

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1886.

BILL NYE'S LETTER.
Sonnambulism and Crime.

A recent article in the London Post on the subject of sonnambulism calls to my mind several little incidents with sonnambulistic tendencies in my own experience.

This subject has, indeed, attracted my attention for some years, and it has afforded me great pleasure to investigate it carefully.

Regarding the causes of dreams and sonnambulism there are many theories, all of which are more or less untenable.

My own idea, given of course in a plain crude way, is that thoughts originate on the inside of the brain, and then go at once to the surface, where they have their photographs taken, with the understanding that the negatives are to be preserved.

In this way the thought may afterward be duplicated back to the thinker in the form of a dream, and, if the impulse be strong enough, muscular action and sonnambulism may result.

On the banks of Bitter creek some years ago lived an open-mouthed man who had risen from affluence by his unaided effort until he was entirely free from any incumbrance in the way of property.

MISSING LINKS.

The last American slave was sold in Virginia in the spring of 1866 for a hundred head of cabbage plants.

No fatal accident has befallen any passenger on Cayuga Lake during the history of Steamboating on that stream.

As many as 14,000 tints are used in Gobelins tapestry work, a great increase in number and fineness due mainly to chemistry.

Prince Henry of Battenberg recently got a heavy fall while hunting, and Queen Victoria has practically forbidden him to hunt any more.

Archbishop Croke would like much to visit this country, but at his age above sixty he dreads the mental and physical strain it would cause him.

It is thought that a dozen shots from the new German bomb, charged with dynamite shells, would destroy the strongest fortifications in the world.

eloquence, has again come to the front. According to his father he has had another Divine revelation. He is to be stricken blind, deaf, and dumb, and his left arm is to be paralyzed.

In Thracia bread was mixed with powdered dried roots, in Syria with dried mulberries, in Egypt with whole grains.

At Chicago, as elsewhere in America, the cultivated minority is lost in the swarming multitude of coarse and vulgar people, and at night you find the streets, and barrooms, and liquor-saloons full of dull-eyed men and boys.

Why did I leave my American friends so often to seek adventures on my own? Such solitary wanderings can only lead to evil.

Establishments for the manufacture of steel nails and steel nail plate are on the increase in this country.

In the course of a conversation between W. S. Gilbert and Frank Burnand, editor of Punch, the former said: "Burnand, I suppose you receive quantities of funny sayings from outside people, don't you?"

John Turner, of Livermore, Me., over seventy, hearty, rugged, once Democratic candidate for Sheriff, for years thought to be rich, is in jail because he won't pay his poll tax.

Beginning at the Bottom.

Madam, allow me to prescribe for you. I have had a long experience in the management of delicate women, and believe I can give you some important advice.

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Miscellaneous. THIS IS THE SEASON OF THE YEAR WHEN HOUSE CLEANING!

Wanted. TO EXCHANGE, a number of good books, suitable for the centre table of parlors, for good cord wood.

Do Bees Hear? Mr. A. W. Osborn, who is engaged in bee-keeping on the island of Cuba, writes the Bee Journal: There seems to me to be no doubt that bees hear; not only do I think they hear, but I have been placed in circumstances when I was fully convinced that they could hear, and hear quickly, too.

Miscellaneous.

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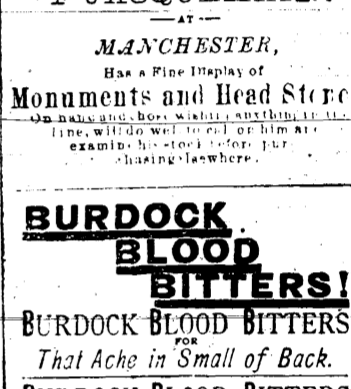
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