THE CARE OF THE EYES.

How They are Injured and What is Done to Repair the Damage to them.

"Everybody takes considerable interest in his eyes," said a prominent oculist to a reporter, "and I don't think any other portion of the human anatomy is worthy of more attention. Yet it is more abused than any other organ. From early infancy it is treated shamefully. The baby's knuckles poke it and the lids are frequently made to open to expose it to the view of admiring relatives and friends. Boyhood's days bring books to be read and lessons to be worked into the brain through its medium. Youth fills it with tobacco smoke in the one sex and needlework and novels in the other. In maturity it is abused of necessity by the use of spectacles. A poor eye is better than no eye at all. Science has made the deaf to hear by means of various little instruments. Manufactured teeth often serve the purpose better than the originals, and patent working arms and legs often replace the natural members. An eye once lost to its sense of sight can never be replaced by anything that will restore that sense. Artificial eyes have existed as long as there has been any demand for them. "Step this way," said the specialist, "and I will show you a large assortment of them." The doctor reached up to the shelf in his cabinet and took down two small flat boxes. One of them was labelled, "Left Eyes, Assorted," and the other, "Right Eyes, Assorted."

The doctor opened the boxes, and there, resting on soft beds of tissue paper, were hundreds of left and right eyes. They were of every shape, size and color imaginable, and looked perfectly natural in their upward gaze.

The eye was simply a conco-convex shell, and the doctor explained that the natural working and turning of the artificial eye was not due to any improved mechanism, but simply to the modern method of operating on the genuine eye. Instead of removing the injured eye entirely as formerly only a part was removed, and the artificial organ was fitted on the stump, which would continue to move with the muscles.

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FARM BOYS.

Many a bright boy, reared on a farm, is beginning to think about going to the city, and, generally speaking, his mother encourages him. She can't bear to have her son toiling in the field, when she is sure he would grace a profession. So she manages to crowd him through a college, and he commences his legal studies in a lawyer's office. Years pass before he can be admitted to the bar; and how long must he contend against fearful rivalry and difficulties before he finds himself favored with a tolerable practise? But although he at length becomes eminent and wealthy, what pains must be made in health and constitution before he shall have found himself at the summit of the toilsome ascent, to say nothing of the little time afforded him through his long and weary journey for the duties and enjoyments of the domestic hearth. Still more to be deprecated—the medical life. How repugnant the lectures and the dissecting room, preparatory to becoming a licentiate; then the incessant rounds of visits to the chambers of the sick and dying; the calls, touching even upon repasts and ordinary repose, render the life of the physician less comfortable than the lawyer's.

There must be lawyers and doctors, I admit, but are there not too many already? And is it not ill-judged in parents to encourage their sons to enter upon professions, to whom nature, perhaps, has denied the aptitude and talent that give promise of success in a line where competition is so formidable. But, unfortunately, the calling of the lawyer and doctor is held to be genteel, and that of the farmer vulgar; and this it is to be feared, determines the choice of hundreds. How irrational, how ill-advised, let the disappointed and broken-down practitioners themselves bear witness!

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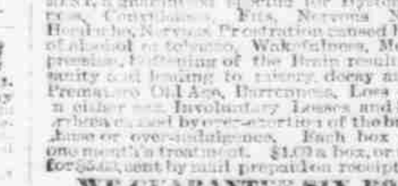

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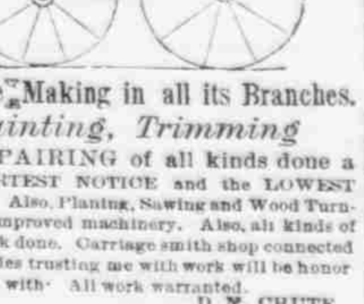

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A LESSON FOR CAPITAL.

Everybody has heard of the immense iron works of Krupp, at Essen, Prussia, the largest single establishment in the world, but few have any idea how great an establishment it really is, and why it has become such. In the first place the Government has granted the founder special privileges, and he in turn has been enabled to turn this to good account in making his vast establishment one of the most desirable places in Europe for the special classes of workmen employed. These great iron works were founded in 1810, and grew gradually until 1855, when 600 men were employed. From that time the growth was much more rapid, owing to the demand for his guns caused by the Crimean and the German-Austrian wars and the war with France. In [illegible] 10,598 persons were employed and at the present time the number is considerably greater.

Many of these laborers have families and these live in the houses rented from the proprietor. In 1882 the number of houses occupied was 3,208, inhabited by 16,200 people. These houses are built in flats, containing from three to five rooms, and rent from $6 to $30 per year. For such as have no families, the manager has established a large boarding house, where 500 men find accommodations. A co-operative store has been established, which has proved very beneficial to the operatives. In 1878 a sick club was established, which at the present time has more than eleven thousand members and an invested fund of $[illegible] 490. The benefits paid out of this fund in 1882 amounted to $10,0[illegible] and the death liabilities to $1,000. Since 187[illegible] there has been a fever hospital and an infirmary. A disinfection house and appurtenances have also been instituted. There is, besides, a Sanitary Committee in the works. Free baths for the use of the laborers are instituted near the entrance of the works, and their free use is constantly encouraged.

In 1876 a life insurance fund was started and this has been very successful. There is a high school with twenty class rooms and a private school with sixteen. In the same year five technical schools were established, where, among other things, women are instructed in household duties and the art of making home comfortable on a minimum of expenditure. There are, besides, many charities for disabled men and women, and invalids generally, which have long been in practical operation, where such as are not totally disabled can follow easy pursuits, such as broom and basket making and other articles sold in the co-operative store. In one week during the present year the number of laborers dependent upon and who received the benefits of Mr. Krupp's humane treatment was 65,381.

From this it will be seen that the great establishment at Essen is no mere money-making concern, a great despotism, where the largest amount of labor is extracted from the employees at the lowest possible sum that will keep body and soul together, but a vast industrial institution where the enlightened proprietor consults the interests and well-being of his thousands of employes and those dependent upon them as well as his own. There has never, we believe, been any trouble between the owner and those who labor for him. No strikes or difficulties of any kind. Here, at last, is an instance where labor and capital move together harmoniously. Can any one doubt this is the result of the enlightened care and consideration which the proprietor, the largest single employer of skilled labor in the world, gives to the interests and general well-being of his workingmen? It also supplies a lesson which all manufacturing capitalists elsewhere could copy with advantage to themselves as well as those in their employ. Such a course could not help but unite the interests and serve to establish better feeling between two classes whose interests are admittedly identical. —*Lancaster New Era.*

How to Select a Boy.

A gentleman advertised for a boy, and nearly fifty applicants presented themselves to him. Out of the whole he selected one, and dismissed the rest. "I should like to know," said a friend, "on what grounds you selected that boy, who had not a single recommendation." "You are mistaken," said the gentleman; "he had a great many. He wiped his feet when he came in, and closed the door after him, showing that he was careful. He gave his seat instantly to that lame old man, showing that he was thoughtful. He took off his cap when he came in, and answered my questions promptly, showing that he was gentlemanly. He picked up the book which I had purposely laid on the floor, and replaced it on the table, and he waited quietly for his turn, instead of pushing and crowding, showing that he was honorable and orderly. When I talked to him I noticed that his clothes were brushed, his hair in order; when he wrote his name I noticed that his finger nails were clean. Don't you call those things letters of recommendation? I do; and I would give more for what I can tell about a boy by using my eyes ten minutes than all the letters he can bring me."

Don't Frighten Children.

A man named W. L. Clemens, of North Carolina, went with his wife and children a few weeks ago to Charleston, S. C., to live. One Sunday night they had a sad experience which should be remembered by all parents as a warning. The story is told by the Greenville *News*, which says: "Clemens and his wife wished to go to church. A little son, five years old, who had always slept with his parents, was put to bed with an elder brother in anticipation of their leaving the family room dark. He objected and cried incessantly. His father threatened to lock him up in the dark room if he did not hush. Knowing the child was mortally afraid of darkness when alone. The little fellow cried louder than before, and the threat was put into execution. On being locked in the dark room the child gave three piercing screams and fainted. On coming to it was discovered that the once bright and promising boy had become an imbecile.