

AN ILLEGAL ACT

It appears that there are certain hardware stores and general merchants in Ontario that are making a practice of selling formaldehyde, or formalin. This, the Canadian Hardware Journal points out, is clearly in contravention of the Pharmacy Act of 1914, which prescribes formaldehyde as one of the articles which none but qualified druggists may sell, offer for sale, or even give away. The law is quite clear on the subject and imposes a penalty of \$20 for the first offence and \$50 for each subsequent one. As the law provides that one-half of the fine imposed shall go to the informant, the risk a hardware dealer runs who carries formaldehyde in stock is evidently very great.

PRURITUS

Pruritus is a name given to a condition which externally shows itself in the form of very troublesome and continuous itching of the skin, without any obvious changes in the appearance of the skin to account for it. It seems to be due in most cases to an unhealthy condition of the nerves, and is very common in old people. Among remote causes which sometimes seems to have a bearing on the condition are jaundice and digestive disturbances generally, whilst dirtiness of the skin is doubtless often a contributory cause. In the way of treatment much may be done, though there are some cases which seem to yield to no treatment. It is most important to make every effort to avoid scratching and rubbing the affected part, though this is an ideal not always attainable. The utmost cleanliness should be observed, and the entire surface of the body should be washed with soap and warm water every day. Solutions of bicarbonate of soda and of weak carboric acid are among the most useful applications. Attention should be paid to the bowels, and the diet should be light and digestible.—Physician.

WHO WAS IT?

The kindergarten had been studying the wind all week—its power, effects, etc.—until the subject had been pretty well exhausted. To stimulate interest, the kindergarten said, in her most enthusiastic manner: "Children, as I came to school to-day in the trolley car the door opened and something came softly in and kissed me on the cheek. What do you think it was?" And the children softly answered: "The conductor."

TO THE POTATO

Twinkle, twinkle, little spud, As up among the clouds you sud, You are doubtless feeling gay Chasing around the milky way. You have reached to such a height You are surely out of sight. Like a diamond now you seem In your price, and that's no dream. Twinkle on another twink. And you'll drive us all to drink. As we chase for needful chink. You are sailing rather high. As you wink your shrivelled eye, Up there somewhere in the sky. Tuber, since the coop you flew, We have only longed for you; That our fireside you forsook, Broke our heart and pocketbook. Never felt how we could love Till you left and went above; Never felt how dear you were Till we paid four dollars per. Small potato, please come back; In our lives there's such a lack; For your presence so we pine That our stomach hits our spine. We are tired of eating greens, Stewed prunes, sauer kraut and beans. 'Tis for you alone we yearn; Darling later, please return.

WESTERN POTATOES GOOD FOR SEEDING

C. F. Bailey, assistant deputy minister of agriculture, last week issued a contradiction to a current report which is to the effect that Western potatoes are not suited to seeding purposes. Mr. Bailey states that the department of agriculture has carried on extensive experiments with Eastern and Western potatoes and has found that the western product is equally as good if not better, than the eastern potato for seeding. It has also been ascertained that there is no great danger of diseased crops from western potatoes.

THE JOB OF A MAN

It isn't the work we intend to do Nor the work we've just begun That puts us right on the ledger sheet; It's the work we've really done. Our credit is built on the things we do. Our debit on things we shirk; The man who totals the biggest plus Is the one who completes his work. Good intentions do not pay the bills; It's easy enough to plan; To wish, is the play of an office boy; To do, is the job of a man. —System.

Pikes Peak's Cyclopean Eye.

A writer in the Technical World Magazine, describing the immense light on Pikes peak, says: "The venerable head of that most famous of mountains, Pikes peak, has been given an enormous eye. In Denver, seventy-five miles away, this eye can be seen flashing to and fro on clear nights, and in Colorado Springs, fifteen miles away, the 'company' on the front porch is likely to be shown up in a bright light at any moment by the cog railway's searchlight. "The giant light is 14,172 feet above sea level and is capable of flashing signals over most of central Colorado. It has been placed on a platform twenty-five feet above the summit house. Current is supplied by the turbines that convert the power of the peak streams into electricity. The searchlight is attached to a semaphore that the operator moves at will, searching out the dark beauty spots throughout the region or touching upon sections of Colorado Springs and even Denver and Pueblo when the great banks of cloud do not blanket the cities far below."

Lost Skill of Ancients.

From the earliest periods of which we have historical records one of man's greatest problems has been to lift heavy loads rapidly and efficiently. Some of the greatest monuments of antiquity were built under conditions that involved lifting of heavy pieces of building material to great heights, but how it was done we do not know to this day. The manner in which the great stones were raised in Egypt has always been a mystery and probably always will be. It is certain, however, that the builders of these wonderful monuments were possessed of mechanical contrivances that were lost in the dark ages intervening between their time and ours or they possessed patience to a more remarkable degree than is exhibited in any race of men at the present time.—Engineering Magazine.

How Water Freezes.

It used to puzzle all thinking people why ponds and rivers do not freeze beyond a certain depth. This depends on a most curious fact—namely, that water is at its heaviest when it reaches 40 degrees F.—that is, 8 degrees above freezing point. On a frosty night as each top layer of water falls to 40 degrees it sinks to the bottom. Therefore the whole pond has to drop to 40 degrees before any of it can freeze. At last it is all cooled to this point, and then ice begins to form. But ice is a very bad conductor of heat. Therefore it shuts off the freezing air from the big body of comparatively warm water underneath. The thicker it gets the more perfectly does it act as a great coat, and that is why even the Arctic ocean never freezes beyond a few feet in thickness.

Underpaid Postage.

Insufficient postage on letters is a serious handicap to American business abroad, reports our acting vice consul at Genoa, Italy. A letter from the United States to Italy bearing a two cent stamp entails upon the recipient a payment of at least 6 cents as a penalty. "The poor impression upon Italian firms created by short paid letters," says the report, "becomes, finally, by repetition, very great. Special care in affixing the proper postage would bring ample returns by removing a cause of complaint which has exerted an unfavorable influence in foreign business."

Force of Habit.

He was an old merchant who had built up a big business by advertising. "John," said his wife, "what do you want on your tombstone?" "Oh," he answered, "it isn't very important what the text is so long as it gets good space and is well displayed."—London Telegraph.

Salt In the Sea.

The volume of the saline matter in the ocean is a little more than 4,800,000 cubic miles, or, according to the United States geological survey, department of the interior, enough to cover the entire surface of the United States to a depth of 8,500 feet.

Two Views. "Life," said the optimist, "is one grand sweet song." "Say, rather, a rasping graphophone record," growled the pessimist.

Pinheads.

"Pa, when is a man a pinhead?" "When his head stops the point of a thing from going any farther, my son."—Baltimore American.

Struck the Wrong Spot.

A man lost his wife and his cow both in the same week. His neighbors tried to console him by hinting that they would see that he got another wife.

"Yes; you're willing to get me another wife," said he, "but none of you offers to get me another cow."

In the Barber Shop.

"Your hair," said the aggravating barber to the slightly bald man, "is coming out on top."

"Good!" cried the sensitive victim. "I knew it was in me. Now, for goodness' sake, don't talk to it or it'll crawl back again."—London Telegraph.

His View of It.

Wife—That girl in the opposite flat is quite a promising singer. Hub—Well, get her to promise that she won't sing any more.—Boston Transcript.

Very Unruly.

Miss Paul—Grace doesn't obey anybody. Miss Fry—No; she doesn't even mind her own business.—Town Topics.

MA AND THE AUTO

Before we take an auto ride, pa says to ma, "My dear, Now just remember, I don't need suggestions from the rear. If you will just sit back there and hold in check your fright. I'll take you where you want to go and get you back all right Remember that my hearing's good and also I'm not blind. And I can drive this car without suggestions from behind." Ma promises that she'll keep still, then off we gaily start. But soon she notices ahead a peddler and his cart. "You'd better toot your horn," says she, "to let him know we're near." He might turn out!" and pa replies, "Just shriek at him, my dear." And then he adds: "Some day same guy will make a lot of dough By putting horns on tonneau seats for women-folks to blow!" A little farther on ma cries, "He signalled for a turn!" And pa says "Did he?" in a tone that's hot enough to burn. "Oh, there's a boy on roller skates!" cries ma, "now do go slow, I'm sure he doesn't see our car," and pa says, "I dunno. I think I don't need glasses yet, but really it may be That I am blind and cannot see what's right in front of me." If pa should speed the car a bit, some rigs to hurry past, Ma whispers, "Do be careful now, you're driving much too fast." And all the time she's pointing out the dangers of the street, And keeps him posted on the road where trolley cars he'll meet.

A SHORT TALK ON HAIR CULTURE

Knowing that you are interested in an article that is a real benefit I want to talk to you about the New Discovery Hair Food. My 38 years' experience as a barber should convince you that I know something about the care and treatment of the hair and scalp. The New Discovery Hair Food used according to directions softens and nourishes the hair, restores dry and faded hair to its natural healthy color, making it glossy and fluffy. Relieves irritation, removes and cures dandruff. For sale at Macfarlane's Drug Store. Put up only by R. M. Brunl, Hanover. 5102p

Last night when we got safely home pa sighed, and said, "My dear, I'm sure we've all enjoyed the drive you gave us from the rear." —Edgar A. Guest.

STOP MEATLESS DAYS

A despatch from London, England, says:—Great Britain's "meatless day" is to be abolished, because it augments the demand on breadstuffs and other substitutes, which are less plentiful than meat. This was announced by Baron Devonport, the Food Controller, in the House of Lords. He declared that a diminution in the consumption of breadstuffs was of vital moment and a main factor in the situation, but he added: "Provided that the call for a reduction is responded to and the efforts of the submarines are not successful beyond reasonable likelihood we shall get through with a fairly satisfactory balance on hand to the time when the new harvest becomes available."

Egg shells, roughly crushed in the hands, are the best things for cleaning enamelled pans, in conjunction with soap and water.

THE USUAL RESULT

A fire, caused by the explosion of gasoline, by leaving the lantern too close to the barrel, resulted in destroying the driving shed of Ezra Rueber on Sunday evening. A new binder which was in the building was also destroyed.—Mildmay cor. in Walkerton Times.

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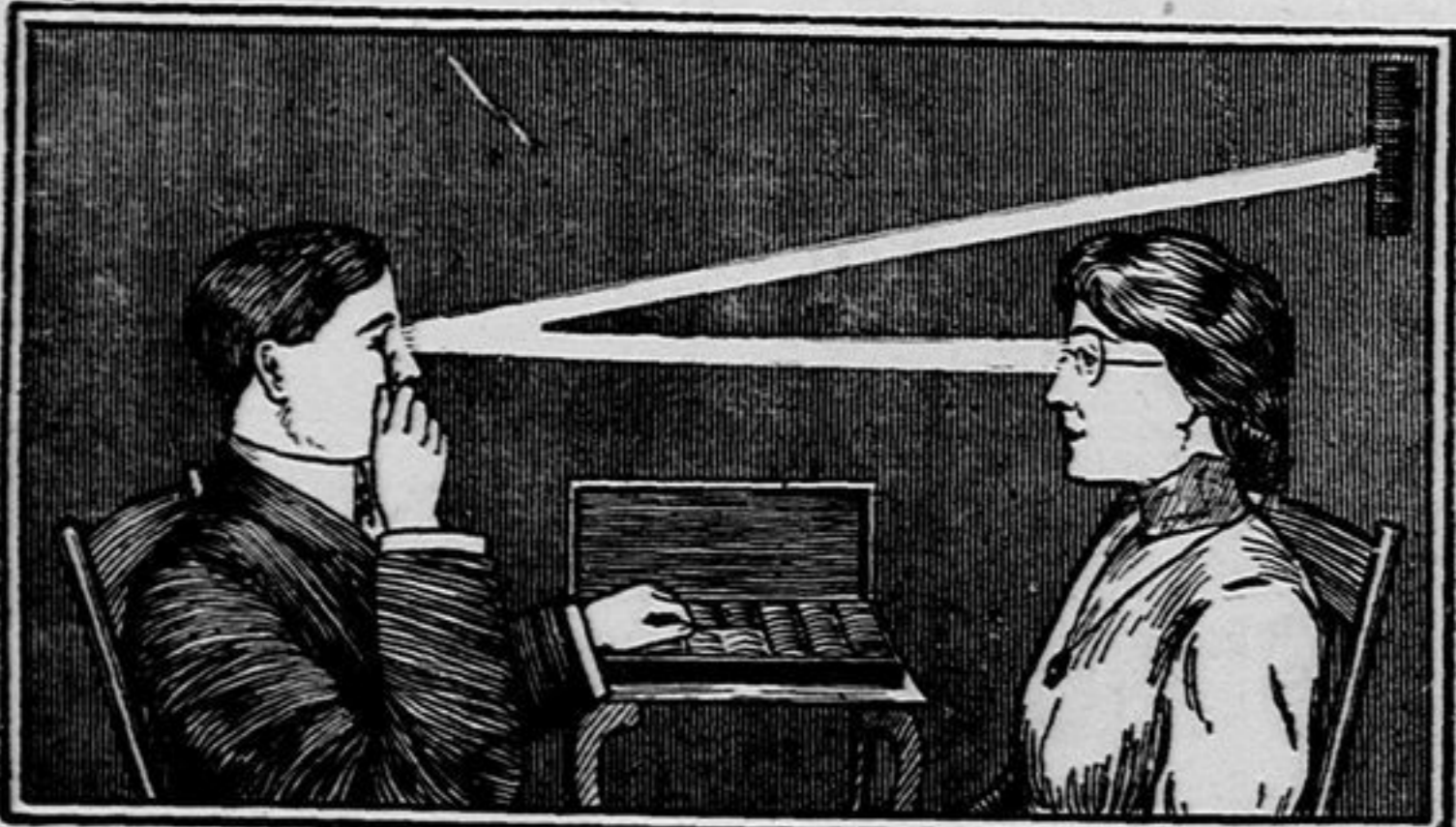
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Me vely vely funee Me makee laugh and sim Me Chang, the Magician, Of the Nodding Mandar Town Hall, Durham, J

Three aeroplanes are have passed over us to on Sunday night. They by a load of young peo from Hanover.

Estimates will be rec Saturday, May 26, for of shingles from the church, and re-shinglin Apply to J. J. Smith.

Inside of two weeks cutter will be in town scriptions on headstone ments, now erected, requiring work done n Allan Bell.

Wedding invitations nouncements in the l styles of type and sta be procured on short r right prices at The C rice.

The incomplete retu tional Service cards, the government last w 150,000 men in Canada service, and the gover this year from 50,000

"The Nodding Mand given here on June 4th over Ladies' Gymnast be a brilliant producti one should hear it. are for patriotic purpo

I am prepared to f ments of all kinds at consistent with quali manship. If in need work, let me know an it attended to pro McFadden.

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The L.O.L. meetin last week to be addre A. Fish, Grand Organ io West, have been further notice. Mr. timated his inability on account of sickne ily. Due notice will

An army of unknow ering an area of 100 square, is reported burn Review to through that city, trace of vegetable believe them to be b but others dispute th

Mr. D. J. Clark r gram last Thursday son, Pte. Campbell C ing since the 23rd of from Pte. McGirr in and dated the 30th ported him amongst same letter referres vray boy, from nea being killed, but have been told that been officially repo ed. Whether Pte. C missing, we are un in any case, our sin go out to Mr. and M trying bereavement the foregoing, we day's casualty list Clark as missing.