

WRITER'S THOUGHT CRAMP.

Distressing Periods of Mental Apathy When the Brain Refuses to Work.

If the fiction writer has his delicious moments, when he tastes the joys which come with the excitement of creative composition—and these he undoubtedly has—also he knows distressing periods of mental apathy, says the Reader.

He has been working away at top speed, full of gladness in that subtle fabric which his pen weaves in the warp and woof of paper and ink. His head is packed with inspired ideas, like a gift box from the gods. His hopes ride high. His ambitions scrape the clouds.

Then something happens. It is not a snap, a break, a crash—nothing so tangible. It is just a ceasing. Abruptly, unexpectedly, all his fine thoughts vanish. No longer is life a country of majestic, white-topped heights and alluring purple-toned valleys. All is flat and gray and bleak.

Just about now, if the writer only knew it, is a most excellent time to go fishing.

At last, baffled, discouraged, heart-sick, he sits with his head in his hands, contemplating with foolish self-pity the melancholy spectacle of himself.

But, like drought and flood, war and pestilence, and all other ills great and small, it passes. And he knows not how or when it goes. Days after he wakes up to find himself, pen in hand, hard at work again. Of its own accord, apparently, the machine has set itself in motion.

MISLAID EYEGLASSES.

A Common Occurrence in the Heated Season When People Dress Lightly.

"Summer is the time for mail order business in our trade," said an optician who has a large trade in the Wall street territory, relates the New York Times. "A man who is in the habit of carrying his eyeglasses in his waistcoat pocket when it is cool enough to wear a full suit of clothes is more than likely to leave them around in restaurants, on hotel piazzas, or any other place he may happen to lay them down when he begins to wear flannels and outing suits. A number of men won't wear coat-and-trousers suits simply because they can't get along without the waistcoat pockets. To lose a pair of eyeglasses or spectacles made to order from a prescription and costing anywhere from \$5 to \$15 is no trifling matter, to say nothing of having to get along with a cheap substitute for two or three days until we can make another pair. Opticians keep these prescriptions in books, just as druggists do medicinal prescriptions. We are constantly getting orders from customers away on their vacation to replace glasses that have been lost or broken. Sometimes they are in such a hurry that they send us the number by telegraph."

OUR FREAKISH NOTIONS.

"Crazy Social" a Yankee Idea Which Gives Londoners Something to Say About Us.

That some English people believe Americans capable of any sort of freakish notion under the guise of entertainment is attested by a paragraph in a recent issue of an English weekly. The writer, a woman, says an American friend tells her that "a new Yankee idea is a 'crazy social,' at which the notion is that everybody and everything should look and act as insanely as might be. The costumes, the women and the men should be eccentricity personified, and the food served must be arranged to match." According to this chronicler, at a recent "crazy social" the meats were served in jelly molds, jam pots or just-pans; the vegetables in cake-baskets, the blanc-mange in a fire shovel, the ice cream in a stew pan, the wine glasses were filled with mustard, the jellies trembled in a saucerpan lid, the cream was in a pickle bottle, the sugar in the salt cellars and the salt in the sugar basins. The things which ought to have been roasted were boiled, and salt flavored the food which is usually sweet. Attempts were made to eat clear soup with dessert forks, and ice cream with table knives.

CHAMELEONS IN BATHING.

New Fad Which Summer Girls at Atlantic City Have Made Much Of.

Taking chameleons in to bathe is a new fad which Atlantic City has developed, says a recent report.

Scores of girls have adopted it. The scheme was worked by a girl who owned a chameleon that had grown lazy. She tried various ways of arousing it from its stupor, and at last hit upon the idea of taking it for a romp in the surf. She was rewarded with an instantaneous change in the little lizard's demeanor. Just as soon as it heard the "all of the first breaker its skin went through a whirl of color changes. And when she gave it a ducking it produced a new shade of pink verging into yellow and green that she never knew it possessed.

Little time was lost in making known the discovery to others through the resort, and girls who had no chameleons sought their right off to see the ocean's effect on them.

"Oh, girls," cried one, as she held out her chameleon for inspection, "some water splashed into his eye, and he looks like a box of paint. I wonder if the dear thing's angry?"

Baldness from Meat Diet. A Belgian physician declares that early baldness is frequently caused by the excessive eating of meat. He asserts that in often checked cases of falling hair by combining with local treatment a diet of milk, eggs and fruit.

WHY DAIRYING PAYS.

It Conserves the Resources of the Farm by Maintaining Fertility of the Soil.

Prof. Curtis at the recent dairy convention in Cedar Rapids, Ia., told why dairying maintains the fertility of the farm. He said: "In selling \$1,000 worth of wheat from a low Iowa farm at present prices we sell with it about \$350 worth of fertility. In selling \$1,000 worth of corn we sell about \$250 worth of fertility—or constituents which would cost the farmer this amount if he were obliged to buy commercial fertilizers to maintain the fertility of the farm. But we can convert \$1,000 worth of corn into beef, pork or mutton and sell it in that form and not remove over \$25 worth of fertility from the farm, or we can convert \$1,000 worth of feed into butter and not remove a single dollar's worth of fertility with it. Butter is almost wholly pure fat or carbon, and it adds nothing to the value or productive capacity of the soil.

"We probably shall never be obliged to pay out much money for commercial fertilizers in Iowa if we farm intelligently, but we have already learned that we cannot grow wheat indefinitely or constantly draw upon even a bountiful store of plant food without diminished returns. The fact that this lesson has been learned and is coming to be universally recognized is the main safeguard and the strongest feature of Iowa agriculture. We do not only produce an average of \$1,000,000 worth of agricultural products for every day of the year, but we know enough to feed over \$250,000 worth of produce on the farms every day. No other state in the union approaches this amount, and there are only five other states that feed even half as much. By this means Iowa not only leads in agricultural products, but conserves her resources."—Maritime Farmer.

CALF CHOLERA REMEDY.

Lime Water, Followed by Corn Starch, Has Proved Efficacious Treatment in Many Cases.

Last spring I was feeding my cows corn and my calves when first born seemed all right, but when one to three days old they began to show signs of cholera. I tried several remedies, but all failed; when, after losing five or six I made some strong lime water by putting a piece as large as your fist in a quart glass bottle and filled with good rain water (or any other clean water would do) and then after shaking well set it aside to settle. I took the calves, says the Stockman and Feeder, when first noticed sick, away from their mother a few days; took a little of her milk and put two tablespoonfuls of the lime water in it and fed them three times a day. After drinking it I gave each a dessert-spoonful of cornstarch, moistened with the milk. The cornstarch is cool and healing. This saved them.

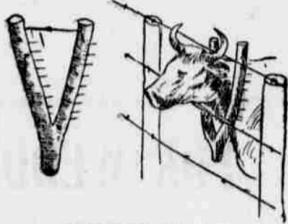
Another good remedy is laudanum. When the rest were born (some seemed to be affected when born) I gave ten drops of laudanum in their milk twice a day till they were better. Two doses were generally enough, as it won't do to give too much. The calves should not be allowed to eat too much at a time.

The sick ones should be kept from the well ones, and the laudanum away from the children. I have used lime water for hog cholera and found it very beneficial. This year we are feeding whole oats and stock food to the cows and one or two calves were affected a little with cholera. I gave one dose of laudanum as soon as noticed and let them run with mother, and they are all right now.

FOR DESTRUCTIVE COWS.

Simple Device to Use on Animals That Insist on Pushing Their Heads Through Fences.

An Iowa subscriber sends us a simple device he uses on cows that insist on pushing their way through wire fences, or at least tearing the wires from the



FOR UNRULY COWS.

posts. The cut is self-explanatory. Pegs are driven through the pole in such a way that when grazing they give the animal no inconvenience, but when she reaches through the wires the sharp points jab her shoulders sharply, and she quickly learns to keep on her own side of the fence.—Farm Journal.

What Experience Teaches. Men who make a business of getting the greatest possible quantity of milk from their cows are usually the ones to have cows calve in the fall. A better price is obtained for milk in winter than in summer. The opportunity to properly feed and care for cows in a comfortable stable, away from flies and other summer annoyances, during the fresh milk flow, is important. As the milk begins to fall, the change from feed to pasture comes at the right time to do the most good.—Farm and Home.

The Calves in Summer. Insects prefer calfskin to cowhide, which is rather hard on the calves and altogether too expensive for the farmer. Hence give the calves a chance of defense by allowing them the run of a darkened stable during the hot days of summer. Hang a blanket over the doorway, they will even learn to run under it and leave the flies on the blanket as they are brushed off. These little thoughtfulness add to the comfort of stock and farmers' profits.—Farmers' Voice.

VIRGINIA HOSPITALITY.

It is Manifested in a Singular Way Towards Non-Resident Sportsmen.

The proverbial Virginia hospitality is again in evidence. That state has a new game law this year, of which one feature is a non-resident license exaction. As at first adopted, all non-residents other than non-resident children of resident landowners, were required to take out a license, but the spirit of hospitality which is linked with the name of Virginia recoiled from this. From a time beyond which the mind of man runneth not to the contrary, it has been a fashion with Virginians to invite their friends from other states to visit them for shooting, and it was perceived that the new law would put an end to this pleasant custom. A modification was thereupon demanded and granted, says Forest and Stream. As it now stands, the non-resident law expressly exempts the visitor, the text reading that the non-resident guest of a resident landowner shall be allowed to hunt on the lands of his host, as though he were a resident of the state, when accompanied by the host or a member of his family, and provided that the host receives no compensation from the guest. This is excellent in so far as Virginia hospitality is concerned; but we fail to appreciate the logic which finds it reasonable to tax one sportsman who is obliged to pay board in Virginia, while exempting him who is so fortunate as to have friends there who may entertain him.

HEROIC SELF-SACRIFICE.

Conspicuous Instance That Came Under the Observation of a Navy Officer.

"Speaking of heroism," said a navy officer at his club a few evenings ago, reports the New York Tribune, "it is rare that such an example is seen as that of an old associate at the naval academy, Hynson, who was a passed midshipman at Vera Cruz, in 1846. It was really more than a bit of heroism; it was fortitude, passive courage, that confronted a peculiar danger, a self-sacrifice that was most conspicuous.

"Our fleet was off the harbor on blockade duty when one day a Spanish merchant vessel managed to slip in without being discovered. Hynson conceived the idea of capturing the vessel by a night attack, and he succeeded in doing so. But as he could not take the vessel out of the harbor, for the reason that she was under the close range of the enemy's guns and forts, Hynson set fire to the vessel. In doing so he burned both his arms so badly that he carried them in slings for several days. While in this disabled condition a terrific squall came up and played havoc with several of our little vessels, and the one on which Hynson was serving was capsized. Hynson and one of the other officers managed to get hold on a floating spar, but as it was not sufficient to keep them both afloat, Hynson let go his hold, and in a few moments sank to his death."

BREECH-LOADERS ARE OLD.

Bronze Cannon of That Make Were in Use in Spain Some Centuries Ago.

That there is very little new under the sun has once more been proved at Tobermory bay, Mull, says a London paper, where Capt. Burns, of Glasgow, has, with the permission of the duke of Argyll, been searching for the relics of the Admiral of Florence, one of the vessels of the Spanish Armada, known to have been blown up in 1588 in that far-away water. With the aid of an old chart the diver went down into 12 fathoms and came across a bronze breech-loading cannon four and one-half feet long, eight inches in diameter at the breech and bearing the date 1563. The divers also discovered a pistol heavily incrustated with lime, a sword blade and a ledge anchor.

Breech loading in artillery and small arms is popularly supposed to be an invention of the middle of last century, but such is by no means the case. In a Dublin gunsmith's shop at Cork Hill is a breech-loading rifle, which was offered to the British war office at the close of the eighteenth century and rejected, as it was considered to need too much ammunition.

Unfeeling French Reporter. Immediately after the assassination of King Alexander of Serbia—in fact, on the very next day—a French reporter went to the residence of the dead king's mother, Queen Natalie, and asked to interview her. An attendant was sure that she could not be seen, but out of courtesy took the insistent message to the bereaved woman. In a moment the answer was brought back: "The queen pities anyone who could try to force his presence upon her at a moment such as this."

The Pope's Titles. The official designation of the head of the hierarchy of the Catholic church is as follows: His holiness, the pope, bishop of Rome and vicar of Jesus Christ, successor of St. Peter, prince of the apostles; supreme pontiff of the universal church, patriarch of the west, primate of Italy, archbishop and metropolitan of the Roman province, sovereign of the temporal dominions of the holy Roman church.

Heated Clothing. Clothing heated by electricity will be worn by the duke of Abruzzi during his next polar excursion. The heat will pass through a network of asbestos-covered wire arranged in the lining of his apparel. His bedding will be warmed in the same way.

Sensitive Instrument. The electrometer is so acutely sensitive that it will detect in one minute an amount of matter which must accumulate for 2,000,000 years before there is enough of it to affect the most sensitive chemical balance.

JUSTICE QUEERLY DISPENSED.

English Magistrate Encourages the Belief That Malefactors Would Better Be Drunk.

Being under the influence of drink it usually considered no excuse for having committed a crime, but it would seem that one magistrate is inclined to be an exception to his brothers on the bench in this direction, says Cassell's Journal. Recently a justice of the peace had two young men before him on a charge of theft. They pleaded guilty, and at this obviated the necessity for evidence being given, the magistrate was somewhat in the dark as to their culpability.

"Well, sir," he said, addressing one of the prisoners, "have you anything to say in extenuation of your offense?"

The prisoner hung his head, and replied meekly: "Your worship, I was drunk when I did it."

"Drunk!" exclaimed the magistrate; "that makes the offense all the worse. You will go to prison for three months. And you, sir," he continued, addressing the other prisoner, "what have you to say for yourself?"

"Nothing, your honor?" was the reply.

"Were you drunk?" pursued the justice.

"No, your honor; I was never drunk in my life."

"Indeed!" exclaimed the magistrate, raising his eyebrows in affected astonishment. "Have you not even that excuse? Then you will go to prison for six months!"

MASQUERADING FRUITS.

Nuts and Seeds That Resemble in Form Certain Animals and Insects.

Of fruits that resemble animals, the buffalo-headed nut, trapa bicornis of China, is perhaps the most astonishing. Nothing is more curious than its resemblance to a buffalo—head, horns, eyes and nose.

It is an aquatic plant, with dissected submerged leaves and a tuft of aerial broad leaves. The nut contains a sweet edible kernel, and a species in Cashmere is a staple food. One species has been naturalized in our Concord river.

These nuts are also known as water caltrops, in allusion to the spiked balls, formerly used to impede cavalry. The imitative shape has no supposable use, except as the horns may hinder animals from swallowing it.

Some seeds resemble insects. Thus, the husk of biserrula pelocinus suggests a caterpillar or a centipede; the seed of the castor-oil plant a beetle, and, still more, a jatropha would easily be mistaken for a beetle, showing thorax and two elytra with their lines of ornamentation.

A low leguminous plant of the Mediterranean region, scorpiurus subvillosa, has a pod that resembles a worm or a serpent more than a scorpion's tail, which is the meaning of the generic name; but in scorpiurus vermiculata the likeness to a caterpillar is so striking that the pods are sometimes laid upon salads to test the nerves of guests; the latter is called the caterpillar plant.

POTATOES A GREAT CROP.

Value of the Tubers Exceeds That of Any Other Single Product of the Farm.

The opinion generally prevails that wheat or corn—in some regions one and in others the other—constitute the crop of greatest value to the world. Such is not the fact. The potato leads all other staples, being produced at the rate of 4,000,000,000 bushels a year, while the wheat yield is only 2,500,000,000. Europe produces seven-eighths of the world's potatoes, but it is little Ireland which eats most of them, averaging four pounds of potatoes a day per capita. The United States is on record as the greatest meat-eating country in the world, 11,000,000,000 pounds yearly being consumed here. There are physiologists who ascribe to this her power on land and sea. Johnny Bull has the sweetest tooth among the world's children, heading the list of sugar consumers at a yearly rate of 3,000,000,000 pounds of sugar. Of tobacco, however, the average in Belgium is 110 ounces per capita. In the United States only 43 ounces. But in the matter of beer the United States again takes the lead, showing a record of 30 gallons a year for each inhabitant, distancing even Germany herself.

MESSAGE ROUND THE WORLD.

Time Spent and Cost of Telegraphing Two Words Forty Thousand Miles.

A Paris correspondent of Nature writes: "July 2 the Temps resolved to send a message round the world by telegraphy, using the Anglo-French system of transoceanic cables. The message was sent from Paris at 11 a. m. and consisted of the two words 'Temps, Paris,' with the indication of the route, via Malta, Aden, Singapore, Brisbane, Vancouver and French Atlantic cable. As the indication of the route is not paid for, the cost of the experiment was only \$3.28. No previous explanation or preliminary notice had been served to the several companies, but the organization of the Anglo-French system is so perfect that the message arrived at the Temps office at 5:30 p. m. The time spent had been six hours for traveling about 40,000 miles, a measure of the commercial speed of electricity on the occasion of the inauguration of the American, Sandwich, Philippine and Hong-Kong system."

Signs for Cows. A certain justice of the peace in Maryland evidently imagines that cows can read big print. He recently gave a verdict against a railroad company for killing a cow near a road crossing for the reason that "the defendant had no sign up at the crossing."

\$500 REWARD FOR WOMEN WHO CANNOT BE CURED.

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RAILROAD NOTES.

Of Interest to Our Many Readers and the Public in General.

UNION COUNTY FAIR.—REDUCED rates via Pennsylvania Railroad. For the benefit of persons desiring to attend the Union county fair, to be held at Brook Park, near Lewisburg, Pa., September 29 and 30, October 1 and 2, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from East Bloomsburg and intermediate points, to Brook Park on September 29 and 30, October 1 and 2, valid to return until October 3, inclusive, at reduced rates (no less rate than 25 cents).

Special trains will be run on Thursday and Friday, October 1 and 2, between Lewisburg and Brook Park every half hour from 9:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. 9-24-21

Low Rates to Williamsport

Via Reading Railway Saturday October 3rd. Account Carlisle Indians-Bucknell foot ball game the Reading Railway will sell special excursion tickets to Williamsport for all trains Saturday October 3rd good returning on all trains until Monday October 5th at the low rate of single fare for the round trip. Excursion rate from Bloomsburg \$1.62

Essay on the Human Body.

Of all the essays claimed to have emanated from the fertile brain of the village school pupil, the following takes the lead: "The human body consists of the head, thorax, abdomen and legs. The head contains the brain in case there are any. The thorax contains the heart and lungs; also the liver and lights. The abdomen contains the bowels, of which there are five—a, e, i, o, u, and sometimes w and y. The legs extend from the abdomen to the floor and have hinges at the top and middle to enable a fellow to sit when standing or stand when sitting."

The United States Cut Flower company has purchased a 62 acre plot near Elmira and will grow flowers under cover of 1,000,000 square feet of glass and will employ 300 persons. It will be the greatest flower growing establishment in America.

FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND MEN IN BIBLE CLASSES.

Yesterday (Sunday) was observed throughout North America as Bible Study Rally Day by The Young Men's Christian Associations, and by their request, pastors spoke in very many of the churches on Bible study. It was found that last year over 47,000 men of the City railroad and student Associations were enrolled in Bible classes. This is a tremendous gain over previous years. Notwithstanding much that has been said as to the Bible losing its popularity, it is not shown to be so with the Associations. The college men alone will buy fully 40,000 copies of Bible study books through its International Committee this year. These Associations have nearly 2,000 classes in 500 Colleges and Universities. 319 of these College Associations have undertaken to double the number of men enrolled in their classes. They are arranging to hold 53 Bible study institutes in 29 different States, with the help of the State and International and student secretaries. These men expect to secure Bible classes in every institution, both high and preparatory in North America. In one University a Bible study secretary is employed by the Association who has 200 students in 33 small group Bible classes.

Strange as it may seem, the most enthusiastic Bible students, and some of the best, are men employed in the operating force of the railroads, who study much between runs. From their number have come many men who spend much time in Bible teaching and preaching in a manner that is effective with their colleagues. In Cleveland, Ohio, there are nearly 1,000 men meeting each week in the different shops to listen to Bible talks. But a small proportion of these are church men, and many are foreigners. This Association has been organizing office Bible classes, one meeting in the directors' room of the Prudential Trust Company. Others meet at boarding houses and homes of members.

Several of the Associations are holding classes at midnight for the night workers at large industrial plants. The Bible study hour in the 200 Summer Association camps, usually the first hour in the morning, is the most popular gathering of the day. In many places business men come direct from business at night and spend an hour in lunch and Bible study. The Associations have engaged many of the leading Bible students and pastors of the country, and publish text books of the highest character. In the Associations in some cities a dozen classes meet after a popular address on Sunday afternoon, and after Bible study of an hour take lunch together and go from the Association building to the churches. One of the characteristic Bible training classes held by the Indian Association members at Carlisle Indian School, met at four o'clock in the morning, as one of the members said, "So that only men who are interested would come." A member delegated to call the members each morning, would knock and say, "It is time to be about your Father's business." Besides the number of men enrolled in regular Bible classes, a number of thousand take a course in daily Bible reading. This is followed by a great many soldiers, sailors and by railroad men.

Milton Fair

Low rates via Reading Railway. Reading Railway will sell special excursion tickets to Milton Fair October 6 to 9 good for return passage until October 10th inclusive, at the low rate of single fare for the round trip, with a minimum of twenty five cents, from Williamsport Bloomsburg, Catawissa, Mt. Carmel and intermediate ticket stations.

When There is a Dull Heavy Feeling

in the head; a bad taste in the mouth; tongue furred and taste blunted; skin dry and feverish; whites of eyes streaked with yellow; sour risings in the throat; fugitive pains in the head, chest and back, etc., take Cal-cura Solvent, Dr. Kennedy's new medicine, right away and be well in a few days. Write to the Cal-cura Company, Roundout, N. Y., for free book and sample bottle.

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