

CURRENT NOTES

Are these conclusive physiological reasons why woman's sphere of activity should be different from man's? To this question an unqualified answer is returned in the affirmative by a distinguished German anatomist, Prof. W. Waldeyer of Berlin. In a paper which he read at the recent meeting of the German Anthropological Congress at Cassel, he undertook to remove the woman's rights question from the domain of speculative and sentimental discussions and to place it on a new and wholly scientific footing. He maintained that life tests could be shown to possess much less of vital energy than man, and is therefore disabled from competing with him in most of his occupations.

The learned anatomist began with the general and undoubted fact that when we review the evolution of organisms, we find that the higher the genus and the species the greater is the difference between the sexes. Of the less developed plants and animals there are many that perpetuate themselves without any sexual arrangements whatever; the unicellular individuals multiply themselves by dividing or by sprouting. Even in certain of the lower animals, while the combination of the two sexes in one individual occurs, it is only as an exception. The sea perch is an example. As a rule the higher the organism, the sharper and more distinct are the differences which the sexes exhibit. The difference is sometimes carried to extraordinary extremes. Thus in the conicella viridis the male is only a wretched little parasite found in the genital canal of the female, which latter is far more developed. Prof. Waldeyer would not deny that here and there human beings that are here and there human beings of the masculine gender are encountered in comparison with their feminine partners, recall the male of the conicella viridis.

In the human race, nevertheless, if it is considered as a whole, we must acknowledge that the male has a much more developed muscular and bony system than the female, and has more energy claims to be regarded as a powerful machine. Among differences of greater or less importance noted by Prof. Waldeyer were the facts that the index finger in the female frequently extends beyond the middle of the hand, and that the question of woman's sphere, is very different from that of the male, as is also the skull. Special stress was laid by him upon the difference in the weight of the brain, and in the number of the convolutions of that organ in the two sexes. Differences which are observable from birth. The most memorable difference, however, and that which to this eminent anatomist appears to be the most important of woman's sphere, is the difference in the thickness of the blood, and it is signally to the advantage of the male. The blood that courses in the arteries and veins of woman is relatively poor in blood cells. To speak scientifically, one cubic centimetre of blood taken from a man is found to contain on an average 5,000 red blood corpuscles, while the same quantity in a woman has no more than four and a half thousand. It is well known that these red blood cells are absolutely indispensable to the processes of animal life, and constitute the very quintessence of existence.

Virtually and dynamically, then, a woman is but nine-tenths of a man. The practical conclusion drawn by the German anatomist from this scientific fact is that woman's sphere ought not to be widened by extending it to occupations and professions now reserved to men. We should, he contended, be extremely careful not to overstep the limits clearly laid down by nature herself in the physical organization of the female. In the judgment of Prof. Waldeyer, the advocates of woman's so-called emancipation should not forget that the task imposed by the very constitution of her blood upon the human female, is to ensure her activity as a "culture-bearer" within the family circle. We add that the Professor's exposition of scientific facts, and his practical deductions from them were received by the audience with logical Congress, not only without a word of contradiction or protest, but with emphatic applause.

MUSIC AND ANIMALS.

Music hath no charms to soothe the savage beast. It has been generally supposed that the train of music has a peculiar influence in subduing the untamed spirit of wild animals. This belief may possibly have been founded by the fact that many of the wild creatures are attracted to the sound of music. We should, he contended, be extremely careful not to overstep the limits clearly laid down by nature herself in the physical organization of the female. In the judgment of Prof. Waldeyer, the advocates of woman's so-called emancipation should not forget that the task imposed by the very constitution of her blood upon the human female, is to ensure her activity as a "culture-bearer" within the family circle. We add that the Professor's exposition of scientific facts, and his practical deductions from them were received by the audience with logical Congress, not only without a word of contradiction or protest, but with emphatic applause.

Race Track Gambling at Paris.

The Paris correspondent of a London newspaper represents an awful condition of affairs in Paris in connection with the gambling of the working classes in that city. "Our knowledge of the money laid out on betting," he says, "is very imperfect; the statistics just published being 18 months behindhand, and then only figures of the 'part mutuel' are available. No estimate can be formed of the business done by the bookmakers and by agencies, the vast amount of money that is being thrown into the 'part mutuel', and the money that is being thrown into the 'part mutuel', and the money that is being thrown into the 'part mutuel'.

MURDER AND SUICIDE. AN AWFUL TRAGEDY IN THE TOWN OF COBURG.

Mr. Phillips Found Dead in St. Peter's Cemetery—Death of His Victim—A Legal Dispute Led to the Tragedy—A Shocking Affair. A despatch from Coburg says:—John Phillips, who shot Lawyer Cruickshanks in his office on Wednesday night, was found next morning in St. Peter's cemetery, lying over his daughter's grave, with a fatal wound in his forehead. A revolver by his side told too plainly that a suicide had taken place. Mr. Baker, who had gone to the cemetery to arrange for a funeral, discovered the remains and at once notified Chief Police Rankin and County Crown Attorney Kerr, who took charge of the body.

MR. CRUICKSHANKS DEAD. Mr. John Young Cruickshanks, the lawyer who was shot by John Phillips, died on Thursday morning at 5 o'clock. He was born at Plainville, in Hamilton Township, about ten miles from here, and was the son of Mr. Thomas C. Cruickshanks, a wealthy and highly respected farmer of that township. He was educated at Victoria University, whence he graduated as a B.A. He also received the degree of M.A. from the same University. After acting as a clerk for some years in the office of the late Chief Justice, he was appointed to the position of a law clerk in the office of the late Chief Justice, and was afterwards appointed to the position of a law clerk in the office of the late Chief Justice.

A LEGAL TROUBLE. The motive for which the shooting took place was a legal dispute. Cruickshanks had been conducting a case in the Division Court against Mr. Phillips, relating to a piece of land. Cruickshanks' client claimed he had paid for the land, but Phillips refused to accept the money. Phillips refused to accept the money. Phillips refused to accept the money. Phillips refused to accept the money. Phillips refused to accept the money.

FATAL GUN ACCIDENT.

A Cornwall Baker Shot by His Companion While Handling Ducks—Particulate of the Tragedy. A despatch from Cornwall, Ont., says: Mr. Frank J. Nicholson, a well-known baker of Cornwall, was accidentally killed by his companion, Mr. Yates, a general merchant of this place, while on a duck-hunting expedition on Lake St. Francis. Both men left here on Wednesday, intending to spend a couple of days duck-shooting. Thursday morning they were out on the lake, and were engaged in carrying and collecting great numbers of ducks. Mr. Nicholson was engaged in carrying and collecting great numbers of ducks. Mr. Nicholson was engaged in carrying and collecting great numbers of ducks.

SERGEANT COLBOURNE SHOT.

A Mounted Police Officer Killed by an Escaping Indian. A despatch from Duck Lake, Saskatchewan, reads: "Last Tuesday an Indian, with a companion, was arrested on the prairie near Duck Lake. The Indian was shot by Sergeant Colbourne. The Indian was shot by Sergeant Colbourne. The Indian was shot by Sergeant Colbourne.

The Antarctic Continent.

There is every reason to believe that the Antarctic continent, certain evidences of the existence of which have been recently discovered, is considerably larger than Europe in area. It contains more than 8,000,000 square miles. Mr. G. E. Borchgrevink, who has journeyed into this region and has observed it carefully, declares that it contains some large and dangerous animals at present unknown to science. It is remembered that neither the polar bear nor any other large carnivorous animal has been found in antarctic latitudes. Mr. Borchgrevink, however, thinks that he has discovered traces of some creature from the curious world observed on the backs of a number of seals. It was frequently noticed that the skins of some of the seals exhibited scars indicative of wounds they had received. It is not reasonable to suppose that such wounds were received in the furious combats which, under certain circumstances, seals wage against each other. Careful examination of the scars of these wounds has shown that they could have been made only by some immense, powerful animal, present unknown to zoologists.

A Tea Drunkard.

William Burley, of Hackney, London, builder's laborer, was an illustration of the temperance of a tea-drunkard. He was a tea-drunkard. He was a tea-drunkard. He was a tea-drunkard. He was a tea-drunkard. He was a tea-drunkard.

AGRICULTURAL. Make the Dairy Stables Clean and Healthy.

Dairy stables are seldom set in order for fall and winter occupancy. Cows find their habitations now as when they left them in the spring. There has been no house cleaning, or rather stable cleaning, and consequently a cow stable is a veritable cesspool. It is not only unclean, but it is also unhealthy. It is not only unclean, but it is also unhealthy. It is not only unclean, but it is also unhealthy.

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Mrs. A. V. GALBRAITH. With indigestion it is not only that one suffers all imaginable torments, physical and mental, but more, perhaps, than anything else, an impaired digestion is the forerunner of countless ailments that in their course lead to the most serious consequences. Let the stomach get out of order and it may be said the whole system is diseased. When the digestive organs fail in their important functional duties, head and heart, mind and body are sick. These were the feelings of Mrs. Galbraith, wife of Mr. A. V. Galbraith, the well-known jeweller of Shelburne, Ont., before she had learned of the benefit results to be gained by the use of South American Nerve Tonic. In so many words she said: "Life was becoming unbearable. I was so cranky I was really ashamed of myself. Nothing that I ate would agree with me; no food did me any good. I took enjoyment out of all my meals." Here are Mrs. Galbraith's words of testimony to South American Nerve Tonic, given over her own signature: "Shelburne, Ont., March 27, 1894. "I was for considerable time a sufferer from indigestion, experiencing all the misery and annoyance so common to this complaint. South American Nerve Tonic was recommended to me as a safe and effective remedy for all such cases. I used only two bottles, and am pleased to testify that this fully cured me, and I have had no indication of a return of the trouble since. I never fail to recommend the Nerve Tonic to all my friends troubled with indigestion or nervousness. "Mrs. A. V. GALBRAITH."

Cause of Red Noses. It is stated by the Popular Health Magazine that "redness of the nose" is caused by indigestion, not impure blood. The remedy, it is stated, is to abstain from over-indulgence in fats and sweets. This dictum will be appreciated by many worthy people whose noses are uncleanly. For years they have been misjudged by irritating scrofulous humors, and have not known the real cause of their trouble. Cause of Red Noses. It is stated by the Popular Health Magazine that "redness of the nose" is caused by indigestion, not impure blood. The remedy, it is stated, is to abstain from over-indulgence in fats and sweets.

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