













Popular Science.

ELASTICITY is not necessarily accompanied by compressibility, but seems to be due to a tendency in the particles, to rearrange themselves after having been forced out of their relation to each other.

A NEW substance, lanolin, is prepared from the wool of sheep. It has great combining and absorbing properties and will be extensively used as a basis for ointments.

VALUE OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.—The passage of the Suez Canal, which until recently occupied from thirty-six to forty-eight hours, can now be made in sixteen hours for vessels fitted with the electric light apparatus.

SHeltered in the Rock. moment any little child feels real safe presence and protection of its parent after a time of terror, it falls instinctively into expressions of affection.

CORK is the bark, not the wood, of the cork-oak. The bark comes from Spain and Portugal, where they keep cork woods. It doesn't kill the tree to take its bark away, and it can be skinned every six or eight years.

SCIENCE IN BABYLON.—In a recent number of the China Review, Dr. Edkins, of Peking, gives his reasons for assigning a Babylonian origin to Chinese astronomy and astrology.

GLADSTONE'S VOICE. Gladstone's voice many say they never such another for public. A writer N. Y. Evening Post who heard him of his recent speeches writes:

STRUCK BY A METEOR.—A correspondent writes: "As a gentleman, a well known public official, was coming from St. James' Park into Pall Mall by the garden wall of Marlborough House, recently, at a quarter 5 in the afternoon, he suddenly received on the right shoulder a violent blow, accompanied by loud crackling noise, which caused him great pain and to stumble forward as he walked."

WHOSEVER? Some years since, as a clergyman was passing through the ward of a hospital, on his way to see a sick child he visited weekly, he noticed a young woman who lay with closed eyes, and face as white and hard-looking as chiseled marble.

flat in a long, straight line, exactly as if a hot wire had been sharply drawn across the cloth. The accident is therefore explained as having been caused by the explosion of a minute falling star or meteor.

ONLY TWO WORDS.

"Oh! if I were lucky enough to call this estate mine, I should be a happy fellow" said a young man. "And then?" said a friend. "Why, then I'd pull down the old house and build a palace, and have lots of prime fellows around me, keep the best wines, and the finest horses and dogs in the country."

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