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BLUSHING.

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Loveliest by far is beauty's check When tinged with the crimson hue. The delicate tints a soul that speak, Kind, innocent, and true. A word or a look may start the stream, From heart to temples rushing; Who loves not the modest face to view, Suffused in artless blushing ?

Pure token thou of a sinless breast, Where kindliest virtues dwell, Where truth and peace like angles rest, And wreathe their holiest spell, Slight the emotion that stirs the tide, The brow of candor flushing; Oh! the gentlest feelings of the heart Are told in artless blushing.

The gem may add its lustrous ray. To adom the outward part, But the changeful hues of the blush's play Are the language of the heart; For they tell of a mind undimmed by vics, All spell of evil bushing; Oh! who would e'er doubt the guileless soul That speaks in artiess blushing?

The colorless face, the pallid brow, May perhaps enchant thine eye: But give me the check that owns the glow Of nature's healthful dye. It seems to shadow an honest mind Where purest thoughts are gushing; And loveliest far is beauty's check,

When tinged with artless blushing.

CURIOSITIES OF THE HEART.

The heart is the first organ that makes its appearance in the animal organism. The first trace of it is discovered about the end of the third week of embryonic life, when it presents itselt a red spot-a mere central point, as it were—from which sundry yellow filaments are seen shooting forth. This is the germ of that "fearfully and wonderfully made" instrument, the human heart, accompanied by its principal bloodvessels.

"This organ," says Galen, "is the root of all the entails and members of the body, and the very fountain of life, and of all innate and vital heat." The heart, according to the fancy of the Peripatetic philosophers, is, in a human body, as the first intelligence in the universe, and as a kind of monarch in its own little world. The substance of this muscular structure-for such it is emphatically—is very compact and strong, in order that it may be able to resist the tremendous strain destined to be put upon it, especially by imprudent people, and the better to preserve the vital heat, and the spirit which, as another quaint writer remarks, "would soon breathe out and vanish away from it, were it of greater rariety and softness."

I propose to present a few of the many curiosities found in this little cabinet, at the death of its owner.

On dissecting the body of John Pennant, of London, October 7, 1637, his heart was found to be globular instead of the usual form, and broader than it was long. The right ventricle was of an ashy color, and wrinkled, and like a leather purse in appearance. It was entirely empty, and the fluid usually found in its cover-ing (the pericardium, as it is called in anatomical language) was entirely dried up. The left ventricle was three times as large as the right, and seemed as hard as stone. On opening it there was found a fleshy formation wrapped in various tolds, like a serpent, the body whereof was as white as the human skin, slippery and transparent, and apparently painted. It had legs and arms of a flesh color, and nervous fibres were discernible. The body of it was hollow, but otherwise solid, and "a gut, or somewhat analagous, subservient to the uses of nature," was found in its cavity. This is given on the authority of a London physician, from whose Latin narrative it was translated.

We have the account of a man who died suddenly after having experienced the usual symp-toms of heart disease, to whose right ventricle a worm was attached. It was black in color, and was dead. Its shape was "like to those worms found in wood."

A noted thiel was subject to palpitation of the heart. He was put upon the fatal wheel as a punishment, and as soon as life was extinct his body was quartered, and his heart cut open when yet warm and palpitating. In its right ventricle

fames—each time a shorter and shorter height —before yielding to its fate. The last example of the wonderful resistance of the heart, even against intense heat, such as

sufficient to consume the other structures of the body, as we have just seen, is vouched for by Bacon in his "History of Life and Death." The case preceding it is stated on the authority of "Baker's Chronicles." No doubt, the cases of both Cranmer and Zuinghus were attributed by their superstitious adherents and friends to the interposition of Providence. But the fact of the peculiarly solid structure and resisting power of the heart, stated at the commencement of this article, will account for these occurrences on natural principles; the knowledge of any cook of ordinary experience with bullock's hearts being calculated to illustrate the cause clearly enough to the rational mind. The behavior of the traitor's heart mentioned

The behavior of the traitor's heart mentioned by Bacon is explainable by citing the liability of a structure so purely fibrous in its nature, with its fibres of the hardest possible cast, to act precisely in such a way when brought into more direct contact with an intense heat; for it will be observed that, in the cases where there was no such saliation, the bodies were cast into the fire whole, while in this case the body was disemboweled before it was put to the flames. flames

I have before me notes of several cases going to show the wonderial resistance of the heart to the morial tendency of wounds, contrary to the morial tendency of wounds, contrary to what is the general popular belief on the sub-ject-for the notion commonly accepted is that if the heart is preced in the least, death must ensue, and that instantly. But one example must suffice. It is related by Parry, A noble-man, in a duel, was wounded so deeply that the point of the sword had entered the very sub-stance of his heart, and yet he used his weapon vigorously for a good while (I quote literally), and then walked two hundred paces before he fell. After his dea in the wound was found to be

and then waiked two hundred pieces before he fell. After his den in the wound was found to be a breadth of a finger, and a great quantity of blood was found in the thorax. Baron Dupuytton, the great French surgeon, has reported the case of a man who received a stab on the left side of his chest, November 5, 1831. He was brought to the Hotel Dieu, but the symptoms under which he labored did not lead to the suspicion that he had received a wound of the heart at all. He died on the 13th, of cerebral disease. On inspection of the body, it was found that the left ventricle was wounded about the middle, and a little to the right, its cavity having been penetrated in a transverse direction. The wound was three lines and a half across and one line from above down ward. The external fibres of the heart separated the most and the opening diminished gradually, so that the internal fibres were in contact, and closed the wound.

In the opinion of Dupuytren, injuries of the heart are not necessarily intal. But Taylor, in his extensive work on Medical Jurisprudence, states his belief that, with one exception only, there is no case on record in which a person has recovered from a constrating wound of the cavities of the heart.

Left-Hand Penmanship by Disabled Sol-diers-Report of the Committee.

the committee to award prizes for the best lett-hand peamanship by soldiers and sailors who have lost the use of their right arms by amputation or permanent disability during the late war for the Union, have submitted their report, in which they speak in terms of the highest satisfaction of the enterprise, and in a complimentary manner of its originator, William Oland Bourne. Ess., who contributed the complimentary manner of its originator, William Oland Bourne, Esq., who contributed the fund by his individual subscription of five hundred dollars. They also speak with pleasure of the large number of competitors, as indica-tive of the interest taken in the matter, and of the praiseworthy ambition of our maimed soldlers and sailors to fit themselves for such duties in life as they are intellectually qualified for. Some of the specimens exhibited are said to be of great excellence, and even evidences of to be of great excellence, and even evidences of artistic taste. Following are the awards of the prizes and the names of those who have received honorable mention :--

FIRST CLASS.

First Prize-\$200, to Franklin H. Durrah, private, Company F, 31st Pennsylvania Infantry, Philadelphia, Pa.

Philadelphia, Pa. Second Prize-\$150, to E. M. Jennings, private, Company A, 186th New York Infantry, Portage-ville, Wyoming county, N. Y. Third Prize-\$109, to George Q. White, Cap-tain. Company D, 1/t Illinois Artillery, and As-dependent functions for Bichmond Va.

sistant Quartermaster, Richmond, Va. Fourth Prize-\$50, to William Malhall

DEATH SENSATION. BY A SHERIFF.

"Every one must die at some time, and I suppose it matters little in what form the end comes.

So spoke John Gibson, one of a party of friends who were gathered around a genial are in the rooms of our mutual friend, the Sherin of L----"I don't know," said the Sheriff; "but it always struck me that it does matter how the

end comes." "If you must die," said Gibson, "what is it to you, aiter a few brief minutes ?"

"Very true," responded the Sheriff. "A man's life is easily taken, and all modes have the same result. But, then, I think one ought to consider the amount of suffering or disgrace involved in the method."

"Most persons, I suppose, would prefer to die in their beds," sald Gibson. "This I do not refer to, however-I speak of death by violence. If I were deomed to death, I would be careless us to the means meet?"

the means used." "You think so now," remarked the Sheriff; "but if it should come to the scratch. I think you would shun a death that involved suffer-

ing." Don't all the modes known involve suffer-

The majority, but not all. For instance, be ing guillotined would be far preterable to being burned at the stake. Indeed, the guillotine is really a humane mode of punishment. The knite drops, the victim feels a cold pressure on the neck, and then all is over."

"You are quite eloquent," said Gibson, laugh-ig. "What do you think of the garrote ?" ing. "What do you think of the garrote : "I have been told that method was not a tor-

ture," was the reply. "Eminent physicians have informed me that, besides a slight choking sensation, there is no pain in this method. The hor-rible contortion and blackening of the face has caused many to think the garotte a fearth tor-ture; but these changes in the face are accounted for upon the simplest grounds."

"So much for these," said Gibson, smiling, "Now tell us your favorite (if I may use the expression) mode of punishment." "But for the shame which attends it, I should

prefer hanging," replied the Sheriff.

"Upon what grounds?" "It is the easiest and least painful method

known.

"How do you know this?" "I once had a description of the whole affair

from a man who was hung," The party burst out into a laugh; but the

Sherifi's face did not relax a muscle. "A loke's a joke, Campbell," exclaimed Gib-son; "but this yarn is rather too much for our credulity.

"Nevertheless, it is true," replied the Sherlif; and if you want the matter explained, I may

as well tell you the whole story." "Very good," said Gibson. "Let's have a good one, for it will take a tough yarn to sustain your

assertion.

assertion." The Sheriff laughed good-humoredly. "Wait till you hear it," he began. "Ten years ago I was elected Sheriff of this county. My first attempt at opening court was made during an important trial. The criminal was a depraved, desperate wretch, who had been indicted for a brutal and atrocious murder. The fellow was greatly hardened, and seemed to care but little how the trial resulted. The evidence was strong against him; and when the case was submitted to the jury, they returned a verdict of "Guilty," without leaving their seats, "The execution was fixed for a certain day,

two weeks after the trial. Of course, it was my duty, as Sheriff, to put the rope around the fel-low's neck and launch him into sternity. It was a distasteful duty, I assure you; for, though I knew full well the man deserved his death, I did knew full well the man deserved his death. I did not relish the idea of hanging him. I got through with it, however, and sent him dancing on air. He did not struggle much, and I thought he had an easy death. After hanging the usual time, and being pronounced dead, he was cut down, and his body given to his friends for in-terment. I thought I had seen the last of the man, as the wagon containing the body drove out of the jail yard; but I was mistaken. "About four months after the execution, I happened to be passing my barn, when I saw a

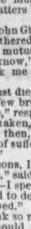
happened to be passing my barn, when I saw a man sitting in the doorway, with his head rest-ing on his hands. I did not like his look, so I approached him, and asked him what he wan there. He raised his head and looked at mo silence. I am not given to superstition, an don't think I am very timid, but I felt my bl grow icy cold, as I recognized in the man be me the person whose execution I had conduct His tace showed no traces of his violent e and the only indication of it now visible was slight distigurement of the neck. I scarc knew what to say or think, for I had seen hung, and heard him pronounced dead, and delivered his body to his friends for burial; yet, after a lapse of lour months, there he looking at me with a face as white as a she The terror that was exhibited in his coun nance coavinced me that he was no ghost; so asked him, with as much coolness as I co command, "Jack Larkins, do you know me?" "You're the man that hung me,' he reph doggedly, at the same time moving away.

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there were found three stones as large as peas. They were of an ashy color, were somewhat clongated, and weighed about a drachm in the aggregate. Stones similar to the above-named were found

in the heart of the Emperor Maximilian II, who was also subject to like premonitory symptoms. In the heart of an Ita ian, who died in Paris

while studying medicine, there was found a sin-gle stone weighing several drachms. It was as large as a nutmeg, nearly black in color, and round in form. He had been violently ill for about a year.

An old anatomist, named Columbus, in dissecting the body of Cardinal Gambara Brixianus, at Rome, found a tumor in the left ventricle of his heart, which was hard, and as large as a hea's In another bishop's heart pieces of a CHE. fieshy growth, as large as a man's fist, were found within the right ventricle, near the orifice of the vena cava. They were firmly united. He

had died suddenly. When the body of Pope Urban the Eighth (1614) was opened for the purpose of embalming it, the left ventricle of his heart revealed the presence of a piece of bone in the form of the letter T. It is worthy of remark that in the gall bladder five stones were deposited of the size of a filbert.

The heart of a man who died at Copenhagen of consumption was found to be as large as that o a medium-sized bullock. Before it was opened the left ventricle felt harder than usual, leading to the suspicion that some bony substance had formed there. This was confirmed by the discovery at the root of the aorta of a bone resem-bling somewhat the figure of the heart, and spongy in its nature.

The heart of a Roman student was found wanting in the pericardium. He was subject to fits of syncope, in one of which he died. The body of a noble Roman was found prac-

tically and almost literally heartless. That organ had dried up. Its covering alone was discoverable on dissection.

At Venice a thief was executed whose heart was found to be covered with hair. The same was the case of Ariatomenes, the Messenian, whose heart was cut out by the Athenians, on his recapture as a prisoner of war, in order to make sure of his not escaping a second time. The Greeks recorded of Hermogenes, the learned torician, that his heart was not only hairy. but larger by far than common. Leonidas, the "noble-hearted" leader of the immortal Spartan band at the famous Straits of Thermopyle, being killed in the engagement with the army of Xerves, the latter, in revence, caused his heart to be torn out, when it, also, was found to be covered with hair like the nearts just mentioned.

The same is true of the heart of Lysander, the Lacediemonian leader under whom the Spartans overcame the Athenians. History gives him the reputation of a "inles-hearted man" in both senses of the phrase. The starements in this paragraph indicate that haviness was quite a irequent abnormal characteristic of the heart

Tequent absorbed characteristic of the heart among the auctents. Zuinglius was dain while fighting valuantly against the Swiss, in 1501. His body was cut into four pieces by the enemy, and cast into the flames with the purpose of obliterating all traces of it. But when, three days after sards, some of his releads visited the places body to recover his irlends visited the place, hoping to recover his ashes alone, they were surprised and over-joyed to find his heart untouched by the flames, aithough the rest of his body was wholly con-

In the reign of Queen Mary, when Cranmer, Archbishop of Cantarbury, was brought to the stake, he first thrust his right hand into the fire, because with it he had signed his recanta-tion. It was consumed first, and then the rest of his body. But his heart, like that of Zuing-lius, remained whole.

An instance is given of an English traitor that was cast into the flames after the revolting pun-ishment of ripping open his bowels was indicted, whose heart leaged up several times from the on the 21st uitime.

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"What do you mean to do with me? ed. 'Do you mean to hang me again?'

asked. "It was, strictly speaking, my duty to ar the fellow; but I could not do it. The ide having to hang him again was revolting, an determined to let him escape. I told him is would promise to leave the neighborhood never come back again I would let him go. I he readity promised, and assured me tha would never cross my path again, as noth but a mere chance had led him to encounter this time.

"Before you go, Larkins,' said I, 'I wo like to hear how you cheated the gallows.'

"'Tou won't peach on any of them folks helped me, will you?' he asked. "'No,' I replied; 'I will not get them into

trouble. I simply wish to know how you while you were hanging, and how you were

suscitated. "He hesitated for some time, but upon a newal of my assurance that none of his frishould be molested, told me the follo

story:--"When I put the rope around his neck, a left him on the gallows, he felt a taintness ab-the heart, caused by his realizing his fear situation for the first time; but before he I time to think, the trap was sprung, and he through the opening. The shock of the fall y rather starting than painful, and did not p duce either insensibility or contusion. If thoughts were remarkably clear, and he seen story:thoughts were remarkably clear, and he see to have the power of seeing far above, be and around him. Everything assumed a bu vermilion hue; and a soft, dreamy langraduatly stole over him, until he became in tible. There was nothing painful or unplea in anything he had undergone. "He seemed to be sinking gently into a crous sleep, and all his thoughts were please

The next thing he remembered was being w by the most genizing torture. The paras we not confined to any particular place, but tended through the whole body. His thought was that he was in perdition, and suffering the penalty of his crimes. The p increased each moment, and at last becam intense that he started to his test with a ser-or or which at the started to his test with a serof anguish, at the same time opening his of Great was his surprise to find himself in father's house, in the midst of his friends relatives. He fainted at once, and when he covered, found himself in his own bed. As as it was thought saie to do so, his friend formed him that, upon bringing his body h they had defermined to try to resuscitat although they feared it would be useless. worked faithfully, and at last succeeded. "But, sir,' said the man, in conclusion.

ing to life again was much worse than dying "The man promised to leave the State, try to do better. I had but little confid in him, yet I let him go. He kept his w however, and a short time ago I heard he a well-ado fermer in an of the territories

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