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THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR.

Why Cæsar's System Was Corrected by Pope Gregory, XIII.

The present time measurement that is now used by nearly all nations is the remodeled system adopted by Julius Cæsar in the year 46 B C. There were 354, 360 and 365 days in the Greek year at different times. Under Nume the Roman year had 355 days, and there was so much variance between the civil and the astronomical year that the autumn feasts were celebrated in the spring, and those of harvest in midwinter. Every second year an extra month, called Mercedonius, was added. This month had no certain length, but was arranged by the pontiffs as they saw fit, which naturally gave rise to corruption and fraud, interfering with the duration of office and the collection of debts. In order to restore the seasons to their proper months it was necessary for Cæsar to make the year in which he inaugurated the change contain 445 days. On the hypothesis that she astronomical year consisted of 3651/4 days, he had each fourth year contain 366 days and the others 365. The extra day was added to the 24th of February, which was called Sexto-calendas, being the sixth before the criendo, or 1st of March, celebrated in honor of the expalsion of the kings. The additional day was placed next to this feast and known as Bis-sextocalendas.

But this year of Cæsar was too long by 11 minutes and 13 95 seconds, or about three days in 400 years, so that by A. D 1582 the error amounted to ten days at least. To correct this miscalculation, Pope Gregory XIII. ordered that Oct. 5, 1582, should be known as Oct. 15, 1582, and to prevent a recurrence of the error it was arranged that three intercalary days should be omitted in four centuries-that is, one in each centenary year except the fourth. Thus 1600 was a leap year; 1700 and 1800 were not. The passing year 1896 was a leap year, and under ordinary circum stances 1900 would be, but it will not be, in order to come under the rule of the the highest awards at all the im-Gregoaian calendar. Therefore the years which bas 366 days are, first, those that are exactly divisible by 4 and not of 100; second, those that are exactly divisible by 400 and not by 4,000; hence the year 2000 of shape and style. A. D. will be a lesp year, and the only one



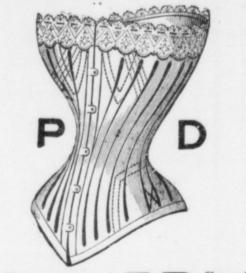
Any doctor will tell you that Professor Hare, of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, is one of the highest authorities in the world on the action of drugs. In his last work, speaking of the treatment of scrofula, he says:

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PONY FXPRESS RIDING.

A Veteran of the Pioneer Service of the Plains Tells About it.

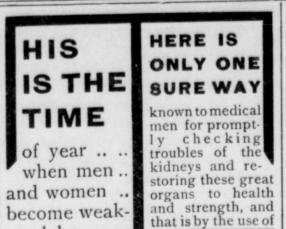
'There has been a great deal of glamor and romance thrown around the pony express business in the days before the advent of the railroads,' said T. R. Miller, one of the corps of riders who carried the mail across the plains in 1858, 'but the fact is, there was little romance about it, and very little else but hard work.

'I commenced to ride for the express company in 1858, when the route was laid out and the company organized, and continued to ride until Butterfield came up and took the contract, and the telegraph line was built. My route was from Egan Canyon to Antelope Springs, Nev. The riders had to ride from sixty to eighty miles. On my section I had two relays, the weather and used to make the trip in from affects are the six to eight hours. There was always kidneys. The more or less danger from the Indians, but when we met them we either ran away from them, crawled around them, or fought. The danger has been greatly magnified. The country was so big and the number of Indians so comparatively small that we had lungs, and disto run into a band before there was any serious danger, and then one white man was as good as ten of them.

'Our stations were not fortified at all. They were log cabins or sod houses, with three or four men in each, and though they were rebuilt immediately, and no serious loss or inconvenience to the service was occasioned.

"We knew just when to expect the rider from the next station, and the horses were always ready, so that all we had to do was to change the mail from one horse to another, and we were off. It was the same at the relay stations. The borses were always ready, and the only delay was in taking a drink of water or a cup of coffee, and the mail was on its way.

"It was simply hard riding, a cool head and a keen eye that was required. Once in a while the men were caught. I have a scar or two myself to remember the Indians by; but on the whole the danger was not excessive, and as for romance there was nothing of it. In 1861 the Indians were specially troublesome, and some hard fights resulted ; but as they never remained org in the same place they could not do a very great deal of harm. 'The first trial of the pony express was





It has stood the down genertest of time; it has ally. The saved thousands of first parts that lives; it has restored millions of sufferers to health: it has done what was never done, never attempted urea is not before; it has made men stronger and thrown off. healthier; it has but is forced made .. women brighter and hapback upon the pier; .. it stands alone in all these qualities. Do you not think it would be wise for you to use it and thus avoid the dangers of the season? Insist upon having it.

SAVAGE WEST INDIANS.

People Who Make a Study of Poisoning Their Friends.

One of the most horrible pratices still survives among the colored population of several of the islands in the West Indies. It is called "obeahism," and while it is carried on under the guise of religion it is really a method of revenga. The obeah priests are fiends, who give themselves over to a study and practice of the art of poisoning. The colored population of the country districts of Hayti and Jamaica are among the poorest and most ignorant in the world outside of the barbaric tribes.

These country people, a large majority of the population, form little settlements of scattered towns, and the Government provides them with little churches, but while the people profess to be christians and occasionally go to church, they have much more faith in the obeah man than in the preacher or, if not more faith in they have at least more fear of bim, and sometimes it is not without reason. The obeah man is in no sense a priest or spiritual guide. He is a compounder of poisons, and at this he is ordinarily only too skilful. He has no temple and pretends to no sacred rites beyond a few simple incantations which he adds for effect. He works as much as any of his companions, either on his own little place or on the neighboring estate and he does not often even pretend to have inherited powers from any ancestors. He picks up the trade and in a small way

makes it protitable. It is an easy matter for any ordinaryily bright negro to establish a local reputation as an otesh man. He provides himself with some of the stock belonging to an obeah man-three white roosters' heads among the first and drops a sly hint here and there. One of his neighbors has injured him, perhaps, and the neighbors' chickens suddenly died or his donkey falls seriously ill. A little home-made poison does it, and if he is smart there is no danger of his being caught. His companions begin to regard him with awe and to fear him. From that moment he is a recognized obeah man.

The obeah man usually takes the precaution to know his victim before he practises his diabolical arts on a white planter, says the Philadelphia Press. As a rule the

latter is too intelligent to have any fear of

the supernatural powers to which he lays

claim, though one and all unite in fearing

some of them are very likely to put them-

selves in his power and must do as he tells

them. Whether they are in his power or

not, they are all very much afraid of him.

A planter has been known, when the well

known inducations appear to point direct

to the obeah mau, to pound nearly all the

daylights out of him and have him arrested

and kept in priscn to cool his heels until

he has learned discretion in his dealings.

But many others, out of regard for their

own families and for fear the obeah man

stould go to extreme measures in his hanky-

the man who was discharged, and sends for

the obeah man than of the law, and could not be made to testify truly. Then possibly he feels a little dread of the obeah man himself-such is the force of association.

When the obeah is set for a colored man the mode of operation is simple. One of the most frequent complaints in the country districts is dysentery, and the obeah man can produce all the symptoms of dysentery in a whole family without difficulty. It is done by mixing small quanti-ties of pounded glass with their food, and it this is continued long enough, the result is death. The symptoms are so nearly like those of dysentery that nothing short of an autopsy will reveal the truth, so the prisoner goes unpunished. The first warning a colored man receives is usually the finding of a llttle packet in his bed, or any place where he is sure to find it, containing a tooth, a bit of glass and a few hairs. This is sometimes varied with a bottle containing parts of a toad, a spider, some rusty nails and dirty water. The black unless he is more than usually intelligent, gives himself up for lost when he finds these things He knows that sickness or death will overtake himself or some of his family, or at least that his donkey or poultry will die. Some of the obeah men draw the line short of actual killing.

Dreadful Saspense.

A good yarn is to hand from the wilds of Australia. Two impecunious Scotsmen, traveling north in search of gold, came upon a saloon. They only had 'saxpence' between them, so they ordered one 'nip o' whuskey.'

They were hesitating who would have the first drink, then an 'auld' aquaintance joined them. Pretending that they had just drank, one of them handed the newcomer the whiskey, requesting him to join them in a drink.

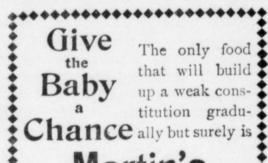
He drank, and, after a tew minutes of painful and silent suspense, said :--

Now, boys, you'll have oue with me !, 'Wasna that weel managed, mon ?' said one to his pal afterwards.

'Ay, it was,' said the other solemnly; but it was a dreadfu' risk !'

Mending Gloves.

When mending gloves it is better to use fine cotton rather than silk. If cotton matching the color of the gloves be selected, it will soon soil, and be hardly noticeable. whereas silk has a glossy appearance, and attracts notice to the fact that the gloves have been mended.



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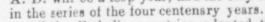
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THE PERSIAN NEW YEAR.

No Beggar Asks For Alms in Vain on the 21st of March.

There is a day in the Persian calendar of which men, women and children, one and all, of this phlegmatic race bestir themselves and roam about in fienzied glee. That day is the New Year's day, according to our corenology the 21st of March. In round, hollow boats which look like a turban turned upside down they sail over the emerald waters of the Euphrates, and in the center of the stream they dip the water with which they bespatter afterward the walls of their houses, gardens and fields to keep at bay the evil spirit. The men fall upon each other's necks, kiss and carees each other and vow eternal brotherly love. No beggar, and their number is legion, asks in vain for alms on this day. The ordinary Persian laborer and peddler, who does not mind if his hands and teet are dyed the color of the night on other days, takes a bath and has his hair cut, and if the sun's rays are more than ordinarily fierce be orders his head shaved Thread, fully appreciating the fact that a large amount of their thread is being used in Canada clean of all hirsute ornament. Balancirg amount of their thread is being used in Canada and hoping for an increase of same, offer One Hundred Dolars \$(100,00) in premiums (as 'elow). Lady returning the largest number of spool labels \$2:.00, lady returning next largest number \$17.50 \$15,00 \$12.50, \$10.00, \$7.50, \$5.00 \$2.50 \$2.00, next eight ladies, each \$1.00. The spool must be used between May 1st.. 1896 and Jan. 1st., 1897 and labels sent to R. Herder ear & Co. Moetreal, P. O., not later than Jan. himself on the ground by holding on to his tces, he delivers himself over to the hands of the Persian figaro, a tonsorial artist of no mean development. Several of these public barbers have become quite son & Co., Mostreal, P. Q., not later than Jan. 1st, 1997. If your dealer does not keep this line rich notwithstanding they perform their of goods send dig t cents in stamps to R. Hand-erson & Co. Montreal, P. Q. and they will hardest labor on this great holiday. In the interior of Persia, beyond the bleak desert, is found on the banks of a deep river the post station of Pully dallack, the name of which is derived from a bridge that crosses the river at that point, the "barber" bridge, for it is the gift of his tellow men of a whilom barber, who became a nabob in the pursuit of his profession-the only barter, no doubt, who indulged in erecting bridges for other men to cross. But the Persian barbers are considered the best tonsorial artists in the orient. Speaking of the peculiar boats in which

the Persians navigate their liver, they have retained that queer shape since time immemorial, for they were known in prebitoric ages. They are made of light straw wood, which has become hard as a lock through exposure to the briny water and the atmosphere. All the cracks and interstices are filled up with a gur like clay and dry reed glass, which makes them perfectly waterproof -- Selected.

For the Shampoo.

the delivery of Buchanan's message in the spring of 1857. Our company, which had the route from St. Joe, via Salt Lake City, was the one which was afterward operated by Ben Holiday. Butterfield's route was through Arizona. We had the common mountain ponies, and Butterfield had highbied horses. We took the message right through, and when Butterfield arrived at Mojave he found the message coming back from San Francisco. Butterfield ran southern route until 1860, when he pulled off and established a line of ccaches from St. Joe to San Francisco, via Salt Lake. In 1861 they commenced to build the telegraph lines.

I saw a statement recently that there are only five survivors of the pony express riders. That is a mistake. There are a number of others, Besides myself I know of Frank Low, now in Cripple Creek; Erastus Egan, son of Major Egan, of Egan Caynon; James White, John Fisher and Sam Gilson, the discoverer of the beds of asphalt in Utah.

'There was always excitement enough in our work, and nearly all of us had narrow escapes of one kind or another. We had to make time, to look out for Indians, and sometimes to race with storms which were likely to bar out progress, but all these things soon became matters of course. We mounted our ponies and pounded away untill we reached our stations, and then lay down and waited until our time came next. It was hard work sometimes, and pleasant at others, very much the same as the other occupations of human existence.'

SAD COMPLAINTS.

Ladies Must Protect Them-

selves.

Several ladies have recently written to the manufacturers of Diamond Dyes complaining of having received very worthless dyes from certain dealers (whose names are known) instead of the Diamond Dyes that were asked for.

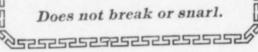
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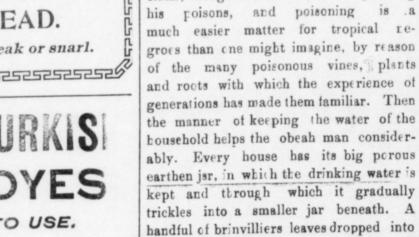
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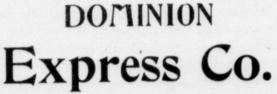
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panky tricks and poison them all off, make a point of compounding for their offense. Say a plantation hand has a grievance against a particular planter for discharging him without cause; he goes to an obeah man and in a day or two the owner of the plantation walks out to his gate and finds lying in his path three white roosters' heads. He knows they mean mischief. He knows too, that they will not be alone, and he looks about and soon sees an empty bottle hanging from a neighboring tree. It is a hint that the bottle is intended to catch his shadow, a serious warning that	 To Welsford, Hampton and intermediate points, 10 lbs, and under
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