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Too Sore to Shake.

"Did you take the mixture I gave you?"

"To tell you the truth, I did not, doctor."

"Why not?"

"Well, I fancy you made a little mistake. You gave me ague mixture. It says, 'Shake before taking,' and my complaint is rheumatism."—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

Modern Version.

The Amazon forces were about to charge.

"Wait until you can see the powder on their noses," directed the lady military genius who commanded the other feminine troops.—*Kansas City Journal.*

Endurance.

The pilgrim fathers were undoubtedly heroic men, facing, as they did, with dauntless courage, fire, frost, famine and the red menace of Indian ruthlessness. But the pilgrim mothers were more heroic still, for they endured also all these things and had in addition to stand the pilgrim fathers as well.—*Life.*

Napoleon's First Love.

The little French town of Auxonne is not associated in the popular mind with Napoleon; but, as Miss Betham-Edwards reminds us in "Unfrequented France," he spent some years of his cadetship there. "In the Saone he twice narrowly escaped drowning, and here, too, as narrowly, so the story runs, marriage with a bourgeoisie maiden called Manesca. Two ivory counters bearing this romantic name in Napoleon's handwriting enrich the little museum."

Even the smallest pieces of finely broken glass can be easily picked up with a little wad of wet absorbent cotton, which can then be destroyed by burning.

RECIPROCITY.

There is one word which may serve as a rule of practice for all one's life—that word is reciprocity. What you do not wish done to yourself do not do to others.—*Confucius.*

Some Resemblance.

"Lightning rods in one respect are like waiters."

"What's that?"

"They won't give good service unless they are well tipped."—*Baltimore American.*

Puzzling.

Millions—Do you think you will learn to like your titled son-in-law? Billions—I don't know. I can't tell where to place him in my expense account. He is neither a recreation nor an investment.

Don't Write Poetry.

"Don't write poetry unless you can't help it," says the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

And often when you think you can't help it 'tis well to consult a doctor.—*Toledo Blade.*

Men Are Living Longer Than In the Old Days!

To Prohibitionists in general and to Richard Hobson in particular, who, in a speech favoring Prohibition said that alcohol killed two thousand persons a day (a statement as untrue as it was foolish) the following extract should prove interesting reading. It is taken from a representative journal published in Philadelphia, the date October 21, 1916. We quote as follows: "The death rate in the United States last year was the lowest ever reported—thirteen and a half for each thousand inhabitants. Fifteen years ago it was seventeen and a half; so we may say that about four hundred thousand more people would have died in this country last year but for the better care we take of our health—mainly by public sanitation." In the last fifteen years the consumption of alcoholic beverages has materially increased until 1916, when every distiller, brewer, wine dealer and wholesale liquor dealer in the country showed marked increased sales to dealers and consumers. Does it not show the FALLACY of Mr. Hobson's argument that alcohol is such a killing force when FACTS prove that the death rate in the United States last year was much lower than formerly—and more liquor was consumed than ever before?—PENNSYLVANIA STATE BREWERS' ASSOCIATION.

SIMPLE WAY TO TEST CREAM

French Scientist Has Given to the World a Discovery That is of Distinct Value.

Professor Lindet of the French Agronomic Institute has given to the Academy of Agriculture a very simple process for calculating rapidly the quantity of fatty matter in cream. It is the fatty matter that gives cream its quality, the more of this butter the better the cream. This is the process:

A drop of cream is placed upon a sheet of paper and introduced at once into an oven heated to 105 degrees centigrade. The watery part of the cream evaporates and the fat, absorbed by the paper, forms a spot which enlarges rapidly at first, then more slowly as the edges of the spot increase their distance from the point at which the drop has been placed. At the end of a specified time the area of the spot is measured and compared with that of a spot formed by a drop of pure grease of the same size deposited at the same time and under identical conditions.

Professor Lindet uses drops of 1-100 of a cubic centimeter in size, and places his paper in wooden frames to prevent it from curling up in the oven. He removes it before the spots have spread to more than three or four centimeters in diameter.

Cow's Fondness for Roses.

Because E. R. Patterson's milch cow walked into Walter G. Hyman's rose garden and consumed a sundry assortment of blossoms, Hayward Park, a fashionable residence district of San Mateo, is in the throes of a Civil war, avers a San Mateo (Cal.) telegram to the *New York World*. The law has been invoked and threats and counter threats are breathed.

Hyman filed a written complaint with the San Mateo city trustees, who referred it to Poundmaster George Maggi.

Recently Patterson made public the following letter to Hyman:

"I hand you herewith my check for \$3.25 to cover the full amount of damages, as claimed by you, done by my cow when she recently broke loose and got into your yard. In view of the very childish 'toll-the-teacher' attitude you took in taking this small accident up with sundry city officials and others, I think I might have felt that I was justly absolved from any financial obligation to you. However, I guess your action carries with it its own punishment, as I know that I should hate to carry the brand real men put on one who assumes the attitude you did on this occasion."

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