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"I was a perfectly healthy young man up to February 1906. When my regiment was in Camp Kendall I was taken sick with the measles and I did not enjoy good health up to the time I used Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and Tonic in 1907. Doctors have told me it came from inactivity of the liver. I cannot say how many physicians did treat me but I have had all kinds. Dieting has never helped me. Biliousness, attacks of headache, rheumatism, nasal catarrh, hay fever, asthma, and chronic diarrhoea have all taken their turn with me. Thanks to the Nervine and Tonic I am completely restored to health. I have also used Dr. Miles' Anti-Tonic Pills with good results and I think that the Dr. Miles Remedies are perfect."—Rev. Elmer Bender, Sparta, Wis.

"I want to say a few good words for Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine. I have been troubled very much with insomnia since I made the change to the new paper and on account of this have tried various medicines without relief. I was finally induced by a wholesale druggist, a personal friend of mine to try Nervine. I can assure you it has done me a lot of good. I do not find it necessary to say it cures me, but occasionally I find that I am occasionally nervous and restless I again take it up on I never have a sleep on hand. It has never failed to give me the desired relief."—A. H. Phillips, "Daily Free Press" Milwaukee.

SUGAR A TIMBER PRESERVER.

Prolonged Experiments Show Value of the Process.

Among new uses to which sugar has recently been put is in the preservation of timber. Much interest has been aroused by the announcement, as the result of a prolonged series of experiments, of a method of so treating timber as to secure even from soft wood a largely increased toughness and hardness. The treatment to which the timber is subjected is, roughly speaking, that of saturation at boiling point with a solution of sugar, the water being afterward evaporated at a high temperature. The result is to leave the pores and interstices of the wood filled with solid matter and the timber vulcanized, preserved and seasoned. The nature of moderately soft wood, it is claimed, is in this way changed to a tough and hard substance, without brittleness, and also without any tendency to split or crack.

A KNOT FOR SOLOMON.

Legal Point Which Might Puzzle Even That Wise King.

If the wise King Solomon could be again invested with his robes of state and be permitted to hear evidence and render judgment in certain vexatious cases which puzzle modern Solons from time to time, he, too, might find his proverbial wisdom put to a severe test. The latest in the line of freak cases is one reported from Europe. A rich banker died in Warsaw recently, and in his will stipulated that his fortune should go to the first of his three nieces who should marry. Each one of the blooming damsels promptly set out in quest of a husband. Several days later each returned, and that is where the real trouble began for the judges; for each had a certificate from a notary affirming that she had been married at a certain hour that morning, and all three ceremonies were performed at the same moment of time.

WHERE RELIGION IS CHEAP.

Itinerant Preacher Philosophizes by the Dusty Roadside.

The Rev. Kinnaird Brice sat upon the roadside and gazed at his feet. They were large and substantial but very tired and quite incapable of adding another mile to the many he had already traveled that day, yet tramp they must reach their destination. He looked furtively about; apparently he was alone. From his trousers pocket he drew a flat, black bottle, which he applied to his lips; his air as he replaced the cork was somewhat more genial. "I done preach down tuh de Buck iss' night fuh de mattah o' ten cents," he soliloquized, "an' I done preach ovah in Noo Jahsey all summah fuh de mattah o' seventy-five cents. Reckon dey's some folks gits dey 'ligion pow'ful cheap."—Lippincott's Magazine.

Los Angeles' Beautiful Park.

Los Angeles has the biggest park in the world. It was presented by a newspaper man named Griffith and is called Griffith Park. The giver asked that no railroad leading to the park should be permitted to charge more than five cents fare. Central Park, New York, cost over \$15,000,000 and consists of 840 acres. Griffith Park, Los Angeles, is a tract of 3,000 acres. It includes two and one-half miles of frostless foothills, bordering on Calhoun valley, five miles of Los Angeles river bottom and a beautiful little valley which was originally known as the Press Colony site. The park has over 2,000 acres of tillable land and some of the most romantic scenery on earth.

Among the Albanians.

In many respects the Albanians are the most interesting people in Europe. They commit no crimes but murder. Among them human life has an even smaller value than in Sicily, and the vendetta prevails even more rigidly. The old law of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth and a life for a life is strictly enforced, but the laws of hospitality are equally respected, and when once a man has broken bread or tasted salt with Albanians his life is safe against all comers as long as he remains their guest.

WAS HE A DOCTOR?

Good Samaritan Wasp Helped His Unfortunate Brother.

A story of how one wasp cared for another that had been injured is told by a gentleman, who, while reading the newspaper, felt bothered by the buzzing of a wasp about his head and knocked it down. It fell through the open window and lay on the sill as if dead. A few seconds afterwards, to his great surprise, a large wasp flew to the window-sill and, after buzzing round his wounded brother for a few minutes, began to feel him all over. The injured wasp seemed to revive under this treatment, and his friend then dragged him gently to the edge, grasped him round the body, and flew away with him. It was plain that the stranger, finding a wounded comrade, gave him aid as well as he could and then bore him away home.

INSRIPTION TOLD THE TRUTH.

Certainly Those in the Cemetery Had "Come to Stay."

Some years ago the board of directors of a cemetery in Chester county, Pa., was considering the plans for an elaborate gateway. Three of the directors, who were wags in a way, had the greater part of the work on their shoulders. One evening they met at the office of one of the members, at which time the plans were discussed. Among other things they wanted to select a proper inscription for the granite arch. One of the members suggested the word "Welcome." "No," said another, who had a more serious turn of mind, "the inscription ought to be 'Resting in the Lord.'" "Perhaps they're not," said the remaining member, "so I would most respectfully suggest 'We've come to stay.'"

TRUE IN MOST DETAILS.

But Many Dentists Will Object to the Indictment.

Young Henrikson was showing his college friend Bjorkinson round his native town, and soon the latter espied a stately new building. "What a splendid place!" he exclaimed. "Yes," replied Henrikson; "but I can't bear to look on it." "That's strange," said Bjorkinson. "Why?" "Because it was built with money obtained out of the blood, groans and untold agonies of the owner's fellow-men, out of the grief of women, the tears of little children, who could not eat till he had worked his will upon them." "Good heavens! Then this inhuman monster was a moneylender?" "No." "A pawnbroker, then?" "Not exactly. He was a dentist."

Green as the Irish Color.

Green is universally regarded as the Irish color, but antiquarians say that green as the national flag of Ireland is of comparatively modern origin. The latest authority to express an opinion on the subject is Rev. Canon French, a learned member of the Royal Irish academy. He does not accept the explanation that the green flag was adopted by the United Irishmen at the close of the eighteenth century by blending the orange and blue, the latter being then regarded by some as the Irish flag. He asserts that the emerald green standard was used in Ireland in the sixteenth century, but it was not until the eighteenth century that it became the national color.

A Pointer for Bookkeepers.

With an impatient grunt the bookkeeper threw away his pen and put a new one in the holder. "It's terrible," he said, "how ink corrodes pen. In six or seven hours a new pen will be left to scratch. It keeps me busy changing them. There's money in it for the man who will invent a non-corrosive ink." An old man—a bill collector—remarked to him: "My young friend, take a few rusty iron nails and put them in your ink well. The ink's corrosive acid will play itself out on the nails, and in consequence your pen will escape. A pen that only lasts you a day now should, with my method, last at least a week."—Philadelphia Record.

The Meaning of "Carat."

The value of a diamond is calculated on its weight, which is estimated by what are called "carats," originally an Indian weight. Four grains go to the "carat," the value of which varies slightly in different countries, and formerly the rule was that the value of the stone increased with the square of the weight in carats. This, however, is rather out-of-date, and the value is now governed by the beauties of the particular stone, so that it is practically impossible, especially with "specimen stones," to give any fixed rule.

Too Much Athletics.

Dr. S. Weir Mitchell says too much importance is attached to college athletics. In a letter to the senior class of Pennsylvania, he says: "You have lost out of college life that which it were better to have kept. We talked hard in my college days, but we talked of our sports less than you do. You, I fear, care too little for your intellectual athletics. Athletic sports are meant, as I see them, to insure that the body shall be made and kept sound."

The Boston Man.

The survivors of the wrecked vessel sat up and listened. Far away, from the interior of the island, came a strange sound, as of muffled drums. "Ah," said the Boston man, readjusting his glasses, "at last we are to witness an interesting native ceremony. It is assuredly the aborigines punishing the Thomas-Thomases." He was right, for there soon marched into view a band of savages beating tom-toms.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

CUSTOM OF RUSSIAN GIRLS.

Device for Ascertaining Time of Coming Good Fortune.

When young Russian girls are anxious to know if they will be married (and what young girl is not anxious to know that?) several of them assemble, each wearing a ring. A large basket of corn is brought in and each girl drops her ring carefully, stirring up the corn the while. Then a hungry hen is introduced and whichever maiden's ring is first discovered will be the first one married. In the marshes of the North sea coast it was formerly customary in Germany for the bridegroom to give the bride on the day of betrothal, instead of a ring, a valuable coin, called "echlo," or genuine, as a pledge that the compact between them was binding. This is also a remnant of the time when wives were acquired by right of purchase and the custom is still prevalent in some isolated places.

Immune to Mosquitoes.

While occupants of palace and cottage in New Jersey, Staten Island and parts of Long Island cage themselves within wire screening to escape the song and bite of the malarious, miasmatic mosquito, thereby shutting off half of their supply of air, the cool-ladies and maids sit on the lawn, on the back stoop, on the fence, or on the curbstone, in company of their "steadies," apparently oblivious of the clouds of the pests that swarm about. I have just been "put wise" as they say in toughdom. They are immune. No mosquito would dream of injecting his proboscis into their cuticle. They rub their skin with an oil made from grass that grows in Ceylon and Singapore, and the skeeters, objecting to its fragrance, keep off. This is a common oil used in many soaps and perfumes. Our society friends may have to come to it.

Characteristics of Plants.

Times at which different plants open and shut their petals have been investigated, and it is commonly found that the hour varies according to the amount of moisture in the air. The main thing is to protect the pollen from invading moisture, and since some plants, such as the pimpernel, promptly close their petals on the near approach of rain, they serve as weather glasses. Some plants seem to believe in a short day's work, the pimpernel, for instance, opening at 8 in the morning and closing at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the goatsbeard, on the other hand, doing business from 3 a. m. to 10 p. m.

Not a Live American Boy.

"Wanted—A boy who never saw a baseball game; one who does not know the difference between third base and a foul ball. To such an office attachment a liberal salary will be paid.—Hudson Register." What for? A boy answering such plans and specifications as that would not be worth his salt. He wouldn't be worth the powder to blow him up. He would have life enough to crawl off and die. No, no—what the world wants is live American boys, who will get to the ball game and the circus when they are boys and to the front of the procession when they get to be men.

Certainly Very Thin.

A little Germantown girl went into the house one day in a great state of excitement, after having caught a glimpse of a remarkably thin woman who had just moved into the neighborhood, and exclaimed: "Oh, mamma, you ought to see the new lady who is going to live in Mr. Johnson's house! She's awful thin!" "Thinner than I am?" asked the child's mother, who was a slender little body, weighing not more than ninety-eight pounds. "I guess she is," said Mabel, scornfully. "Why, mamma, she's as thin as two of you!"

We Have Not Learned to Live.

Consumption is an unnecessary as smallpox. We live in a vitiated air at home. We breathe foul, dirty, poisoned air abroad and the bacillus attacks us in our weakened state. We can prevent any disease almost, though there are few that we can completely cure. We have learned to avoid the sanitary sins of our ancestors, but we have other shortcomings just as bad. We have not yet corrected the habit of dying from disease, accident and overwork.—Toledo Times-Be.

A Ville Stander.

Some of the Scots worthies will sigh no sigh on hearing of the death of the witty Frenchman, Max O'Rell. It is reported that a Highland waiter once refused to serve the Frenchman at dinner, and when reproved explained: "It's no' to be expected that a self-respecting Scotman could serve him with cooevility. Didn't he say we took to the kill because our feet were too large to get through trousers?"—St. Louis Gazette.

The Novelist and the Neighbor.

Mr. George Meredith, the eminent novelist, is as alert and witty in his casual talk as he is in his fiction. Not long ago, in conversation with a friend, Mr. Meredith was asked his opinion of a certain obnoxious person who had lately settled in the neighborhood. "He seems to me," replied the author of "Diana of the Crossways," "to be one of the least of God's mercies."

His Conscience Troubled Him.

"Look here, are you the man I gave a square meal to one cold, bleak February morning?" "I'm the man, mum." "Well, do you remember you promised to shovel all the snow out of my back yard and then sneaked off without doing it?" "Yes, mum, an' me conscience smote me. Dat's de reason I tramped all de way here trough de blazin sun to finish de job."

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