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MECHANISM OF A WATCH.

The Force That Moves It Equal to Four Flea Power.
Two pieces of machinery show more marvelous features than that of the watch. As a general proposition it may be stated that a watch is the smallest, most delicate instrument of the same number of parts that has ever been devised. About 175 different pieces of material enter into its construction and upward of 2,000 separate operations are comprised in its manufacture.

Certain of the facts connected with its performance are almost incredible when considered as a whole. A blacksmith strikes several hundred blows on his anvil in a day and, as a matter of course, is glad when Sunday comes, but the roller jewel of a watch makes every day, and day after day, 432,000 impacts against the fork, or 157,680,000 blows during the course of a year without stop or rest, or some 3,153,000,000 blows during the space of twenty years, the period for which a watch is usually guaranteed to keep good time.

But the wonder of it does not cease here. It has been calculated that the power that moves the watch is equivalent to only four times the force used in a flea's jump. The watch power is therefore what might be termed the equivalent of a four flea power. One horsepower would suffice to operate 270,000,000 watches.

Furthermore, the balance wheel of a watch is moved by this four flea power 1.43 inches with each vibration, or 3,558 3-4 miles continuously in one year.

Not much oil is required to lubricate the little machine on its 3,500 mile run. It takes only one-tenth of a drop of oil to oil the entire machinery for a year's service.—Scientific American.

Eyestones.

It used to be thought that certain small, smooth stones which passed from hand to hand for generations in some family had the power when slipped inside the lids of the eye of attracting foreign bodies therein and working them out of the eye. There the stone was likely to come in contact with a foreign body, if such was present, and to work it out of place. Then the natural expulsive power of the eye would work it out altogether. At best, however, the process is an uncertain one, and since such a stone having been in one eye may gather the germs of some disease it would be a serious source of danger to another eye when used again. Some druggists when asked for eyestones will give the person a small flat seed, which can be used but once.—Optical Journal.

DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY
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At Balingen, in Wurttemberg, a singular method of making ice from pure water is practical. A wooden shaft, 10 inches in diameter and 20 feet long, is placed in a square and open at the top and sides is provided in the center with a tube connected with a water main by which water may be raised to the top and then sprayed round by a rotating disk.

The water falls upon two open floors, each consisting of eighteen beams widely spaced, one at the top of the structure and one halfway down. Freezing weather being chosen for the operation, the water dripping from the beams rapidly forms huge icicles, and in very cold weather the mass of ice thus created sometimes amounts to 700 cubic feet in a single night.—Harper's Weekly.

One Exception.

A wealthy senator from one of the eastern states has a son who has been known chiefly for his dissipated habits, and on one occasion the senator put the young man "on the carpet," warning him that he must cease his bad habits.

"Well, you know, dad," said the son, "I am apt to do everything in excess. I can't drink or smoke or gamble in moderation. I can't do anything in moderation."

"There is one exception, my son," objected the senator. "In one thing you are excessively moderate."

"What's that, sir?" asked the youth, surprised by this concession.

"Work," answered the father dryly.—New York Tribune.

High Louis and Low Louis.

It is not unusual for persons to talk glibly about certain "styles" of costume or decoration without any intelligent idea whatever concerning them. Such was the young woman who, according to a writer in the London Sketch, entered a shoe store and said to the salesman:

"I think these Louis XV. heels are too high for me. Give me a size lower, please—or perhaps Louis XIII. would be high enough."

Know Who to Blame.

In a city not subject to earthquakes there lived a family which had one of those domesticities of the break everything they touch sort. Recently the town expressed slight shock. Pictures were thrown down, crockery and furniture rattled about. In the midst of the tumult the mistress went to the head of the stairs and called out a would be patient tone. "M' Ann, what are you doing now?"

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ABSENTMINDED.

Men of Genius Who Absentmindedly Went to Work.

Abraham Lincoln is reported to have been so absentmindedly that he once tried to attend a meeting of genius standing oblivious to what is going on around them. Many amusing stories are told illustrative of this tendency to "absent-mindedness." According to Sir David Brewster, when Newton left a room to get anything he usually returned without it.

The physicist Roelcke was notoriously absentminded. One day while performing a laboratory experiment he said to his students:

"You see, gentlemen, this caldron over the flames? Well, if I were to cease stirring it an explosion would at once occur that would make us jump."

As he spoke he involuntarily ceased stirring, and his prediction was fulfilled. The explosion took place with a frightful noise, every window in the laboratory was broken, and Ronelle's audience fled wildly outside.

It is related of a gifted ecclesiastic, Bishop Munter, that, returning home and finding his door placarded with the announcement, "The master of the house is out," he calmly remained in front of the door, awaiting his own return.

Buxton, the mathematical prodigy, during a visit to London was taken to see Garrick in "King Richard III." Afterward, being asked how he liked the play, he said he really did not know what it had been about, as he had been too busy counting the words spoken by the different actors and the number of times each went in and out.

Ampere in a moment of preoccupation penciled a problem on the back of a cab standing in the street and was vastly astonished when the starting of the cab caused his problem to disappear. Lombroso says that much the same thing happened to Giola, who, in the excitement of composition, wrote a chapter on the top of his bureau instead of on paper.—Ainslee's Magazine.

A Promising Lad.

Miss Ellis, descending the steps of Bennett & Buc's hardware store, met Mrs. Lam going up. "What they got?" Ms. Lane demanded in a tone that said, "Nothing much, I guess!"

"I didn't look round," replied Miss Ellis. "I knew what I wanted," holding out an ugly bundle, "and I got it—a and bellows for my fireplace."

"I went in, and Mary Baker's third—no; fourth—boy come right up to me and asked what he could show me. I told him hand bellows. He brought some up and said they was a dollar."

"Is that the best ye can do?" I asked him.

"The very best," he says, "but I'll tell ye what I'll do, Miss Ellis," he says. "You don't look a very

strongly lady, and I'll fill it with wind for ye."

"If you want concessions," concluded Miss Ellis, "I recommend ye to go to that boy." Exchange.

A Continuous Performance.

The appetites of healthy children are proverbial. A group of such children not long since were taken on a modest outing by an adult admirer, and luncheon was arranged for. The children partook with fair heartiness and every appearance of enjoyment. The hostess was correspondingly pleased. But on the way home half an hour later, to her astonishment and mild horror, the oldest child remarked sedately:

"Well, I guess I'm about ready for luncheon."

And from all the rest came the eager responsive chorus:

"S'm I!"—Chicago Record-Herald.

Pleased With Her Praise.

One of the most charming bits of repartee we ever were fortunate enough to listen to was at a big wedding in East Seventy-sixth street.

"What charming teeth Miss Dibleton has!" a lady exclaimed. "I never saw anything so beautiful!"

"Oh, thank you so much for saying that!" exclaimed the young lady's escort fervently and sincerely.

"Oh, pardon me! Are you her husband?"

"No, my dear lady; I am only her dentist!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Matrimonial Repartee.

They were a young couple and talked in loud voices on account of the rattle of the elevated train. He was not in a good humor.

"I wonder," she said, "why the allowances of money made to wives by husbands are called 'pin money'?"

"I suppose," he explained crossly, "it's because it sticks the husbands."—Popular Magazine.

Lightning Kills Few.

In 1906 lightning killed only 169 people in this whole country. One's chances of death by lightning are less than two in a million.

The chance of death from liver, kidney or stomach trouble is vastly greater, but not if Electric Bitters be used, as Robert Madsen, of West Burlington, Ia., proved. Four doctors gave him up after eight months of suffering from virulent liver trouble and yellow jaundice.

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