

Yesterday's life. ... possible to tamper all the ... by turning the ... and ... of its structure ... be seen. For, ... the oyster has a ... "I suppose," ... "that when this ... the palate, few ... are swallowing a ... of a complicated ... and, the naturalist, ... well as observe the ... of nature's handiwork, ... that oysters, like horses, ... an oyster," he says, "are ... which should resemble the ... Next, the thickness of ... should have a shell ... it should also possess an ... and, and a peculiar opales- ... inner side. The hollow ... resemble an egg-cup ... be firm, white, and nut-

A STRANGE DELUSION.
Probably the strangest malady that appears in the human being is that which is characterized by the delirium of reason, and is commonly called insanity. This is on the increase generally all over the world, and in certain localities the increase is absolutely alarming. Hundreds of volumes have been written upon the subject in which much interesting and wisdom appears, toned down to a good deal of nonsense. Atheists have upon the definition of the term, and have learnedly upon the disease and its causes, but withal we are
JUST AS MUCH IN THE DARK
As we were a thousand years ago, with all the facilities for study and investigation. Many causes are given for the disease, as grief, joy, brooding over troubles, disarrangement in love, and other important matters, and many other things, but no one has yet been able to explain how it is that the existence of these conditions in any individual takes hold of the brain and gives such a twist to the ideas will be so distorted that a shop girl will imagine that she is a queen, and a laborer will believe that he is a Vanderbilt. How the brain acts upon the mind? This is the knotty problem that must be solved before the cause of insanity can be clearly determined. Disease of the heart, lungs, liver, and genital organs are frequently accompanied by a disordered mind, but why this should be so, and what subtle force is that emanates from the body and produces mental contortions of the wildest kind is beyond human understanding, and it is only a matter of time and talent to go hunting for it. It is a search for perpetual motion in the spiritual world.
ALL THAT CAN BE KNOWN
Is that certain things will produce insanity if allowed to remain at work in the human being, and the practical advice is never to do anything injurious and you will never become insane, unless you have caught a taint from a defunct ancestor which will bloom on its own account without assistance. One of the most peculiar conditions that has ever developed a disordered mind was recently found in Mary Ellis, an inmate of the Bloomingdale Asylum, and most remarkable because unsuspected. She was a student in the Normal College in New York and expected to graduate this year. She was not brilliant, but tenacious, and study was
HARD WORK TO HER,
but what she knew would never slip away. Hours of hard work were thrown into each day, and when she began to have terrific pains in her head, it was said that she had overworked and broken down. She stopped studying and took plenty of rest and tonics, but the pains continued with remorseless force. They were neuralgic in character, and, as a matter of course, the dentist had to get in his fine work and polish up some old teeth. But the nerves in the teeth and jaw were all right. The awful buzzing in the head remained, and the darting pains that shot through the head became fiercer every day. The natural result followed. Cast-iron could not stand such a racking, and nature gave up resting. Miss Ellis, from a calm, happy girl, with a serene, happy disposition, suddenly
BECAME VIOLENTLY INSANE
It was alleged that she was another victim of the forcing system so prevalent in schools, which in fact was miles from the truth. Dr. Burnett, the family physician, took charge of the case with the aid of a trained nurse, but at the end of a week became convinced that it was a useless task, as the violent manifestations indicated that there was something more than temporary derangement, and the poor girl was taken to Bloomingdale. There were so few guiding points in the history of Miss Ellis that Dr. Hammond was completely at sea as to
THE CAUSE OF HER CONDITION.
Overstudy and worry, if long continued, would have brought her there, but she had a strong physical constitution, and her temperament was such that she could stand any amount of brain work without injury. She had many delusions, the most peculiar of which was that a locomotive was running at full speed in her abdomen. She often screamed from the pain in her head. A watch was set upon her, and a lookout was kept for pernicious habits. After the patient had been in the asylum for a week the nurse found maggots creeping on her pillow in the morning. Maggots usually are not much thought of; they are too vulgar; but in this case search was made for their abiding place, and led to a wonderful discovery.
THERE WERE NO SORES
on the girl's body to nourish the vermin. A strong light was thrown into the patient's throat, and with the aid of a laryngoscope it was seen that the maggots were coming out of the left Eustachian tube. Their course was downward, and when in motion maggots followed each other like sheep. But how did the maggots get into the Eustachian tube which, it will be remembered, has an opening into the tympanum in the ear? The external ear was all right. An ear speculum was introduced into the canal and revealed the fact that at its termination was a mass of creeping, writhing objects. The tympanic membrane had been perforated and the maggots had gone through it, and in this way got into the throat. There were also maggots in the right ear, but the tympanum
MEMBRANE WAS INTACT.
This discovery afforded a solution of the patient's mental disturbance. She had a slight discharge of pus from the ears at intervals since she had the scarlet fever in childhood. The fly (*Musca scrotophaga*), being attracted by the pus, deposited its eggs at the entrance of the ear, and the larvae, or maggots, were speedily developed in great numbers. They crawled into the auditory canal, hanging fast with a hook-like apparatus, with which they are furnished, and made an opening through the tympanic membrane. This membrane is highly sensitive, the slightest touch causing the most intense pain, and it was the everlasting rapping and boring into it that caused such terrible suffering that nature could give relief only by
DESTROYING THE MIND.
An effort was immediately made to dislodge the larvae. It was a tedious task. Several solutions were injected into the ear to kill the maggots, the most effective being chlorinated soda and rectified spirits. After they were killed they could not be washed away, as their hooks were firmly embedded in the tissue, and each maggot had to be

separately taken out with forceps. The liquid was injected into the Eustachian tube by an ingenious contrivance made for the purpose by Dr. Hammond. The maggots in the labyrinth of the ear could not be reached from the outside, and an incision was made with a trephine into the mastoid process behind the left ear. This
EXPOSED THE INTERNAL EAR
and afforded an opportunity of thoroughly cleaning it. In all, there were 1,233 maggots removed from both ears, some of them being microscopic. The operation was extended through three days. In forty-eight hours afterwards when the inflammation had subsided somewhat, there was a marked change in her condition and she ceased to wildly rave about her delusions. The improvement was steady, and in a week she talked rationally and only gave a slight intimation of dementia. Her health picked up in every way, and it was evident that a radical cure had been effected. She is still kept at the asylum as a matter of precaution, but will undoubtedly be restored when fairly without mental taint within a month.
A Curious Incident.
Some interesting information with reference to a very curious incident which occurred during the Franco-German war has just come to hand. In 1870 three French visitors established themselves at a hotel in a well known German town, where they remained several months. Being in want of funds and unable to pay their bill, they were compelled to leave a package which they had brought from France in the hands of the landlord in satisfaction of his claim. This upon examination was found to contain a sumptuously-designed state chair. The name of Napoleon was embroidered upon the silk covering of the back and seat, and, on the occupant pressing his hands upon the finely carved gilt arms, a musical air was played by an instrument concealed within the upholstery. The care of this remarkable piece of furniture seemed the only occupation of the strangers, who are supposed to have been awaiting the advance of the French army, and in the event of its proving victorious, would doubtless have conveyed the chair to Berlin, where, it is presumed, it was to have been used as a throne by the Emperor Napoleon. The chair remains in possession of the widow of the Frenchman's host.—*London Times.*
To be Abreast with Society.
"De factore der mater vas," says Uncle Jacob, "dot we spends shust about half of our money because somebody else vas do it. Ve shust pays mit a tribute mit society. If Mr. A baints mit his fence, den Mr. B, if he vas an enderbrizing man vas shust baint his. Every body could get along mitout a goot many things dot dey haf, but live would not be pleasant mit dem. I might say to my vife and daughter: 'Now den, dere vas no use in paying out blendy off money for der vinder's clothing. Here vas grain-sacks and fertilizer bags dot vas goot vart clothe. Ve vill vash dot und make dot into clothes und keep vart und healdy.' Now, dot could be done und off ve vas lifting mit some desert island were nobody vas griticize, I haf no doubt dot ve would vear shust tings und be shust as happy vas never vas. But ven ve goes in mit der society off any community ve vas shust haf to come up mit der standard off dot community mit our dress und our vays off lifting und all dese oder tings. Der consequence vas dot ve knows vas useless shust because oder beebles does it und ve tinks it vas fearful dot ve falls behind. Der trouble mit society vas dot it vos gultivate bride so fast dot ve vas ingrease our expense shust like a snow-boll vife ve vas keep up mit it."
Pride.
There are people who are constantly making themselves miserable by thinking over their ailments. Some one says something that they think includes a reflection upon them, or does something that is intended to humiliate, or falls to pay them as much attention as they believe they are entitled to, and they take it up, brood over it, magnify its importance, pout, sulk, scond, denounce and calumniate, without reason or measure. It is possible, of course, for them to injure some one by it, or to interrupt some good work. But usually they have no effect upon anybody but themselves, except to excite their spirit of meriment and ridicule. Cultivating such a habit produces another equally bad, which is that of looking out for ailments, as if with the fixed intention of keeping up a supply of material for the chronic fretting and backbiting. There grows up in the minds of all such people a feeling that whatever anyone says not in the line of their thinking is an attack upon them, and they therefore put on the injured air, and their countenance, which expresses their sense of calamity. Pride has many ways of sacrificing itself, or rather him that cherishes it, but none of them is more suicidal than this one.
A Case of Human Glanders.
The awful death of Mme. Paviakoff, one of the most charming amongst all that bevy of charming Russian ladies who sometimes terrible the winters of Paris, has created a ghastly shock among the circles so lately embellished by her presence. The unhappy lady left Paris but a short time ago on a summer tour to Germany. While stepping from the door of her hotel at Berlin to gain her carriage she let fall one of her bracelets close to the pavements. Stooping to pick it up she observed laughingly that "one of the horses belonging to the next carriage had kissed her." Next day the unfortunate lady was taken ill with that most horrible disease, glanders, and in a few more days breathed her last in spite of the attendance of the first physicians of Berlin and every resource to be obtained by wealth or by the ceaseless vigilance of friends.
The highest court in this State has passed upon the legality of the boycott as applied to a non-union laborer, and holds that no organization has a right to insist on the discharge of an objectionable workman or prevent him from obtaining work elsewhere. This is a wholesome and satisfactory decision. Five members of the Knights of Labour were arrested on a charge of conspiracy in the case of Hartt, a shoemaker, who refused to join in a strike, whose discharge they secured, and whom they prevented from getting work in other shops. The accused men secured writs of *habeas corpus*. Justice Barrett and the general of the supreme court in turn dismissed the writs, and these two decisions have been confirmed by the court of appeals.—[New York Tribune.]

PRETTY THINGS IN JEWELRY.
A peculiar pattern in garter buckles represents a circular corrugated plaque of oxidized silver upon which rests a coiled serpent.
A heart of plain gold, paved with diamonds, entwined with another set with sapphires, makes an attractive top design for a knife-edge bracelet.
In link sleeve buttons a handsome pair recently seen had a jeweled initial on a Roman gold plate, while the bars were set with five diamonds each.
A reasonable design for small silver cases is a catcher in the act of stopping a swiftly coming ball. On court plaster cases it is especially appropriate.
A shield of silver, on which is an armorial bearing rising from a confused mass of scroll work of the same metal, is a peculiar pattern in garter buckles.
Enameled flower brooches and pins, while still in favor, have been forced to share their popularity with the mottled silver bonbonnières, combs, pins and bracelets on which the enameled flowers are sunk flush with the surface.
Watch cases in oxidized silver are now seen in many designs. A spider snug within his web, a scene from the familiar willow pattern on china, flowers, leaves, rocks and landscapes, all etched, are among those most in favor.
A handsome cigarette case is of oxidized silver, having on its cover a female figure in repose surrounded by a sunburst. The case is slightly curved in order to fit snugly against the body when carried in an upper vest pocket.
A handsome design in cuff buttons is a circular plaque sufficiently depressed in the centre to make flush with the rim the diamonds which nestle therein. Eight platinum leaves are placed at equal distances about the stone.
A peculiar flower brooch represents a blossom similar to a large forget-me-not. The lower petals, which curl downward, are of pink enamel; these which point upward and confine the stamens and pistils are paved with diamonds, and the pistils are each tipped with a smaller diamond.
Three entwined crescents, that in the centre set with diamonds and those on the right and left in rubies and emeralds respectively, make an exceedingly handsome brooch. The centre crescent is still further embellished by a lustrous pearl.
Military Salutes.
The military salute required in almost all civilized countries is nearly the same. Perhaps in Germany however the regulations are somewhat more stringent. A soldier on meeting the emperor has to stand still, face about, and remain with hand raised for from twelve to twenty paces before his majesty approaches and for the same distance after he had passed. In Belgium an officer has to do the same thing for the king, and subalterns for generals, though ten paces only are required for the latter case. Soldiers carrying anything so that their hands are occupied salute with their eyes—that is, they turn their heads in the direction of the person coming and going. French officers raise their caps to each other; but the privates do as the privates in other armies do.
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