

TO DESTROY ANTS.—A chalk mark at least half an inch in depth, around the upper edge of sugar buckets, barrels, &c., will not admit one ant into the interior. The same mark drawn on the edges of shelves, will also prevent the approach of an ant as they are not able to crawl over the chalk. If they are numerous among jam or jelly pots take a large sponge, squeeze it nearly dry, and then sprinkle fine white sugar over it. Place it on the infested shelf, and next morning dip it quickly and carefully into a bowl of boiling water. Red pepper dusted over their haunts will also destroy them, but the sponge is the surest method.

AN ARITHMETICAL CURIOSITY.—The 'Athenæum' contains the following curious arrangement of figures:—

16	9	2	13
5	10	11	8
9	6	7	12
4	15	14	1

It will be seen that the sum of each line, each column, and each diagonal is—34. The four corner figures—34. The corner figures of any square of four figures (of which there are four in the larger square)—34. The four figures of the central square—34. The four figures of each corner of the whole square—34. Making altogether twenty different ways in which 34 may be reckoned. The other sums of 34 may be obtained by taking the figure which stands next to the corner figure, going round from left to right, thus, 3, 8, 14, 9—34. Then take the figures which stand to the left of the corner figures, going the other way round, 2, 5, 15, 12—34.

EDITOR'S WAGES.—James Parton says, in a sketch of the founder of the 'London Times,' a remarkable feature of the system upon which that paper has been conducted, is the liberality with which it has compensated those who have served it. Writing is a peculiar kind of industry, and demands so strenuous and intense an exertion of the vital forces that no one will ever get good writing done who compensates it on ordinary commercial principles. The rule of supply and demand can never apply to this case. There are two things which the purchaser of literary labor can do towards procuring a high quality of writing. One is, to give the writer the amplest motive to do his best; and the other is, to prevent his writing too much. Both these things the conductors of the 'Times' have systematically practised. It is their rule to pay more for their literary labor than any one else pays for the same labor, more than the writer himself would think of demanding, and and also to afford intervals of repose after periods of severe exertion.

THE GAMINS' SPELLING MATCH.—The spelling school fever affected some of the gamins yesterday. They talked it up around the post-office, and a dozen or more adjourned to an alley and stood in a row while one of their number pronounced words "out of his head." "Dog," "cat," "boot," "lemon," and some other words had been got along with, when the word "morocco" came into the teacher's mind. The first boy spelled it "more-rock-o," and all the rest followed, and when the teacher filed his demurrer, they ran him over a pile of barrels, and hit him with frozen potatoes, thus interrupting the harmony and breaking up the school. One of the boys was afterwards heard saying "What's spelling good for, anyhow, unless a feller wants to write poetry?"—"Detroit Free Press."

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THOMAS MULVEY,
St. Bathans August 26, 1875. Hon. Secretary.

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