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THE QUALITY OF GENIUS.

Practical Absorption of a Man's Best Faculties. To be a great lawyer is incompatible with being a great poet. Nevertheless, Shakespeare was fond of showing his little legal knowledge, and Bacon has written some verse. There have been writers of eminence, like Walter Scott and Thackeray, who were lawyers by profession, but they must have made law quite subordinate to literature, although some of them, like Walter Scott, have got money by following the law. Hoffman, the author of "The Pot of Gold" and other imaginative stories, was a man of genius, who was also a judge or a magistrate. I think, however, that his legal duties sat lightly on him. His connection with the law seems somewhat similar to that of Walter Scott. It was neither absorbing nor permanent. Politicians turn to literature. Literary men, like Chateaubriand and Lamartine, have held high places as politicians, but they never were real statesmen, and I should not call them men of great genius. A man of action may be great in more fields of action than one. Julius Caesar and Napoleon Bonaparte were statesmen and generals, but they were not and could not be poets. Among the ancient Greeks and later Spaniards and Portuguese we find poets who were soldiers and even generals. They, however, were not wholly military. Only a part, and sometimes a small part, of their lives was spent in service. Horace's experience of war was very short, and, although he was a military tribune, he was not a distinguished soldier. A man may be excellent in more ways than one, but he cannot be a man of genius in two different ways. A few instances, such as that of Sheridan, might be given which seem to be exceptions to the rule. I doubt whether they are so. The same inclination made Sheridan an orator and a writer of comedy. Notes and Queries.

STEPS THAT BETRAY.

Steps that are quick are indicative of energy and agitation. Tip-toe walking betrays surprise, curiosity, discretion or mystery. Turned in toes are often found with preoccupied, absent minded persons. The wiser the walk is represented as stooping, noiseless, with short, nervous, anxious steps. The proud step is slow and measured. The toes are conspicuously turned out, the legs straightened. Slow steps, whether long or short, suggest a gentle or reflective state of mind, as the case may be. The direction of the steps wavering and following every changing impulse of the mind inevitably betrays uncertainty, hesitation and indecision. Obstinate people who in argument rely more on muscularity than on intellectual power rest their feet flatly and firmly on the ground, walking heavily and slowly, and stand with the legs firmly planted far apart.

Box Office Superstition. A newspaper man was the second in line at the box office of one of the popular theaters on the opening night. The first man asked for four seats, and when he started to pay for them the man in the box office said: "Oh, that's all right. There's no charge at all for those seats."

Wasp's Method of Attack. Belt in his "Naturalist in Nicaragua" draws attention to the methods of attack used by different species of wasps. One accustomed to animals and not to men takes care to crawl down the outstanding hairs to the skin before inserting its sting, while others which live in the midst of human dwellings fly straight at a man's face. The first species, true to inherited instinct, when it attacks unfamiliar human beings attaches itself to their hair or their beards. But there must have been a time when the second species discovered that the face was the vulnerable part and the discovery was the outcome of the action of brain.

Art Treasures. "I understand you have a number of art treasures." "Any number of 'em," answered Mr. Cumrox. "By the way, how would you define an art treasure?"

"An art treasure, as nearly as I can figure it out, is something that is considered all the more valuable for being secondhand goods."—Washington Star.

Saw His Finish. "Oh, oh," exclaimed Mrs. Naggs. "I've bitten off the end of my tongue!" "Well, I certainly feel sorry for myself," rejoined the heartless Naggs. "Hereafter there will be no end to your tongue."—Buffalo News.

A Hardware Talk. "Yes," said the nut to the nail; "it gave me a terrible wrench to part from him, but I knew it would be only a matter of a few days before he would bolt anyway."

Sweet Simplicity. "Auntie, ought Bertie Wilson to have smiled so often at me in church?" "No, dear. Where was he sitting?" "Behind me."

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." For the "dark brown" taste, headache and that lousy feeling DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills to use. Sold by The R. B. Loryea Drug Store.

PROPER BREATHING.

INHALE THROUGH THE NOSTRILS, AND NOT THE MOUTH.

Normal Breathing Will Help Materially to Induce Perfect Development—Without Normal Breathing Such Development is Impossible.

That nature intended man for all climates is unquestioned, but if man live other than nature intended he should be must be content with dire consequences so far as health is concerned. And why is it that certain individuals enjoy better health in certain climates than in others?

To my mind, the reason in a majority of cases is that they are mouth breathers and bear better the mild than the severe climate.

Who are afflicted with chronic nose, throat and chest affections? The mouth breather always, and we will never stamp out such conditions as pulmonary tuberculosis, together with numerous other affections of the respiratory tract, until we the human family, have learned to take every inspiration through the nose.

I have taken the liberty to divide mouth breathers into two classes, confirmed and moderate. The first breathes almost continually with open mouth. The second is not conscious that he breathes other than through the normal channels and will not admit that he does otherwise until you convince him such is the case. It is my custom to engage the doubting one in conversation or have him read to me, when he will be surprised to learn that he has spoken several sentences or read many paragraphs without once closing his mouth. He it is who, after lecturing or reading aloud or perhaps singing, is dry of mouth and husky of speech and wonders why.

Treatment: Restore the nose to as nearly a normal condition, physiologically speaking, as possible, and then insist upon your patient using it. So long as the spray, douche and solution treatment generally are patronized just so long will we fail to get good results, for, as Dr. Leland remarks, the nose wants air and not water.

Doaching and spraying are contrary to nature and should never be practiced. When the patient is a mouth breather through habit, and this may be determined by having him breathe first through one nostril and then through the other, it is my custom to order him to breathe forcibly through his nostrils at the rate of one respiration per second for ten seconds, this to continue eight or ten times during the day. He will find that this more than compensates for his spray, for having used the spray in the morning he is "filled up" as he expresses it, long before noon. His nose he can exercise at will and thus keep it free. The exercise I prescribe for all patients during the process of repair following operations, to be continued until they are confirmed nasal breathers. A mouth guard should be worn at night for a few weeks.

If we are going to cure nasal catarrh and other respiratory difficulties, the respiratory tract being freed of all obstructions and irritable areas, the patient must be taught to breathe normally. Irritable areas are not always detected by the probe; therefore we cannot depend upon that method, but must note that these patches have a characteristic appearance. They are found not only in the nose, but oftentimes in the nasopharynx and pharynx as well and are of a pale, waterlogged appearance. They may be obliterated surgically or by cauterization, and if the cause thereafter is properly used like tonsils do not return. This may be said for all hypertrophic removals. To bring about a permanent patency of the eustachian tube the individual must become a nasal breather. Therefore it is absolutely essential to overcome or permanently improve most varieties of deafness and tinnitus aurium that the patient breathe through the nose at all times. The eustachian catheter is often harmful, acting as a mechanical irritant and thus assisting the progress of an already thickened and perhaps irritable membrane.

The dilatation of the cheeks of the patient and the inflation perhaps for the first few treatments of air medicated and thereafter with air in its purity, or Professor Politzer's method, the patient being careful between times to continue his breathing exercise, are vastly superior to other forms of inflation. Air is what the thickened eustachian orifice needs to return it to a normal state, and this applies to the thickened or collapsed eustachian tube and middle ear as well, also the accessory nasal cavities.

The oxygen treatment is familiar, but why use oxygen artificially when air breathed normally will supply it? Your patient can go to a milder climate and breathe with open mouth and be benefited, but would it not be far better for him to remain at home, breathe through his nose and fully recover?

Commence with the babe. Make it a special point that it breathe through the nose, if it cannot know the reason why. Certainly if the Indian mother recognized the necessity and insisted that her babe breathe properly the civilized mother of today should. Follow it from babyhood to childhood. Impress the necessity upon it as a child, and, barring accident, it will never breathe otherwise. If it is found following an accident from a fall or blow that the nose is not free have the fault corrected. Normal breathing will help materially to bring about perfect development, and without normal breathing such development cannot be attained.—Medical Record.

It Depends. Floorwalker—Vases? Yes, ma'am. Right up this aisle. Bargains from 25 cents up. Next Shopper—You have a display of vases today? Same Floorwalker—Vases? Yes, ma'am. Down the next aisle, please. Bargains from \$25 up.—Exchange.

He Needed Encouragement. "Do you try to be contented with poverty, my man?" asked the rich donor. "I'm afraid not," answered the hard up delinquent, "but just try me with riches and see how contented I'd be."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Quite Up to Date. Day—I find there is a \$2,500 mortgage on the property you sold me. You never said anything about it. Gay—Certainly I did. Didn't I distinctly tell you it had all modern improvements?—New Yorker.

The bash-bazook shares his head except a tuft at the crown, which is to be used by the angel to jerk him to paradise if he should be slain by his intended victim.

JAMAICA'S MYSTERY.

THE FINGER OF FATE IN THE FALL OF HER CAPITALS.

Tragedies That Are Written in the History of Her Ruined Cities—Two of Them Vanished Utterly From the Face of the Earth.

There exists in Jamaica, in the West Indies, a universal superstition that a curse rests upon any town chosen to be its capital. Since 1520, when the first chief city was founded, no fewer than three capitals have been ruined in mysterious and tragic ways. Two have vanished utterly from the face of the earth. Some of the more superstitious of the colonists, brooding over the strange history of their country, fear that Kingston, the present capital, a city of 70,000 inhabitants, will share the fate of its predecessors.

The first capital was Sevilla Nueva (New Seville), otherwise called Seville d'Oro (the Golden Seville), on account of its marvelous wealth. It was founded by Don Juan d'Esquivel and Diego, a son of Christopher Columbus. In a few years it became the greatest Spanish city in the new world. Thither flocked the nobles, but impudent nobles of Castile, eager to rebuild their family fortunes at the expense of the poor Arawak.

Cathedrals, palaces and monasteries, rivaling those of Spain in splendor, were erected. The marble streets were crowded with gayly clad courtiers and Indian slaves, who toiled for them and brought them tribute from mine and jungle.

Then, in a night, the city vanished, and no one can tell today what happened to it. No survivors and no records were left behind to tell the tale. Today it can be seen, buried in tropical jungle, a mile of marble pavement and a few broken columns and arches. Nothing else remains of the Golden Seville, once so prosperous and splendid, except a few contradictory native traditions. These traditions variously ascribe the destruction of the city and its inhabitants to a mutiny of the oppressed Indians, an earthquake, a sudden visitation of millions of red ants and an attack by French buccaniers.

The memory of what was once the greatest city of the new world has almost perished. Even in Jamaica few people know anything about the Golden Seville.

The Spaniards made Saint Jago de la Vega, now called Spanish Town, their second capital. Time and again it was devastated by hurricane and plague, harassed by Indian revolts or ransacked by adventurous pirates. Gradually it sank from its high estate until now it is merely a squalid village.

When the English captured the island they made Port Royal their real capital, though Spanish Town remained for some time the official seat of government. The emporium of the Indies and the Spanish main, the market for the ill gotten gains of 10,000 buccaniers, Port Royal soon became the richest and wickedest city of the new world. At the height of its splendor and its vice it was destroyed within the space of two minutes by an earthquake.

"The ground opening in Several Places at once," wrote an eyewitness in 1692, "in a few days after the catastrophe, swallowed up Multitudes of People together, whole Streets sinking under water with Men, Women and Children in them; and those Houses which but just now appeared the fairest and loftiest in these Parts and might vie with the Finest Buildings in the World were in a moment Sunk in the Earth, and nothing to be seen of them; such Crying, such Shrieking and Mourning I never heard, nor could anything in my Opinion appear more Terrible to the Eye of Man. Here a Company of People Swallowed up at once; there a whole Street tumbling down, and in another Place the Trembling Earth opening her Ravenous Jaws, let in the Merciless Sea, so that this Town is become a Heap of Ruins. Several People were Swallowed up of the Earth, when, the Sea breaking in before the Earth could Close, they were washed up again and Miraculously saved from Perishing. Others the Earth received up to their Necks, and then Closed upon them and squeezed them to Death, with their Heads above Ground, many of which the Dogs Eat; Multitudes of People Floating up and down, having no Burial Place at all; the Place at the Palisados is quite Destroyed, the Dead Bodies being washed out of their Graves, their Tombs beat to Pieces and their floating up and down; it is sad to think how we have Suffered."

"The Earth hath still fits of Shaking, with very much Thunder and Lightning, and dreadful Weather; yet this had so little effect upon some People here that the very same Night they were at their Old Trade of Drinking and Swearing; breaking up Warehouses; Piling up and Stealing from their Treasuries, even while the Earthquake lasted, and several of them were destroyed in the very Act; and indeed this Place has been one of the Luddest in the Christian World, a sink of all filthiness, and a mere Sodom."

Old Port Royal lies buried beneath the sea. The present town of Port Royal, a place of no importance except as a coaling station, was built after the earthquake, a fire and a landslide having destroyed the few houses left standing.

Kingston was not founded until the early part of the eighteenth century, but it has already been thrice destroyed by fire and several times ravaged by hurricanes. The inhabitants naturally wonder what catastrophe will happen next.

Thief Cleverness. A magistrate's clerk has been known to have his pin stolen while in court, and one in Birmingham a few years ago lost his coat in the same way, but a more remarkable example perhaps of a thief's cleverness under the very eyes of the police was that of the burglar at Clerkenwell who managed to conceal two diamond rings while the police were searching him and passed one of them to his wife in the cell while the police were looking on. The rings were under his tongue, and one of them passed from his mouth to his wife's when he was kissing her goodby.—London Answers.

A Lasting Lesson. "Didst I tell you not to propose to me again?" "You said something of the kind, but of course it made no impression on me." "Oh, it didn't! Well, I'll give you a lesson now that you won't forget. You'll never propose to me again." "What are you going to do?" "I'm going to accept you."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Envy is not only a great weakness, but it is a great ignorance too. No man envies what he can surpass or equal.

WORKING OFF A GROUCH.

The Operations of a Curious Phase of Human Nature.

John was grumpy and cross and found fault with his dinner. His wife surveyed him calmly.

"I know there is some reason for your four-year-old what shall I call it? Well, for your unhappy frame of mind," she said. "Probably things have gone wrong at the office, but why should you come home to work off your anger on me? I'm not to blame in the slightest. It's a curious trait of human nature that when one has been whipped he at once wants to turn around and whip somebody else."

"I suppose that trait was left out of your nature," remarked John sarcastically.

"No, indeed," replied his wife. "When things go wrong in the kitchen I am rather inclined to scold the children. If you reprimand me for extravagance, my impulse is to fuss with the first person I meet. If I have been out calling and return home late to dinner, I feel very much inclined to rate you for coming home so early. I've watched this same trait in the children. When I scold Alice, she always finds occasion to shake Maud on the sly. If you spank Jim, he generally goes out and makes faces at the little girl across the way. If the children come home from school saying 'teacher was awful cross today,' I jump to the conclusion that the principal had been criticising the teacher. If you tell me I'm not economical, I know you have just suffered from a slump in the stock market, and I suppose after you and I have had a little heated discussion you go down to the office and make things unpleasant for the clerks."

"To be frank with you, Mary," said John, "I do not often find you guilty of working off a grouch on me. Tell me what you do instead."

Mary smiled demurely. "I wait until you go out of the house; then I run for my room, lock the door, thrust myself on the couch, burrow my head in the pillow and have a good cry."—New York Press.

HEALTH'S DECALOGUE.

1. Rise early, retire early and fill your day with work.

2. Water and bread maintain life; pure air and sunshine are indispensable to health.

3. Frugality and sobriety form the best elixir of longevity.

4. Cleanliness prevents rust; the best cared for machines last the longest.

5. Enough sleep repairs waste and strengthens; too much sleep softens and enfeebles.

6. To be sensibly dressed is to give freedom to one's movements and enough warmth to be protected from sudden changes of temperature.

7. A clean and cheerful house makes a happy home.

8. The mind is refreshed and invigorated by distractions and amusement, but abuse of them leads to dissipation and dissipation to vice.

9. Cheerfulness makes love of life, and love of life is half of health. On the contrary, sadness and discouragement hasten old age.

10. Do you gain your living by your intellect? Then do not allow your arms and legs to grow stiff. Do you earn your bread by your pickaxe? Do not forget to cultivate your mind and to enlarge your thought.—French Medical Review.

At the Dinner Party. "Surely you are not going yet, Mr. Parry No?" "I must, ma'am."

"But won't you stay for the feast of reason and the flow of soul?" "Thanky, ma'am, but I reckon I've already got 'em drunk all that's good for me."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

All His Eggs in One Basket. Goodman Gongrong—"We don't get nothing at that house. I asked the woman for some cold vittles, a cup of coffee, some clothing" and a place to sleep in the barn, and, by gosh, she said 'I was comin'!' It a little too strong, an' she shot the door in my face. Tufford Knut—"That's wot ye git, ye blame fool, fur puttin' all yer eggs in one ask it."—Chicago Tribune.

Considerate. "Have you ever done anything to make the world happier?" asked the solemn looking person with the unbarbered hair.

"Sure," answered the jolly man with the double chin. "I was once invited to sing in public and declined."—Indianapolis Sentinel.

Plenty Dropped. Flyter—"I suppose there's money to be picked up in the stock market." Flutterer—"There ought to be. Why, I myself have dropped considerable of it there."—Boston Transcript.

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