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Some More or Less Sage Reflections on the Subject of Diseases and Their Treatment.

Dentists now cure rheumatism, dyspepsia, kidney troubles, sore eyes and corns by pulling, filling or otherwise maltreating the teeth. Stomach specialists relieve toothache by treating the digestion. Headaches have nothing to do with the head, except to make it hurt; the seat of their operations is in the stomach or liver. The whole body seems to be merely a system of interlocking directorates, the Philadelphia Ledger comments.

Why, then, one is inclined to ask, do we have specialists? If the functions of the body, instead of being a system of such complete entanglements and inter-relations from head to foot, were really divided up into watertight compartments, then specialistic treatment would indeed be indicated. In that case each specialist would have his own compartment to look after, with a sign upon the membrane which marks the entrance to his domain, "Trespassers will be prosecuted." But what are you going to do with a body in which nephritis is directly caused by an ulcerated tooth which the dentist hasn't discovered, and the legs swell up and become useless because there is an unlocated intestinal kink? It would really seem that before a man is fitted to operate as a specialist on any part of the body he must have specialized a while over every other part of it—so that the East side doctor's sign, "Specialist in All Diseases," need not be regarded as so absurd after all. The first qualification of a good specialist is to be an all-around physician.

But at present the dentist has the advantage over all other specialists. Give him a chance to pull out every tooth in your head and you will be delivered forever from Bright's disease, rheumatism, pleurisy, liver complaint, neuritis, pyelitis, and virtually every other kind of disease. But what will the dentist do when he has drawn everybody's teeth?

MUCH DEPENDS ON ONESELF

Good Hard Sense as Applied to Ancient Superstitions Concerning "Blue Monday."

I happened to find a most entertaining old book in the free library—a dictionary of superstitions. It has three big volumes, all crammed with the fears and beliefs of the human race. Just to sample some of them that apply to Monday, here are a few:

"If things commence to go wrong on Monday they will go wrong all the week, but if you have good luck on Monday you will keep it up."

"Pay no bills on Monday if you can help it."

(This is congenial advice and easily followed.)

"If you meet a cross-eyed person on Monday you will not have good luck till Thursday."

"If the sun sets clear Friday night it will rain before Monday night."

"It is a bad sign to lose a tooth on Monday."

(Yes, or a hand or a leg either, I should say.)

"If you lose your temper three times on Monday you will have a great family quarrel."

(This bit of sagacity has an excellent chance of being true, one would think. Still, there may be some men who could get away with three blow-outs and have no comeback.)

To add our own observation to the collected wisdom of the ages your Monday is neither more or less than what you choose to make it when you get out of bed in the morning. You can make it lucky or unlucky if you wish.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Impresionable Fowls.

Sunshine seems to play an important part in the lives of fowls. There is no doubt that they lay much more regularly, and appear generally happier, when in the sunlight. The next best thing to sunshine in this dull old country is a light which gives to the fowls the impression that the sun is shining.

Fortunately the fowl is easily deceived, with the result that a great deal of success has attended the experiments of a well-known engineer who is building fowl-houses with a material similar to canvas, stained and varnished so that the house is always lighted in the daytime with light of a pleasant golden color. By means of electric light placed outside, the fowls can easily be made to think the sun is always shining; and so successful have been the results that a farm is being established on these lines.

Ticklish, isn't it?

Is there a problem which, perhaps, is more likely to be answered some day than this one, which has been propounded to the bewilderment of scientists.

Suppose a pipe which would permit of the passage of a man's body were pierced through the earth from London to the Antipodes, and a man commenced to descend by means of a ladder running the length of the pipe. Naturally he would descend feet foremost. On reaching the center of the earth he would, on account of the revolution and formation of the globe, presumably be going upwards until he emerged in the Antipodes.

Query: How can a ladder on which one is descending become a ladder on which one is ascending? And how could one go up a ladder feet foremost? Next, please!

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

High School Annual

The High School Annual, edited by the class of 1920, is now under operation. The class has a hunch that it can put over an annual that will be much more successful than any yet leaving the hands of a Deerfield graduating class. In order to achieve this, the Annual Board is getting away with an early start—much earlier than that of former years. The Camera club is busy taking snap-shots of high school life, the school artists are doing all possible to make their part a big success, and the literary section is well under way. It would pay the business men of the community to take notice. The Annual needs advertisements, and the class of 'twenty' will appreciate your cooperation.

The Annual this year will sell for one dollar and twenty-five cents, which is very little when you stop to consider the time and labor spent in its preparation. The year-book could not possibly bring in enough money to pay for itself thru subscriptions and advertisements; it is not a money-making proposition. To meet the situation, the Senior Class intends to give an informal dance occasionally, charging an admission of ten cents. One dance has already been held, over nine dollars being taken in. The boys suggested a plan to sell hot-dogs at the remaining football games to be played at home. The plan worked out fairly well at the game with Evanston last Friday. Later in the year it is possible that a few of the light-footed senior girls will give a series of dancing lessons to the high school students who wish to attend. This ought to reap a number of dollars for the good cause.

Thus it can be seen that by buying an annual and paying one dollar and a quarter an article can be procured worth almost three dollars; a regular bargain sale. Put in an order early to be sure to get a copy. So much enthusiasm has never before been displayed in making an annual as is shown this year. Back 'em up.
THEODORE SCHREIBER.

GOSH, HOW WE DREAD IT!

They're cleaning house at my house, They're clarifying things, The rugs have beat it thither And the drapes have taken wings, The bed is in the cellar, And the chairs are in the yard, I'm sitting in the alley And the alley's awful hard.

They're cleaning house at my house, And all our treasure trove, They're waxing up the hardwood And blacking up the stove, They're tinting all the ceilings A blue—or maybe pink— It has a wistful odor That has put us on the blink.

They're cleaning house at my house, I guess it's for the best; The only clothes that I could find This morning was a vest; I guess I should be patient, still I do object, I think, To sleeping in the bathtub And eating in the sink.
—J. P. McEvoy.

Dreaming of Cats.

To dream of cats is said not to be lucky. If you dream of a black cat, your enemies are active; to be bitten by one indicates misfortune; burglars are about when a cat follows you in a dream; while to dream you are stroking one means, beware of false friends.

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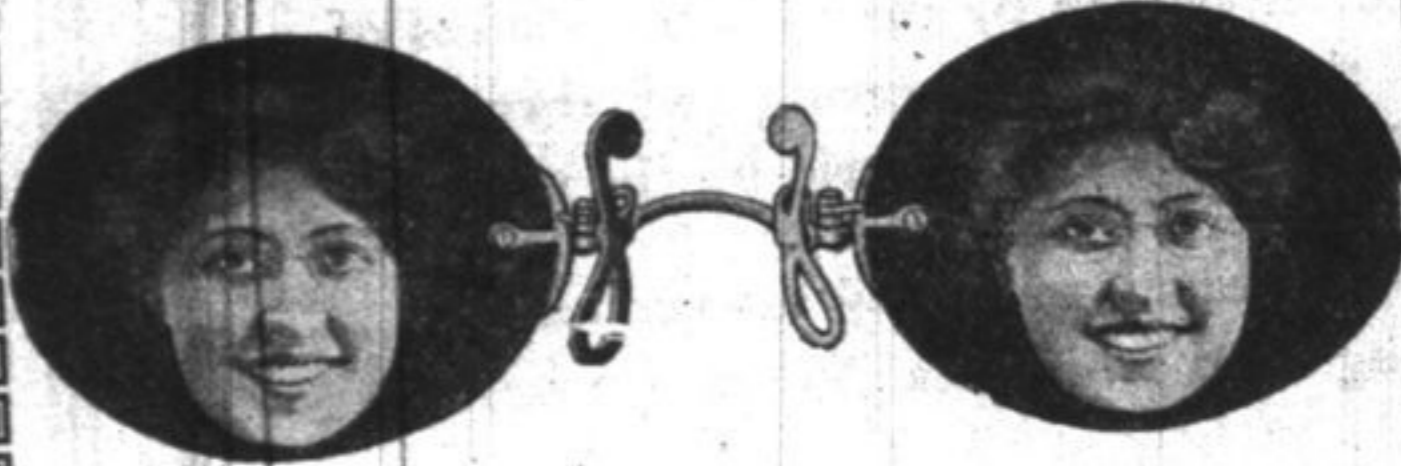
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