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**DEFECTIVE BABY DIES
IN CHICAGO HOSPITAL**

**Criticism and Prattle Mingle
Over Peculiar Case**

Chicago, Nov. 18.—The Bollinger baby, a defective mite whose mother on professional advice declined it should not undergo an operation which would save its life, died last night at the German-American hospital.

The subject of the propriety of sacrificing the unpromising spark of life in the infant, that it might not grow up a burden to itself and a possible menace to society is the subject of widespread discussion.

Dr. H. J. Haiselden, on whose advice the mother acted, was visited by many medical men, and telephone calls alternately accused and praised him. He remained unaltered in his conviction that death was the greatest blessing which could be hoped for for the infant.

The principal physical deformities of the baby were the closure of the intestinal tract, paralysis of the nerves of the right side of the face, the absence of the right ear, blindness of one eye and malformation of its shoulders. Dr. Haiselden, who officiated at the birth, noted the absence of a neck. The brain he found to be only slightly subnormal, but the cranial nerves were absent or undeveloped.

"If he grew up he would be a hopeless cripple and would suffer from fits," said the doctor.

Critics of the act of the doctor and mother cited many whom the scientists would today call "defectives" who have brightened the world with their lives. Among those named were John Milton, Lord Byron, R. L. Stevenson, De Quincy and E. A. Poe.

Helen Keller—she was not born with infirmities, but they came soon afterward—blindness, deafness, loss of power of speech. Despite all these obstacles, she refused to be discouraged or thrown into the discard. She is an accomplished woman today—a benefit to the world.

THOMPSON CONFIDENT

Creditors Told He Has Assets to Pay All Indebtedness.

Uniontown, Pa., Nov. 18.—J. V. Thompson, the former banker and coal land operator, received calls from a number of his creditors here. He seemed to infuse confidence into his visitors for they all appeared cheerful when they left. Mr. Thompson assured creditors that he has sufficient assets to pay all of his indebtedness.

A meeting of the Fayette County Bar association will be held this afternoon to receive the report of the creditors' committee which was in New York last week.

DOCTOR CARRIES SHELLS

Explosion Creates Panic in Budapest Station; War Relics, He Says.

Rome, Nov. 18.—The Red Cross American commission on its way from Belgrade to Vienna arrived at Budapest. Loaded shells, carried by Dr. Edward W. Ryan, head of the anti-typhoid medical corps in Serbia, exploded accidentally at the Budapest station, creating a panic and slightly wounding several onlookers.

Dr. Ryan explained that the shells were being carried away as war relics.

Canadians Reach England.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 18.—The press censor's office announced officially that the troop ship Scandinavian, which sailed from Canada Nov. 6, has arrived safely in England. The Scandinavian carried 63 officers and 1,211 men from the Canadian contingent.

**FEED PRISONERS
AS SCIENCE SAYS**

**Germans Evolve Great System
For 1,000,000 Boarders.**

EACH FOR 16 CENTS A DAY.

Expert Has Figured It Down to Last Calorie—Ten Per Cent More Required For Men Who Are Forced to Work. There Are Eighty Regular Prison Camps in Germany.

The government of Germany operates, among other things, a boarding house with a million guests. This institution offers one of the most complicated problems that Frau Germany, the model housekeeper of the world, has had to solve, for her boarders are not "paying guests," yet they have the boarding house temperament of a nervous bachelor. They are Germany's war prisoners. They must be fed though the German ration is blockaded and is itself confronted with a food problem, writes a Berlin correspondent of the Chicago Daily News.

From Germany in this case has worked through a German professor, Alexander Backhaus. Nothing could be more German than the manner in which he has worked out a food minimum in albumen, carbohydrates, fat content and calories, and with the 60 pfennig (16 cents) appropriation for each prisoner's daily food provides enough to keep his boarders alive and well. He has his buyers in neutral Europe and throughout Germany and his laboratories at work grinding and testing and tasting, and as a result he has evolved a war prison menu that is a model, not only for economy, but for scientific exactness.

Gives More Than Minimum.

The human body requires to sustain life about 60 grams of albumen, 30 grams of fat, 380 grams of carbohydrates and 2,000 calories. The minimum set by Professor Backhaus for prisoners is greater. He requires that each prisoner shall get daily 15 grams of albumen, 40 grams of fat, 475 grams of carbohydrates and 2,700 calories. In working camps the supply must be increased 10 per cent.

Complaints may be made that prisoners in Germany are not getting sufficient food. Professor Backhaus can dispute them with this scientific evidence.

When Professor Backhaus took over the boarding house work he fitted up a laboratory in a building near the war ministry, where he experimented with foodstuffs and human appetites. He first called in Russian prisoners and set before them food. This form of experiment did not succeed because the Russian prisoners immediately and without "bating" the proverbial eye consumed three times the food they needed.

Instead of prisoners now he feeds his own staff of workers on the camp diet. I had such a lunch. It consisted of one-third of each of the three prison meals of a day made together into a three course luncheon. It was a pleasant enough meal, though I should prefer my own cook, who has less science and a greater budget. But I must honorably testify that the food was edible, even palatable. And to emphasize the point again, it was scientifically nourishing.

Many experiments were made with new foodstuffs. The soja bean, a product of Manchuria, was purchased in large quantities, and it was found that by grinding and pressing it a useful table oil and a palatable flour resulted which contained the highly nourishing substance sought. The horse bean, formerly used only for cattle food, was similarly adapted for soup flour. Quantities of food captured in the Russian advance were turned over to prison uses, always first tested and applied to the "scientific" diet.

Buying on a Vast Scale.

The buying system for this million guest boarding house is on a befittingly large scale. Men who bought for business houses before the war now are making government contracts. Nearly 1,000,000 marks (\$250,000) a day are spent and no market open to a German which has anything to sell at a reasonable price can escape these zealous prison food buyers. The spirit that has made army food scandals possible in other countries cannot be found in this ardent economy organization. Occasionally Professor Backhaus' buyers find themselves competing with the buyers for the army or for the garrison kitchen. But this happens only occasionally.

There are about eighty regular prison camps and from 500 to 600 working camps. More than a quarter of a million prisoners are working behind the eastern army building roads. These men receive the same food as the German soldiers.

One of Professor Backhaus' greatest pleasures comes from the fact that his scientific solution of the prison food problem has led to a saving per capita of about 2 cents a day, which the prison commandants may use for special treats for the prisoners, either in the food line or in social halls, musical instruments and the like.

The work that Professor Backhaus has done bids fair to become the standard in war prison camps of the future. Already he has published a book containing the description of his plan.

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OUR MISNAMED RUINS.

The Mesa Verde Cliff Dwellings Are Really Complete Towns.

Many visitors to the prehistoric cliff dwellings of the Mesa Verde National park, in southwestern Colorado, says a government publication, are astonished to find that what is commonly described as a dwelling is not properly a dwelling at all, but a village or city.

The celebrated Cliff Palace is not a palace. Neither is Spruce Tree House a house, nor Balcony House a house. Each of these is a complete town which once, in the dim ages before the earliest Indian tradition, was an organized community, often of considerable size.

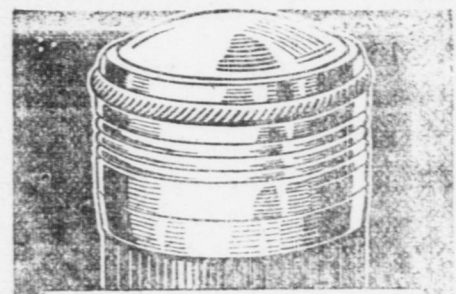
The arrangement of houses in a cliff dwelling of the size of Cliff Palace, for example, is characteristic and intimately associated with the distribution of the social divisions of the inhabitants. The population was composed of a number of units, possibly clans, each of which had its own social organization more or less distinct from others, a condition that appears in the arrangement of rooms. The rooms occupied by a clan were not necessarily connected, although generally neighboring rooms were distinguished from one another by their uses.

Cynical.

He—Men are what they eat.
She—I've noticed you're fond of "savres" brains.—Baltimore American.

Where Was Wales?

Spencer Leigh Hughes, M. P., tells of the following amusing experience: He was once passing the war office building in Whitehall when his companion, a Scotchman, pointing to the emblematic devices engraved over the door, indicated the Scotch thistle, the English lion and the Irish harp. "Where is the emblem of Wales?" asked his friend. "Oh," Mr. Hughes replied, "I expect there is a leak in the roof."—London Express.

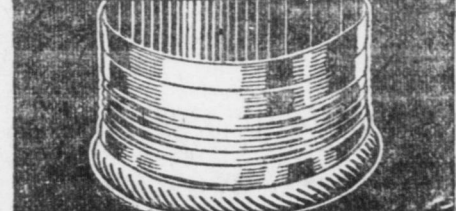


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An Old Verb.

To laze is an old verb. In Samuel Rowlands' "Martin Markall," 1610, we are told that "lozterers laze in the streets, turke in alehouses and range in the highways." The word occurs, I believe, in some of Mortimer Collins' lyrics:

But Cupid lazeth 'mongst the fairy lassies,
Whose clere complexion he oft sweareth passes.

—London Notes and Queries.

Anchovies.

The delicious little fish called the anchovy is found in large quantities in the Mediterranean sea and also on the coasts of Spain, Portugal and France, where extensive fishing operations are carried on during the months of May, June and July.

A Far Cry.

Ella—Miss Antique says she wishes she could step to the phone and call up her happy college days. Bella—If she did she'd have to employ the long distance phone.—Florida Times-Union

Nothing but the harmony of friendship soothes our sorrows. Without its sympathy there is no happiness on earth.—Mozart.

Babies in Samoa.

Samoa babies can give points to Europeans apparently. According to A. S. Middleton in "Sailor and Beachcomber," they are much prettier and very intelligent. Moreover:

They can swim at three months old, talk, run and sing at a year old, and if a Samoan had a child that sucked a dummy (presumably a comforter) at six years old and wailed driving along in its pram at an advanced age as the children of the wealthy class of England do, they would look upon it as a great curio and smother it for shame on the first starless night.

John Bull.

The nickname John Bull is said to have appeared first in a satire by Dr. John Arbuthnot called "Law is a Bottomless Pit; or, the History of John Bull," published in 1721. Washington Irving mentions the typical figure as a "sturdy, corpulent, old fellow with a red waistcoat, leather breeches and short, oaken cudgel. Many Napoleonic caricatures show John Bull represented in this way.

The Only Chance.

"Hurry, George, or we will be late to the picture show."
"Oh, we don't want to get there before it starts."
"Yes, we do, too—if we don't I can't see what the other women are wearing."—Exchange.

Chivalry.

"Do you know," said the particularly well groomed and elaborately vivacious lady in the full bloom of her second youth, "that I have the most wonderful gardener in the world—the tenderest hearted not only of gardeners, but of men? He has always made me up a very special bouquet on my birthday and presented it to me in person. But ever since I was thirty—well, he's only given me a birthday bouquet every third year."—New York Post.

Heroes and Villains.

Men are not made heroes by the performance of an act of heroism, but must be brave before they can perform it; so they were not made villains by the commission of a crime, but were villains before they committed it.—Ruskin.

Is This So, Ladies?

"They say that a Martian year has over 600 days."
"Possibly it is in Martian years that our ladies give their ages."—Boston Transcript.

Questions that a Good Citizen Should Know.

- D. Have you read the Constitution of the United States?
- R. Yes.
- D. What form of Government is this?
- R. Republic.
- D. What is the Constitution of the United States?
- R. It is the fundamental law of this country.
- D. Who makes the laws of the United States?
- R. The Congress.
- D. What does Congress consist of?
- R. Senate and House of Representatives.
- D. Who is the chief executive of the United States?
- R. President.
- D. How long is the President of the United States elected?
- R. 4 years.
- D. Who takes the place of the President in case he dies?
- R. The Vice President.
- D. What is his name?
- R. Thomas R. Marshall.
- D. By whom is the President of the United States elected?
- R. By the electors.
- D. By whom are the electors elected?
- R. By the people.
- D. Who makes the laws for the state of Pennsylvania?
- R. The Legislature.
- D. What does the Legislature consist of?
- R. Senate and Assembly.
- D. How many State in the union?
- R. 48.
- D. When was the Declaration of Independence signed?
- R. July 4, 1776.
- D. By whom was it written?
- R. Thomas Jefferson.
- D. Which is the capital of the United States?
- R. Washington.
- D. Which is the capital of the state of Pennsylvania?
- R. Harrisburg.
- D. How many Senators has each state in the United States Senate?
- R. Two.
- D. By whom are they elected?
- R. By the people.
- D. For how long?
- R. 6 years.
- D. How many representatives are there?
- R. 435. According to the population one to every 211,000, (the ratio fixed by Congress after each decennial census.)
- D. For how long are they elected?
- R. 2 years.
- D. How many electoral votes has the state of Pennsylvania?
- R. 38.
- D. Who is the chief executive of the state of Pennsylvania?
- R. The Governor.
- D. For how long is he elected?
- R. 4 years.
- D. Who is the Governor?
- R. Brumbaugh.
- D. Do you believe in organized government?
- R. Yes.
- D. Are you opposed to organized government?
- R. No.
- D. Are you an anarchist?
- R. No.
- D. What is an anarchist?
- R. A person who does not believe in organized government.
- D. Are you a bigamist or polygamist?
- R. No.
- D. What is a bigamist or polygamist?
- R. One who believes in having more than one wife.
- D. Do you belong to any secret Society who teaches to disbelieve in organized government?
- R. No.
- D. Have you ever violated any laws of the United States?
- R. No.
- D. Who makes the ordinances for the City?
- R. The board of Aldermen.
- D. Do you intend to remain permanently in the U. S.?
- R. Yes.

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