

THE MISSING LINK.

Professor Dr. Uhlenhuth, an eminent army doctor at Berlin, definitely claims to have discovered the "missing link" by a long series of investigations, having established the similarity in every respect of the blood of the higher apes and human beings. If the blood serum of one animal be mixed with that of any other the mixture remains clear; if, however, blood be taken from an ape and injected into the vein of a rabbit, the blood subsequently taken from the rabbit becomes troubled when mixed with more ape's blood. A similar result is obtained if human blood be injected into the veins of a rabbit, and the experiment is often relied upon to prove if blood found on the clothes of a suspected murderer is human. The higher the ape in the scale of development the more pronounced is the reaction.

SMITH COMES FIRST.

The fact that the name Smith occupies the largest space in the directories is indicative of the broad basis from which metal working industries began to develop, when Thomas the Smith and John the Smith were smiths indeed. On the Continent—as, indeed, the history of the various nations would lead us to expect—this indication is not so marked. Although the Berlin Directory registers some 5,000 Schmids, yet the Schultzes and Mullers are more numerous. The Jansen family is the largest of all in Brussels, and in the Paris Directory that of Martinet. In Naples the names Morelli and Vitelli run one another closely for precedence. Taking a line round the world however, Smith is the most familiar name.

A RECORD GERANIUM.

A correspondent states that he has picked in his greenhouse a bloom of scarlet geranium having a huge cluster of flowers—the blossom all in full bloom and numbering exactly eighty.

THE BOOKIES' RUSE.

Chicago bookmakers, enraged with the anti-betting law, ran a steamer into the middle of the lake, where race results were received by wireless messages. Not to be defied, the police cut down the operator's pole, and retired with the honours of victory.

THE DOG IN LITERATURE.

The place of the dog in literature as compared with that of any other animal is, in two words, facile princeps. As the dog was the first animal to be brought under the dominion of man, it is not surprising that it should find a place in the earliest literature, and from Homer onwards there is scarcely a writer of distinction who has not had something to say, usually something eulogistic, concerning the dog.—So says "The Stock Keeper."

THERE'S A MORAL IN THIS STORY.

Once upon a time a donkey fell into a deep hole, and after nearly starving, caught sight of a passing fox, and implored the stranger to help him out. "I am too small to aid you," said the fox, "but I will give you some advice. Only a few rods away is a big strong elephant. Call to him and he will get you in a jiffy." After the fox had gone, the donkey thus

Sweet sister of the nations, softly tread
And sanctified by sorrow, whose despair
Breathes in melodious murmurs, like the prayer
That hovers still between the earth and skies,
I know thy heart to mine full oft replies
O'er Neptune's trackless realms—that this soft
air
Which now runs fluttering thro' my sun kissed
hair
Is one, mayhap, of the love watted sighs!
I am thy child and love thee—more, me seems
To-day, in manhood's disillusioned prime,
With youth's ideals dying, all, or dead,
Down struck by the unsparring hand of Time,
And now ere banished from the Land of Dreams
Behold, I weave this song crown for the dead!

F. H. DE QUINCEY.

10 King Street, W.C.

RAINFALL FOR JUNE, 1905.

1st	...	15	12th	...	—	22nd	...	—
2nd	...	01	13th	...	05	23rd	...	—
3rd	...	01	14th	...	—	24th	...	—
4th	...	—	15th	...	22	25th	...	—
5th	...	—	16th	...	04	26th	...	—
6th	...	02	17th	...	—	27th	...	07
7th	...	—	18th	...	26	28th	...	15
8th	...	—	19th	...	10	29th	...	03
9th	...	—	20th	...	35	30th	...	—
10th	...	—	21st	...	—	31st	...	—
11th	...	—						

Total 1.46

Maximum	...	...	...	35 on 20th
No. of days on which rain fell	...	...	...	13
Total rainfall for year so far	...	...	...	15.83
Total for 1904	...	...	...	19.52

Roxborough, Limerick.

TWELVE MONTHS FOR ARSON.

(From our own Correspondent.)

At the Clare Assizes, before Lord Justice Holmes, William Daniel, O'Looney, a shopkeeper, carrying on a general business at Ennistymon, West Clare, for feloniously setting fire to his premises on May 7th last, was found guilty after a lengthy trial, and the Judge sentenced him to 12 months hard labour.

THE LATE CONSTABLE SHEAHAN.

The parents of the late Constable Sheahan D.M.P., who lost his life under such sad circumstances at Burch quay, have received a compassionate allowance from Government, and a grant from the Whiting Fund, which was given, by the late Mr. Henry Whiting, of Lavender Hill, London for the purpose of suitably recognising acts of gallantry performed by members of the R.I.C. and D.M.P.

The Chief Commissioner has placed a handsome tablet in the R.C. parish Church at Glin, Co. Limerick, to perpetuate the memory of the deceased constable, and a sum of over £100 has been contributed by the Assistant Commissioner and officers and men of the force for the purpose of erecting a tombstone over the grave of the late constable, and to make a presentation to John Murphy, who it will be remembered, brought poor Sheahan out of the manhole.

THE LEGISLATIVE MACHINE.

Speaking in Parliament last night, Mr. John Redmond said the legislative machine had broken down, and the only remedy was the devolution to local assemblies of local concerns, leaving Imperial affairs to the Imperial Parliament. An amendment having been defeated by 146 to 167, the Premier's motion was carried.

to the construction of which will not be jeopardised Cork Bill. They are and there is no real scheme should not be p

At the Strabane F M'Conn, auctioneer, I the Inland Revenue without the necessary Supervisor, said the tioneer conveyed goods sale he required a ha £2 10s. was imposed.

The "Irish Cyclist" Listowel C.C. had a Fenit last Sunday. Tl for an outing; the roa and free from dust, th while a hearty meal boys at Reid's Hotel. the good hour of 9 p.m

ROY.

(By Telegr The Prince of Wale Sandringham to-day.

PERJURY CA

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At the Clare Assi Holmes, Martin Wood pleaded guilty to a che tion at Ennis, before Ennis, at the suit o against Anne Sherlock His Lordship said t out on his recognisanc judgment when callec over to be of good b months.

IRISH RO

Replying to Mr. He of Commons last night Mr. Long said he that a tobacco trust Ireland a tobacco fak Irish roll, but if eviden partment that the pro Marks Act were con would bring it to authorities.

MOTOR DRIVE

"It is a peculiarity staring eyes," said a s West London, whi motor driver of the Ar said to have driven in Madrid, and to have t of the Hon. Scott Mo being drunk and diso

LIMERICK IF

The proceedings were purely formal of the criminals of the the necessary cheque and there were pr Smyth, P. McInerney H. Pos Hoeford, Secre