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EDITORIALS

PROMOTE GOOD HEALTH AND LONG LIFE

How shall we eat and drink for the attainment of health and long life? I understand it is the rule among school teachers to leave these matters mainly to the parents. That being the case, how can we expect the parents to know how, when they have never attended a school that taught this principle?

Is it not about time that our public schools took up the matter and made some headway in formulating a method whereby the child control, Mr. Roesch says the element can learn something about the of human fallibility stands out as the art and not continue to eat like an animal?

Eating and drinking are as important matters as we have to a tend to in this life, therefore they should be given as much thought and attention as anything else that we are called upon to do. By tics, education and in social life, and knowing how to eat and drink we they risk their lives daily without the are less liable to abuse ourselves quiver of an eyelash merely to get in this respect.

The cooking schools have done much in teaching children how to prepare food, but have not yet taught them how to eat it after it ing, polo and numerous other sports. was prepared.

Let us have eating schools and drinking schools. It is the abuse of eating and the abuse of drinking that do the injury. They make dyspeptics of us all; they have made many arunkards, and will make many more unless education steps i nandcalls a halt

There is a generation growing

shild how to eat and drink tor health, strength, endurance, ef ficency and gustatory satisfaction in such a manner as will build up a better race of people than the world has ever seen. It can be done.

DIFFICULT TO KEEP PACE WITH SLANG

It is hard for a man who tries to adhere to the niceties of the a good deal of the talk he hears nowadays.

.Of course some of the slang is clever and so expressive as to win ultimate incorporation in the lexicons, while some of it is silly and some loses vogue,

The otherday I was talking with a friend, a Harvard graduate, who was telling me of having had a run-in with some politician whom my friend disliked and was trying to beat.

'For heaven's sake," thought I, "what did that man mean by a 'run-in?" Later I gathered from his conversation that he and the portion to the respective territorial politician had met and engaged, in an animated argument, that narrowly missed being a rumpus-a not move a great distance westward kind of near-row, so to speak.

As Brander Matthews has put the stamp of his approval on "joint," I suppose that "run-in" will come to be accepted as one of those condensed and significant bits of speech that this generation seems fond of coining.

CHANCE TAKERS.

A practical railway man, F. P. Roesch by name, and master mechanic of a southwestern railroad by occupation, advances a new reason for the many accidents on American railways. Mr. Roesch says it is summed up in two words-"chance takers." In speech before the Railway Surgeons' association this western master mechanic declared that the only way to do away with railroad accidents is to eliminate the "chance takers," says Indianapolis Star. His position is well taken, and his terse description of a vital reason why railroads of this country kill so many people is rather startling. When one comes down to the only phase of railroad operation that so far has been beyond absolute primary cause in 99 out of every 100 cases: This view of the matter, while not questioned, is rather out of the usual in summing up causes for accidents on railways. The American people are the greatest chance takers on earth. They not only take chances in making money—the gambler's chance-but they take chances in polisomewhere quickly. Automobile racing is condemned in some quarters because of the great danger; football comes under the same bane; marathon racing is risky, as are prize fight-

Though some of the Germans are stirred up, nobody else in Europe seems to be unduly excited over Emperor William's affirmation of the di vine right of sovereignty. It is re called that he has said something to the same effect before. But it is also remembered that constitutionalism and liberal government have gone right along. Even Russia, where ab up that we will be responsible for, has been the creation of a Duma or solutism appeared to have such a hold Let us begin now to teach the parliament which affords the people a measure of representation. Then there are Turkey and Persia, both formerly in the grip of despotism, now enjoying progressive rule and constitutional privileges. And Germany it self has some constitutional guarantees that the emperor would not think of molesting.

Prof. William L. Garner says that Susie smiles on him. Susie is a little chimpanzee, not the one who lived and loved in a cocoanut tree, but the one the professor recently kidnaped from her home in Africa. The savant maintains that Susie's smile proves English language to comprehend her kinship with humanity. Before accepting this statement at its face value the public is entitled to know whether the young African wrinkles her nose when she chortles. She is only seven months old and failing this corroborative evidence, it is fair to assume that she may simply be suffering from colic and in need of a little catnip tea.

> A feature of the census returns that surprises many is the population growth of the east as compared to that of the west. Despite the tre mendous development of the west and the great number that have sought homes in that section, the east is showing up gains almost as great, and even greater when considered in proareas. According to present indications the center of population will is intended to be. and will still be at some point in In-

The young woman in New York who shot herself because she did not make an expected literary success, now wants to live and try again. She ought to succeed. In these sensationloving days, she has secured quite an advertisement for her work. Court-

ing reputation at the cannon's mouth is a well-known operation, but it is sometimes new to woo literary success at the pistol's point.

GIRLS IN CITIES.

cious, going to a city like New York without friends or advisers to whom she would listen, and very evidently head-strong and impulsive, there to spend two years writing a book and precious manuscripts which she romantically wishes to be buried with her, calls forth nothing but pity. But this sentiment does not obscure the fact that the girl was permitted to gain a false view of herself and her relations with the world. Acts such as hers in no degree justify the wholesale condemnation of the business life domestic undoing. Domestic dyspepof our cities or warrant the sweeping statement of a young girl facing at once both womanhood and eternity in saying that "a girl cannot get along etc. honorably in New York."

Still another use for automobiles. The town of Jamaica, L. I., had an unpleasant time when a main burst and the water supply was shut off completely. To say nothing of the annoyance, inconvenience and danger in private dwellings, the orphan asylum and other institutions were subjected to especially distressing experiences. To meet at least partially the demand an automobile service was organized, the machines going with tanks, bar rels and other receptacles to points where water could be obtained and bringing it to those in need. This was at best but a poor substitute for the regular system, yet it proved that in time of stress the auto is a valuable auxiliary.

Still they come, those Chinese students who are to be trained at American educational institutions. A party of sixty-eight has arrived at Honolulu. These students are some of the number sent by the Chinese government, the expenses to be paid from the Boxer indemnity money returned by the United States, says Troy Times. That kindly act has brought a rich reward in the form of the esteem, grati tude and confidence of China and the influence that will be exerted through the absorption of American ideas by he bright young men who are the beneficiaries of the arrangement.

Engineers at work on the Panama canal propose to leave as little as possible to chance. They are now engaged in experiments to determine the effect of sea water on concrete an enormous quantity of which is employed in the construction of the canal Concrete in different stages of preparation and with various forms protection will be subjected to the ac tion of the salt water and the results will be carefully noted. Probably there never was a great undertaking of this kind in which so many pre cautions were taken to guard against future risk.

Germans usually do things thoroughly, and the announcement that there is no cholera in Berlin, although the disease has broken out in the vi cinity, no doubt testifies to the effectiveness of the safeguards ployed. Modern medical science is usually victorious over the ailments once regarded as scourges, against which it was almost useless to contend. Yellow fever, cholera and the like are no longer the terror they were formerly.

A Chicago professor says that the law is a hindrance to some people. If by some people he means burglars, pickpockets and grafters, we might add that that is exactly what the law

onomowoc and Hackensack have all also doing well. made remarkable gains in population. Now, who says there's no advertising in paragraphic publicity?

Man has at last beaten the pigeons he long ago distanced them in the in small packages. pleasanter art of billing and cooing.

THE SCHOOL FOR BRIDES.

The new department just opened in the school of domestic arts and sciences in this city, in which prospective and young wives are to be taught The young girl who tried dramatic how to make prospective and young ally to take her life in New York re- husbands happy, ought to be an atcently through disappointment and tractive and useful one. The most disillusion placed the blame upon the hopeful sign of its success is the wrong shoulders. It in no degree practicability of the new scheme, rests upon either the business or pub- says the Chicago Tribune. Instead of lic social side of American life, says the various political, philosophical, Washington Post. The responsibility suffragetical and ethical eforms for such an outcome must be borne by which have been agitated as antithose who are in duty bound to give dotes for the divorce habit, the author their children right views of life. The of this scheme gets far down to the sight of a young girl, however preco- roots of Benedictine happiness by establishing a curriculum in which the prominent items are making model bedrooms, disposing of socks, des and vests, preserving trouser creases, putting away shirts, airing rooms, decorating them, matching furniture, etc. All this satisfies the outer nan, but it does not provide for the cravings of the inner man. The kitchen should not be omitted. Unhappiness often begins at breakfast and culminates at dinner. Tough biscuits and burned roasts have been the source of much sia, for which no pepsin remedy has yet been found, is a frequent cause of dissatisfaction, derangement, divorce.

> Receipts of sheep at Omaha make a new world's record, more than 63,000 having arrived in one day. This immense number taxed the stockyard facilities almost to full capacity. Yet the announcement of these facts is coupled with the statement that "the market prices showed no tendency to break." Heretofore it has been alleged that high rates for meat were due to the short supply. But with unprecedented shipments of sheep this rule certainly does not apply to at least one class of meat. What is keeping up the prices? Would it be unfair to suggest that the packers' trust might throw some light on the situation?

The controversy over the beauty of Cleopatra is in the absence of direct evidence capable of being spun out to infinitude. One alleged authority having asserted that she was really very plain, another comes to her rescue with the insistance that she was one of the most beautiful women the world ever knew. The dispute seems somewhat useless in view of the fact that the Egyptian queen sa isfied the taste of her contemporaries; and so far as this age is concerned, if there were any remains of her that could be identified, they would certainly be the reverse of attractive.

California astronomers report the breaking up of a big sunspot into a group of uncommonly small fragments, and intimate that the phenomenon may be the forerunner of some extraordinary disturbances. It is about time for the sun to come into the spotlight again. The big luminary was eclipsed, in scientific interest for a time, by the appearance, of the Halley comet and the speculations and observations accompanying that celestial exhibition.

Those big "unclaimed estates" very often shrink, sometimes to nothingness, when attempts are made to realize. The story that an emigrant from Galicia came to this country and made \$30,000,000 or \$39,000,000. which heirs in his native country are trying to secure, was typical of many. Alpeady the actual value of the estate has decreased to \$15,000. Probably in the final act the affair will prove to be only a "pipe dream."

A Washington man ha been arrested and fined for selling "adulterated eggs." Served him right. At the present prices of "hen fruit" to palm off imitation and impure articles for the good sort is to add insult to injury.

There is a man in California who went to sleep on a railroad track, was struck by a fast train and escaped with a headache. To complete the simple beauty of this tale we Oshkosh, Kokomo, Kalamazoo, Oc. pleased to add that the locomotive is

Among airmen excessive a voirdupoise is at a discount, most of the successful atmosphere navigators being physical lightweights. In this as in some at flying, but with fair woman's help other matters good goods often come

NEW SOURCE OF POTASH

After all the protest there was against the German government's re strictions on the commerce in potash it now appears that the America farmer who wants to buy that fertilizer will have an easier time than before, says Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin. This is due, however, to no relaxation of the policy of Germany Austria, it seems, expects soon rival Germany in the production fertilizing salts, and the United States then will have two places from which to buy and thus obtain a measure of relief from the German potash monopoly. Consul General Charles Denby of Vienna reports to the depart ment of commerce and labor that a Austrian syndicate recently has be organized for the development of th salt deposits near Kalusz in Galicia The Galicia mines have been worked only to a limited extent and are known to be rich in fertilizing and other salts. Mr. Denby says: "Australia in ports annually about 5,000 tons potassic salts, valued at about \$1,200, 000, from Germany, where the busi ness is a monopoly. It is stated that this industry in Germany yields hand some profits, and that the mines are being pushed to the limit of productiveness, which gives substantial reason to believe that the local industry. working in a fellow field will prove an equal success. The enterprise worthy of note in the United States and in all other countries buying mineral fertilizer and other salts in Eu-

About ten miles of the Panama canal are now completed to the point where there may be partial navigation, while work on the remainder is going with a rush. The completed portion is nearly one-fifth of the whole, although of course what remains to be done is the most difficult, including the Culebra cut and the construction of the Gatun dam. Yet "coming events cast their shadows before," and it is now evident that the finish of the in teroceanic waterway is a matter of comparatively short time. There has been not very much talk of late, but Uncle Sam and his faithful engineers down on the isthmus have gone right along "sawing wood," and their works do follow them.

Those who have been able to hold back their vacations until now are to be congratulated. October is one of the finest months of the year for vacations, as any one who has been fortunate enough to have two weeks free at this time will tell you. The country lies before you. There is no better exercise than walking. Nature, in the full beauty of her late summer foliage, is at her best, and the crisp air of the approaching fall is noticeable mornings. Soon it will be on tap all day. Why not keep up your open-air vacation habits all winter?

The woodpecker has been substituted for the bald-headed eagle as the ornithological emblem on the official seal of the state of Washington. Washington, having become a fruitgrowing state, is full of enthusiasm for the bird that works to keep the forests and orchards clear of insects. But what of dignity? If utility is everything, what is to prevent some state from choosing as its emblem a pail of spraying fluid, compounded of soapsuds and kerosene?

The new torpedo-boat destroyer Paulding has made a record for oilburning warships by running at the rate of 33.94 knots an hour. This feat was accomplished during a standardization trial-trip off the Maine coast, and seems to furnish strong testimony to the effectiveness of oil as

A new brewmaster just hired by a St. Louis brewery will draw \$25,000 a year. A correspondence school with a department devoted to brewmastering ought to do well during the coming year.

Chicago public schools have put a course of plumbing in the curriculum. The future generation will have only itself to complain to when the bills are high.

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