

SLOW DEATH.

Disease Usually Takes a Long Time to Kill, Says a Scientist.

Few indeed are the men and women of full age, say twenty-five, who have not yet contracted the malady that will kill them, according to that distinguished scientist and physician Dr. Felix Regnault.

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It is happily seldom that the revenge of a disappointed husband takes quite such an extreme form as in the case of the man whose wife ran thus: "When I remember that the only happy times I ever enjoyed were when my wife sulked with me, and when I remember that my married life might, for this reason, be considered to have been a fairly happy one because she was nearly always sulking, I am constrained to forget the repulsion the contemplation of her face inspired me with and leave her the sum of \$500,000 on condition that she undertakes to pass two hours a day at my graveside for the ten years following my decease, in company with her sister, whom I have reason to know she loathes worse than she does myself."—London Tit-Bits.

Didn't Like the Walk.

A north country pitman went with his wife one Saturday night to do a little shopping. They visited a large drapery establishment, and the obstreperous shopwalker, having ascertained their requirements, said to the couple politely, "Will you please walk this way?" But unfortunately he walked very lame.

"No, mister," said the pitman. "An nivor hev waiked that way, an' An'm not gannin' to try!"—London Scraps.

His Generosity.

"Yes," said the tired looking woman, "I have a very generous husband, and this is the way he gets that reputation. The other day I worked and slaved in the kitchen for about ten hours making jelly. It was my first attempt, so I had considerable trouble and burned my fingers about seventeen different times. It turned out pretty good, however, and of course I was proud and delighted. That night I put some on the table for dinner, and husband got enthusiastic.

"Next day he was visiting a sick friend of his, a man, by the way, quite able to buy anything he might want and whose wife never lifts her finger. On leaving Mr. Generous Husband says: 'My wife made some pretty good jelly the other day. You might like some. I'll send you up half a dozen jars.'

"Now, wouldn't that frost you or rasp you or whatever they say. Half a dozen jars! After all my work to hand that jelly over to a man whose wife is too lazy to breathe! I made exactly eight jars, so we will have one more unless he has already promised it to somebody else."—New York Press.

Sunshine and Dust.

There is more dust in the places illuminated by the sun's rays than in those which we call shady. If you look along a beam of light as it streams through a window or a chink in the door you will see innumerable dust particles dancing about in the light. You will be told by most persons that there is just as much dust in the non-illuminated parts of the room as in the more favored spaces, but you cannot see the particles because the rays do not fall directly upon them. You will think that this is eminently plausible, but it is not the case. The sun falling upon the air creates irregular currents, and these currents stir up the dust and collect it in layers along the line of light; hence there is more dust where the sun shines than elsewhere. A curious experience in a museum gave proof of this. It was noticed that there was always more dust on the glass cases exposed to the sunbeams than on those which were never touched by the rays of the great orb, and this led to an inquiry, with the above result.

A LOVE TRAGEDY.

Ruskin's Adoration of the Lovely Rose La Touche.

In 1858, when Ruskin was in his fortieth year, he was asked by a friend to give some lessons in drawing to a child named Rose La Touche, whose name, indeed, was French, but whose family were Irish. There sprang up between Ruskin and this young girl a very charming friendship, which, of course, at the time could be nothing but a friendship. They wrote each other letters and exchanged drawings, and then for a while they did not meet.

Ten years passed by before they saw each other. Meanwhile the child whom he had remembered as a blue-eyed, saucy, clever little blond with ripe red lips and hair like fine spun gold, had become a very lovely young woman of nineteen. They resumed their old acquaintance, but in a very different way. Though Ruskin was now nearly fifty, he gave to Rose La Touche an adoration and a passion such as he had never felt before. On her side she no longer thought of him as "very ugly," but was singularly drawn to him despite the difference in their years.

The two met often. They took long strolls together in the pleasant fields of Surrey, and at last Ruskin begged her to make him happy and to be his wife. Oddly enough, however, she hesitated, not because he was so much older than herself, but because he had ceased to be what she regarded as a "true believer." Some of the things that he had written shocked her as being almost atheistic. She was herself, underneath all her gaiety of manner, a rigid and uncompromising Protestant. She used phrases from the Bible in her ordinary talk, and when she spoke of marriage with John Ruskin she said that she could not endure to be "yoked with an unbeliever."

Yet her heart was torn at the thought of sending him away, and so for several years their intimacy continued, he pleading with her and striving hard to make her see that love was everything. She, on the other hand, read over those passages of the Old Testament which seemed to bar all compromise. At last, in 1872, when she was twenty-four and he was fifty-three, she gave him her final answer. She would not marry him unless he could believe as she did. His honesty forbade him to deceive her by a pretended conversion, and so they parted, never to see each other again. How deeply she was affected is shown by the fact that she soon fell ill. She grew worse and worse until at last it was quite certain that she could not live. Then Ruskin wrote to her and begged that he might see her. She answered with a note in which she feebly traced the words: "You may come if you can tell me that you love God more than you love me."

When Ruskin read this his very soul was racked with agony, and he cried out:

"No, no; then I cannot go to her, for I love her even more than God!"

When she died, as she did soon after, the light of his life went out for Ruskin.—Lyndon Orr in Munsey's Magazine.

The Ocean's Age.

The ocean, of course, is not as old as the earth, because it could not be formed until the surface of the globe had sufficiently cooled to retain water upon it, but it seems chimerical to try to measure the age of the sea. Nevertheless Professor Joly undertook the task, basing his estimate upon the ratio of the amount of sodium it contains to that annually contributed by the washing from the continents. He thus reached the conclusion that the ocean has been in existence between 80,000,000 and 170,000,000 years. This does not seem a very definite determination, but then in geology estimates of time in years are extremely difficult because of the uncertainty of the elements of the calculation. The most that can be said for such results is that they are probable.

Couldn't Signal It!

During some tactical operations one of the ships of the squadron had made some bad blunders, and at length the admiral completely lost his temper. He stormed about his quarterdeck and informed his hearers of his opinion of the officer in command of the erring ship. When he paused for want of breath he turned to the signaler and said to him, "And you can tell him that, sir!"

The man scratched his head meditatively. "I beg pardon, sir," he ventured, "but I don't think we have quite enough flags for your message."—London Answers.

Cannibalism.

Among regular cannibals the most varied motives have been found. There are Indians who are said to eat their enemies by way of insult and Australians who consume their deceased parents as a mark of affection. Some tribes devour the dead enemy to abolish him utterly, others to assimilate his virtues. Africa has revealed cannibalism of every sort, from the most solemn religious rite to the most prosaic gratification of appetite and taste.

Traced a Long Way.

She—How far can your ancestry be traced? He—Well, when my grandfather resigned his position as cashier of a country bank they traced him as far as China, but he got away.—London Tit-Bits.

The Remedy.

"What do you think of a man with a rip in his coat and only three buttons on his vest?" "He should either get married or divorced."—Boston Transcript.

Deer Destroying the Crops.

A large herd of deer, nearly four hundred in number, have been roaming over a small district in western Iowa and greatly damaging the farmers' crops in that locality. There is no open season for deer in Iowa, and the penalty for killing one is a fine of \$100 and costs, so the animals appear to have the law on their side.

These deer are not from wild stock but are the increase of a private herd that was collected by William Cappy, a wealthy pioneer farmer living near the town of Avoca. Upon the death of Cappy the estate was divided and the property was sold in small sections. The deer were forgotten, apparently, and, being allowed to wander as they pleased, gradually reverted to the wild state.

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