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Increase of Suicide Among German School Children

A Berlin correspondent writes: The intensity of the struggle for existence in which Germany is at present engaged is sadly illustrated by the statistical report of the Education Department.

During the ten years ending in 1896, 407 school children, 331 boys and 76 girls in Prussia alone, succumbed under the strain of education, and took their own lives before they had arrived at the age of fifteen. It is extremely significant that without a single exception the children were pupils of elementary schools and schools where training for a particular profession is given.

The German educational methods and institutions are held up as models, and rightly so, to the other commercial nations of the world. To them is undoubtedly due in a large measure the commercial success which Germany has attained.

The question is, has this success been attained by sapping the heart blood of the nation? The sons of the sturdy victors at Sedan and Gravelotte had stamina enough to overcome and profit by the strain of such a school education as their statesmen prescribed. Whether the present generation can stand it, seems, to a foreign observer, doubtful. The pale faces and generally weakly-bodies of the youth of Berlin, for example, I refer entirely to the working classes, are not wholly accounted for by town life.

In an article in the current number of the German "Imperial Gazette," on "National Economics," it is stated that in Prussia, out of a total population of nearly thirty-two millions, 8,740,000 heads of families and persons with an independent existence, with their families, representing nearly 70 per cent. of the population, do not earn £45 per annum.

This shows that the ordinary working man is very poor, and as meat of all kinds is terribly dear in Prussia, it is evident that the pupils of elementary schools cannot, as a rule, receive the nourishment necessary to sustain them during their hard school life.

A nation cannot flourish long when its working class is not thoroughly able, and the suicides of school children referred to above should be a warning note both to Germany and other nations eager to imitate her educational system.

Out of Death's Shadow

THE EXPERIENCE OF A LADY WHO HAD GIVEN UP HOPE.

Tortured With Pains in the Stomach for Four Years—Doctors and Hospital Treatment Failed to Help Her—In Her Extremity Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Restored Her to Health.

From the Pembroke Observer.

Wherever man is to be found there also, side by side with him, is disease and suffering. Those who have devoted their lives to the alleviation of the suffering and bodily weakness of human organization are surely benefactors of their kind, and deserve the praise of all mankind. For special honors in this line may be pointed out the discoverer of that wonderful remedy, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Recently the case of Mrs. Maggie Brunette, of Chichester, Que., came prominently under the notice of the Observer reporter. He felt it to be his duty, on hearing of Mrs. Brunette's restoration from prostrate illness to health, to interview the lady and record her experience for the benefit of others who may need the healing influences of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Mrs. Brunette's farm home was found to be very comfortable and even elegant, located near the base of an immense hill, an outguard of the Laurentian Mountains. The reporter was warmly welcomed and Mrs. Brunette said she was very glad to have an opportunity to testify to the great benefit Dr. Williams' Pink Pills had conferred upon her. She is 42 years of age now. Her husband, the late Chas. Brunette, died 14 years ago, and after his death she worked very hard for some years, with the result that she became completely run down, so much so that, although quite tall, she weighed only about 90 pounds. After taking the slightest food she felt such distress that she was compelled to lie down for hours, being so weak that she was unable to sit up. At last she thought she must have been attacked by cancer of the stomach, so violent were the pains that constantly harassed her. She consulted the best physicians and spent more than a hundred dollars in treatment and medicine, in addition to which she spent nine weeks in the hospital at Pembroke. But paired of ever being well. Finally, she decided to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial, and accordingly she procured six boxes. Although they benefited her almost from the time she began taking them, she kept on taking the pills until she had taken sixteen boxes, and then felt that she was completely cured, the pill accomplishing in three months what four years of medical treatment had failed to do. From that time, nearly three years ago, Mrs. Brunette has been in good health, needing no medicine. "You can see," said Mrs. Brunette, as the reporter was departing, "that I am in perfect health, I attend to all my household work, and the dairy and poultry, and have a large number of cows to milk. I never fail to say a good word for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills when I have an opportunity, for they did wonderful things for me." Mrs. Brunette is a well educated lady, speaking French and English fluently.

THE CAUSE.

Askins—What has caused the change in Major Stiff's appearance of late? He used to look like one born to command.

Grimshaw—He is married now, and has made a discovery that he wasn't born for any such purpose.

A SANDSTORM.

Graphic Description of a Fierce Desert Simoon in Egypt.

"Sand, sand, sand. Sand everywhere." writes a correspondent from the scene of the British operations on the Nile,

"Beating down upon this arid plain is the fierce sun, which gives a temperature of 120 degrees in the shade. The heat and glare are intolerable. At midday one lies sweltering and gasping under a coating of sweat and sand, eyes, ears and nose choked with dust, while flies, gnats and ants seek out the tenderest parts. There is no escape from these conditions.

"At first one sighs for a breath of wind to cool the burning air. When it comes the effect is disastrous. A blinding, suffocating cloud of dust springs from the earth, sweeps over the camp and searches out every nook and cranny in hut and tent. It penetrates the most secret recesses of trunks and boxes, mingles with food and drink, and makes a sticky compound of sweat and mud under which the skin smarts and stings. Evening and morning are numbered among the delights of the desert. Under normal conditions they are pleasant enough, but, unhappily, they are too often attached in these parts with violent storms of wind and sand .devils. These "devils" are whirlwinds of dust that gather volume and force as they sweep along, cutting fresh particles from the matrix of sandstone rock and driving their myraids of atoms to swell the dust of the desert. During the last few days we have had several opportunities of observing this process of nature. Last night my blankets were spread under the veranda of the tent. It was a beautiful night. The air was calm, the sky was clear and the moon cast dark shadows of palm and mimosa on the white plain. Under these softening influences of light and sound the desert lost its terrors, and one looked dreamily on the picture until a solemn silence fell upon the camp and sleep sealed the eyelids. A moment later and

THE SCENE WAS CHANGED.

A breath of hot wind as from a furnace, brought every tented sleeper to his feet with a gasp. Instantly the camp was alive with sound and motion. The rush of the storm mingled with the neighing of horses, the groaning of camels, the bleating of goats and the flapping of canvas. The moon was hidden behind a cloud of sand. Sand filled the air — a whirling, rushing hail of atoms. As it swirled around and above the tents, straining ropes, dashing against canvas, tearing tent pegs out of the ground, one began to realize how fragile was the roof overhead, and to be even thankful that it was not more substantial. The sand devil raged for half an hour without damage, save to tent pegs, which flew about rather dangerously. Every moment I expected the tent to collapse and go scudding from the storm. But it held fast, and, covering my head with a blanket, I lay down, smothered in dust, while the struggle between canvas and sand went on with growing fierceness. The servants, who lay on the sand, slept undisturbed until aroused by their masters.

Then active operations began and the sharp click of mallets falling on tent pegs was heard throughout the storm. The tent next to mine was the first to go. It fell or rather, glided to the ground, and presently there emerged from the wreckage three figures. Finding the position untenable I made a virtue of necessity and struck my tent before further damage could be done. Having made fast the canvas over my baggage and furniture I drew my bed into the open, and wrapping myself in a blanket, lay sweltering and choking until the storm abated. At dawn we were able to remove the traces of this experience. The tents were soon pitched, furniture, clothes, and boxes were dug out of the sand, and presently Abdul Hassan, Mahomet and the other servants were "making kitchen" and lighting fires under cover of some dead bushes.

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POETESS ON BEAUTY.

A Poetess of passion has written an article on the art of keeping young. She does not call it that and she devotes nearly all her space to complexions. Of figures, or hair, or dress, or ideas she says not a word. She says women do not paint or calcimine their faces in this enlightened age, but they do work over them and think about them and spend money on them. They do not tell the men of their acquaintance the brand of cold cream or the make of loofah they employ, because men are prejudiced beings and cannot conceive of virtue and pearl powder in the same person. Man thinks soap and water sufficient cosmetics for any woman. The poetess of passion flouts him; she says there are scores of excellent persons of the feminine persuasion who never use soap on their faces. One of the most beautiful women she knew at sixty had a pink and white skin, the result of bathing in hot milk, and never having used soap. The observing writer goes on to say that the popular idea that amiable, unfeeling, unemotional women alone can retain their youthful complexions is a fallacy. Love and sorrow intensify instead of spoiling beauty, she says. It is only the lower and meaner passions like envy and spite, and ill temper, which mar the face beyond repair. And the poetess believes in skin tonics and skin food, massage and all the other scientific aids to beauty.

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AN INGERSOLL CASE.

How Mr. Francis Stewart Baffled a Relentless Enemy.

Stricken by Kidney Disease—He Had Treatment From the Most Skillful Doctors—All Failed to Help Him—Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured Him.

Ingersoll, Jan. 16.—Some time ago Mr. Francis Stewart, one of the well-to-do tailors of this town, had the misfortune to fall, and injure his kidneys severely.

Soon after the accident symptoms of Kidney Disease made their appearance and Mr Stewart at once placed himself under the care of a competent physician.

Time passed; the medical men were constant in their attendance and unremitting in their care. But no benefit resulted. On the contrary Mr. Stewart's condition grew steadily worse. The symptoms became more and more pronounced, and the patient's sufferings were, at last, almost unbearable.

About this time he bought a box of Dodd's Kidney Pills, and began using them, taking no more of the doctor's medicines, which had proved so useless.

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Softleigh—So you—aw, don't think the clothes make the man, Miss Cutting?

Miss Cutting—Well, they didn't in your case, at least.

ALBERTS' THOMAS-PHOSPHATE POWDER

Lord Rosebery went to Eton to witness a football match in which his eldest son was playing.

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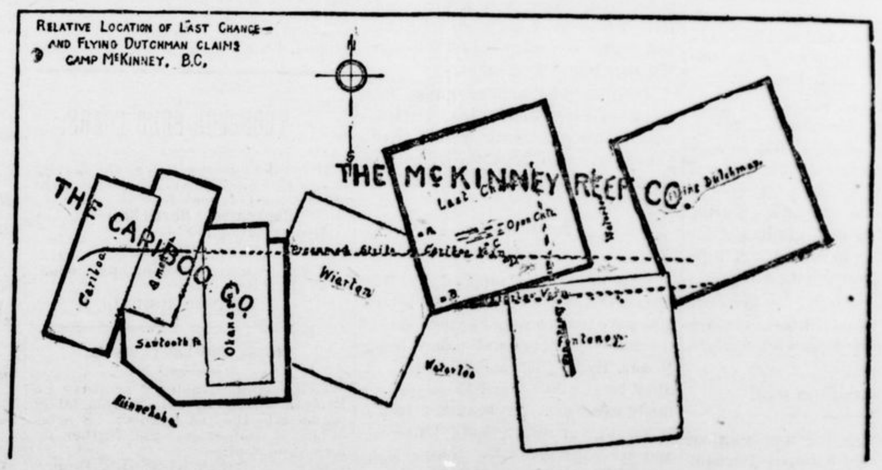

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