

INFANT MORTALITY.

Some Healthful Hints for Anxious Mothers.

Of the total number of deaths in warm weather, according to the records, nearly one-third are children under one year of age.

The general cry of teething is nonsensical. If a child is bashed and fed regularly, clothed loosely and comfortably, not over-nursed or "mauled" on a warm day, and given regular hours of rest, the teeth will come through almost unnoticed.

Careful examinations prove that the highest mortality is among children that are brought up by hand. This shows for itself that they are given a poor substitute for their natural food.

It is a most sorrowful sight to behold a haggard, restless, moaning child huddled up in warm arms or blanketed on a feather pillow in a baby coach at this season of the year; and very often beside all this, you see a soiled nursing bottle, the tube of which the child has been sucking for hours.

The President and directors of the People's Bank of Halifax have submitted a petition to the Governor-General in Council, claiming damages because of the alleged wilful refusal of Chief Justice McDonald, of the Supreme Court of that province, to deliver judgment in favor of the bank in a suit against some of its debtors.

To Restore a Fainting Person. Do not attempt raise the head; it is better that it should be on a level with the body, or even lower, because by this means one gets the aid of gravity in restoring the circulation of the blood in the brain, and that will restore consciousness.

The Spanish statesman, Castelar, is writing a life of Christ, and is also busy on a history of Spain.

CUCKOO TRICKS.

A Hen's Wild Goose Brood—A Dove Hatches Out a Chicken.

A North Stonington farmer has a puñet that hatched out a lot of wild goose eggs that he procured for her, and now she is gingerly trying to bring the queer chicks up, apparently suspicious that all is not as it should be.

William E. Monsell, of Fair Haven, has a unique curiosity in a half-grown chicken that was hatched by a dove. Some time ago he set a dove with some of its own eggs, but a cranky old hen flew into the cage, smashed the dove's eggs and then sat down and laid an egg.

A Patrol Wagon's Outfit.

The outfit of an ordinary police patrol wagon is as curious as it is interesting. The passing observer usually imagines that the heavy, brass-gear vehicle is merely for the transportation of drunks and beings. The sound of the wagon's gong is associated with a raid upon a gambling house or the arrest of an inebriate.

Women Drinkers. Dr. Norman Kerr, President of the British Society for the study of inebriety, makes the startling statement, that while drinking has decidedly diminished among men, it has markedly increased among women.

English from a German Master. Professor Goldburgman—Herr Kanstnichts, you will the declensions give in the sentence, "I have a gold mine."

The bolo flower, discovered by Dr. Schandberg growing upon a volcanic mountain in one of the Philippine islands, is perhaps the largest flower in existence, being about three feet in diameter and twenty-two pounds in weight.

A WONDERFUL WEAPON.

Liquid Carbonic Acid Gas as a Substitute for Gunpowder.

At the headquarters of the London Scottish Rifles yesterday afternoon some interesting experiments were conducted with M. Paul Giffard's appliance for the employment of liquidified gas as an explosive—or, to be more strictly accurate, one should say as a means of propelling projectiles—in place of gunpowder.

The gas gun is a model of simplicity, so far as one can judge without examination of the discharging mechanism, in which much of the merit of M. Giffard's invention lies. A small cylinder called a cartouche, is attached to the barrel of a rifle or smooth-bore gun.

The charge of liquor liberated for each round is regulated by a milled screw, and each charge, as liberated, is contained in a special chamber, from which it is released by the pulling of a trigger.

A Novel Cure for the Grip.

A good many queer cures for influenza were put forward during the epidemic, but none of them equals the remedy described in the following extract from "The Journal and correspondence of Lord Auckland." The passage was written from Madrid in March, 1789.

The Late Robert Collier.

Rev. Robert Laird Collier, who died the other day at his country house near Salisbury, Md., was a brilliant pulpit orator, and had been settled over important Unitarian churches in Boston, Brooklyn, Chicago, Washington and other places in this country, while he preached for a time in Leicester, England.

Liquor Statistics.

The internal revenue received by the United States Government for the year 1889 from the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was \$98,036,041.29.

The fashionable flower in Paris at present is the corn flower. It forms the popular boutonniere for most of the Paris elegantes.

BOOKMAKERS AT RACES.

The Great Advantage they have Over the British Betting Public.

Apart from the grosser forms of rognery the bookmakers have a great advantage over the public. With their comparatively easy access to jockeys, stable boys and others in the secret of the stables, to say nothing of their facilities for unearthing unsuspected causes of disqualification, writes G. Herbert Stutfield in the Nineteenth Century, they are in a far better position than the public to know what is not going to win.

There is at the same time considerable mutual dependence between racing and betting. Racing, of course, is the substratum of betting; but nobody who looks face in the face can fail to see that racing derives a great deal of reciprocal support from betting.

THE NOBLE METAL.

The Indestructibility of Gold Fits it for a Symbol of Purity.

Gold may be said to be everlasting and indestructible. The pure acids have no effect upon it. Air and water alike are unable to work its destruction.

Bury it through the long ages, and when the rude tool of the excavator again brings it to light, while everything around it or originally associated with it is returned to dust and the delicate form which it adorned has become a powder so impalpable as to be inappreciable, the delicate traces of the finest gold thread remains.

Days, years, century upon century may roll by; mighty empires rise and fall; dynasties which deem their power everlasting and armies which have marched and conquered may become nerveless; cities teeming with millions may become the abode of the owl, yet the thin filament of gold remains to-day as it was 5,000 years ago.

Value of Advertising.

Hon. John Wanamaker, the merchant prince of Philadelphia says: "My plan for fifteen years has been to buy so much space in a newspaper and fill it up with what I wanted. I would not give an advertisement in a newspaper of 500 circulation for 5,000 dodgers or posters. I deal directly with the publisher. I say to him, 'How long will you let me run a column of matter through your paper for \$100 or \$500?' as the case may be.

Capturing Young Eagles.

A few days ago two young men, collecting herbs in the forest of Latsch, in the Austrian Tyrol, discovered on the edge of a precipice an eagle's nest. High above, describing an airy circle, was the parent bird. One of the young men, by means of a rope, descended, while the other kept watch overhead.

The accounts of a pillmaker who has just died in England show that he has been spending \$200,000 a year for advertising. His heirs, however, are finding no particular fault with this extravagance, as he leaves an estate valued at \$25,000,000—all due to pills and advertising.

—August meteors are due. —Hebrew New Year cards are out.

THE IMMENSITY OF SPACE.

Tremendous Distance of the Stars From the Earth.

For a long period astronomers unsuccessfully endeavored to determine the distance between the stars and the earth, and it is only within a comparatively short time that the interesting problem can be said to have been solved, says Nature. The distance which separates us from the nearest star is, according to a recent lecture by Professor Nichols, about 206,000 times greater than the distance from the earth to the sun, or 95,000,000 of miles multiplied by 206,000.

War on the Square Room.

War has commenced on the square room. Decorators insist on sinking the corners, and to this end great couches, with leather, skin or oriental rugs and high backs are prescribed, with side tables, antique panels, buffets, screens and hanging wood carvings to make an octagon of hexagon of the square.

Doubtless She Was.

Sunday School Teacher—Freddy, you may tell me why Lot's wife was turned into a pillar of salt. Freddy Hojack—Cause she was too fresh.

Incompatible.

Pastor—I should like to see you take a more active interest in religious things, Miss Bessie. Miss Bessie—I'm afraid it wouldn't do, Mr. Goodman. I couldn't be spared from the choir.

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Stop that CHRONIC COUGH NOW! For if you do not it may become consumptive. For Consumption, Scrophulous, General Debility and Wasting Diseases, there is nothing like SCOTT'S EMULSION Of Pure Cod Liver Oil and HYPOPHOSPHITES Of Lime and Soda.

CURE FITS! GIVEN AWAY YEARLY. When I say Cure I do not mean merely to stop them for a time, and then have them return again. I MEAN A RADICAL CURE. I have made the disease of Fits, Epilepsy or Falling Sickness a life-long study. I warrant my remedy to Cure the worst cases.

CONSUMPTION SURELY CURED TO THE EDITOR:—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured.