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### THERE ARE FLIES ON IT. tion enough to know that God put them in

#### THAT IS THE COMPLAINT ABOUT THE STICKY PAPER.

Astra Agrees with a Correspondent that the Use of Such a Decoy is a Disgrace to Civilization-Her Opinion of People Who Ill Treat Insects.

I see that "subscriber" has taken up the subject of sticky fly paper, and hopes that I will consent to enlist my pen in the same cause. Well I would have done so had thought that it would be of any use for I am cordially in sympathy with "subscrione druggist about it, he smiled, the pitying smile one bestows on a sick child or a harmless lunatic, and said that was what the paper was for, they wanted it to catch be exterminated for one summer, and that flies, and he guessed the flies did not mind the summer in question would be what is it when they got used to it.

I agree with "Subscriber" that the use of sticky fly paper is a disgrace to civilization and that the people who use it are more in need of missionaries than the savages of South Africa, who have never been taught any better. Indeed I am inclined to think there is a very strong resemblance between nineteenth century christians, and the inhabitants of darkest Africa, for the amazement displayed by the tormer, when a decently humane person objects to some of their barbarous practices, is something the same as the King of Dahomey might express when some meddlesome missionary remonstrated with him upon his little custom of having the ankles ot all his wives broken, and the entire lot buried alive in his grave, when he dies. Human nature in the block, is I firmly believe utterly brutal, and utterly cruel, and the rare exceptions one encounters during their earthly pilgrimage only serve to prove the rule. I think I have argued before now that the religion of every day-commerce-I was going to say since christianity seems to be greduced to a matter of dollars and cents now, but perhaps I had better say of everyday use, has little or nothing to do with the religion of kindness to all creatures which Christ taught eighteen centuries ago, and the church deacon, and Sunday school superintendent who each step out of their way with equal alacrity to step on the helpless beetle, or crush the unoffending spider, which happens to come in their way. I have seen women placidly pick up harmless moth millers, and equally harmless and helpless beetles, and drop them inside the lamp chimney, smiling pleasantly and continuing their conversation easily while watching the wretched creatures roast slowly to death! Was ever an Indian roasting his victim at a the stake more fiendishly cruel. "I don't like to step on a June bug, and squash him," said a sweet little woman to me." Because it makes such a horrid noise that I am fairly sick, but I just drop him inside the lump, and there is an end of him." I have also seen a woman who would have been wounded to the heart if anyone had called her cruel, take a "catch and alive" fly trap, and place it in a rather cool oven, to bake its occupants slow ly with just the same expression on her face as if she were going to cook a pan of biscuit. I asked her if she did not think it wrong, and she opened her eyes wide and said she had tried drowning the flies but never felt sure they would not geome to lite again. "Then why do you use it at all ?" I asked. "Can't you try poison pads, or Dalmatian powder ?" "I suppose I could," she an- diligent search. After visiting all the swered, "but if you could just see the delight baby takes in watching that trap when it is full, you would not wonder that I use it. Why, she will play with it by the hour, patting her little hand over it to make them buzz, an I laughing like a little cherub at the noise they make." She is dead, now so perhaps she may have learned a now code of mercy on that "peaceful shore, where billows never beat, nor tempests But think of the example for the roar." baby ! Human nature is weak, and initative so what can you expect either in the present, or in the tuture of a generation who have grown up to see their mothers countenancing cruelties which are none the less sickening from the fact that they are small. The woman who permits her children to watch the struggles of a crowd of hapless flies stuck firmly to a paper which has been covered with a preparation especially designed by some evil mind to keep the wretched creatures alive as long as possible, and condem them to a death of ling-ring torture, has no right to complain the one of those children an object of curiosity. should happen to end his days dangling from a rope, in expiation of the crime of

the world for a good purpose, and but for the existence of those humble creatures we should not be able to live in the world at all, in summer, but would simply die,

from the impurities which exist all around us, in hot weather, the deadly microbe would carry us off bodily into bis lair, and devour us at his leisure, and all the deadly family of germs and sacteria would fatten on our defenceless tissues to a much greater extent than they do now, were it not for long ago with the greatest pleasure, if I this poor little "summer pest" to whom we are so ungrateful that the only return we make him for his invaluable services is ber" on the subject, but when I spoke to the devising of a variety ot cruel deaths for him, anyone of which would put the

> ingenuity of an apache Indian to shame. I wish. I do heartily wish. that flies could commonly termed a "scorcher;" somehow

> I don't think we should hear much about sticky fly paper. And I also wish that the people who hap sold and used sticky fly victims of the terrible fevers, and plagues which would scourge the earth during the summer. Violent diseases require violent remedies, and perhaps their suffering might teach them a little humanity. The countries where the slaughter of the birds is carried on most extensively, are paying their cruelty now, by having their crops protectors, who are defenders against the the case, only in a much worse degree, if we were without flies to feed upon the and creep into our veins in the form o malaria.

No, "subscriber" I am atraid it is not a would be powerless to effect a reform; the wretched insects are outside of their jurisupon every druggist who either exposes the loathesome sheets of torture in his window, or keeps it for sale in his shop If that were impracticable, I should be strongly in favor of boycotting all druggists who sold it. I do not think I am unreasonable ; I know quite well that a certain number of flies must be destroyed else we should be over run with them, but I maintain that it is the duty of all decent people to see that wanton cruelty is not practiced even upon so mean a creature, as a fly. ASTRA.

## ONE THEORY ABOUT IT. WHY THE WHITE MAHATMA CAN

## DO STRANGE THINGS.

The Philosophy of the Matter Discussed by One Who Witnessed the Phenomena-It is not to be Explained but yet It Is not Due to Trickery.

How does she do it? is the question of the hour, asked of course, about the White Mahatina. And the question though repeated on reams of paper remains unanswered. Speculation suggests reflecting mirrors but no one in any of the immense a udiences which have filled the Opera house during the past week has seen or saw through a glass darkly. The theory of careful preparation is also inadequate as many of the questions are obviously incapable of being assertained in advance. An interested politican, at one sitting, was an. swered writing his question as to the prob. able candidates of his party af the next election: a lad was told the precise date of his birth; while many questions which had paper might be the principal not presented themselves to the minds of those who asked them more than a few seconds before were repeated by Miss Fay as soon as they were written. These instances more clearly tend to prove the existence and operation of a force which is perhaps understood by none and is certainly operated with by very few. Its existence is as surely a deduction from the devoured by insects; they have killed their phenomena exhibited during the past week as the virtual prophecy of the position and ravages of their enemies and this would be mignitude of a certain planet before it had swung within the field of telescope. All knowledge, we readily admit, is a impurities which otherwise poison the air, matter of degree. There is no being, however insignificant, whose internal existence is not correlated with some out-

ward facts thereby constituting a rudimencase either for the S. P. C. A. or the Bands | tary intelligence. The lowest beginning of Mercy! I fear any of these organizations | might be taken as that imaginary one of Taine who pictures a bookworm as devoid of any idea of a third dimensinon of space, diction, at least I suppose so, but if the namely height. The insect is conscious of press of our land would interest itself in traversing hts world, a book, longitudinally tne matter, and open its columns as "PRO- and transversally and the philosopher pro-GRESS" has done, to protest on the subject, pounds the question whether or not the mite it might be possible to get a fine imposed would be conscious of some, to him, indefinable sensation when passing from one level to another as at the crease of the leaves. The worm would not be able to recognize this new sensation as being the same as either class of his former experiences. His mind, if such we may call it would not be able to comprehend the new sensation, but he would still feel that there was something beyond his experience. Fanciful as the illustration may seem there is in it a germ of truth. Take a few facts in narro w experiences as data for a just bypothesis. Many of us have at times experienced on entering or beginning to address an assembly, a feeling either of sympathy or opposition. It is indefinite; is not in the appearance of the people; is not expressed by sound or glance but it is there. Its effect is marked. The speaker either launches into his subject freely and buoyantly or with hesitation and embarassment yet he simply knows that there is a something



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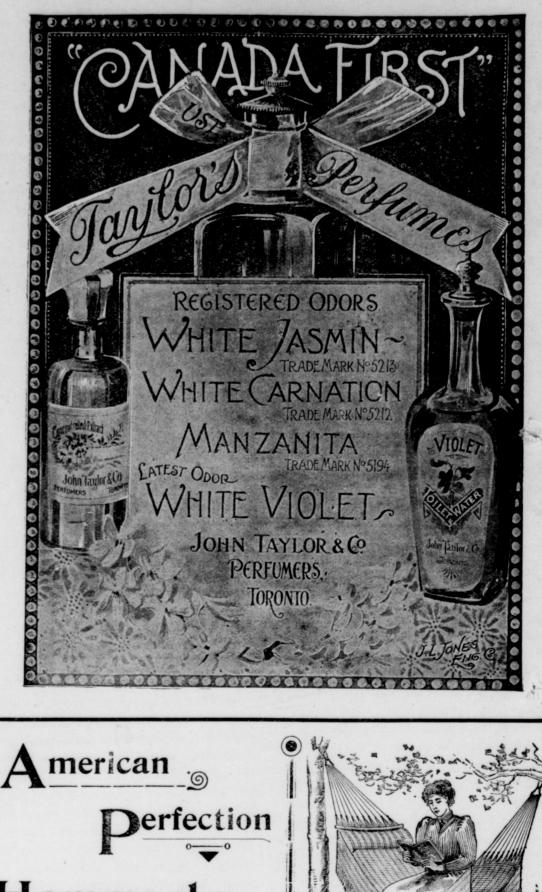
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uncomplimentary remarks to the lady whose exhibitions here attracted so much attention, but soley to get rid of the idea which widely prevails that because the cabinet work is probably a trick and theretore a deception even through it may be styled a legitimate one, and that therefore the question answering phenomena are also to be classed as tricks and mora! deceptions. The recognition of a power that works those seeming miracles does not necessarily imply any religious belief or ethical development. It is purely a question of science and can only stand in the same relation to religion that all other sciences usually occupy.

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#### HEAP SWELL INJUN! Uses a Hearse for a Carriage and Becomes Leader of the Bou Ton.

When the Indians of the Nez Perces reservation had received their money from the Government they went to the neighboring towns to spend it. Their visit was, of course, anticipated, and all possible schemes were on foot to relieve Uncle Sam's wards of their cash as speedily as possible. The Indians were on the buy, too, and money was no object when anything they saw took their fancy. The redskins took a notion to buy carts, wagons. buggies, etc., and in a short time every available vehicle in the little town of Farmington was in their possession.

There was one old Indian who failed to make a purchase, however, and atter all the buggies were gone a desire to possess some sort of conveyence started him on a places where vehicles were sold without su cess he finally learned of a conveyence which, from the description, completely overshadowed anything in point of elegance ever sold before, and the possession of which would render all the other Indians wild with envy. He sought out the owner, who proved to be the town undertaker, and opened negotiations for the purchase of the v hicle. The undertaker soon tound the Indian wanted to obtain his hearse. The thought staggered him for a moment, but having an eye to business, and noting the anxiety of Mr. Redskin, the hearse was sold for a good round sum.

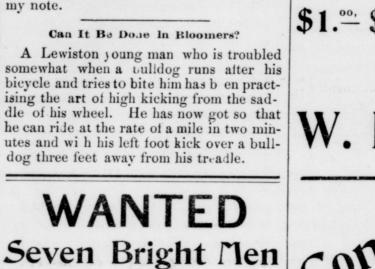
The Indian hitched two horses to the sombre vehicle, and putting his squaw and pappooses on the inside, trotted off for home, the proudest copperface that ever strung a bow. The other Indians, hearing of his coming, had lined up along the road to watch him pass. Perched on his high seat, he drove haughtily by them, while the little pappooses peered through the glass sides and clapped their hands rapturously. The agent remonstrated with the Indian, but all to no purpose. He retained the hearse, and in his frequent visits to the surrounding towns, driving in his somewhat gloom-inspiring conveyance, is no longer

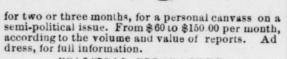
Similarly on meeting a stranger, many eople are either attracted or repelled. The cause of this phenomena is not in the usual qualities of either party. In some cases they may appear to the factors, but in others the moral incongrusness of the characters which attract each other is apparent. The fact however, cannot be gainsaid.

which he can not defice.

Before the discoveries which have made orilliant the later years in the field of electricial science were made known, let us suppose that man, without in the least apprehending wha he had discovered had hit upon the telegraph or telephone or caused an electric light to gleam. By him the phenomena would have been inexplicable: to others it would have been mysterious and even more inexplicable. Such phenomena, however, would clearly not have depended upon the moral qualities of the accidental operator nor upon the purposes to which his discov ry was applied. The fact would remain, awaiting an adequate explanation which in our scientific ages we know w uld be forthcoming.

Or let us suppose that any naturally in telligent savage, living in a country where snow had never fallen, wire shown a thermometer by a European and told that also mercury should shrink to a designated graluation of the scale, under certain atmospheric conditions, a white substance would be precipitated from the air, andwould cover the earth to a considerable extent. The savage might believe the state ment but he could not really comprehend it until he had seen the occurrence- The explanation might have been made by a quack doctor to a ward politician but this would not lessen its truth.





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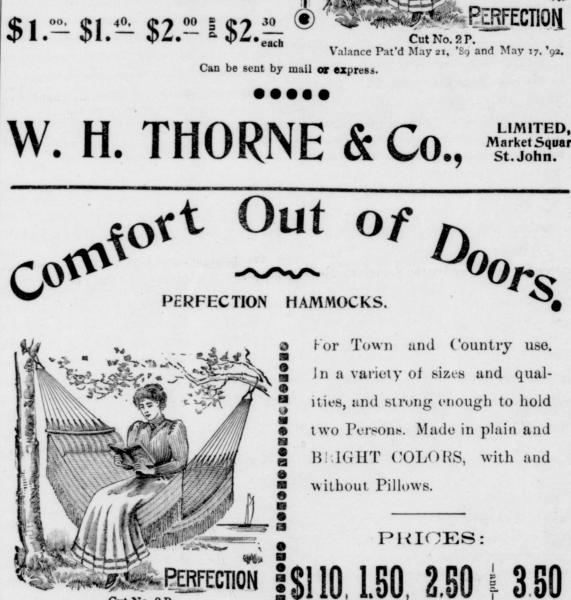


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