

Startling Evidence.

Fresh testimony in great quantity is constantly coming in, declaring Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption Coughs and Colds to be unequalled.

OLD TIME SURGEONS.

They had to work rapidly before Anesthetics were used. Before anesthetics were known the surgeon's only expedient was to abridge his patient's sufferings by working rapidly.

To amputate an arm at the shoulder is a most difficult operation. Dr. Langenbeck of Germany did it in two minutes. A young physician who came to see him perform the operation adjusted his spectacles to his nose so as not to lose a single movement.

Times have changed much since then. It suffices to put a bit of chloroform ether on a compress and let the patient breathe through it for a few minutes to put him into a slumber so deep that he remains inert while the surgeon makes his incision, cuts, files the bone and sews up the flesh.

What They Eat.

Nearly every nation has its own particular form of food, and things which some races would not, as the expression goes, "touch with the tongue" are considered by others as the greatest luxury.

For instance, while the Arab eats his lotus bread and dainties with the relish of fresh dates, the Greenlanders gorge themselves on animal fat and whale oil as the necessary means of keeping warmth in his body.

Some people say that small soup is delicious, while the French assure you that there are few more delicate dishes than those made out of frogs' legs.

Big Australian Oysters.

"In the part of Australia in which I live we get oysters as big as a saucer," said a resident of Adelaide to the Washington Post. "They are twice the size of any I have seen in the United States, but in quality there is nothing to recommend them, for they have no flavor and are so tough that it takes a pretty sharp knife to make any impression on them."

How a Bird Dresses.

As bird fashions do not change, two suits a year are quite enough for most birds, but they need to take great care of them. Each separate feather must be cleaned and looked over and the useless ones pulled out.

A Torpid Liver.

A clogged condition of the system is one symptom of a liver out of order. Here is as good and simple a remedy as any I know, writes a physician: Get a nice lemon and cut it in half. Take one-half in a tumbler of cold water the last thing at night and the other the first thing in the morning.

To Fly With the Deer.

He—Life is simply one grand chase. If you are not among the pursuers you must be one of the pursued. She—Will you run with the bounds or fly with the deer? He—I will fly with you, dear, if you please.—Kansas City Journal.

Discouraged.

"There is no such thing as luck," said the sturdy, self-reliant person. "I can't contradict you," answered the patient sufferer. "All I can say is that if there is I haven't seen it!"—Washington Star.

Cheering Report.

The Rev. Dr. Fourtly—How is your new choir getting along? The Rev. Dr. Goodman—Peaceably, I am happy to say, as yet.—Chicago Tribune.

To be perfectly just is an attribute of the divine nature.

To be so to the utmost of our abilities is the glory of man.—Addison.

The Lone Star State.

Down in Texas at Yoakum is a big dry goods firm of which Mr. S. M. Haller is the head. Mr. Haller on one of his trips East to buy goods said to a friend who was with him in the palace car, "Here, take one of these Little Early Risers upon retiring and you will be up early in the morning, feeling good."

FOILING A HIGHWAYMAN.

The Proper Thing to Do When Introduced to a Holdup.

A man who carries his money and his watch in his left hand will never lose a penny nor a timepiece in a hold-up. The precaution, which is a perfect one, is so simple that few people have thought of it.

As soon as the citizen is confronted by the holdup man he will, if he has his money and his watch in his hand, throw them on the nearest lawn or into the ditch. No highway robber has time enough to stop to look for either.

The man who tries to draw a revolver while a holdup man is in front of him takes his life in his hands. If a citizen carries a revolver at all he should carry it in his right hand while in a dangerous street.

This simple plan discounts all the revolvers, sword canes, slungshots and brass knuckles ever invented and has the added beauty that it can be employed by a woman as well as by a man.

Stilt Walkers of France.

In the south of France stilt walkers are a necessity to the people, who are mostly shepherds. They must walk on stilts in order to oversee their vast flocks of sheep as well as to pass through the bogs.

These shepherds—men, women and children—walk continuously on stilts from six to eight feet high. These stilts are merely fastened to the feet. Sometimes the stilts have uprights reaching as far as the knees and bound firmly to the legs.

Generally these shepherds and shepherdesses carry long poles, which they can use either as balancing poles or as supports—very long canes as it were—reaching to the ground. They become so expert in stilt walking that it is no unusual sight to see a shepherdess striding along on stilts that raise her six feet above the ground, with her balancing pole strapped to her back and her hands busily knitting socks for husband, son or brother.

The complete unconcern with which these country folk make their way along on stilts is astonishing. One might almost say that the children have stilts given to them instead of cradles.—Washington Star.

Musical Tones.

A stringed instrument suspended in a favorable position near a pianoforte will sound when tones corresponding to the open strings are produced on the pianoforte. The volume of the answering tone will depend upon the atmospheric conditions, the quality and color of the persuading tone and the sensitiveness of the responding material.

The Cry For Help.

From the cradle to the grave the cry of mankind is for "help." We are all in search of a physician, some one who will help us, some one who will inspire us—give us a remedy, point us the way. Not the poor and the sick alone, but the rich and the strong, are crying out for help.

Growth of the Human Heart.

A scientific analysis of the growth of the human heart demonstrates the fact that the increase is greatest and most rapid during the first and second years of life, its bulk at the end of the second year being exactly double what it originally was.

The Deluge.

In answer to a correspondent a newspaper says: "The deluge mentioned in the Bible was threatened in the year 1756 B. C. and began on Dec. 7, 1636 B. C., and continued 377 days. The ark rested on Mount Ararat on May 6, 1635, but Noah did not leave it until Dec. 18 following."

An Even Break.

"She's a girl after his own heart," says a man. "Yes, and he's a man after her money." "But you know it's whispered on the quiet that she hasn't any money." "Well, it's a notorious fact that he hasn't any heart!"—Houston Post.

Impressive.

"Why did we arrive late and leave before the opera was over?" asked the youngest daughter. "It was very enjoyable."

He Did.

Mrs. Gaddy—Does your husband furnish you with plenty of pocket money? Mrs. Gibly—Yes, indeed. He leaves his money in his pocket every night.—Baltimore American.

The human body being lighter than the water of the Dead sea, swimming in it is difficult, the head alone tending to sink in the water.

DANGER IN SODA SIPHONS.

They May Explode and Cause Injury to Those Who May Be Near.

Do you know that the siphon bottle ordinarily used for vichy, soda water and other effervescent drinks is usually charged with a pressure of from 120 to 100 pounds to the square inch? The danger likely to result from an explosion of one of these little household articles is by no means inconsiderable, and yet the average person handles a siphon as though it were the most harmless thing in the world.

There are two or three things to remember in handling siphons: Never keep your siphons near the range, for the unusual heat is more likely than anything else to cause an explosion. Don't subject the bottle to any sudden change of temperature whatever.

That these bottles are considered a great source of danger is evidenced by the fact that the courts inevitably hold the bottlers strictly liable for all damages resulting from the explosion of one of them if even the slightest defect in the manufacture of the bottle can be shown.—Washington Times.

This Horse Knew.

A doctor was returning home from visiting a patient late one night in company with a clergyman, when the horse stopped short at one of the most dangerous grade crossings within the city's limits.

It was a close call for the occupants of the carriage, who sat breathless through the moments of terrible suspense, but the horse maintained its attitude of a half circle until the danger had passed. It seems the gatekeeper was asleep at his post and had neglected his duty, but the delicate ears of the horse had detected the sound of the coming train.—Boston Transcript.

When the Poor Ride in Coaches.

In the east side tenement house region coaches are associated with only two things—weddings and funerals. The coach is an indispensable feature of the wedding, and only the very poorest are buried without the attendance of a mourning coach.

The whole block knows when a wedding is to take place, and everybody is on the watch when the coach and pair come dashing around the corner to receive the bride. The vehicle draws up before the narrow entrance to a tenement and presently is entered by the bride, half hidden in her white veil and all nodding with orange wreaths, while a gaping crowd looks on.

Casual Intelligence.

A striking instance of casual intelligence is reported from Paris. A male schoolteacher named Dillaz was waylaid one evening near Charenton bridge by two ruffians, who set upon him and, after rifling his pockets, flung him into the Seine.

Looking Under the Hat.

You seldom find a brainy man with a round head. The head that contains lots of brains either is very long from front to back or else irregular. You can learn something of a man's mental ability by the hat he wears.

A Settler.

Young Wife—What do you do when your husband gets cross and wants to scold? Wife (with experience)—I read him one or two of the letters he used to write to me before we were married.—Baltimore American.

Suspicion.

"I am a little bit afraid of her," said Miss Cayenne. "She has wonderful tact." "Yes, she must know everything that could possibly annoy one; otherwise she couldn't be so skillful in avoiding all disagreeable subjects."—Exchange.

The Physician.

A popular impression prevails that the physician, by reason of the privileges conferred upon him by the state, is, in the absence of an adequate reason for not so doing, required to respond to all calls to render professional services. This is clearly erroneous, except where the physician has already undertaken the treatment of the case or except where he is an officer of the government charged with specific duties which he thereby violates.

On the High Seas.

At the bow of the steamer sit the two happy young people. "How sweet it seems tonight!" sighs the girl. "How sweetly solemn is the view spread before us! Even the sea seems to be sleeping as it lies so placidly ahead of the boat." "Yes, love," agrees the young man. "It is asleep in front of the boat, but it is a wake behind."—Judge.

Nothing Home-made.

Mrs. Gaddy—I see you're going in for society. Has your daughter made her debut yet? Mrs. Nuritch—Well, I should say not. She got all them things made to order in Paris.—Philadelphia Press.

WALL STREET BROKERS.

What the Public Pays to Keep Them in Business.

Wall street brokers hold themselves a million miles higher in caste than bookmakers. And they are right. They are the creme de la creme of finance. Bookies are the scum. Yet there are many bookmakers in the street, and not a few of them are backers of brokers. Some are big operators, supporting brokers by their commissions. There are 1,100 members of the Stock Exchange, and these represent brokerage and commission firms whose partnerships aggregate no less than 1,432 ablebodied men.

At \$20,000 each year these brokers clean up net about \$29,000,000. There are some 500 Stock Exchange firms which pay \$3,000,000 annually for the rent of their offices. These firms employ 7,000 clerks and assistants, bookkeepers, runners, etc., at an average wage of \$1,500, which makes \$10,500,000. Thus we have in three items alone \$42,500,000 that must come out of the pockets of customers to keep the great machine well oiled.

Origin of the Letter V.

The letter V may be regarded as the mutilated remains of one of the symbols used by the ancient Egyptians in their hieroglyphics or picture writing. A common animal in their country was the two horned sand viper, a representation of which stood for the V. The priests ultimately found that for the practical purposes of everyday life it was a waste of time to use elaborate hieroglyphics and invented a kind of shorthand to meet the occasion.

Beauties of Ireland.

Dublin can and does boast of many superlatives. It has the widest street and the largest public park in Europe, the first horse show in the world and the largest brewery, but certainly the chiefest of all its claims is that advanced in behalf of its women. It is really no exaggeration to say that in no city in the world will one see so many beautiful women as one does in the Irish capital.

Precocious Mozart.

At three years of age Mozart would amuse himself for hours together in picking out thirds on the piano with his wonderful ear; at four years he learned minuets and before six played some of his own compositions, actually starting on a concert tour with his sister at that age. Before three years had elapsed he had taken by storm four of the most important capitals in Europe—Vienna, The Hague, Paris and London.

The Boston Water.

A Philadelphia professor dining at a Boston hotel ordered a bottle of hock, saying as he did so: "Here, waiter, bring me a bottle of hock—hick, haec, hoc." The waiter, who had been to college, smiled, but never stirred. "What are you standing there for?" exclaimed the professor. "Didn't I order some hock?" "Yes, sir," said the waiter, "you ordered it, but you afterward declined it."—Chicago Journal.

Very Eccentric.

"He's the most eccentric genius I ever met." "He certainly is a genius, but I never considered him eccentric." "That's just it. The average genius is eccentric, and his lack of eccentricity makes him all the more eccentric."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Family History.

"Both of my grandparents on my mother's side were nonagenarians," said Mrs. Oldcastle. "Is that so?" replied her hostess. "My folks was all Baptists, but Josiah comes from a Methodist family."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Foolish Jealousy.

Foolish jealousy will break down the sweetest home. It is a microbe that eats out the merriest heart.—Schoolmaster.

Cures Blood Poison, Cancer, Ulcers, Eczema, Carbuncles, Etc. Medicine Free.

Robert Ward, Maxey's, Ga., says: "I suffered from blood poison, my head, face and shoulders were a mass of corruption, sores in bones and joints, itching, itching, scabby skin, was all run down and discouraged, but Botanic Blood Balm cured me perfectly, healed all the sores and gave my skin the rich glow of health. Blood Balm put new life into my blood and new ambition into my brain."—Geo. A. Williams.

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