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DIZZY SPELLS.—Edward Happ, of Titusville, Pa., had such pain in the back that he could not do any kind of work and had such dizzy spells that he would have to hold on to something to keep from falling. It seemed as if he never would stop spinning. He had been out of health for 15 years and could hardly sleep from pain in his stomach. He says, "Thompson's Barosma completely cured me, purified my blood, and made me feel many years younger." Price, \$1.00; 6 bottles, \$5.

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The Essential Things Out of Which Blood is Made.

These are the things out of which blood is made. If the food is nutritious and properly cooked, if the air is pure and full of oxygen, if the water is clean and free from impurities, the blood will be rich and red and full of vitality.

Barring physical accidents, there is no sickness except that depending directly upon a want of food or water or air, sometimes all three. When any one is sick the presumption is that he has been trying to subsist on poor food or vitiated air or bad water, one or more.

In order to have good food a person ought to have the first eating of it. Food that has been mused over and left by one person is not fit to be eaten by another.

In order to have good air a person ought to have the first breathing of it. Air that has been breathed by other persons is not fit to breathe again. Water should be fresh from some spring or well. If hydraulic water must be used let it run a bit, as the house pipes are apt to be of lead and not iron like the pipes that convey the water through the city.

Food that is relished, air that cools and invigorates, water that is quaffed with eager thirst—these are the things that make blood. Put fresh air into the lungs, good food and pure water into the stomach, and nature will do the rest.—Medical Talk.

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Place two V shaped whetstones of the same size near the edge of a table. In the right hand one put an egg, just fitting the rim of the glass. Hold the bases of the glasses firmly down, the top rims touching each other. Now, with a quick, sharp breath, blow upon the line where the egg and the glass meet. The egg will jump to the other glass. With a little practice this can be done every time. Be careful to blow in a line with the left hand glass, or the egg will jump in the wrong direction and land on the table with disastrous results.

Her Objection.

"Don't you think you are taking the wrong stand when you say you do not wish your son to marry, Mrs. Willoughby?" asked an intimate friend. "Don't you know it is natural and best for a young man to marry and that he will not think any the less of his mother because he has a wife?" "Oh, it isn't that," protested Mrs. Willoughby. "I don't mind his marrying on general principles, but I don't want to be called the old Mrs. Willoughby."—New York Press.

Formal Indeed.

She—The government's legislators seem to be formal men. He—How's that? She—Why, they had never notice a bill until it has been introduced.—New York Times.

What Shall We Have for Dessert?

This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it to-day. Try



IN MEMORY OF BILL NYE.

Movement Afoot to Erect a Monument Over the Humorist's Grave.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 14.—The grave of Bill Nye, the famous humorist who died nearly eight years ago and was buried at Arden, near here, is unmarked, and a movement is afoot to have a granite monument erected above his resting place. The North Carolina division of the Sunshine society is raising the fund.

When Nye passed away his devoted widow placed a memorial window in Calvary Episcopal church, near by, but her plans for a more fitting memorial were frustrated by the failure, soon after Mr. Nye's death, of banks in which practically all the fortune left her by her husband had been deposited. At present a little tree is growing at the head of the grave, and enterprise, and contributions are in one one has laid upon the mound a rude piece of stone picked up on the highway. Other marks there are none. Mrs. J. M. Ransier, president of the Sunshine society, Hendersonville, N. C., is the active head of the memorial vited from the friends of Nye throughout the country. They should be addressed to Battery Park Bank, Asheville, N. C., custodians of the fund.

Water Deal Scandal Closes.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 15.—Twenty cases growing out of the Lake Michigan water deal scandal which were on call in the superior court were put over until Dec. 21. Lunt K. Salisbury, former city attorney, whose confession caused the arrests in the water scandal was called for sentence for accepting a bribe, of which charge he has already been convicted. Sentence was deferred so that Salisbury may act as a witness in the new cases. In the police court, Alderman Malachi Kinney was bound over to the superior court for trial. The examination of ex-Alderman Ellen was then resumed.

Germans Captured Hottentot Lager.

Capetown, Dec. 15.—According to an official dispatch from the Hartbeesie river district a Hottentot lager was attacked and captured by a German patrol Saturday last. The Hottentots drove the Germans across the river, firing heavily and severely wounding Lieutenant Beklin and one private. The Hottentots subsequently retreated, losing three killed and two wounded. More fighting is expected. During the engagement the Cape police came under the fire of the Hottentots, who say that they shot at the police officers by mistake.

Contest of Wentworth Will.

Boston, Dec. 15.—The claim of the heirs of Aroch Wentworth, who are contesting the late millionaire's will that Mr. Wentworth's mind was unsettled when he made the will, was supported at today's hearing by Elliot Danforth of Balbridge, N. Y., former New York state treasurer. Mr. Wentworth appeared to be losing his memory. Mrs. Danforth corroborated this testimony. Dr. J. F. Jelly said judging from the evidence Wentworth suffered from senile dementia.

MARKET REPORT.

New York Provision Market.

WHEAT—No. 2 red, 91½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, 93½c. CORN—No. 2 corn, 53½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow, 55c. OATS—No. 2 oats, 41½c; No. 2 white, 42½c; No. 3 white, 41½c. BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—\$2.30@2.35. PORK—Mess, \$12.75@13.50; family, \$15.25@15.50. HAY—Shipping, 60@75c; good to choice, 85@92½c. BUTTER—Creamery, extras, 25c; factory, 15@16c; western imitation creamery, 18@19c. CHEESE—State full cream, small, fancy, 12c. EGGS—State and Pennsylvania, fancy selected, 38@42c. POTATOES—State and western, per sack, \$2.10@2.25.

Buffalo Provision Market.

WHEAT—No. 1 northern, 91c; winter wheat, No. 3 red, 89c. CORN—No. 2 yellow, 51½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 3 yellow, 51½c. OATS—No. 2 white, 40½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 3 white, 40c. FLOUR—Spring wheat, best patent, per bbl., \$5.00@5.75; low grades, \$3.25@4.00. BUTTER—Creamery western extra tubs, 25½c; state and Pennsylvania creamery, 24c; dairy, fair to good, 19@20c. CHEESE—Fancy full cream, 12½c; good to choice, 11½@12c; common to fair, 8@10c. EGGS—State, fresh fancy, 35@38c. POTATOES—Per bu., 72@75c.

East Buffalo Live Stock Market.

CATTLE—Best steers on sale, \$5.75@6.25; good to choice butcher steers, \$4.10@4.75; medium half fat steers, \$2.25@4.00; common to fair heifers, \$2.50@3.00; choice to extra fat heifers, \$4.00@4.50; good butcher bulls, \$3.00@3.50; choice to extra veals, \$7.00@7.50; fair to good veals, \$6.00@6.25. SHEEP AND LAMBS—Choice lambs, \$6.00@6.30; culls to common, \$3.75@5.15; yearlings, handy weight, \$4.50@4.75; wether sheep, \$4.00@4.25. HOGS—Mixed packers' grades, \$4.95@5.00; medium hogs, \$4.90@5.00; pigs, light, \$5.00@5.15.

Buffalo Hay Market.

HAY—Timothy, new, per ton, loose, \$12.00@15.00; hay, prime on track, new, \$14.00@14.50; No. 1 do do, \$13.00@13.50; No. 2 do do, \$11.00@12.00.

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An Anecdote of Disraeli.

On one occasion Disraeli's habit of exaggerated adulation led to so bold an attempt by the fair recipient to turn it to her advantage that he was driven to save the situation in a way that was very far from being appreciated. The chairman, a young lady of "advanced views," finding the great man so exceedingly profuse in his attentions, thought it an excellent opportunity for making him a convert to her utopian ideals, which were of the most daringly democratic order. After a long recitation of her propaganda she wound up with a fervid appeal to the prime minister to immortalize himself by espousing her ingenious panacea for remedying the wrongs of humanity. As she finished her impassioned harangue, with flushed cheeks and flashing eye, Disraeli, who had been silently watching her with apparently the profoundest sympathy and admiration, suddenly dropped his eyeglass and softly murmured, "Oh, you darling!" "If it had been at dinner," she afterward declared, "and I had had a knife I would have stabbed him!"—Blackwood's.

Bridge Building Brotherhoods.

It was in France that brotherhoods for building bridges first took shape. In 1178 a bridge was begun over the Rhone at Avignon by Saint Benezet, the head of a body called Freres Pontis, who undertook the building and repairing of bridges during the middle ages. A second soon followed at St. Esprit.

About the same time Peter of Colechurch, the head of a similar brotherhood in England, began the first stone bridge over the Thames at London.

In many cases when a bridge was built a chapel was founded, to which a priest was attached to pray for the soul of the founder, to receive money and to offer prayers with the passengers for a safe journey.

The strange Gothic triangular bridge at Crowland, over three streams, alluded to in a charter of 943, was built by the abbot of Crowland, and Abbot Bernard built the Burton bridge over the Trent, the longest in England, 1,334 feet long, which carries the roadway over thirty-six arches.—London Globe.

Eskimo Masks.

The Eskimo are the greatest of all mask makers. During their religious ceremonies they impersonate their own various gods, wearing masks for the purpose, but the most curious thing is that they wear little masks on their fingers as well as big ones to cover their faces. These finger masks, the like of which are unknown anywhere else in the world, usually represent the sun. They are of wood, carved with a laughing or weeping face, and the rays of the sun are represented by white hair from the belly of the wild reindeer set around as a fringe. The sun is the most important of the Eskimos' divinities, and the principal object of the winter ceremonial is to persuade the sun god to come back from the south.

Die and Save Money.

At the Metropolitan club of Washington one evening Justice Harlan of the supreme court had introduced to him a well known New York business man who was given to boasting of the large income he enjoyed.

With the apparent purpose of impressing those about him, the New Yorker remarked that as near as he could tell he supposed his income exceeded \$100,000. "And I simply have to make that amount," he added. "Why, with my expenses it costs me \$80,000 a year to live!" "Dear me!" said Justice Harlan blandly. "Really, that's too much. I wouldn't pay it. It isn't worth it."—Saturday Evening Post.

Rope and Graphite.

Graphite is stated to be an excellent preservative for manila rope. One rope manufacturer treats the inner yarns of each strand as well as the rope in a bath of lubricant, the ingredients of which are graphite and oil. This lubricant thoroughly permeates all the fiber, thus overcoming internal wear, while sufficient comes to the surface, and the lubricant does not injure the rope.—London Engineer.

Long Enough.

A rather pompous orator rose once to make an extended speech at an English electioneering meeting. He began in this fashion, "Mr. Chairman, I have lived long enough!" "Hear, hear!" yelled a member of the audience, and such a storm of laughter broke out that the aspirant for honors was forced to resume his seat.

A Battered Legend.

A hotel in Switzerland bears on one of its walls the time honored inscription, "Hospes, salve!" ("Welcome, stranger!") After rebuilding the legend had to be restored, but the painter, who must have had some experience as a traveler, made a very slight alteration in one of the words and caused it to read, "Hospes, solve!" ("Pay, stranger!")

The Days.

The days are ever divine. They come and go like muffled and veiled figures sent from a distant friendly party, but they say nothing, and if we do not use the gifts they bring they carry them as silently away.—Emerson.

The Mystery of It.

"I can't understand," said Uncle Eben, "how it is that some folks kin be too proud to work an' at de same time humble enough to let de family give 'em board an' lodgin' free."—Washington Star.

Discontent.

"You're discontented." "Yes." "Why?" "Well, I've noticed that the contented man doesn't often get ahead in this world."—Chicago Post.

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Deck Hand For His Health.

"That man can speak more languages correctly than you can count on the fingers of one hand," said a railroad official, pointing to a deck hand on a North river ferryboat. "He translated the European correspondence of a large importing house until his health gave way from the confinement. We live in the same town, and one evening he came to me and asked for a job as deck hand. 'I have to have an outdoor job,' he said, 'or you'll be a pallbearer at my funeral.' 'I tried to find something that would pay better, but there was nothing that would give him as much good air, and he got the job. Now that his health is restored he is loath to give it up. He had saved some money, and he pieces out his income by doing translating at home, so he gets on pretty well. 'Yes, you'll easily find several scores of men on North river ferryboats who are working as deck hands for their health. The deck of one of these big boats is a sanitarium, to say nothing of the grave.'—New York Times.

The Chinese Love For the Zigzag.

The straight line is an abomination to the Chinese. They endeavor to avoid it in their streets and buildings and have banished it completely where country field paths are concerned. They will always substitute a curve whenever possible, or they will torture it into a zigzag.

In districts not subject to the influence of the foreigner the houses and temples are characterized by curved, often peaked, roofs, ornamented with fantastic modifications of the "myriad stroke pattern." The inhabitants of such regions are soon found to have a mental world to correspond. The straight line is scouted. They think in curves and zigzags. To the Chinese mind the straight line is suggestive of death and demons. It belongs not to the heaven above or to the earth beneath. In a true horizon line are seen the "undulations of the dragon." Therefore, argue the Chinese, the straight line pertains to hades.—Contemporary Review.

Gorki's Offhand Autobiography.

Maxime Gorki, the Russian novelist, was requested by his publisher to write his own biography. Taking up a pen, he wrote the following: 1878—I became an apprentice to a shoemaker. 1879—I entered a draftsman's office as apprentice. 1880—Kitchen boy on board a packet boat. 1884—I became a street porter. 1885—Baker. 1886—Chorister in a traveling opera company. 1887—I sold apples in the streets. 1888—I applied suicide. 1890—a lawyer's copying clerk. 1891—I made the tour of Russia on foot. 1892—I worked in a railway shop. In the same year I published my first story.

The Wily Quaker.

A Quaker had his house broken into by a burglar and several valuables stolen. He did not inform the police, however, but kept the affair to himself. The following evening a neighbor remarked to him: "I am sorry to hear of your house being robbed. Mr. Fry, I hope your loss is not heavy?" "Friend," said the Quaker, "thou must know the extent of my loss as well as I can do since thou art the burglar. I spoke not to a soul of what had happened, and thou art the first to mention it to me; hence I know thou art the burglar and will trouble thee for my property." He got it.

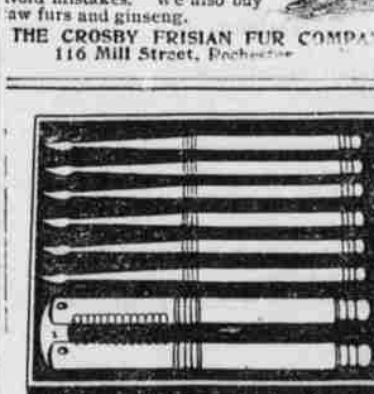
Cornish Pipes.

The first cob pipes were not made in Franklin county, Mo., but at Warrensburg. Fritz Tibbs, a German cabinet-maker, who resided in Warrensburg in the early seventies, used to whittle them out with a jackknife. He afterward moved to Washington, Franklin county, where he engaged with his brother in the manufacture of cob pipes and became wealthy.—Warrensburg (Mo.) Standard-Herald.

There are many fools than snakes, and among snakes there is more folly than wisdom.—Chamfort.

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