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Also for Persons Addicted to the Excessive Use of Alcoholic Liquors and Tobacco--Something Which is Important if True and Interesting Anyhow.

If we may believe in the Times-Herald of Chicago, hypnotism since it was first practiced by the Sages will soon be put to a new use. It is to be enlisted in the reformation of mankind. The expert who has this aim in view is named Brouyette, who lives in Englewood, a suburb of Chicago. Says the Chicago paper:

"Any pedestrian or trolley car passenger passing along South Halsted street in the vicinity of Sixteenth will hardly fail to notice a big yellow sign fastened to the side of a house which proclaims to the Englewood prohibitionists and all the wayfarers who chance to travel in that dry district these glad tidings:

HYPNOTISM Cures liquor, morphine, tobacco, cigarette, and all useless habits, summering in speech, catching of the breath, etc. I remove all ideas that cause trouble.

"If any man is a slave of drink let him consult hypnotism and there find a panacea. Hypnotism in its modern phases has accomplished wonders. There has never yet been discovered a man who could put an idea into an empty head; but here in Chicago this young man has come to light who, for a consideration, offers to remove all ideas of a troublesome nature. "Never before has any man set himself up to accomplish these things through the mysterious forces of hypnotism. But now there has arisen in this young man, who claims he is not only able to remove all troublesome ideas, but who says he is specially endowed with the powers that will set a man free from whiskey, morphine, cigarette, or plug tobacco. In France this science of hypnotism is much better understood than it is here; but this boy not only studied here but accomplished some of his most wonderful results among the friends who knew him best.

WHAT HE HAS DONE.

"For example, he recently took as a patient a young man who was addicted to tobacco. This young man was in the habit of smoking 150 cigarettes in a day. After placing him in a chair and waving his hands over him in mesmeric fashion, he told him to go to sleep. Immediately the subject fell under the influence of the hypnotist, and seemed to be under complete control. The weirdness of the hypnotist now became apparent. Nothing could be seen but the glitter of his big black eyes and sinuous movements of his long, skeleton-like arms. Soon the patient was apparently in a sound sleep.

"The cigarette fiend was then asked if he would like to smoke. On being told he would like to smoke. And the hypnotist handed him a lead pencil, which he smoked with manifestations of the greatest enjoyment. Then the hypnotist passed his hands over his subject's face, in the same mesmeric manner, and said 'Wake up,' which the young man did without delay. He was again put to sleep and told that smoking was injurious, that he would no longer de-

sire to smoke after waking. This was the mode of treatment.

"In the next place a man with a big bottle nose and a strong whisky breath was brought before the hypnotist. Upon examination it appeared the bottle-nosed man had been drinking twenty-three years. Professor Brouyette put him in the catatonic state in a few minutes, by a little waving of the hands, or what some ignorant people call pow-wowing. Then he said: 'Here is a glass of whisky.' When as a matter of fact it was nothing but a glass of water. He drank the water with as much relish as if it had been old Kentucky whisky. Then the hypnotist said: 'What am I giving you in a glass of water. You must give it up; it is killing you. When you wake up all desire for it will be gone.' The subject was brought out of his trance. Thereupon the lecturer described to his subject all the evils of intemperance and told him how to get rid of trouble.

THE TOBACCO HABIT.

The hypnotist in the next case took a young man who had been a slave to plug tobacco for fifteen years. He put him under the hypnotic influence without the least difficulty, and then offered him an ordinary business card, telling him it was the finest brand of tobacco. The patient immediately began to bite and chew this card as if it had been the finest tobacco in the world. A man then said: 'How do you like that?' 'That's fine tobacco,' said the hypnotist. 'I want to help you; I want to cure you of the tobacco habit; it is injuring you; it is destroying your health. Now, I want to tell you that you don't want any more tobacco; you don't desire it any more, do you?' 'Yes, I wouldn't take a chew now if you could, would you?' 'In this way, says Professor Brouyette, the desire for habits that are injurious are removed. In regard to how soon he can accomplish a cure, it is all owing, he says, to the temperament of the patient. Sometimes, he claims, he can cure a slave in one or two treatments, and then again there are cases which require from three to ten treatments. Of course, where a habit has been fixed on a man for several years, he says, you would not expect it to be removed in a minute. Habits are of slow growth, but they become second nature to a man. Habits often lead a man to his ruin.

"Professor Brouyette said that of all the fiends he has ever had to treat the morphine fiend is the worst. In a case where a man has been using morphine or opium in any form for any great length of time, it requires the greatest skill in judgment and often weeks in treatment before he can get them divorced from their trouble. It is a great thing to remove ideas that trouble the mind. "Hypnotism, according to Professor Brouyette, is a thing that anybody can practice, but not all with the same degree of success. He made a study of the science under an advanced teacher right here in Chicago. He says that almost every person is able to hypnotize a man or woman that is amenable; and then again there are other operators who have much more magnetic power. So far as he himself is concerned, he is able to put nine persons out of every ten under the hypnotic influence. This is his record. There is nothing new in the bare idea of hypnotism. But never before has a man advertised that he would cure liquor, morphine, and tobacco habits by application of this science. He claims to have cured a good many patients troubled with these different complaints.

AN INTERESTING CASE.

"Professor Brouyette tells of one case that is very interesting. A lady of great wealth, whose husband was one of the most prominent business men in this city, had secretly become a slave to the morphine habit. She had tried all kinds of remedies and failed. She was in despair. She went to Europe and visited the different resorts and consulted the most famous

physicians. Then at last she heard of this hypnotism and tried it. The result was that inside of a fortnight she was cured, and she has been free from this habit ever since. "There are two cardinal principles in my method of treatment," said Professor Brouyette. "The first is, as I have already remarked, that while the patient is in a catatonic state I remove all desire from the mind for the particular form of indulgence with which he or she has become afflicted. I do this in an impressive and permanent way that is only known to one who practices hypnotism. In the next place, when I bring the patient out of the catatonic state, I carefully explain the evil effects of the habit and leave nature to build up the broken system. Sometimes this can be done in a single treatment, then again a case may require several treatments. But the one fixed idea which I never allow to depart from the patient's mind is that the desire is gone, and gone to stay forever. As soon as nature has done her part, in restoring the dilapidated functions there is no more danger of the patient's returning to the habit than there was before he had first begun to indulge it."

Professor Brouyette has a good many funny experiences in removing troublesome ideas from the minds of some of the persons who call upon him. "One day last week he received a call from a young woman who wanted to get rid of the idea that she was destined to become an old maid. After applying the mesmeric force he had no difficulty in convincing her that her notion was erroneous--that she would be a happy bride at 25 and that her husband would be a rich man. There was not a happier young woman in all Englewood the next day. She was so elated that she told her friends about the success, and it was the secret leaked out. One treatment was sufficient in her case.

Perhaps the most remarkable case which has yet come within the young hypnotist's experience is that of a man who lately consulted him in order to escape from the idea which had fixed itself on his mind that he was about to commit an unconscious murder. This man was in no way vicious, nor was he an inebriate, though it may be that he was on the borderland of insanity over business troubles. At any rate he became sleepless over the idea that he was in danger of murdering a fellow man without knowing it. Professor Brouyette, after a few treatments, was in charge, and is confident of effecting a cure.

AN OLIVE LEAF'S MISSION.

Its Rejection Followed by Great Events in European History.

While Bismarck was Prussian envoy in Paris he made a short Pyrenean tour, and at Avignon made the acquaintance of a young couple named Luning who were spending their honeymoon in that romantic straggler. The three set out together for a drive, but they had scarcely seated themselves in the carriage when a telegram was handed Bismarck. It was a message from King William, summoning him to return to Berlin and assume the post of minister president. The Prussian chamber had rejected the estimates for a reformed army, which was the first condition of other reforms, and the king was in despair. "Bismarck made no secret of the contents of the telegram, and frankly expressed a hope that he might succeed in reconciling the government and the chamber. But he would not interrupt the drive, and they went on along the bank of the Rhone until, reaching the vineyards and olive groves, they got out of the carriage for a little stroll. Suddenly Madame Luning stopped, and breaking a double twig from a young olive tree, offered it to Bismarck. "May this help you to make it up with your opponents?" she said. "I will accept half of it," he answered, gallantly, returning her a part of the twig. "May the other half, with

this rose, bring you, dear madam, constant peace in your happy marriage!"

Four days later he was in Berlin, and there he found the king with his abdication signed and ready. He refused in these circumstances to take office, and when the king asked him if he were prepared to govern against a majority of the chamber, he answered "Yes," without the slightest hesitation. The abdication was torn up, and Bismarck accepted office. It was during this struggle that the king said: "Well," said Bismarck, "for myself I cannot imagine a nobler death than that or on the battlefield. Surely, your majesty as captain of a company cannot think of deserting it under fire!" "Never!" was the reply, and the king sprang up, ready for action.

But the olive leaf had not yet fulfilled its dramatic mission. The king's speech before the Budget committee Bismarck urged military reform, but only to be met by the objection that it would be a step toward the government to depend upon moral conquests from the aid of a liberal policy. He took out his pocketbook and produced from it a little wreath of twig. "I brought this olive leaf with me from Avignon," said he. "In order to offer it to the radicals as a symbol of peace, but I see I am much too soon with it!" "This assurance was met with a smile, and he roused himself to sterner speech. "Germany," said he, "does not look for liberalism; but to the power of Prussia; and Prussia must put herself together so as not to miss the favorable moment. Not by specifying and resolutions can the great questions of the time be decided, but by blood and iron." And blood and iron decided them.

ELECTING A PRESIDENT.

Surprising Amount of Misinformation About the Process--How It is Done.

From the Cincinnati Times-Star. The amount of misinformation of presidential elections even though a campaign has been going on now for nearly five months, in which every item of information possible about such an election ought to have been fully explained and understood. There are hundreds of thousands of people in this country who still entertain the idea that they vote directly for president and vice president, whereas they never have an opportunity to do anything of the kind. They vote for men who vote for president, as they vote for members of state legislatures who choose United States senators.

THE TIME.

The presidential election every four years always takes place on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. The number of electors to which each state is entitled is always equal to the number of senators and representatives from that state. The number of representatives to which each state is entitled according to the ratio of representation as now obtains and will obtain until 1903 can be determined by dividing the total population by 73,500.

MEETING OF ELECTORS.

The electors meet on the second Monday in January, next following their election at such place as the state legislature may direct, and generally such place is the capital, and there they cast their several votes for the president and vice president. This they do by signing two certificates of all the votes given by them, each of which certifies must contain two distinct lists,

FAITH OF THE PRESIDENTS.

Most of Them Were Presbyterians, but Other Denominations Were There.

From the Philadelphia Record. The religious convictions and church affiliations of our presidents have often excited the curiosity and interest, not only of church members, but of serious people generally. Washington was a communicant of the Episcopal church; Jefferson, though accused of being an atheist, alludes in his writings to his belief in a supreme being. Jefferson, however, never connected himself with any denomination, and not very often attended any place of worship. John Adams was a Unitarian. Madison and Monroe were Episcopalians. John Quincy Adams was a Unitarian. Jackson joined the Presbyterian church after the death of his wife; Van Buren attended the Dutch Reformed church, but was not a member. W. H. Harrison was an Episcopalian, so also was Tyler; Polk was not a church member, but on his death bed was baptized by a Methodist clergyman; Taylor was a regular attendant at the Episcopal church; Fillmore was a Unitarian; Pierce, a Congregationalist; Buchanan belonged to the Presbyterian church.

DECLARING THE RESULT.

On the second Wednesday in February succeeding there is a joint meeting of the senate and house called at 1 p. m. at the hall of the house of representatives, the president of the senate acting as the presiding officer. Two tellers are appointed by the senate and two by the house. The president of the senate reads all papers and certificates pertaining to the electoral vote and delivers them in alphabetical order to the tellers, who read them in the presence of the two houses. The result of this reading is then delivered to the president of the senate, who announces it, which announcement constitutes a certification of the election of the president and vice president of the United States.

A MEXICAN NEW WOMAN.

She is a Thoroughly Capable and Careful Railroad Agent.

From the Chicago Chronicle. There are many things of interest along the line of railroad between Puebla and Oaxaca, Mexico, but few attract the Northern traveler more than the mountain agent at Etla. This is Concha Blanca, a young woman with honest brown eyes and a mass of wavy black hair. Etla, her post office, is in the mountains for 100 miles around for their annual feasts, and also the shipping point for the big haciendas in the fertile valley among these same mountains. When the train stops at Etla in the dark a young woman in white, for Sororita Concha dresses to match her surname, stands at the door of the express car lantern in hand, checking the packages on the big receipt book. When the freight train stops she flits in and out of the long line of cars, telling the brakeman what to take and what to leave. She is from one end of the train to the other, seeing that no mistakes are made. The marchanted girl in a white dress for her and a younger sister sits in the empty of the train. The trainmen respect her. She does everything about the station but handle the baggage. There are plenty of stout Mexicans of the other sex hanging about for that work.

Concha Blanca is so well esteemed by the passengers that she has been twice promoted, until now she has one of the most important stations under her care. She does all the telegraphing of her station, and her house for her and a younger sister sits at the telegraph table learning the vocation of the new woman in Mexico. The conductors have got in the way of pointing out to travelers Sororita Concha along with the ruins of the ancient city on the mountain top, the site where the battle of Tehuacan was fought, the hieroglyphs on the cliff at the entrance to Rio Salada canyon and other objects of interest.

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