IN THE ODD CORNER.

QUEER AND CURIOUS AND EVENTS

The Mercury's Plaint.
I den't know why I'm siandered so,
If I go high-if I go low—
There's always some one will say,
"Just see that mercury to-day!"
Are dewn toward are to pi orawl
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of always fret, and say that I
has far to low or far too high,
had though I try with all my might
I never seen to strike it right.
New I admit it seems to me
They show great i consistency.
But they imply I am to blame,
of course that makes my anger flame,
And in a fery fit of pique
I stay at ninety for a week.
Or sometimes in a dull despair,
I give them just a frigid stare;
and as upon their taunts I think
My spirits down to zero sink,
Mine is indeed a hopeless case—
Te strive to please the human race!

The Origin of the Cat.

It is impossible to trace the origin of the domestic cat with certainty to any existing species or variety of the wildcat. Indeed, the time at which the cat was first domesticated and introduced to human society is purely a matter of conjecture. Professor Shaler expresses the opinion that the domestication of the cat must have been much later than that of the dox while much later than that of the dog, while other naturalists give reasons for be-lieving to the contrary.

Some people agree with Professor Shaler, and for this reason: That dogs were probably first domesticated in order to assist in hunting, and, therefore, probably, in what is called the hunting age of human society, whereas the cat has nowhere been gen-erally used as a bunting animal. The dog is executably reparations: he loves dog is essentially gregarious; he loves to hunt in packs, and when introduced to a human family he regards the fam-ily as his pack and hunts accordingly, so that he is easily made serviceable the human hunter. The cat, on contrary, is unsocial; it lives alone, nts alone and feeds alone as that hunts alone and feeds alone, so that it could not be expected to be easily trained to hunt either with men or for trained to hunt either with men or for them. In fact, the only member of the cat family that is known to have been trained to hunt is the cheetah, though an ancient Egyptian painting, which may be seen in the British Mu-seum, represents a cat which is appar-ently assisting a hunter to catch birds.

There is another reason for thinking that the cat must have been adopted by man after the hunting age, namely, the cat's wonderful attachment to lo-cality. Animals like the wolf, with which the dog is most closely allied, follow their prey over vast tracts of country, and seem to be entirely des-titute of local attachment. The wildtitute of local attachment. The wild-cat, on the contrary, settles down in a particular spot and waits for its prey to come. When removed from its accustomed habitat it seems to lone its akill, and therefore would be useless to men in a hunting age, because in that age men seldom had fixed habita-tions, but roamed abroad wherever game was to be found. Of course, much of this is conjecture. Whether the cat or the dog was first adopted by men cannot now be certainly known, but the cat was well known as a domestic animal at an early pe-riod of human history.

Te Surpase Niagara.

But bly as the Niagara scheme is, work has just commenced upon a still larger scheme of water-power development near Massena, on the St. Lawrence river, United States of America. It is intended to develop here 150,000 horse-power by taking advantage of the difference in level between the St. Lawrence river and the Grass river, flowing nearly parallel to it at a dis-Lawrence river and the Grass river, flowing nearly parallel to it at a distance of three and a half miles. A big canal is to be cut across the intervening plateau, and a fall of water fifty feet in height thus obtained on the banks of the Grass river. The latter river will itself form the "tall race" of "undecided manner" for a considerable distance. Upon picking up the head power station. This scheme dwarfs the power station. This scheme awarts the Niagara one, since not only do the plans provide for a greater amount of power, but man is going to do what mature has done for him at Niagara—amely provide the waterfall. The namely, provide the waterfall. capital for carrying out this secessary capital for carrying out this scheme has been provided, work has been commenced and it is hoped that some of the turbines and dynamos will be working by December, 1898. If no unforeseen difficulty occur, and if this scheme be completed by the date mamed, it will certainly form one of the most remarkable achievements of the century.—Chambers' Journal.

Discric Turret-Turning.

One great drawback to hydraulic machinery is its tendency to freeze up in cold climates, which, of course, at once destroys its efficiency, says Cassier's Magazine. Steam, on the other hand, while free from the defect of freezing, must always take a certain perceptible amount of time to overcome the inertia of the piston and its attached machinery. Moreover, this inertia, once overcome, requires an equal force to bring the machinery to rest again. Thus it is found that with a turret fifteen feet in diameter the least movement possible with steam machinery, calculated on the rim of the turner, on one of the warships of the United States several months ago showed that with eteotric turning sear a turret of the same diameter could be moved—shat is, started and stopped again—size of those of day birds.

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twenty-nine times in one inch. The proportion between steam and electricity, therefore, in delicacy of movement in this instance is four times twenty-one, or 116 times as great.

The chief objection to all radical inmovations like this one has hitherto been based on the sound principle that in actual conflict the machinery or motive power might break down and the work would have to be done by hand power in such an emergency; thus guns, turrets and every other fighting appliance on board some warships are provided with alternative hand tackle. But there does not seem to be any reason why electricity would not lend itself to be coupled with hand power apparatus, at least as well, if not better, than either steam or hydraulic power.

Liverpool and Slave Trade.

The great wealth of the merchants of London and Bristol enabled them to enjoy a practical monopoly of the African slave trade for a long period prior to Liverpool having any share in it, says Gomer Williams' "History of the Liverpool Privateers". Liverpool adventurers with a small capital were unable to equip vessels and purchase goods specially adapted to the African market and of no use outside of that market, nor could they afford to await the uncertain results of round voyages, market, nor could they afford to await the uncertain results of round voyages, sometimes prolonged to more than a year and subject to terrible dangers unknown to any other description of trading adventures. Early in the eighteenth century, however, a successful rivalship with Bristol in exporting provisions, coarse checks and stilk handkerchlefs of Manchester make to the West Indies and the continent of America eventually enabled the merchants of Liverpool to participate in the more day—not by-and-by—a bottle omake old age happy, cheerful and bright.

While Liverpool obtained from this competition a sudden accession to her commerce which filled her warehouses with sugar, rum and other West Indies declined. The checks of Manchester, carried in Liverpool ships, ousted from that market the German. French and Scotch osnaburgs exported from Bristol. market, nor could they afford to await the uncertain results of round voyages, sometimes prolonged to more than a year and subject to terrible dangers unknown to any other description of trading adventures. Early in the eight-centh century, however, a successful rivalship with Bristol in exporting pro-visions, coarse checks and silk hand-kerchlefs of Manchester make to the West Indies and the continent of Amer-ica eventually enabled the merchants of Liverpool to participate in the more

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The Boatbill.

The boatbill, of which only one species is known, is considered by naturalists as merely a night-heron with an exaggerated bill, so much widened as to suggest its English name, but has always been allowed generic rank. This curious bird inhabits Cayenne, Surham, Brazill and similar lands. It sits perched upon trees which have over nam, Brazil and similar lands. It sits perched upon trees which hang over running streams, and ever and anon darts down upon fish. These it devours most greedily, and, indeed, they seem to be its principal food. The boatbill is about the size of a domestic fowl, has shorter limbs than most of the herona, but resembles them in plumage, and is abundantly provided on the back of the head with elongated feathers, which it creets when irritated. The front parts are white (the crewn black in the male), the upper sur-



face and tail whitish gray, the under side yellowish white, the belly rusty

distance. Upon picking up the head he noticed that the insect had been eating a fly at the time. "The mandibles continued working as if nothing had happened, and the masticated portions of the fly passed out at the back of the will testify for bodd's. He will give strong evidence.

They Made Their Own Ice Bridge.
We often hear mention of ice bridges,
but seldom of one like that which the
Oxford County Advertiser describes.
Two young men from Bethel who were
hauling birch, on reaching the Androsoogsin found a channel in the middle
of the river that shad not frozen over.
Northing dismared they went was Nothing dismayed, they went up-stream, detached a big field of ice and let it float down to fill the gap. After one night's settling into place this im-provised bridge was safe and the young men wenulahead with their business.

Insect Horses and Their Riders.
At a recent meeting of the Entomological society of Washington, some specimens of chrysopa, a species of golden-eyed fly, which had been collected in the White mountains, were exhibited as curiosities, because each carried on its back one or more minute cecidomylid files. The opinion was expressed that this was a true case of a smaller species of insect using a larger species for the purposes of locomotion from place to place.

The Eyes of Birds.

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HE WASN'T. HE WASN'T.

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Larkins—Nothing of the sort, sir. My
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"Pooh! You mean 'grow fat and get aughed at."

REJOICED OVER VICTORY.

G. McConnell Tells How Dodd's Kidney

Aylmer, March 21.—Great and sincere were the rejoicings in Aylmer, when news of the verdict in favor of Dodd's Kidney Pills, at Norwich, was

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causing them out of the system, and
makes the blood pure and healthy.
Katle Ryder, Germania, Ont., says;
Burdock Blood Ekters cured me of
Salt Rheum four years ago, and I have
had no return of it simes. I was so bad
that I could hardly sleep with the
pain it gave me."

PHYSICAL ASSISTANCE "Great invention, this painless den-stry."
"Yes: I wish some fellow would in-nt painless rheumatism."



BOAT AND SLED.

AVING braved the perils of the deep in every section of the world, J. T. Mathews, who recently brought this weather beaten personality to anchor at Baltimore, is about to start on a trip to the Klon-

thewa, who recently brought this weather beaten personality to anchor at Baltimore, is about to start on a trip to the Klondike, in company with several other venturesome spirits, with a novel boat of his own invention. Mr. Mathaw' new boat is of such an unusual design that it has excited a great deal of ridicule from the marine experts of Baltimore, but he meets every criticism with the one remark: "I have sailed on every ocean and commercial waterwary of the world, and therefore I know what suits the Pacific ocean." Mr. Mathews' vessel is built on the order of a catmaran, but he has gone the twinhull idea one better by providing his boat with three hulls. He has constructed the boat for a twofold purpose—going through the water and where water ends and ice begins to gilde over the frozen surface, this being made possible by the equipping of the three keels with sicel runners.

The boat is 34 feet 6 inches long.



THE COMBINATION CRAFT.
nine feet beam, and will have a carrying capacity of 35 tons. Owing to the
number of hulls the sail area of the number of hulls the sail area of the craft will be enormous. The total area will be 670 square yards. When ready for launching the three hulls will be boited firmly together with three massive cross timbers. The combination of boats is built to accommodate 12 men. Each of the boats will be provided with cabins containing barths. The center boat of the craft will be shipped by rail in sections to Seattle, where the two smaller boats will be added. Mr. Mathews has formed his party of Klondike explorers into a company, to be known as the Mathews-Taby Alaskan Mining and Trading company, which has been regularly incorporated for the purpose of carrying on business in the gold fields. The prospectors will go by rail to Seattle, and will there embark on their three-hulled boat and set sail for the Yukon country. Snow falls all the year round in the part of the country to be traversed. Mr. Mathews regards "three" as a mascot number when gold mining is the object in view, and in addition to providing a trio of hulls for his Yukon craft he has caused each member of the party to sign a binding agreement that they will work together, prospecting and digging for old in the Klondike, for not less than three years.

He explains his reason for putting this limit on the combined efforts of the party by stating that three years is the length of time that he considers it will take for each man to acquire a sufficient quantity of Alaskan yellow metal to enable all to return with a fortune.

washed sea, see Miles.

From the London Mull: A Mr. Roberts, for thirty-three years postman of Pilling in the Fylde, North Lancasshire, has just retired. For twenty-two years he walked from Pilling to Fleetwood and back twice a day, not to mention many perflous trips in crossing the river Wyrse during periods of stown. A calculation of five miles each way, four times a day (in addition to his round at the village), six days in the week, for twenty-two years, shows that he walked 187,280 miles between Pilling and Fleetwood in the fulfillment of his duty. During this time he must have crossed the River Wyre (a by no means pleasant back in the winter time) 27,457 times. His duties were considerably lightened when sleven years ago the povernment decided to bring the malls to Pilling by another route. Though this did away with crossing the river it did not reduce the distance Postman Roberts had to walk very much. Including the village delivery, he must in his thierty-three years of service have walked no less than 205,320 miles.

No Paragon.

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"I am a poor, motherless girl" fal-tered Evangeline, her voice quavering.
But James Wetmore-Smith was not a man earliy to be balked. "I do not ex-pect my wife," he replied, gently, al-beit somewhat reproachfully, "to be both rich and motherless."—Detroit Journal.

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Bertha—Oh, no! a canary begins to sing when people commence to talk; people commence to talk when she begins to sing the sing the sing the sing to sing the sing the

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