

Dolls as Heirlooms.
The "Hina Matsuri" is the name of a feast in Japan which is celebrated on the third day of the third month. It is what we should name "a Feast of Dolls," and the girls have all the benefits of this strange festival, which is considered the greatest event of the season.

Most of the Japanese shops display dolls ranging from three inches to one and a half feet in height, and they are invariably made of wood, porcelain, or clay. In bygone days the Feast of Dolls was celebrated with great pomp, preparation, and ceremony—more so than in modern times. These dolls were usually exquisitely dressed, and made to represent some notable personage. Even nowadays, many Japanese families keep up the custom, and some of the older people possess a stock of dolls which date back many years.

When a girl is born, a pair of dolls are presented to her, and she plays with them until she is quite grown up. Then, if she marries, she takes care that the dolls are eventually given to her daughters (if any), and she adds to the number of dolls in accordance with the number of her daughters! Consequently, in some cases, a large number of dolls are collected.

Boys, by the way, are not overlooked in Japan, for on the fifth day of the fifth month they celebrate a "Feast of Flugs."

Rain Revealers.
You may rely on the weather forecast in your daily paper—and get left down! But not if you study the weather signs of plants and animals; the latter particularly.

They are the real, ready-made and reliable rain revealers Nature has provided for us.

Insects always fold up their leaves when rain is at hand. So do clover, trefoil, and the pimpernel.

The apparent aimless braying of a donkey is a sure indicator of rain. All animals show uneasiness when rain is coming. Frogs croak with a loud, hoarse noise, owls screech, peacocks scream, and ducks and geese are unusually noisy. This is said to be due to the relaxation of their nerves by the damp air, which makes them appear uneasy.

Cats sneeze and wash their ears when rain threatens, although the degree may not come for four or five hours later.

Dogs get restless, and are in and out of the house an hour or so before rain comes. This is said to be due to irritation set up by the damp air.

It is somewhat extraordinary, but man is the only animal that cannot naturally perceive approaching rain.

Constructed From Coal-Tax.
Do you know that St. Paul's Cathedral, the most prominent object in the city of London, was paid for by a tax on coal? Such was the case, and one writer has said that it consequently deserves to wear, as it does, a smoky coat.

The total cost of St. Paul's Cathedral was \$3,735,770, which amount was discharged by coal-taxes. So it can be truly said that coal has played an important part in building up as well as destroying.

Speaking of destruction, the first church dedicated to St. Paul, and built on the same site as the present one, was destroyed by fire in 1087. It was founded by King Ethelbert about 610.

After the fire, Bishop Maurice commenced rebuilding, but in the great fire of 1696 the Church of Old St. Paul's was destroyed. It was larger than the present cathedral, which Sir Christopher Wren built. In 1675 the west tower was laid by this celebrated architect, and in thirty-five years it was completed. One penny per day was said to have been the wage paid to carpenters employed in building St. Paul's. The minute-hand of the clock is 8 feet long, and weighs 75 lb.

EARLY SYMPTOMS OF BLOODLESSNESS

Shown by Pallor of the Face and Lips—How to Obtain New Blood.

Anaemia, or lack of blood, is so gradual in its approach that it is often well developed before the patient is sufficiently alarmed to consult a doctor or take proper treatment to restore the blood to a healthy condition.

The earliest symptom of anaemia is loss of color, especially in the lips, gums and membranes lining the eyelids. Then comes shortness of breath on slight exertion, such as going up stairs, palpitation of the heart, increased pallor of the face and lips.

If this thinning of the blood is not corrected it will proceed rapidly until a complete breakdown in health follows, when there may be disorders of the stomach, headaches and backaches, dizziness and fainting spells.

The most effective and prompt way to increase and enrich the blood at a time like this is through the fair use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. These pills have restored to good health thousands of weak, anaemic people, among them Miss Mae Johnston, of Port Arthur, Ont., who says:—"Between the ages of sixteen and eighteen I worked in a telephone office, and it was very trying to the nerves and health. I became bloodless, and so pale that friends often said I looked consumptive. One night I had to be taken home from the office, and a doctor was called in who told me I must not go back for a time. Sometimes I would faint, and to walk up stairs would leave me utterly breathless. As I did not appear to be getting any better one of my girl friends, whose mother had used Dr. Williams' Pink Pills with great benefit, advised me to try these. I took the pills very faithfully for some time, with the result that they restored me to good health, and now when anyone tells me they feel weak or rundown I always recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, as I feel so thankful for the help they gave me."

If you have any of the symptoms described by Miss Johnston try building up the blood with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Eat nourishing food, exercise a little in the open air daily and watch the color return to cheeks and lips. You can run no risk in giving Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial as they can not injure the most delicate system. You can get these pills through any dealer in medicine, or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Forgetful Writers.
How many authors keep copies of their own books?

If some of our moderns did so their own publications would take up a not inconsiderable portion of their libraries, especially in the case of Sir Rider Haggard, who has written so many works that it must be rather difficult for him to recite a list of them without enraging his brains.

Thackeray never troubled to keep copies of his own works. A friend of his called upon him just as "The Newcomes" came out in complete volume form. A copy of "The Newcomes" was at hand, but when the friend

looked about he saw no copies of "Vanity Fair," "Edmond," "Pendennis," or any of the works which had gone before. On being asked the reason, Thackeray said that he had had copies of them all, but they had been picked up by visitors and he had never troubled to replace them.

Dickens kept copies of all his books and they were arranged on the shelf in order of their publication; all except some very early works, "The Village Coquettes," and others, which, in his later years, he could not bear to hear mentioned.

Strange cases are reported of writers losing the trend of their own stories. The most notable instance is that of Thackeray, especially in the case of "Pendennis." The same author also began "The Shabby Genteel Story," but as the work became distasteful to him when he got nicely into it he gave it up. The portion of the tale (in authentic editions) is now published with "Philip," some of the characters in that work having appeared also in the abandoned one.

Dickens found he had more trouble with "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" than with any of his previous writings. He regretted that he had told most of the story before he was half-way through, but in a way this is fortunate, for, of course, he never lived to finish it.

Nathaniel Hawthorne, the American novelist, left about as many works unfinished as he did complete.

Korean Weather Gods.
In Korea there are no daily newspapers which announce the fair and warmer indications for the next day. Dr. A. Garfield Anderson, stationed at Wonsu, Korea, says, "The natives believe that the weather is in the hands of the gods, but that they may be induced to change their climatic intentions if properly approached."

"It hasn't rained for six or eight weeks and crops are going to ruin, drying up," he says. "Five-year-old trees are dying from drought. Even ricefields are dry, and the grain is unformed. The people are sacrificing in various ways and praying for rain. On almost every housetop one sees an earthen vase with a few branches on it, and at the side of the vase some fruit, a heathen way of praying for rain. On the hillsides they write prayers on paper and hang them up for the gods to read."

"In the market place in Wonsu you can see a strange sight, another effort to bring rain. Two dragons have been made. They lie between the huts of the market place, one facing north and one south. They are about 100 feet long, and about two feet high at the head end, tapering off gradually to the tail and winding like a serpent. They are made of clay and have broken pieces of pottery stuck into their backs to represent scales. For five nights in succession the sorcerer came out to this place and danced and sacrificed for rain. If only they knew how to tell their wants to the true God, from whom all help comes!"

Buy Thrift Stamps.

BITS OF HUMOR FROM HERE & THERE

Ready Recruit.
Recruit—"Shall I mark time with my feet, sir?"
Lieutenant (sarcastically)—"My dear fellow, did you ever hear of marking time with your hands?"
Recruit—"Yes, sir; clocks do it."

Enduring Pain.
First Shopper—"We women endure pain better than men."
Second Shopper—"Who told you that? Your doctor?"
First Shopper—"No; my shoemaker."

Both Alike.
"I can't imagine what Mildred sees in that Smith boy," remarked Mildred's mother. "He hasn't got brains enough in his head to fill a thimble."
"Oh, well, I dare say your mother said the same thing about me when I came courting you," replied the girl's father, indignantly.
But he suddenly lost his complacent smile when his wife retorted:
"She certainly did, and I was just as big a fool as Mildred is now. I wouldn't listen to the advice of my elders."

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When Out of Sorts.
Do you know that when you are out of sorts, my friend, you are in danger? You are in danger of injuring yourself in many ways. Your mind will not be so alert and there will be a letting down of your standard of efficiency. You will not do your work so well, or be so orderly and systematic. You will not think up new ways of doing things; you will not be ambitious to better your best.

When you are out of sorts your judgment is poor, and you should not make important decisions. The best thing to do when you feel you are in this condition is to get yourself in tune as quickly as possible, back to the normal again. With a little knowledge of mental chemistry you could do this very quickly. It is a simple principle founded on the knowledge that two ideas cannot exist in the mind at the same time.

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I know a man who makes it a rule to sweeten his day's work with good cheer. In his large business he makes every one with whom he comes in contact, feel that life is a joy—not a grind. His whole life has been devoted to scattering sunshine over others.

He has been in the cheering-up business ever since I have known him. It seems to be his side-line, and it is an excellent one for all of us to carry. It will not interfere with our regular business, and it will keep us in a healthful, happy mood, and that means mental harmony and efficiency; it means constructiveness, it means creativeness.

Let us try to sweeten each day's work. It is a good plan to begin as early as possible in the day for someone has said that if you keep pleasant until ten o'clock, the rest of the day will take care of itself.—O.S.M.

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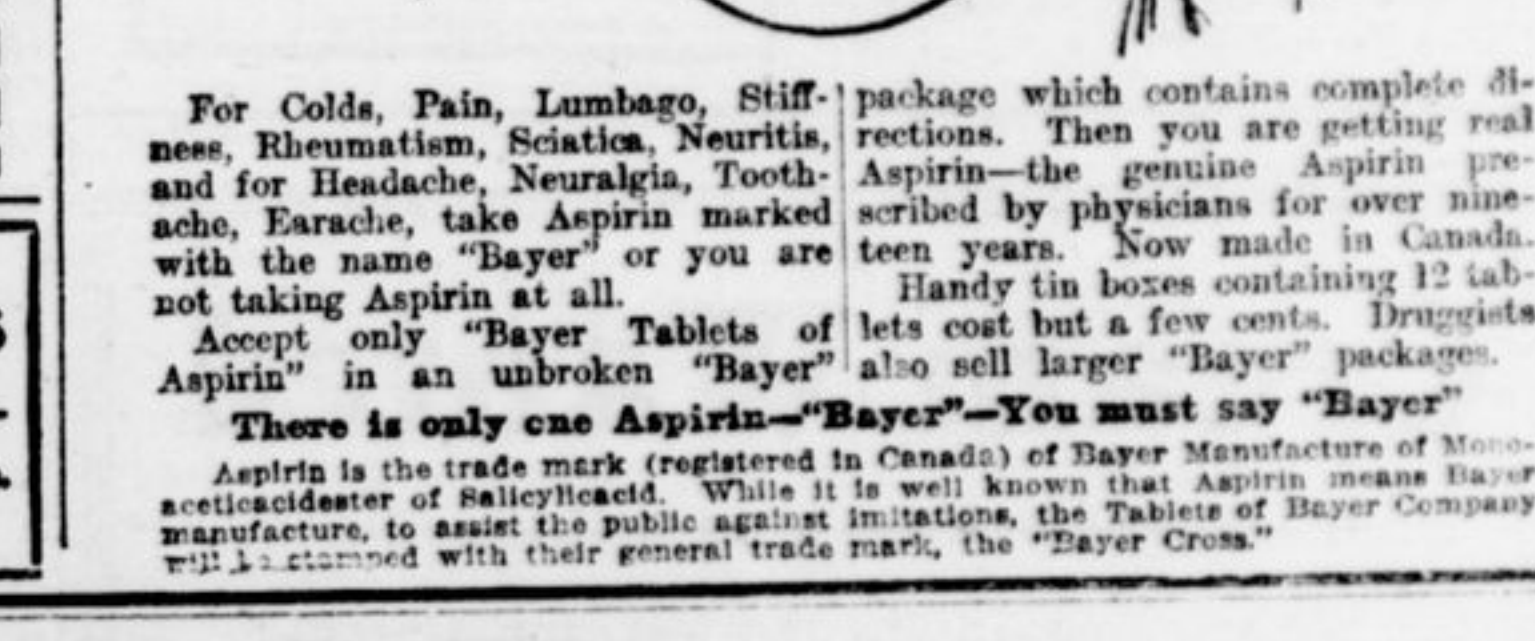
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