

ODD AND INTERESTING.

A hard pillow is said to be a preventive for wrinkles.

A new herring bank 100 miles long has been discovered off the west coast of Newfoundland.

The first suspension bridges ever built were made in China 2,000 years ago, being constructed of iron chains.

There are 4,200 men hard at work on the fourteen buildings which are to be erected on the World's Fair grounds at Chicago.

The first train run in Great Britain was between Stockton and Darlington on September 27, 1825. George Stephenson was the driver, and the speed was not more than five miles an hour.

In Vienna there is a club of rich men pledged to marry poor girls. If a member marries a rich girl he is fined £400, the money being presented to some worthy impecunious couple engaged to be married.

There are twenty-five railway tunnels in England between one and two miles long, four over two miles, two just three miles, and one—the Severn on the Great Western Railway—is over four and a-half miles long.

The first English Parliament was opened 627 years ago.

Camels can stand heat and cold, but they perish quickly in a moist atmosphere.

The household maintained by the Queen of England consists of nearly 1,000 persons.

Out of the 210,000 domestic servants in London, it is estimated that 10,000 are always out of employment.

Cremation is now regarded by scientists throughout the world as the most sanitary mode in which to dispose of the dead.

An electrical stop watch has been tested in a bicycle race, where it determined the winner, although he was only one-hundredth of a second ahead.

The latest whim for the owners of dogs is to make them wear shoes in the house for the purpose of protecting the polished floors. They are made of chamois, with leather soles.

A new parasite has been discovered which infests paper money, and is found nowhere else. It is invisible to the unassisted eye, does not attach itself to persons, but multiplies at a rapid rate.

There are nearly 3,000 stitches in a pair of handsewn boots.

The Hindoo nose-ring is to be abandoned, and a flower worn instead in the nose of the Indian woman.

Mortality from consumption is rather higher in Scotland than in England, and in England than in Ireland.

The prejudice against the wearing of whiskers is becoming very marked in the leading clubs and restaurants of New York City.

Careful investigation in Prussia reveals the remarkable fact that the average life of Jews in Prussia is five years longer than that of Christians.

Russia appears, amid all her difficulties, to be making a determined attempt to complete the Trans-Siberian Railway. Some 12,000 men are employed; of these 2,500 are soldiers, 900 men condemned to penal servitude, 300 political prisoners, 400 Russian navvies, 1,700 Chinese and Koreans, and 425 stone masons and stonemasons.

Chinese ingenuity seems equal to every emergency. A man-of-war attacked a Chinese junk engaged in illegal traffic, and was eager to capture the crew alive. The sailors on the junk threw overboard thousands of coconuts, and then leaped among them. The man-of-war's men could not distinguish heads from coconuts, and nearly all of the Chinamen escaped.

Leuwenhoek has computed that 10,000 threads of the web of a fullgrown spider are not larger than a single hair of a man's beard. He calculates that when young spiders begin to spin, 400 of their threads are not larger than one from a full-sized insect. If this be a fact 4,000,000 webs of a young spider are not as large as a single hair from a man's face.

The practice of cremation is on the increase in Germany. In addition to the crematorium which has been in operation at Gotha since 1877, and where from five to six hundred bodies are now cremated every year, a new establishment of the same kind has been consecrated at Ohlsdorf. Another crematory will be opened in October at Carlsruhe, making the third in Germany.

In Jerusalem the finest, and, in fact the only, hotel is kept and owned by a Philadelphian. Several years ago he visited the ancient city, and saw that a good hotel would pay, and he at once erected a first-class hostelry. Pilgrims from every land, bound to Jerusalem, were only too glad to find a clean, comfortable hotel so far away from home, and it is now royally patronized by travellers. Guides are kept who are experts in Biblical history, and who pilot guests to all points of interest.

Inventors claim that surfaces of aluminium may be successfully soldered to each other, and to other metallic surfaces, by using silver chloride as a flux in conjunction with ordinary solder. The pieces of metal, one or both of which are aluminium, are placed in the relative position required in the joint, finely-powdered fused silver chloride spread along the line of junction, and solder melted on with a blowpipe or other device. The joints are thus easily and rapidly obtained, and become hard and perfectly sound on setting, and neither crack, flake, nor check.

The old penalty against a German soldier or sailor of the standing army or navy who left the fatherland was a fine of 200 marks or forty days' imprisonment. That has now been raised to a thousand marks' fine, or four months.

A gold coin passes from one to another two billion times before the stamp or impression upon it becomes obliterated by friction, while a silver coin changes between people three and a quarter billion times before it becomes entirely effaced.

When the Queen opens Parliament in person she proceeds in state to the House of Lords and commands Black Rod to let the Commons know "that it is her Majesty's pleasure that they attend her immediately in this house." Black Rod proceeds to the House of Commons and formally commands their attendance on which the Speaker and the Commons go up to the Bar of the House of Lords and the Queen delivers her speech which is read by the Lord Chancellor kneeling on one knee.

A MONTREAL MIRACLE.

After Seven Years of Helplessness, Health is Restored.

A Statement of the Remarkable Case of Miss Ramsay as Investigated by a Reporter of Le Monde.

Le Monde, April 1st.

During the past year newspapers in various parts of the country have chronicled accounts of marvellous cures from the use of a medicine known as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. These remarkable cures, many of them in cases hitherto held by medical science to be incurable, were known as the Hamilton miracle, the Cape Breton miracle, the Detroit miracle, the Saratoga Co. miracle, etc., and were vouched for by such leading newspapers as the Toronto Globe, Hamilton Times, Hamilton Spectator, Halifax Herald, Detroit News, Albany N. Y. Journal and others, whose high standing left no room to doubt that the facts were as stated. And now Le Monde is in a position to add another laurel to the renown achieved by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, by giving the facts of a case, and certainly a remarkable one, which cannot fail to interest Montrealers inasmuch as it is not only local, but gives the cure of a young lady well known and esteemed in the district in which she resides.

The young lady who owes her restoration to health and strength is Miss Ramsay, daughter of Mr. John Ramsay, the well known manufacturer agent, and one of Montreal's most esteemed citizens, who does business at 260 St. James street, and resides at 14 Coursol street. Some of the facts of this remarkable case having come to the knowledge of Le Monde, a reporter of this paper was detailed to make an investigation and in the interest of other sufferers, lay an accurate statement of the facts as he found them, before the public. Both Mr. Ramsay and his daughter were found to be enthusiastic in their praise of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and from the story told the reporter they had excellent reasons for their enthusiasm. At the age of 14, said Mr. Ramsay, my daughter was attacked by chorea, more commonly known as St. Vitus dance. Chorea, it may be said, is a diseased condition of the nervous system which may result from feebleness of constitution, overstudy, or from a shock or fright, leaving the patient in a more or less helpless condition, control of the limbs being lost. The trouble was brought on through a fright she received at a fire which occurred in our neighborhood. That was more than seven years ago, and those seven years have been filled with untold misery to my daughter. Her trouble was in the worst form, and until she began using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, medical science seemed unable to successfully cope with it. When she was attacked, I called in a physician who treated her for a long time, but without the least beneficial results. I felt discouraged, but determined to leave nothing undone that might tend to restore her health, and I accordingly called in another doctor. His treatment seemed to do her some good, but he left for the States and she relapsed into her old condition. I then placed her under the care of another doctor, whose treatment helped her, but she was all run down and so weak that she could scarcely move about. A year ago last summer I wanted to send her to the country, but the doctors said she could go no where as she was too far gone. He told me that I must get a nurse to take care of her, and that she must be kept in bed as her blood was all gone, and she might die at any moment. She lingered on, however, in this condition until last summer, when the doctor gave his permission to take her to the country, and she was away from the city from the first of June until the middle of September, when she came home much improved. But it did not last long for in about a month she began to fail again; bottle after bottle of medicine was taken which would stimulate her a little when another relapse would come. About this time I saw in the papers the article telling of the case of Mr. John Marshall, of Hamilton, and I told her I would bring her a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. She replied that there was another prescription for me to get which the doctor had left. I was now determined to give the Pink Pills a trial and told her to say nothing about it, but to try two boxes of pills first. Before the first box was finished we could notice an improvement, and after the second box she was not like the same woman at all. Would you believe it, when she had taken the fifth box she actually was able to attend to her household duties, and was not a bit the worse for it. Before she began taking the Pink Pills, if she attempted to sweep out her own room she would be utterly done out. What more can be said in favor of the wonderful merit of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills? Those who know my daughter, and have seen the remarkable change which the use of Pink Pills have wrought, can scarcely believe it, but it is a solemn fact, and my only regret is that I did not know of the wonderful medicine long ago. Since my daughter began to improve Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have been used by many of our friends and neighbors, and I do not know of a single case in which they have not proved beneficial.

The above are the facts of the case as related by Mr. Ramsay, and they certainly bear the strongest testimony to the great curative properties of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The facts are also vouched for by neighbors, including the family of Mr. J. S. Randolph the well known Grand Trunk conductor who also says that the pills have been of inestimable value in his own family. The remarkable and gratifying results from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in the case of Miss Ramsay, show that they are a scientific preparation designed to enrich and build up the blood and restore shattered nerves, and are a specific for all diseases arising from either of these causes; that they are also a specific for the trouble peculiar to females and all forms of weakness. In the case of young girls who are pale or sallow they speedily enrich the blood, and bring the bright, rosy glow of health to the cheeks. In fact there appears to be no disease dependent upon a vitiated condition of the blood, or shattered condition of the nervous system that will not speedily yield to a treatment with these pills.

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THE LINDSAY EXPEDITION.

Failure of the Costliest Attempt Yet Made in Australian Exploration.

The expedition which started about a year ago to complete the exploration of Western Australia, under the leadership of Mr. David Lindsay, has been a complete failure. It was the most expensive expedition ever organized for Australian exploration. It was fitted out by Sir Thomas Elder, and it started northward into the desert region to carry out a plan of explorations formulated by the Royal Geographical Society of Australia. The expedition has disbanded, and most of its members are in Adelaide, the officers having been dissatisfied with the leadership of Mr. Lindsay. They complain of incompatibility of temper, and declare that he did not treat them with confidence or geniality. Sir Thomas Elder continues, however, to express full confidence in Mr. Lindsay, but it is not likely that he will be in charge of another expedition.

The equipment of the party included thirty camels, brought from Arabia with their drivers. They had undergone a long season of training to inure them to the Australian climate. The party started northward in April, 1891, along the line of the proposed transcontinental railroad, with the purpose of striking westward from that route between the widely separated tracks of earlier explorers, and thus accumulate material to fill the great blank spaces on the map of Australia. Sir Thomas Elder said he believed the expedition would practically complete the exploration of the continent. The explorers were also instructed, when they reached northwestern Australia, to look for relics of the ill-fated explorer Leichardt, who disappeared so mysteriously many years ago.

Perhaps the chief reason for the dismal failure of the expedition was the unfavorable season, which tried to the very utmost the endurance and patience of every member of the party. In the far interior not a drop of rain had fallen for several years. When they reached the sandy wastes which they were to traverse, they discovered that sources of water from which earlier explorers had drawn were wholly dried up. It was decided to be impossible to follow out the programme of crossing the desert country almost due west between the tracks of Giles and Forrest. Only two alternatives were left. The party must either retreat and confess defeat on the very threshold of their work, or they must cross the country toward the southwest to the Victoria Springs, about 600 miles distant, where the explorer Giles reported years ago the existence of ample water supplies. They made that journey in the midst of torrid heat, with only a quart and a half of water a day for each man, and with so scanty a supply for the camels that they were almost dead by the time they reached the Victoria Springs. To the utter dismay of the explorers they found that the verdant oasis, as described by Giles, was scorched and barren. Not a drop of water could be found. They were in danger of speedy death unless they soon obtained water. With frantic desperation they began to dig in one of the hollows, and when they reached a depth of twenty feet they came to water. It was bitter and so impregnated with salts that it was almost undrinkable, but neither man nor camel refused it, and the replenishing of their water bags with the fluid, objectionable as it was, saved their lives and enabled the party to reach the coast again.

The disaffection in the expedition had not advanced so far that hopes of finally accomplishing their work were at that time given up. After recuperation they started up the west coast and entered the interior again, but after reaching the headwaters of the Murchison River the troubles between Lindsay and his assistants induced them to throw up the enterprise. They said they would no longer serve under Lindsay, and as soon as they had reached the coast every man except the leader tendered his resignation. Thus has ended the most ambitious attempt that has been made to complete the exploration of Australia.

A Boy's Idea.

The following conversation reported by a friend was recently overheard between two brothers, aged four and six years:

"Say, Winky, what is the difference, anyway, between a bicycle and a tricycle?" Elder (with patronizing air)—"Why, Ray, don't you know that? If a man takes the thing home to see how he likes it, it is a tricycle, but if he buys it outright it is a bicycle."

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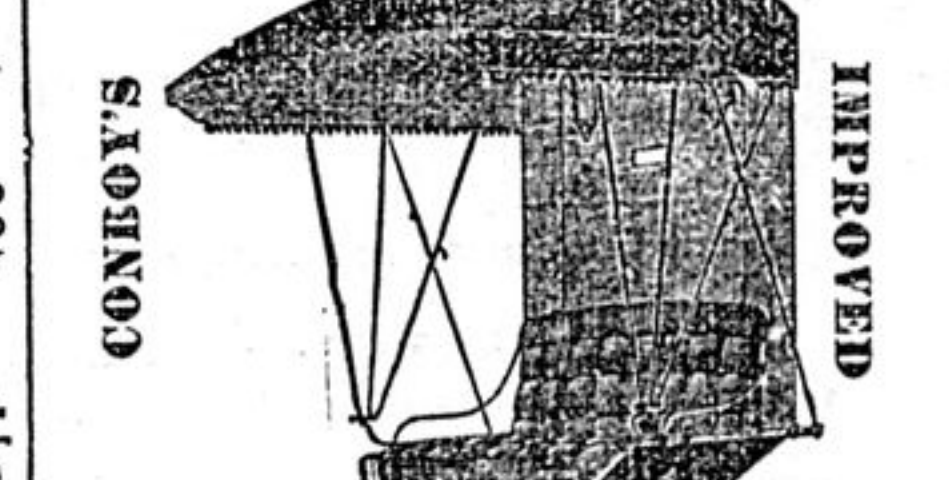
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