

VICTIMS OF CONSUMPTION.

MOTHER AND TWO CHILDREN AT MUSKOKA FREE HOSPITAL.

Are Now Under Treatment—Husband, Too, Had Been a Patient—A Tragedy in Real Life—Heavy Debt on Institution.

A story from the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives tells of a mother who, with her two children, is now under treatment in that institution.

The worst of the mother are pathetic. She writes: "I went to a doctor and got him to examine my lungs to see whether there was anything wrong with them, and he said that the right lung was affected."

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MOTHER DIED OF CONSUMPTION AND ONE LITTLE GIRL IS NOW AT GRAVENHURST.

A short time ago a woman in the advanced stages of tuberculosis died in her own home. By her death five little ones were left without the care of their mother.

It is for the care of such sufferers as these that the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives has been built.

Contributions may be sent to W. J. Gage, Esq., Chairman Executive Committee, 34 Spadina Avenue, or Sec. Treas. National Sanitarium Association, 347 King St. W., Toronto.

DIDN'T WASTE WORDS.

The Stoical Mountaineer Simply Answered the Question.

"For stoical indifference and taciturnity," said a young man from Knoxville, Tenn., who was visiting in Louisville a few days ago, "I never saw any one that could equal the Kentucky mountaineer."

"Two years ago I was camping during the summer with a party of young men and women in the mountains. During our stay there we became acquainted with an old mountaineer whom we called Sam. He always referred to his wife as Maria, and we fell into the same habit."

"Last year we returned to the same place to camp. As we were going up the mountain path on our first day out we met Sam walking along apparently in a deep study."

"Hello, Sam!" we all called. "Where's Maria?"

"She's comin' back there," he said, directing his thumb backward over his shoulder.

"We went on up the mountain path and a short distance farther came upon a party of mountaineers transporting a dead body in a rickety wagon. It was a funeral party. Imagine our surprise when we were informed that the deceased was Maria. Sam had not thought it worth his pains to inform us that Maria was dead when he stated she was 'comin' back there.'"—Louisville Times.

THE ENGAGEMENT RING.

Advice the Jeweler Gave the Young Man Who Was Investing.

"Some of these jewelers are an accommodating lot," remarked the young man in the light suit. "I went in the other day to buy a diamond ring."

"For a lady?" the clerk asked me. "I told him it was."

"An engagement ring?" he asked me further. "Yes," I told him, getting a little bit peeved, "but I don't see what business it is of yours what I intend to do with the ring after I've paid for it out of my own private funds."

"Don't be offended," says the clerk in a conciliatory tone. "I was just going to suggest that if it was simply a present, with no engagement going with it, you go in for size rather than for quality, and when the girl comes in to inquire about its value we'll be \$50 or \$75 worth for you. But if it's an engagement ring I would advise you to get the best quality you can find, even if it does mean a smaller stone. Just as a matter of sentiment you'll want to know that it is right, and then if you ever get in hard luck you can pawn the good ring for two-thirds of its value."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Toad's Tongue.

The skillful manner in which a pet toad used its wonderfully formed tongue entitled it to be ranked as an expert. For one thing, it showed wonderful skill in judging distances. The tongue was never darted out until the insect came within a certain range. The accuracy of the creature's aim was another matter for surprise. The insects were generally in motion when the tongue was darted out against them, but the arrow never failed to hit. The rapidity with which the tongue was shot forth excited much wonder. The operation is a complex one. The tongue is doubled or folded up when in the mouth. Therefore a twofold action is required, an uncoupling of the weapon and then the darting of it forth. The withdrawing of the tongue with the captured insect on the tip was not less remarkable. Notwithstanding the rapid motion, the fineness of the tongue tip and the struggles of the prey the victim was never dropped.—Exchange.

Graves in China.

There are various kinds of graves in China. The graves are dug generally from twelve feet to thirteen feet below the ground, while, according to an old custom, the mounds of the graves of emperors were thirty feet in height, those of territorial lords fifteen feet and those of barons without territories and of lord stewards eight feet, while for inferior officials and common people mounds only four feet in height were erected. Pines were planted on the tombs of emperors, a species of oak on those of territorial lords, a species of willow on trees of barons and lord stewards and elm trees on those of inferior officials. Although there are no territorial lords and lord stewards now in China, men of high rank still have their tombs constructed in accordance with this old custom.

He Loved His Enemies.

James MacNeill Whistler looked upon life as upon a kind of warfare and was never so happy as when he was quarrelling with somebody. He is quoted as having said when asked if he did not have many friends: "Yes, I have many friends, and I am grateful to them, but those whom most I love are my enemies, not in a Biblical sense. Oh, no, but because they keep one always busy, always up to the mark, either fighting them or proving them idiots."

Then He Sulked.

"Mrs. Guschley remarked to me that it must be pleasant to be married to a clever man," said Proudley's wife. "And what did you say?" queried Proudley. "I told her, of course, that I didn't know; that I had only been married once."

Suffering becomes beautiful when one bears great calamities with cheerfulness, not through insensibility, but through greatness of mind.—Aristotle.

A LIVING SNUFFBOX.

Peculiar Role Mme. du Cayla Played For Louis XVIII.

There have been snuffboxes of gold studded with jewels, of delicately carved tortoise shell, filigree silver, porcelain, ivory, mother-of-pearl, humble horn, wood and tin, but there is only one living snuffbox on record, and that was the particular luxury of Louis XVIII. of France.

"His majesty's snuffbox," as she was known throughout Europe, was Mme. du Cayla, a fascinating favorite at the Bourbon court. Her place at table was always at the monarch's left hand, and when during the course of the meal he signified his desire for a pinch of brown powder to titillate his fat nose she took a diamond crusted box from her pocket, dusted just the right quantity of perfumed snuff on her snowy right shoulder and presented it to the king, who partook of it with profound pleasure.

As Louis was the greatest snuff taker at a court where everybody snuffed constantly, Mme. du Cayla's position was no sinecure, but the human snuffbox was well paid for indulging the king in his little fad. He presented her with a copy of Ruyton's Illustrated Bible, and each one of the 150 engravings was covered with a thousand franc note. It was followed with the gift of "Bassnet's Sermons," interleaved with the same valuable paper from cover to cover.—New York Press.

ANTIQUITY OF CHEESE.

Homer and the Book of Job Allude to the Product.

Cheese and curdling of the milk are mentioned in the book of Job. David was sent by his father, Jesse, to carry ten cheeses to the camp and to look how his brother fared. "Cheese of kine" formed part of the supplies of David's army at Mahanaim during the rebellion of Absalom.

Homer says that cheese formed part of the ample stores found by Ulysses in the cave of the Cyclop Polyphemus. Euripides, Theocritus and other early poets mention cheese. Ludolphus was made by the ancient Ethiopians, and Strabo states that some of the ancient Britons were so ignorant that, though they had abundance of milk, they did not understand the art of making cheese.

There is no evidence that any of these ancient nations had discovered the use of rennet in making cheese. They appear to have merely allowed the milk to sour and subsequently to have formed the cheese from the caseous part of the milk after expelling the serum or whey.

As David when too young to carry arms was able to run to the camp with ten cheeses, ten loaves and an ephah of parched corn, the cheeses must have been very small.

Marvels of the Telephone.

The Electrical Review thus describes the minute electric current required in transmitting speech:

"The peculiar electric telephone current is perhaps the quickest, feeblest and most elusive force in the world. It is so amazing a thing that any description of it seems irrational. It is as gentle as the touch of a baby sunbeam and as swift as the lightning flash. It is so small that the electric current of a single incandescent lamp is greater—500,000,000 times. Cool a spoonful of hot water just one degree and the energy set free by the cooling will operate a telephone for 10,000 years. Catch the falling teardrop of a child and there will be sufficient water power to carry a spoken message from one city to another. Such is the tiny genie of the wire that had to be protected and trained into obedience."

The News by Windmill.

In certain parts of Holland births, marriages and deaths are frequently announced by the windmills instead of in the newspapers. When a miller gets married he stops his mill with the arms of the wheel in an oblique position and with the sails unfurled. His friends and guests often do likewise with their mills in token of the ceremony. To indicate a birth the wheel is stopped with the arms in a slanting position, but at a more acute angle than for a marriage and with the two upper sails unfurled. Should the two upper sails of his mill are all furled and the wheel is turned round until the arms assume an upright cross, in which position they are left until after the funeral has taken place.—Harper's Weekly.

A Comparison.

Two friends met one day after a long absence. One of them had a very ruddy complexion, and his nose was carmine. The other looked into his face and said: "Ah, John, I doot!" "But John said he was not to judge by appearances, as he only drank one glass of beer in a day." "Oh, weel," said the other, "yer face, perhaps, is like our gas meter—it registers mair than it consumes."—London Answers.

Where They Belong.

"Have you any men serving sentences for bigamy?" asked the prison visitor. "Lots of them," replied the keeper. "but we confine them all in the insane ward."—Philadelphia Record.

Naturally.

"Pop, fowers shoot, don't they?" "Certainly, my son." "Well, pop, do they shoot with their pistle?"—Baltimore American.

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A fad is an ornament that will fit only a fool.

We seldom know our besetting sins when we meet them.

The loss of one flower may be the gift of many seeds.

It is easy to mistake an empty mind for an open one.

Some seem to think that the tree of life has a soft soap bark.

Duty is never done by dreaming of it.

A small religion will never draw big men.

The shifty worker is never shifted up.

It takes more than polishing to make men shine.

Faith is more than taking everything at its face value.

Much of our education is only an attempt to polish putty.

Few things have less feeling than the piety that is all feeling that the louder the pious puffing the less the heavenward hauling.

When sin prates of liberty, it means freedom to make slaves of some.

It may be better to lift up a man's heart than to take up his load.

Men are never safe so long as they think only of saving themselves.

The demand that God take us seriously takes a lot of faith to make.

Wisdom is great wealth, but too many think that wealth must be wisdom.

Many think they strengthen their hope of heaven by their despair of earth.

Mockery is the refuge of the small mind before that which it cannot measure.

Better only the temple in the heart than to go to a temple with out your heart.

The longing for power to do right ought to be more than that for pardon for wrong.

Too many battalions are fighting the good fight of faith with flags instead of firearms.

Grunting would not be so much of a sin if the grunters did not demand an audience.

"I had been troubled with consumption for two years, and tried all of the best physicians in Bristol, Tenn., and they could do nothing for me," writes Thos. E. Williams, Middleboro, Ky. "Two packages of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cured me." For sale by Gun's Drug Store.

THINGS WENT WRONG.

Our cow's been ailin' for a spell, Pa didn't seem ter know Just what 't would need to make her well.

An' stop her cough, and so He had Doc. Craig, V.S., come out An' look at her, an' he Said he would soon have her about As well as well could be.

"Give her this powder," said the doc To Pa before he goes, "An' she'll come round just like a clock."

You take two foot o' hose An' put two tablespoons in— Right in the hose, you know— Then stick the hose as fur's you kin Down the cow's neck an' blow."

Well then I helped Pa load the hose Jest like the doctor said— You bet with us doc's orders goes— An' while I held her head Pa poked the hose a foot or so Down—say I thought I'd burst: For when he was all fixed to blow Well air, the cow blowed first!

PRICEVILLE.

Snow in abundance, and drifts will soon be on the side hills. A thaw would be welcomed by some, as water is getting low in some wells.

No frost in the ground yet.

Some are teaming wood, sawlogs etc., and we expect a busy winter after a while.

Ex-reeve Alex. Muir is to oppose Reeve Boyd in Ardenburg, and the probabilities are that Boyd will be elected to attend to his own business at home.

Not much heard about Gleneg yet, but it's likely it won't go past without opposition.

Donald McKinnon, teacher, son of Postmaster McKinnon, of this town, received the appointment of railway clerk on the line between Toronto and Owen Sound.

Mr. McKinnon taught at a school a couple of months or more, and tendered his resignation on short notice. The school is vacant at present.

The time for entertainments is at hand. The Foresters' concert, held in Priceville last week, was a success, and a large number of young people joined that society.

The Workmen's annual concert, on the evening of the 15th promises to be quite a success, as the best talent is to be there. Remember, it's in Watson's Hall, Priceville, and come early and get a seat.

A large number of teams and men are at work on the C. P. R. bridge, above Priceville, and will take till New Year's before it is finished. The bridge will be tough to get over when not covered with snow.

Allan McDonald and Neil McLean came home from Manitoba a couple of weeks ago, and we saw Jack Ferguson, and Young McCormick, both of Proton, after arriving a few days ago from Saskatchewan, and they think it is just as warm coming over the Toronto line to Priceville as it is going on the prairie roads of the Great West.

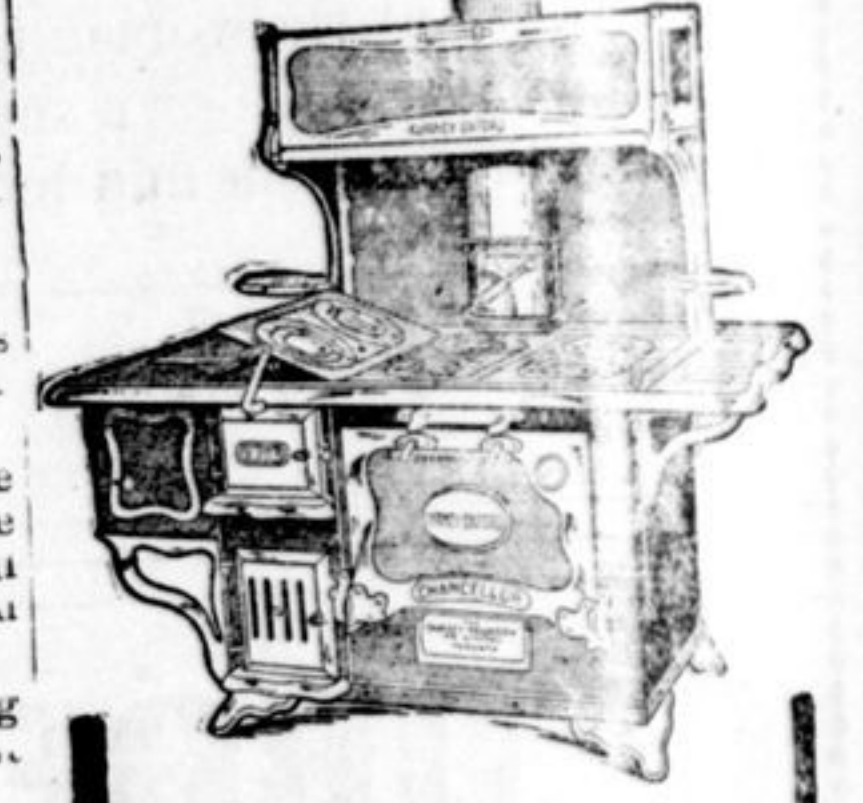
The frost was very severe during the latter part of last week.

We welcome Mrs. Lane, our young doctor's life partner, to our town, and wish the young couple much happiness in their journey through life.

The Sunday school entertainment will be held in the Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening, December 20th, when a good time is expected to be enjoyed, and we hope that all who can possibly come will do so, to assist the school and encourage teachers and scholars in their good work.

Died.—At her home in Toronto, on Sunday, December 4th, 1910, after an illness of some weeks from a complication of ailments, at the age of 43 years, Mrs. Florina, whose maiden name was Maggie Smellie, daughter of Mr. Wm. Smellie, Durham Road, Gleneg. She leaves to mourn her death, a husband and four children, who will sadly mourn the loss of mother and wife, also an aged father, four sisters and two brothers, namely, Mrs. John McLean, Top Cliff, Mrs. David Nichol, near Priceville, Jennie, in the Rockies, and Annie, in Toronto; Duacan, on the old homestead, Durham Rd., and James, in some other part of the country. Interment took place on Monday, the 6th inst., to Mount Pleasant cemetery, near Toronto. The sympathy of all friends are extended to the bereaved family and relatives.

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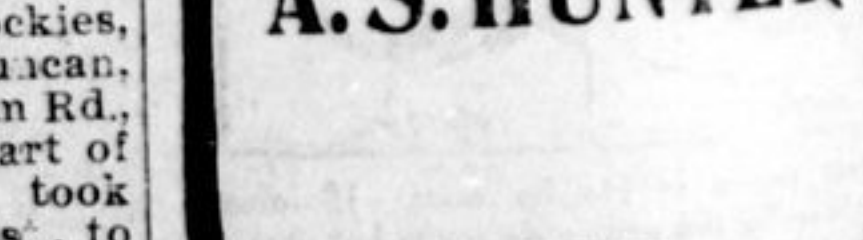
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