

HEALTH EDUCATION

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Dr. Middleton will be glad to answer questions on Public Health matters through this column. Address him at Spadina House, Spadina Crescent, Toronto.

High blood pressure is a condition we hear much about these days. It may be due in part to the strenuous life one leads in these hectic times, but over-indulgence of one kind or another makes the condition worse. High blood pressure means seven things: (1) That the heart is having to strain; (2) that the blood vessels walls are thickened and inelastic; (3) that the person is obese or overweight. It may be caused by any or all of these conditions.

Nature provides blood vessels that are large enough and smooth enough for blood to flow through without much friction. Every time you beats, the vessels being elastic, stretch like a rubber tube. As age advances,

the elasticity diminishes, the walls thicken and the inside width of the tube gets less. In consequence, the blood flow in the tubes is under too much pressure. There is an instrument for measuring blood pressure. Symptoms which suggest the need of this examination are dizziness, cold sweat, pain in the urine, irritable heart. The best way to prevent constipation and live temperately in eating, drinking and in all other ways, avoid over-excitement or stimulation and take plenty of rest and sleep.

There is no medicine that can hope to effect a cure of this disease. It depends on the patient's habits and the way he lives from day to day.



Some Christmas Good Turns, Scouts! Read this list over to members of your Patrol next meeting, check off the Good Turns you may be able to duplicate, and later kindly send to the editor a brief account of your success as a suggestion. For other patrols troops next year.

Gathered and repaired old toys, gifts to children of poor families, in last year gathered nearly hundred old toys, freshened them up in their toy workshop and added them to Santa Claus' Christmas load.

Put on Scout demonstration to aid community Christmas fund.

Give a Christmas basket to a poor family.

Made up "Patrol baskets" of good things for needy families.

Troop divided into three groups, each of which secured food and other gifts for poor families.

Put up community Christmas tree, food, clothing, candies, oranges, etc., left by the town folks under the tree and these were later divided into tins and distributed by the Scouts.

Presented Christmas tree for Sunday school, and assisted in decoration and entertainment.

Assisted in decoration of church for Christmas.

Organized a Scout Christmas parcel service, for the free delivery of all Christmas cheer packages.

Watched controlling traffic at holiday shopping corners.

Organized singers for Christmas eve.

Cleared sidewalks of snow, removed ice, cut wood, etc., for invalids and people who had no one to look after them.

Cook candies and other good things to an orphanage and amused the children for an hour with Scout games.

Packed some boys to a Christmas party and paid their car fares.

Visited sick children, especially those in the hospital.

One Ontario troop hiked seven miles in zero weather to visit and pass on a Tenderfoot Scout an invalid boy living on a farm.

Provided a big Christmas dinner for birds wintering in the town park.

Assisted church in a census of needy families, each patrol taking a different section.

Violin Value.

How do you value your musical instrument: by its market value or by what you get out of it? At a recent meeting three young ladies were awaiting in breathless expectation the appearance of a well-known violinist, and filling in the time, with excited conversation as to their own experiences. They were evidently violinists themselves, and had learned to play the principal parts in the programme, besides playing in professional or amateur orchestras.

But some of them ideas quite what they should be known," said one of them, "I am a 24,000 Strad the other day friends of mine had this and an Amati. The Amati only cost £700, then £700. Some Amatis are £700."

"Do you prefer to play on the violin?"

"Yes, I do. I have not realized that many violinists fixed by many things besides intrinsic value and artistic ef-

forts."

We take our blessings too much for granted," said H. Rider Haggard.

Keep Minard's Liniment in the house.

You can always say more in five minutes than in twenty.—Rev. E. J. Brown.

Select Your Hens for Breeding Now.

By Sam W. Knipe.

Too many poultry breeders leave the selection of their breeding hens till January or February, instead of selecting them in the Fall, when they go into their winter quarters.

Of course it is not suggested that they should be mated up then, but by picking out the most desirable "birds" for next year's breeders there can be separated, allowed free range, if it's available, until real severe weather sets in. Eggs from these birds during the winter months should be a secondary consideration only. The main point is to have them healthy and in good vitality when eggs are required for hatching. Therefore mash and other egg producing feeds should be limited, supplemented by a body and muscle building ration. Care must be taken not to over feed, or by spring the hens will be too fat to lay.

If you have any hens which have laid right up to October or November, hang right onto them; also if you have trap-nested kept your 150-egg birds and over, if you have a surplus of hatching eggs from such stock they are readily disposed of, and even if they only lay a couple of settings of eggs you know you may have chicks well worth while from their eggs.

While your breeders should have good care and attention, abundant exercise is absolutely necessary, without which you cannot expect the muscles and functional organs to have the energy needed for subsequent utilization or the power to resist adverse influences.

Do not contemplate using pullets and hens which you have "forego" for eggs, under artificial lights, as the results in fertility are usually disappointing. Keep an eye on your cockerels, pick out the quick, maturing, large framed and good typed birds to head your pens. If two or more males are to be used in one pen, get them accustomed to each other before breeding season; this will insure peace and contentment in your breeding quarters.

Breed only from good mates, for remember, the male bird is 50% of your breeding pen.

It is estimated that the United States holds 45 per cent of the world's total gold money. Of the remainder, the British Empire holds about 12½ per cent; France, 11 per cent; Japan, 6 per cent; Spain, 5 per cent; and Germany and Holland about 2½ per cent, each.

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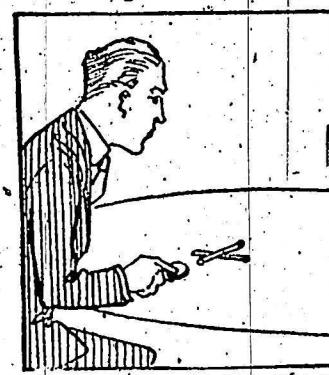
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EASY TRICKS

No. 57

Magnetic Silver



Two matches and a half dollar are used in this trick which can best be performed while you are seated at the table.

One match is placed across the other so that it is balanced with neither end touching the table. Notice that a half dollar acts toward a match as a magnet acts toward a steel needle and proceeds to prove, by demonstration, that there is sense in that nonsense.

The half dollar is held near the end of the upper match. The performer allows the coin to fall himself so the match swings toward him. The spectators suspect threads but they can examine the matches and the coin all they like.

The coin has nothing to do with the trick except to provide an excuse for the performer's magneticism. A real magnet or another match would do just as well. While the performer is holding the coin near one end of the upper match, he is breathing gently toward the other end. That, of course, makes the match swing around on its axis and that's the trick!

(Clip this out and paste it, with other of this series, in a scrapbook.)

Wood Fold.

Those who have lived near forests ever keep something within them kin to every tree.

Something of wind and rain and sun shine free;

Their vagrant thoughts roam far afield to deep

And woody places where Pan's goat-hoops leap.

And dryads peer through boughs, of ash and oak;

Strange rustic memories their dreams invoke

And stray leaves rustle always through their sleep.

They never lose their love of wandering.

Though fate should stay for years

they'll bound-foot;

They never fail to hear birds caroling,

Although no wings sweep through the street;

And, hid within their innocent souls apart,

They hold the magic of the forest's heart.

—Charlotte Becker.

Such instances observed daily, either in public buildings, in the trams, or in any other form of public conveyance, not taking into account what happens on the street.

Some people have careless manners, and without consideration for their neighbors, they cough without covering their mouths with a handkerchief. They sneeze in the same manner or spit on the floor.

Such facts are observed daily, either in public buildings, in the trams, or in any other form of public conveyance, not taking into account what happens on the street.

Avoid these unhealthy practices, and you will do your share toward the safeguarding of your own and the public health.

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