of tongues." The first of the three is the celebrated Nimrod's Tower, near Akkurkef; the second on the east bank of the Euphrates River, five miles above the modern city of Hillah; third, the conical moun." known as Birs Nimrod, six miles and a half southwest of

In short, as a general rule, remember that it is a cardinal principle of polite literature never to call a spade spade, but that sharp instrument with which the Theban hus-bandman lays bare the breast of our great mother.

## The Largest Serp ent.

that Dodd's Pills it did. Anybody in Graven-hurst will tell you that. A GRAND TRÜNK OFFICAL. Mr. J. T. Torrey, Grand Trunk agent at Gravenhurst, was seen. Mr. Torrey is a middle-aged man, and a great favorite in the place. He was asked if he knew Mur-ray, and he said "Yes. I know two Mur-rays, Sam Murray and his brother. I put both of them to work as brakesmen on the Grand Trunk. I remember when Sam was taken ill, and nobody expected he would get better."

taken ill, and nobody expected he would get better." "Did he get his total disability money from the Grand Trunk." "Yes, he got his sick benefits first through me, and then when it was expected he would die his total disability claim was paid through me also. I never thought Sam would recover. He says he was cured by taking Dodd's Kidney Pills."

The Largest Serpent.The Largest Serpent of which accurate<br/>measurements have been taken and noted<br/>dead and suspended to the fork of a tree<br/>during his travels in Mexico. It was drag<br/>ged out into the open ground by two horse<br/>in length. Inside of it were discovered that to have been ad here was no doubt that it had<br/>swallowed the animal whole. Dr. Gardner<br/>forty feet, but there is no recorded instance<br/>of one having been encountered longer than<br/>persons have seen serpents alive which they<br/>estimate to be of considerably greater size.mid through me also. I never thought Sam<br/>would recover. He says he was cured by<br/>taking Ddd's Kidney Pills.Wilte piquedresses have been revived, and<br/>are worn with colored sashes and high teas.mid through me also. I never thought Sam<br/>would recover. He says he was cured by<br/>taking Ddd's Kidney Pills.Wilte piquedresses have been revived, and<br/>are worn with colored sashes and high teas.mid through me also. I never thought Sam<br/>would recover. He says he was cured by<br/>taking Ddd's Kidney Pills.Wilte piquedresses have been revived, and<br/>are worn with colored sashes and high teas.mid through me also. I never thought Sam<br/>would recover. He says he was cured by<br/>taking Ddd's Kidney Pills.Wilte piquedresses have been revived, and<br/>are worn with colored sashes and high teas.mid they are ad-<br/>vertised in that way. These pills are anew<br/>departure in medicine. The formula has<br/>been used succesfully by one of the mat<br/>eminent specialists in the world for the cure

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