

WITCHES BLAMED FOR MANY DEATHS

PA. GERMAN SAYS THEY TOOK CHILDREN'S "REST"

THREE OUT OF TWENTY LIVING

Doctors Say They Died of Marasmus And Tuberculosis But Parents Do Not Believe This—Pow-wow Doctors Saved Two.

Witches are blamed for having caused the death of 17 of the 20 children of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Carl, of Lehigh, Pa. The parents have never been ill a single day but the majority of their offspring died while quite young. Physicians say the infants were afflicted by marasmus, a wasting disease of the flesh without any fever or apparent disease while "pow-wow" doctors declare the infants were afflicted by witchcraft. Physicians declare the older children died of tuberculosis but Garr and his wife refuse to accept their statement. They claim witches "took their rest" and killed their children.

Hexerei Doctor Effected Cures. "When one of our children was ill," says Mr. Carl, "and the doctor said it would not live over night and at the suggestion of a neighbor I called in a hexerei doctor, who had the reputation of curing people from whom their 'rest' had been taken. He hung something in a bag around the child's neck and gave it two kinds of medicine. He said it had been bewitched by a woman, but would mention no name. From the time the witch doctor began to treat the child it began to improve and is one of the three living today."

On another occasion when one of his daughters was ill, Carl declares, an old man who heard him tell a friend about his loss of so many children, said he could help the child and was invited to try. He brought a piece of muslin, a needle and thread, a pen and red ink and the seventh book of Moses. After examining the child he said that its "rest" had been taken by a woman. He pow-wowed and then copied a verse on a slip of paper, using his red ink, and put the paper in a little muslin bag and hung it at the head of the cradle, and the child improved. The verse read as follows:

"Trotter head, I forbid thee my house and premises. I forbid thee my bedstead that thee mayest not breathe upon me. Breathe in some other house until thou hast counted every fence-post, and until thou hast crossed every water and thus dear day may come again in the name of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen."

The pow-wow doctor gave particular instructions to the parents not to accept anything from any person nor give anything whatsoever to anyone for nine days. The woman who it was supposed bewitched the children died seven years ago and the children who have died since were declared to have consumption, but Carl is of the opinion that they were bewitched.

During former Coroner Dr. E. Strauss's term in office he made a crusade against the pow-wow or hexerei doctors, but they are still doing business in Berks county and will probably continue to do so until more drastic action is taken. Eastern Pennsylvania, and especially Berks county, is the stronghold of pow-wow doctors and superstitious people. There are people in Centre county who believe in pow-wow doctors and hexerei evils. Planting seeds and much housework by some is done according to certain peculiar signs in which their beliefs are unshaken. A compilation of all the peculiar beliefs would make an interesting work.

HOUSEHOLD HELPS.

In selecting spoons for kitchen use it is a wise plan to get those with holes in the handle. They may be hung up and thus kept accessible.

Having several pairs of shoes and never wearing the same pair more than one or two days at a time will rest the leather and make it last better.

A stain in a raincoat can be removed by washing it in strong hot suds made of pure white soap to which a little borax and a little ammonia have been added.

The colored bedspreads which were in such favor for summer cottages last season are being utilized both as spreads for the schoolgirl beds and for delicate covers to throw over couches.

When books become badly soiled on the edges, if not gilt edged, close the book tightly and erase the marks with an ink eraser. This will cut off the rough edges and all soil marks and leave the book quite clean.

Japanned ware should be washed with a sponge, dampened in warm water and dried immediately with a soft cloth. Obstinate spots can quickly be removed by rubbing with a woolen cloth dipped in sweet oil.

Everyday Logic.

Have you ever invited two people in order to make them acquainted? Have you ever raged inwardly because the whole affair was such a failure?

Neither woman would talk on any subject save herself, and both sat in the midst of long silences, staring at each other, and then just as you had given up hope another woman dropped in casually, a woman who was in great demand everywhere.

All of a sudden you found out the reason why. She took those two human icicles in hand, and the first thing you knew she had them talking to each other and then to her.

Well, that is the secret of the average woman's popularity. She fits into any surroundings. She is at home with all sorts of people. She makes them feel thoroughly at ease and brings out the best in them. That is why they love to have her around.

It is no fun to sit and listen to a woman who glitters at the expense of every one else.

But the woman who says just enough to make us respond on the subjects we know most about in our best vein is the one we simply adore, and we can't be in her company too much.

CLEANING CHINA AND GLASS.

How to Care For Fine Dishes and Delicate Glassware.

Ordinary everyday china may be washed first in hot soapsuds, then in a clear rinsing water, and dried with soft, clean dish towels. A housekeeper should watch her maid carefully to see if her methods of dishwashing are approved. She should provide her maid with a hand mop, a half dozen good dishcloths, a soapsuds maker—that is, a small receptacle to hold the odds and ends of soap, which, when shaken in the hot water, will create a whole painful of suds—and two dishpans, one for washing and one for rinsing. The maid must learn, and she usually does by bitter experience, that to put delicate glassware into scalding hot water means death and destruction to the glassware. The same thing will happen if hot tea is poured into a cold and brittle teacup. This causes sudden expansion, and the piece cracks either under the glaze or quite through it. It is a simple matter either to warm the cups by pouring in a little warm water or by putting them in a warm oven for a moment or, better still, by pouring the tea over a silver spoon resting on the cup.

The heaviest cut glass cracks under a change of temperature. An ice cream dish of this costly ware was once split in half while the mold of ice cream was being helped. Inquiry at the factory disclosed the fact that the sudden fall of temperature, combined with the pressure in cutting the ice cream, had caused the accident. Had the dish been set in the refrigerator a little while before the ice cream had been served it would never have split in half. In washing cut glass, therefore, place it in warm water first before putting it in the hot soapsuds.

When cleansing delicate and costly china strong soaps and soap powders should be avoided. They will surely eat into the gliding and decorations. Either ammonia or borax is safer. In arranging handsome china on the shelves soft mats should be placed between the plates to avoid scratches and nicks. The cups should be hung by their handles from hooks. This is much safer than piling them up on the shelves. Platters should rest lengthwise in a groove on the back of the shelf.

In washing handsome glass and china there should always be an exceedingly soft cloth to be used for a polisher after the piece has been dried with the usual dishcloth. In washing ordinary china it will be found that the hotter the water the easier the pieces are to dry and the shinier they will be.

SUMMER HEADACHE.

How to Relieve It by Use of Fresh Mint Leaves.

Though mint under certain jovial mixtures has been known to give many a summer headache, it is also a cure for it, according to one sufferer. A woman was much troubled with headache that came from heat. She tried many remedies unsuccessfully until an old colored woman told her of a cure much used among southern negroes.

Fresh mint leaves are gathered, crushed into a juicy mass and bound across the head with a handkerchief. Relief quickly follows. This is due, thinks the woman, to the soothing odor of the mint as much as to any healing qualities. Soon after the potion was applied she dropped into a refreshing sleep and usually awoke cured. In very severe cases the woman mixed a little witch hazel with the mint in crushing it.

How to Bake With a Gas Range.

The oven of a gas range is hotter than the old fashioned coal range, which accounts for the difficulty sometimes encountered by beginners in their use in successfully and evenly baking. To obtain the best results for baking loaf cakes, etc., the oven should not be heated more than five minutes before using, but it should be heated five minutes, and when the baking is begun a moderate heat should be maintained. A full realization that the heat in a gas range is direct and certain and easily controlled will bring success to the user. Once you know how long it takes and what degree of heat to cook an article you will never again make a failure if you are careful to watch the time.

How to Darn a Glove Finger.

If you want to mend a glove finger in a hurry and have no special darning handy, use a boy's marble to slip under the hole. These come in different sizes and make a small neat darn easy. Rips should be mended on the outside with a thread as much like that used in stitching as may be. Strive to imitate the seam sewing. Tears in the material may be overcast in tiny stitches on the wrong side, or if they are jagged the edge should be button-holed and the space filled with other rows of the buttonholing. Always use a fine needle in glove mending, as a heavy one weakens the kid.

How to Put Cotton in Quilts.

Time and patience may be saved when putting cotton in quilts if the cotton is first rolled about an ordinary yardstick. Spread the cotton out on a large table or on the floor, roll on the stick, then transfer to the quilt foundation and unroll.—Delineator.

How to Thaw Frozen Water Pipes.

When it is not convenient to apply heat to frozen pipes to thaw them, spread a cloth thickly with unslaked lime, fasten it around the frozen pipe and throw water on it. The heat produced as the lime slakes is great enough to thaw the ice.

The Narrowing Land of Promise.

Nearly one-half the area of unappropriated and unreserved land of the United States lies in Alaska, and one-tenth of the total is swamp and overflow land. Much of the remaining domain open to settlement might as well be in bleak Alaska or consist of impossible morass for all the attraction it holds to home seekers. Considerable of it is now a desert, says a recent bulletin from Washington, although irrigation may in time redeem portions of it, just as draining and drying up will render swamp areas available for tillage.

Formerly the appeal used to call the landless back to the soil was offer of "free land." The same offer can be made today, but there is a "string" tied to the prospect. Capital is needed to open up to production the virgin soil now awaiting the settler. Two-thirds of the population today is found in the original thirteen states of the Union and in states formed from the original area. In these states there are abundant acres ripe for intensive cultivation, and that means occupation and support for as many newcomers as there are tillers of the soil already on the job.

The Young Turks started hanging the sultan's agents in the counter-insurrection of April 13 with the promptness of border lynchers. But punishment of the authors of the massacres in Asia Minor, where only Christians were victims, is suspiciously slow and feeble.

Russia now admits Jews to the health resorts of the Caucasus. The czar should also make Russia more healthy for his Jewish subjects who have to stay at home.

Good looks catch a man, but it's good housekeeping that holds him.

A Tart Answer.

The Rev. John McNeill was holding a revival service at Cardiff, Wales, and announced that he would answer any question about the Bible. At once a note was sent up to him reading as follows:

"Dear Mr. McNeill—If you are seeking to help young men, kindly tell me who was Cain's wife."

That seemed a poser, and the audience waited with intense interest, tempered with amusement, to see how the good man would extricate himself. After a pause he said:

"I love young men, especially young inquirers for light, and I would give this young man a word of advice. It is this: Don't lose your soul's salvation looking after other people's wives."

Foolish is he who says that at his door I knock but once, a furtive moment stay.

Fearing lest he shall hear, then haunts away.

Glad to escape him—to return no more. Not so; I knock and wait and o'er and o'er.

Come back to summon him. Day after day I come to call the idler from his play.

Or wake the dreamer with my vain up-pour.

Out of a thousand, haply, now and then One, if he hear again and yet again.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the Estate of A. Y. Williams late of Worth Township, Centre County, Pennsylvania, deceased.

Letters of Administration in the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Centre County, Pennsylvania, all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby requested to make payment and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same, duly authenticated without delay.

E. R. WILLIAMS, Administrator. S. KLINE WOODRING, Attorney. x 11 Port Matilda, Pa.

LEGAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the following accounts will be presented to the Court for confirmation on Wednesday, March 2, 1910. And unless objections filed thereto on or before the second day of the term, the same will be confirmed to wit:

The First and Final Account of Claude Cook, Receiver of Yeager Manufacturing Co. The Account of James W. Swabb, Receiver of Insolvent Estate of Clyde W. Swamm. The Final Account of R. T. Conley, Gdn. of Hannah J. Fleck. A. B. KIMPORT, Prothonotary. Jan. 26, 1910. xs

ORPHANS' COURT SALE.

In pursuance of an order of the Orphan's Court of Centre County, the undersigned, William Tressler, trustee for the purpose of making sale of the real estate of Henry D. Lee, late of Patton township, Centre county, Pa., deceased, and making distribution of the funds arising from said sale, will offer at public sale at the Court House, in Bellefonte, on

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1910,

at 10 o'clock a. m., all that certain messuage, tenement and lot of land situate in Patton township, Centre county, Pa., bounded and described as follows: Beginning at stone in corner of house owned late by Jesse Frederick, thence along said road north 55 1/2 deg. east 16 perches to an iron pin in said road; thence north 34 1/2 deg. west 10 perches to a stone; thence south 55 1/2 deg. west 10 perches to a stone; thence south 31 1/2 deg. east 10 perches to place of beginning; containing one acre by the same more or less. Thereon erected a six-room, two-story frame dwelling house, stable and other necessary outbuildings.

Terms—10 per cent of the purchase price to be paid in cash on day of sale, the remainder of one-half to be paid upon the delivery of the deed, and the balance to be secured by bond and mortgage upon the premises due in one year from date thereof, with interest. WILLIAM TRESSLER, Trustee.

COURT PROCLAMATION.

Whereas the Honorable Ellis L. Orvis, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the 6th Judicial District, consisting of the county of Centre, having issued his process, bearing date the 25th day of December, 1909, to me directed for holding a Court of Common Pleas, Orphan's Court, Court of Quarter Session of the Peace, Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, in Bellefonte, for the county of Centre, and to commence on the

FOURTH MONDAY OF FEBRUARY, being the 29th day of February, 1910, and to continue two weeks.

Notice is hereby given to the Coroner, Justices of the Peace, Aldermen and Constables of said county of Centre, that they be then and there in their proper persons at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of the 29th, with their records, inquiries, examinations and their own remembrances to do those things which to the offices appertain to be done, and those who are bound in recognizances, to prosecute against the prisoners that are or shall be in the jail of Centre county, be then and there to prosecute against them as shall be just.

Given under my hand, at Bellefonte, the first day of February, in the year of our Lord, 1910, and the one hundred and thirty-fourth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

W. E. HURLEY, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Bellefonte, Pa. February 1st, 1910.

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Leave Mill Hall—For Bellefonte, 8:23 a. m., 3:56 and 8:35 p. m.