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This Hitch In the Working of the Brain Is Called Aphasia In the Medical Profession - A Trick the Chinaman Uses For the Emergency.

Everybody knows what it is to have a word on the tip of the tongue and yet not be able to speak it. The word is known perfectly well, and yet we cannot for the life of us give it utterance. More often than not it is a common word in everyday use. But it will not be spoken when wanted. What is the secret of this "word forgetfulness?"

Doctors call it aphasia. They cannot explain it, but say it is a little hitch in the working of the brain or intellect. The Chinese, who have done so many quaint and clever things, recognized the difficulty thousands of years ago and invented a very ingenious way of making the best of things.

They manufactured a number of words and sentences that meant absolutely nothing, mere sound without sense. When a Chinaman in the course of conversation comes to a word that he has on the tip of his tongue, but cannot speak, he just makes use of the meaningless phrases invented for that purpose until he recalls the word he wants and goes on with the conversa-

The trick, for trick it is, is much in use in public speaking and certainly is an improvement on the "er-er-ers," coughings and throat clearings that so plentifully besprinkle our own after dinner orations. The speaker preserves his dignity and gives himself time for

Very often the greater the desire to speak the missing word the greater the difficulty or sheer impossibility. The man in the Arabian story could not remember the words "Open sesame," although he was in danger of his life. There are many cases on record of soldiers, even officers, forgetting the pass word and being shot down by their own sentries. At the critical moment the all important word that they thought they knew as well as their own names escapes them. They struggle to recall it, but the very effort makes it more difficult, and they pay with their

lives. A man may sometimes be tortured and yet be unable to speak the word he most desires to utter. Spies have been captured and have gone to their death in silence not because they have not been eager to betray their comrades, but because under the stress and excitement of the situation they have totally forgotten the information they would convey. A celebrated case of this kind was made the subject of a play produced in London some years ago, called "A Question of Memory."

No doubt every reader will be able to recall instances in which he has suffered from this "word forgetfulness." One can often remember the initial letter of the word, but not the word itself. It is still on the tip of the tongue, even after one has given up the struggle to

Actors sometimes forget a word or two in their parts that no effort of their own can give back to them at the moment. But the wings reached and the strain removed they are again immediately word perfect and at a loss to explain their forgetfulness. A whole part is sometimes forgotten. This usually happens after a very long run. During the run of "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray" Mrs. Patrick Campbell one night found herself on the stage as innocent of any knowledge of her part as any member of the audience. She made desperate efforts to "find herself," but it was no good. That performance she

ginning to end. Names of people are the words that slip our memories most frequently. We see a face we know, and yet we cannot fit a name to it. We are shaken by the hand or slapped on the back, and all the while we are hard at work trying to think of the name of the person who is doing it. Kings are credited with royal memories, and it is rare to find a sovereign who has not a wonderful memory for faces. But he usually has some one at his elbow who can jog his

memory for names. it is not always safe to fish for a name wanted. When Ellen Terry and Henry Irving were in America one year, they met a gentleman who, they knew, had reason to expect that they could remember his name. But this they failed to do. So Miss Terry approached him and said: "Sir Henry and I cannot agree as to the exact spelling of your name. Will you please put us right?" "Certainly," was the reply. "It

Aphasia is divided by those who have studied the subject into "word blindness" and "word deafness." A man who is "word blind" may be able to pronounce the name of letters, but cannot understand the meanings of the words they form. A man who is "word deaf" can understand ordinary sounds and music, but cannot understand spoken words. His speech is often mere

senseless jargon.

But the passing forgetfulness of a word has little to do with these more serious forms of the complaint. We swallow words under the influence of excitement or more often of fatigue. People getting better from a serious illness are tormented by the loss of com-mon words. This is particularly the case after influenza. One of our leading statesmen after an attack of this malady suddenly lost the thread of his speech in the midst of a public dis-

"Word forgetfulness" is, however, mainly the result of careless observation or of want of training. What we never knew well we very easily forget. An experienced police detective never forgets a face or name.-

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A new opera house is to be built at

The C. P. R. trackmen's strike has beem settled.

The review in Toronto during the oval visit will take place at the Exhibition grounds.

It is reported at Halifax that Swan & Hunter, the great English ship-builders, are to establish a branch at Sydney, C. B.

William Mackenzie, who is at preent in Ottawa, expects the through line of the Canadian Northern between Winnipeg and Port Arthur to be completed in about two weeks.

THE DISTRICT

McKAY'S CORNERS.

Rev. D. M. Robertson was presented with a sideboard and rocking chair of beautiful quarter cut oak, antique finish, by the congregations of Mc-Kay's Corners and Botany, on the oc-casion of his marriage on Wednesday last. Kent Bridge congregation pre-sented a well filled purse. Mrs. Kellor, returned to her home

in the Maple City yesterday, after visting for some time with friends. Mr. Loftus Johnston was visiting in

the village yesterday, Large and appreciative audiences regularly greet our pastor in St. James' church. Rev. and Mrs. Robertson are

in the Maple City to-day. The Harwich Clippers were defeated by the Darrell football team on Saturday evening in a very closely con-tested game The teams were evenly matched and a fine and gentlemangame was played. The sun favored the visitors in the first half, and resuited in giving one goal. The locals did not score. The return match will be played at Darrell on Saturday 31, game to be called at half-past three. Miss Georgia Morrison has returned had to read the part through from be | from visiting friends in Toronto. and the east, and is now visiting her aunt Mrs. (Dr.) McRitchie.

WABASH.

Mrs. Frank Lloyd, of London, is isiting her parents. Thomas Irwin has bought the Mc-Wachran farm, near Thamesville. George Liberty, is building a concrete cellar. The work is being man-

Word has been received from the young men who went to the West. They report wages at \$35 a month.

Mrs, Truesdale is visiting her sister in Michigan, who lies very ill.

Mr. Mason is erecting a new pig

aged by his brother, Harry, of Tyrcon-

David Cuttler is baving a cistern put in by Mr. Sanford, of Thamesville, Mr. and Mrs. Will Kelly and family are visiting at David Cuttler's. John Burgess has commenced his

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England Laughed at Our Jockeys "When Tod Sloane first appeared on the English tracks, people saw a mite of humanity perched in 'scorching' position, with knees clamped to the horse's withers," says Allen Sangree in Ainslee's. "His stirrups were so short that his chin almost brushed his knees, and he had neither whip nor spurs. The English school and the old American school of jockeys sat straight in the saddle with long stirrups and punished the horse severely. The effect of Sloane's method was ludicrous, and all England laughed. Now the jockeys over there try to imitate

"There is sound logic in Sloane's monkeylike riding. He takes all weight away from the horse's kidneys, so that the hind or driving part of the animal is left free to impart rapid motion; also by clinging to the shoulders instead of bouncing up and down, thus racking the horse at every leap, he adjusts himself as part of the animal. By crouching over the animal's neck he diminishes the atmospheric resistance by more than a third. The Reiff brothers, Danny Maher, Martin and all the younger American jockeys here and abroad now ride in this fashion. Its value has been demonstrated in England, where the first three named, together with Sloane, carried off all racing honors for two seasons.

The Relff boys are sons of an Ohio blacksmith. They have made \$250,000 in a few years. They are notable among jockeys, not for having earned so much money, but for having saved it, because the jockey is seldom frugal. His average pay in one season, counting \$25 for winning mounts and \$10 for sing ones, reaches a total of about \$5,000. Against this sum must be charged fines and valet expenses. This is a minimum salary. Nowadays all good jockeys receive large retaining fees from their owners and in addition win a good deal through betting.

"When a jockey retires from the saddle without having saved any money, his future is dismal. As a reaction from abnormal training he usually becomes very fat and sluggish and, with no education, seems unable to make a good living. Gad Ural, made famous in painting when he won the memorable Metropolitan Derby in 1880, now takes in washing with his wife at Coney Island. The man who was Ural's attendant in those faraway days of triumph now receives \$500 a week as a burlesque comedian. He is

Charles Ross. "Mike Bergen tended bar for a long time, and Petie Dunn, one of the best jockeys this country has produced, has milk route in upper New York. A few, like Jimmy McLaughlin, are doing well as trainers and owners, but the majority of these old time celebrities have slipped out of ken like the horses they rode."

Great Cities of the World. The population of the largest cities in the world, according to the latest fig-

ures, are as follows:	
1901-London	4,536,034
1000-New York	3,437,203
1006 Paris	2,030,539
1901—Berlin ,	1,884,151
1900—Chicago	1,698,575
Centon China	1,000,000
1608_Tokyo	1,402,004
fgot-Vienna	1,304,040
1000-Philadelphia	1,293,694
1897-St. Petersburg	1,267,023

It will thus be seen that of the ten leading cities the United States has three, while no other country has more than one.

Keeps Out Mosquitoes. A railroad man who works in one of the switch towers on the line to Atlantic City, surrounded by a mosquito infested swamp, has a plan of his own for keeping them out of the tower. When the lamps are lighted and the insects swarm around the windows, the switchman makes a ball out of his morning newspaper and soaks it in coal oil just enough so that it will not drip. He hangs this midway between two windows and keeps it swinging all the time. He says that no matter how thick the mosquitoes may be outside

they never care to pass it.

Darkest New Jersey. There are parts of New Jersey, within a very short datance of Philadelphia, too, which, strange as it may seem, are but little more known today than they were 200 years ago. In fact they are portions of the "Pine Barrens" which have never known the tread of a white man. It is this wilderness that a party of naturalists, Mr. Stone as chief and Messrs. Rohn and Coggins as assistants, are starting out to explore.

Costly Harness. The young Egyptian khedive is said to possess the most costly set of har-ness in the world. It is made of black leather, with chased gold buckles and collars, ornamented with the same costly metal. The pad cloths are also embroldered with gold, and the set is said to have cost £2,000. It is for four horses and is used on all state occa-

Backward Calcutta.

The American consul at Calcutta
thinks that capital might find a profitable investment in that city, where the demand for first class apartment houses is far in excess of the supply, while the natives are too conservative to build. The hotels are so overcrowded that tents have to be erected on the

Pin In Candle. A curious old custom was revived at Great Oakley, England, where parish lands were let by "pin in candle." The local clergyman presided. A pin is inserted in a burning candle, and so long as it remains in its tallow resting place bids are taken. The last bidder before the pin drops is declared the tenant. What is

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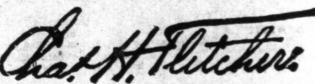
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