

SCHOOL IS 200 YEARS OLD

Member of John Brown Raiding Party Taught in Connecticut Institution.

The controversy over the location of the new school building for the Long Hill school district, has brought to light some interesting history in connection with the building of the East Long Hill district, which will be abandoned as soon as the new building is erected. It is probable that this present building is one of the oldest school-houses in the state still in use. Old residents of the district claim that it dates back nearly 200 years, and that it is still used shows with what care the building was erected. The building is located on a hill and is built of stone, a rather unusual feature. It is interesting to recall, in connection with the school, that John E. Cooke, one of the members of John Brown's raiding party, and who was later hanged with him, once taught in this school. He was born in Killingworth, and as a young man came to Middletown to teach school. Later on, he went West and became acquainted with the famous liberator, Lyman M. Baldwin, one of the well-known residents of the district, says he has frequently heard his grandfather speak of attending the old stone schoolhouse, and often related a prank which some of his boy companions played there one night. The boys of the neighborhood had been in the habit of gathering in the schoolhouse at night to play cards, their only light being the embers of the fire which had been burning on the hearth during the day. One night some of the mothers of the neighborhood surprised the boys by suddenly appearing. Rather than get caught the boys all jumped out of windows, and then one of them locked the door on the mothers. The result was that the boys were all home in bed by the time the mothers had returned.—Middletown Correspondence Hartford Courant.

WITH THE LOVED "AUTOCRAT"

Life of Oliver Wendell Holmes an Inspiration to All Who Have Read His Writings.

His readers always talk of their "intimacy" with Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes; they know what kind of person he was as well as what he taught. They know that he loved rowing and horses and great trees; that he was full of sentiment for his childhood; that he liked men to be strong and sanguine, and honored the weakness of women; that he loathed all gloom and unhealthiness; that charity and tolerance were the virtues he loved, and if one could combine them, with wit it was so much to the good. Above all, one must enjoy life and live to the utmost of one's powers. It reads something like a medical prescription, and one does not want health alone. Nevertheless, when the obvious objections are made, we need not doubt that it will benefit thousands in the future, and they will love the man who lived as he wrote.

Misdirected Ambition.

Love of display—to outshine their neighbors—seems to be the sole ambition of many women. Circumstances do not concern them—they want to get ahead of those around who are more prosperous than they are, and sometimes do get ahead regardless of the fact that they are compelled to go beyond their means to accomplish this end.

Persons whose incomes are limited know, or should know, that they cannot imitate those to whom money is a secondary consideration, yet many misguided women, who should count every penny, live or try to live as their well-to-do neighbors. For a time the farce is kept up, but when the crash comes the only real sufferer in the foolish drama is the merchant or firm who extended a line of credit to the woman in the case.—Exchange.

Stimulus of Flowers.

If you have not some growing plants in your living rooms put them in. They tone up a home, give it a kindly temper, inspire a love of nature and cultivate a taste for the beautiful. But more than this—they have a practical value. They create conditions of health. If they flourish, then you have sweeter and purer air to breathe. They take in bad air and give out good. So the family flourishes if the plants flourish. Each plays into the other's hands. But the great thing is in keeping company with nature, which is the finest association that comes into one's self. It is the stimulus of peace, joy, kindness and justice. The angels love a home with growing plants and flowers in it.

Important German City.

With a population of 200,000 of its own and 90,000 in the town of Ludwigshafen, just across the river, Mannheim is not only the chief emporium for all south Germany, handling vast quantities of coal, petroleum, cereals, tobacco, sugar, coffee and timber, but it is also a great manufacturing center with chemical works, electric machinery plants, iron foundries and automobile factories. At the head of important navigation of the Rhine, it is not only the leading city of the upper river, but is surpassed only by Cologne along the lower Rhine.

OF MUCH HISTORIC INTEREST

Old Philadelphia Theater Closely Associated With the Earliest Days of the Young Republic.

The purpose of the Drama League to give a few weeks hence the first comedy presented in Philadelphia is highly commendable, remarks the Ledger of that city. "Contrast," by Royal Tyler, a Bostonian, was first produced at the John Street theater, in New York, in 1787, and was brought to this city after a short run there. To Philadelphia belongs the credit of producing the first play written by an American and enacted by a professional company. This play is "The Prince of Parthia," by Thomas Godfrey, Jr., of Philadelphia, put on at the famous old Southwark theater in 1767. It was successfully revived last year by the Zelosophic society of the university at the New Century. That production was one more case in point to prove the enduring vitality and appeal of many an old play that is allowed to molder in the dust of libraries, obscure and undisturbed. Additional historic interest attaches to the playhouse where "The Prince of Parthia" was first given through the circumstance that Major Andre painted scenery for it when the British officers used it during their winter here; and for nearly half a century his drop curtain, representing a waterfall, glorified the modest "temple of the arts" till the theater was burned down.

WAR ON PREDATORY ANIMALS

Western States Had Much Success in Their First Campaign Against Their Natural Enemies.

Depredations of predatory animals, accompanied by outbreaks of rabies among them in parts of Oregon, California, Nevada, Idaho and Utah resulted in the shooting, trapping and poisoning of over 11,000 coyotes during the last fiscal year by hunters in the employ of the biological survey of the United States department of agriculture. Altogether over 15,000 noxious ani-

mals, including wolves, coyotes, mountain lions and bobcats were destroyed.

The seriousness of the outbreaks of rabies will be realized when it is stated that more than 60 persons were treated by state authorities of Nevada during the year on account of having been bitten by either wild or domestic animals.

The loss of live stock has been very heavy. At Winnemucca, Nevada, a single rabid coyote caused the loss of 27 steers.

Monkeying With the Universe.

It has been reliably reported that two New England men are about to startle the world with an entirely new power supply. One of these men is said to be a consulting mechanical engineer, the other an astronomer, both in very good standing. The story is that these two men have gone so far in the realm of infinitive formula that they have been able to develop a method that will enable them to stop the earth at will for 1-32 of a second of time and to bottle up the energy necessary to stop the earth in its product so created and sell it commercially to the world. It is to be hoped that before the plan is actually put into commission two other men of equal abilities will be found who will be willing to collaborate with them to the end that the earth can be started promptly in its revolutions after it is once stopped, otherwise there will be a painful absence of market for this novel power.—Hugh L. Cooper in the Scientific American.

Service Makes Boy Scouts Healthy.

People who deride or are concerned at the employment of Boy Scouts in the duty of coast watching will be enlightened by the observations of Doctor Aldous, chief commissioner for Portsmouth, who found sickness is a rare thing among them and wishes that more Scouts could be put on this duty, which is making such big, healthy lads of them. He enumerates several cases of boys of fourteen who have gained materially in weight and chest measurement in three months or less, and the zeal they display is surprising when it is considered what a great change it must be for town boys to

be dropped on a bleak and lonely part of the coast.—London Globe.

Women Work With Cement.

A class in concrete work has been organized at Berkeley in which women are being taught cement and concrete construction in connection with clay modeling. They make ornamental lawn posts, flower pots, garden seats and various other articles besides learning to make sidewalks and curbs. Visitors stare in amazement at the woman students who carry hods and get down on the ground and work with trowels and tamps. The work started last summer and the course was taken by a large number of teachers who are now trying to introduce it in their schools.

Scented Seaweed.

Violet-scented seaweed grows in the lakes of the Manlyshlak peninsula, in the Caspian sea, and the pleasant odor therefrom scents the air for miles around.

Going Shakespeare One Better.

"You have made a great success filming Shakespeare." "Yes, but I think I can do better. Now I'm going to try an original play."

Keep Our Bodies Warm.

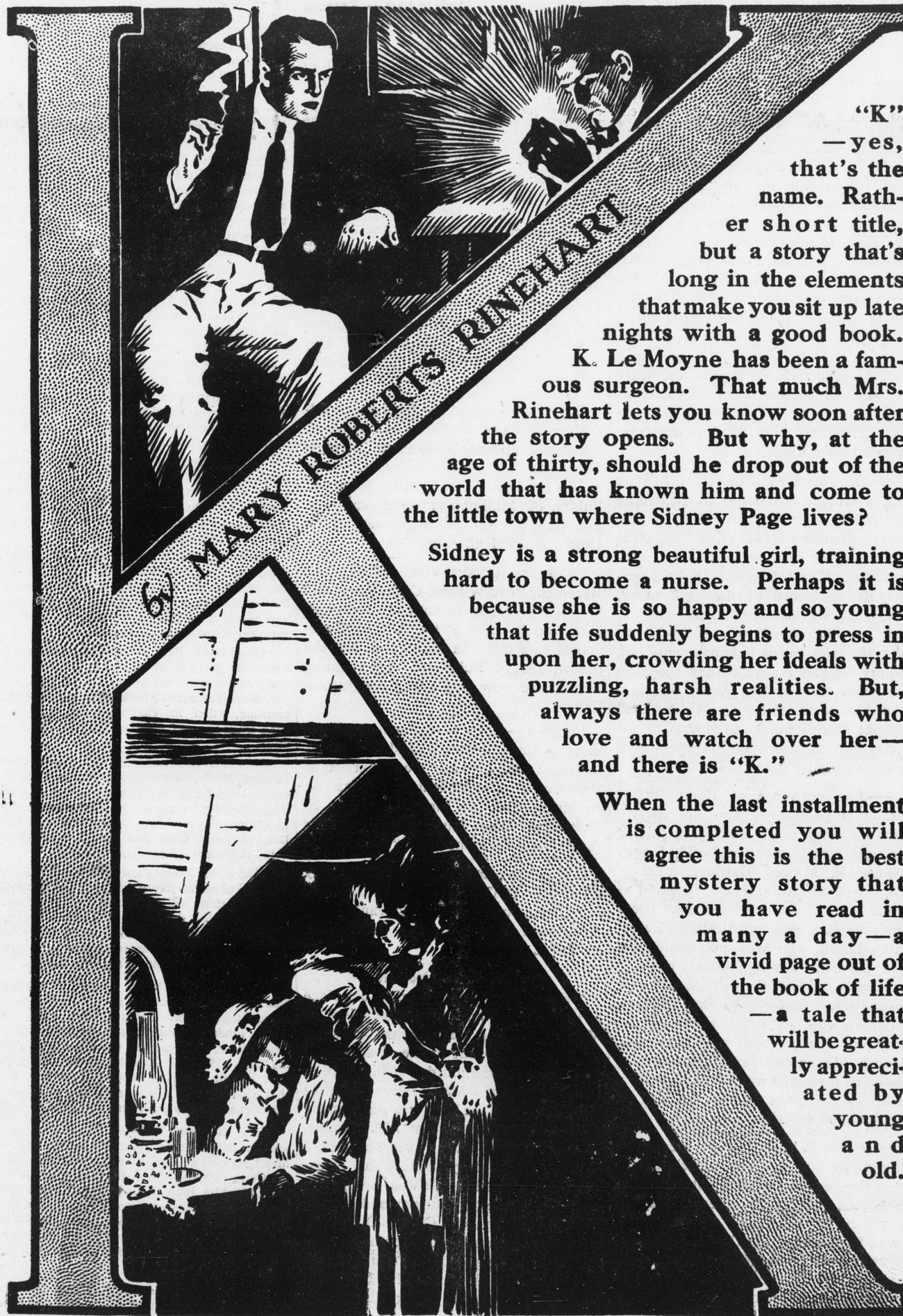
Pure, rich, red blood is a necessity in the production of animal heat. It keeps our bodies warm. We all know very well that when the arteries that carry it to a limb are bound or tied, the temperature of the limb is immediately lowered.

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