

OLD WORLD NEWS.

HEALTH.

go to the Rochester Post... who expressed a decided... of the Dominion said to a... paper next day: "A Cana... who had never been outsi... age would show more intell... judgment of the people on t... to refrain from uttering o... opinion of the people of t... on the strength of havi... new narrow-gauge specime... man you quote does not a... sensible to one admira... states, that is, in their n... berty to call themselves Can... Americans, having as good a r... the—what shall I call the... I should think the peopl... would feel keenly the peopl... name for their nationa... would not let another cent... re-christening this monst... that your forefathers aban... when they elected their fir... of Independence, when the... as union as the republic of C... wonderful, great and gre... reserved this splendid contine... osterity. He says Canada... al. This is true, and it is... is a liberal party, over the... conservative, and the corre... Republican and Democrati... and it is not such a long t... boasted of a (Grit) Govern... well affirm that the peopl... are all Democrats, because... the Democratic party is... says, "they take no prid... ans, etc. Now, this is not o... else statement, but to one w... da and the people also are... nradical. There are a man... descended from so-called Am... are proud of their origin a... amongst those of English a... stry; and there is also a gro... their own nationality, as gro... both these classes to see C... among nations. Besides, h... whole of Lower Canada, whic... does not know is pretty w... a French speaking populatio... cold. Or, would he insult... of the people here by taki... ve the grotesque assertion t... "adians boast of their Sov... say it."

About Germany's Ruling Family—  
Russia's Financial Affairs.  
March 2.—The week has been... an extraordinary number of rum... regarding the royal family and for the... of a panicky feeling regarding Rus... securities. The rumors concerning the... Regency and of the "ex-Em... intention then to visit his son at... were from the start manifestly... They apparently originated in... arrangements made for Prince William... to the Crown Prince in case... the sick man became unexpectedly worse... foolish rumors regarding the approach... abdication of the Kaiser came probably... part from certain blunt questions asked... Remo concerning the probabilities of... the Crown Prince being again in health to... in Germany and able to endure the... duties of governing.  
ALL PRECAUTIONS TAKEN.  
For State purposes it was, it seems, neces... to know with accuracy certain facts r... the Crown Prince's actual condition... prospects. That all precautions have... taken to prevent even a momentary... or jar in the transfer of the throne... might be a signal for an attack by... will be believed without proof by... who knows the minute care with... Prussia guards itself against even the... trifling danger.  
To suppose that the Kaiser will abdicate... able to go to the opera, or that... Crown Prince will be asked to surrend... something as ridiculous as that the... Princess will attempt to oust her... son from the Regency if a Regent... becomes necessary; or that Prince William... would risk his popularity by useless intrigues... the chief executive power, upon which... without intrigue, he already has on hand.  
RUSSIA'S FINANCIAL TROUBLES.  
The depreciation in Russian paper rubles... absorbing the interest in financial circles... they closed today at 168. Many private... families whose whole fortunes are invested in... Russian securities are in a state of great... anxiety. The best financial houses view the... situation with serious misgivings.  
An article in the *Kruis Zeitung* shows... at the end of the Russo-Turkish war... that notes were quoted at 180, then... thought to be an extremely low figure; in... October last, when the Boer war was panicky... ending to the Czar's abandoning his visit... the quotation stood at 180.25; at the end of... January it had fallen to 177, and since that... it has continued to decline.  
Bakers state that the decline is due to... the growth of distrust in the Russian finan... cial position, combined with constant sales... of notes under orders from St. Petersburg.  
The failure of the St. Petersburg banking... firm of Felbstein helped to accentuate the... decline.  
Bullets in the Brain.  
It has long been known that fractures of... the skull, with considerable loss of brain... substance, do not always terminate fatally... if skillfully treated; but in such cases the... injury is near the surface. A bullet, howe... ever, fired into the brain, generally goes... through it, and is often lodged against or... near the inside of the skull on the opposite... side. Nearly all surgeons have shrunk from... handling such cases.  
Dr. Fluhrer, of the Bellevue Hospital, New... York, has successfully treated a case of... the kind. A young man, having shot... himself in the centre of the forehead, was... brought to the hospital semi-unconscious... and with his right side and limbs paralyzed... The scalp having been duly turned aside... the wound in the skull was enlarged, and... the track of the bullet explored. The probe... having passed in six inches, indicated the... point of direction pursued by the ball, and... the point at which it would have emerged... was marked.  
At this point the skull was trephined (a... circular piece removed by a trephine or... trepan), and the ball was found about an... inch from the skull. When it had been ex... tracted by a small forceps, the probe could... be passed through the head! The wounds... healed, and the patient was wholly restored... to health; the paralysis passed off, and the... man resumed work in a butcher's shop.  
The operation in the above case lasted... four hours. There was considerable loss of... blood from a wounded artery, which it was... difficult to tie. In many cases, wounded... arteries may be so situated as to preclude... the possibility of arresting the hemorrhage.  
The *London Lancet*, referring to this case... says, "Cerebral surgery is in its infancy;... the results already attained have shown... that it would not be wise at present to set... any limits to its development, and we may... therefore hope that even penetrating bullet... wounds of the brain may prove to be amenable... to surgical measures."  
The *Lancet* adds another interesting case... of a similar character. The patient had... received a bullet wound of the skull three... or four years previous, and had become in... sane. The surgeon, having detected a de... pressed fracture of the skull under the scar... pressure on which caused intense pain, de... termined to explore the seat of the injury... An opening was found in the skull, and a... hypodermic needle being passed into the... brain in four different directions, the last... passage resulted in drawing off two drams... of clear fluid, probably from a cyst, or sac... which had formed within the cerebral sub... stance, the pressure of which on the brain... caused the insanity.  
In less than three hours all the symptoms... of insanity vanished, and the man gave a... clear account of his injury and subsequent... career. He recovered completely.  
The jilted young man who goes to the... had inevitably taken to gambling. After... all, it is only the old, old question of choice... between the lady and the tiger.  
"Charley is coming to see me to-night,"... remarked Ella. "I don't know why I feel... so nervous about it, but I have a present... ment that something's going to happen."  
"Oh, there's no use feeling nervous about... it if you've made up your mind to do it,"... answered Clara. "Very likely he'll say yes... he was always soft."

Whether or not pneumonia can properly... be classed among the infectious diseases is... yet an unsettled question, but there appears... good reason to believe that it is due to a... germ either in the air or water. If that pre... sumption is correct, then the disease is to... a certain extent infectious, yet not in the o... rdinary sense in which the term is used.  
Pneumonia is now very common here in the... East, probably much more so than it usually... is at this season of the year. According to... Dr. Seibert, humidity, cold and high winds... are the three agents that chiefly promote... the prevalence of this disease. If the ques... tion were asked, "What shall I do to... escape an attack of pneumonia?" only... this general advice could be given: Keep... as much as possible in the open air when... the weather permits. Exercise freely.  
Allow no opportunity for exercise to... pass without improving it. Walk all... you can within reason, and ride just as... little as possible. People who have been... employed all day within doors in warm... rooms ought, when returning to their homes... at night, to walk the entire distance, if it... is not too great, and at any rate to walk part... of the way. Long rides in cold cars are for... all, and especially so for people of sedentary... habits, dangerous. Let alcoholic stimulants... severely alone in cold weather is a rule... which can with perfect safety rarely be... broken. Sleighting for almost every one... furnishes almost indisputable pleasure, and... a person in comparatively good health, pro... perly protected with ample clothing, can... safely enjoy it with reasonable limits... But many needlessly expose them... selves to very great dangers. We refer... to that class who feel a "hot toddy" or... a "Tom and Jerry" or two neces... sary to fill out the measure of the en... joyment of their "outing." Such people are... very foolish, and no small number of them... sooner or later, pay dearly for their folly... If, while a person is riding in the cold, he... indulges in a hot drink—especially an al... coholic stimulant—he is far more liable to... take cold after it than he was before it. If... people must have their "toddy," they will... do well to wait until they reach home. Then... if they do not contemplate going out again... that night, very likely the stimulant will... do them good. A cup of hot coffee or hot tea... will, however, do them equally as much... good. The people in the far West have the... habit, which is general, of drinking in... intensely cold weather very freely of coffee... During a blizzard, of the fearful intensity... of which no person who has not encountered... one can have more than a faint idea, they... take to their cabins on the first suspicion of... its approach, and huddled around fires... drink strong coffee almost continually dur... ing the waking hours, until the storm has... passed. These people very sensibly prefer... that comparatively harmless and yet effec... tive stimulant to the "raw stuff," whiskey... and the like.  
Pneumonia generally comes on after some... chill and exposure. Therefore, a careful... avoidance of such a cause is indicated, and... it is naturally suggested that one should... always be sufficiently warmly dressed. Pure... air at all times in the working, living and... sleeping rooms is of definite importance in... the prevention of pneumonia. In fact, all... the surroundings should be healthy, the... drainage perfect, etc. If one enjoys these... favorable conditions, is reasonably cautious... lives sensibly, and has sufficient good... wholesome food, he need have but little... fear of pneumonia.  
Diphtheria is one of the diseases which... clearly depend upon unsanitary conditions... In other words, it is due to filth. Either... the peculiar poisonous matter—the germ... which gives rise to the disease—finds filth a... hothed for its growth, or in it it has its o... rigin. It is of no consequence to the reader... which of these two theories is correct. He... must remember that if he and his family... occupy a house which is filthy, damp or... contains foul air from any source whatsoever... then diphtheria is liable to occur among... them. The surest way to escape that dread... ed disease is to make home healthy. Absolu... te cleanliness must be enforced, and not a... single source of filth should be allowed in... or about the house. Especially look at the... drains, and see not only that they are in... perfect order, but that they are perfectly... ventilated. It would be a very wise plan... for every household to keep some efficient... disinfectant always at hand. There are... many useful agents which cost but a mere... trifle, and if one is used in the drains regu... larly and often, it will contribute much to... the safety of the inmates. Comparatively... healthy children living in a healthy home... have but little to fear from diphtheria, un... less they are directly exposed to a person... suffering with that disease; that, of course... can generally be avoided. As our board of... health, in its circular of recommendations... says of diphtheria: It may be conveyed... directly in the act of kissing, coughing... sitting, sneezing; or indirectly by infected... articles used, as towels, napkins, handker... chiefs, etc. The poison clings with great... tenacity to rooms, articles of furniture and... clothing, and may occasion the disease even... after the lapse of months. This last state... ment should sink in the minds of all, for it... has been fatally proven true time and again... Before moving into a house, a man with a... family of children ought to inquire well into... its history. If there has even been a case... of diphtheria in that house, he had better... keep out of it. Under no circumstances... should he occupy it until he was sure that... it had been thoroughly fumigated, "over... hauled," etc., and, in fact, every change... which promises protection had been made.  
Coffee and Tea.  
We are indebted to an interesting article... in *Popular Science News*, by Maurice D... Clarke, M. D., for the substance of this... article.  
The essential principle of coffee is the... alkaloid caffeine, but there is also developed... during the roasting a volatile oil—caffeone.  
The effects of the two on the drinker are... different in time and character. Caffeone is... speedier and more transient than caffeine.  
It reduces the arterial tension, and thus al... lows a freer flow of blood and a more rapid... action of the heart. Hence it stimulates the... brain, renders the mind clear, and promotes... wakefulness.  
Caffeine, on the other hand, slows the... heart, and expends its main force on the... spinal cord. To this fact is due the shaking... hand of the inveterate coffee-drinker—to... which we may add the marked tremor... which, after a few hours, sometimes follows... a copious draught when the stomach is... empty.  
There is another effect of the caffeine... it checks the too rapid consumption of ni... trogenous matter in the system, and thus... while not nutritious in itself, it possesses... an indirect nutritive value. This, and its... mildly stimulating character, have made it... the chosen drink for breakfast, and a staple... supply for the army and navy. Five hun... dred million pounds of coffee were imported... into the United States last year.  
To the chemist, coffee and tea are much... the same thing. Their two alkaloids—... caffeine and theine—are indistinguishable... the one from the other. Each also contain... a volatile oil. The difference to our taste... is doubtless due to subtle qualities which... the chemist is unable to detect.  
While, however, coffee checks waste, and... is a virtual food, the same thing cannot be... said of tea, the specific effect of which is... to quicken respiration and the vital func... tions generally.  
Both these drinks are liable to dangerous... abuse, but those who over-indulge in coffee... are few compared with those who drink tea... to excess. In both cases the injurious effect... is due as much to the volatile oil as to alkalo... ids.  
"It is an every-day experience in the out... patient departments of the large hospital... for sufferers to apply for the relief of sym... ptoms reasonably attributable to the abuse of... tea. Either from excess of tea, or for some... other reason, she loses her appetite, and... gradually comes to loathe food. In this ex... tremity, she seeks solace in the cup, and... thus increases the condition she is already... bewailing. She applies for medical aid... and, it is needless to say, usually scorns... the suggestion to go without tea."  
A "Put and Call."  
This is a funny phrase to the uninitiated... but all the brokers understand it. They use... it when a person gives a certain per cent... for the option of buying or selling stock on... a fixed day at a price stated on the day the... option is given. It is often a serious oppo... sition to the dealer, but there is a more se... rious "put and call" than this: when you... are "put" to bed with a severe cold and... your friends "call" a physician. Avoid all... this by keeping in the house Dr. Pierce's... Golden Medical Discovery. The great cure... for pulmonary and blood diseases. Its... action is marvellous. It cures the worst... cough, whether acute, lingering, or chronic... For Weak Lungs, Spitting of Blood, Short... Breath, Consumption, Night-sweats, and... kindred affections, it surpasses all other... medicines.  
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