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SPINAL ANÆSTHESIA.

Wonderful Results and Promise of "Coring Method." Dr. J. Leonard Corning, a distinguished specialist in nervous and mental troubles of New York and a recognized authority in his branch of medical science, is the discoverer of "the Corning method of spinal anesthesia," a discovery that is regarded by medical authorities as almost equal to the development of etherization.

Briefly described, the Corning method is the accomplishment of anesthesia, or loss of sensation, in the lower half of the body alone, without causing unconsciousness. It consists of the injection into the spinal canal, of a solution of hydrochlorate of cocaine, commonly called cocaine. The injection is made at about the level of the fourth or fifth lumbar vertebra, the fluid surrounding the spinal cord. For this fluid it has a chemical affinity. The paralyzing effect of the cocaine is immediately made manifest in the sensory fibers that communicate with the nerves of the lower half of the body. As a result all sensation is lost in those parts, and surgical operations may be performed without pain to the subject. Curiously enough, the cocaine affects the sensory but not the motor nerves, and the patient is capable of locomotion.

The Corning method possesses infinite advantages over the method of complete anesthesia. Patients are spared the stifling vapors of chloroform or ether and the struggling for breath and the horrible imaginings so common to the old method. The danger of complete collapse from kidney or heart disease is done away with. Although the patient retains his consciousness and knows what is going on, it is usually deemed best to blind-fold him.

Several hundred operations have been performed in which the Corning method has been used without a single fatality. Certain classes of nervous or hysterical persons never receive the new treatment, for their fortitude could not withstand the nervous shock of knowing that the operation is being performed even without the actual pain. For them complete anesthesia is advisable.

The new method is of inestimable benefit in cases of abdominal surgery, in hernia, in obstetrics and in all operations on the lower limbs. That it will ever be applied to all parts of the body is considered by eminent medical authorities open to much doubt. Cocaine has a temporarily paralyzing effect and is not always trustworthy, and the danger of applying it to the vital nerve centers, which are all situated above the neck, is too great to risk. The Corning method, although of infinite and incalculable benefit to many kinds, must be confined to the hands of skillful and experienced surgeons. In the hands of novices or reckless experimenters it is capable of great harm even when applied to the lower regions of the body. It is an exceedingly delicate operation, for all the special care requires infinite pains and exhaustive knowledge.

Dr. Corning's discovery was not accidental, but was the result of logical thinking on the subject of co-anesthesia. He made his discovery in 1885, only about six months after the discovery of cocaine itself. Only within a few months, however, has his method come into general use, owing to its delicacy and also to what Dr. Corning calls "an accident of science." Besides, Dr. Corning is not a surgeon, but it is a matter of record that the honor unquestionably belongs to the able New York physician.

FOR YOUNG STOCK.

A Hat and Storm Proof Coat, With Adjustable Hood Front. The hood coat I have had most success with is made as follows: Length, 24 inches; height in front, 20 inches; waist, 12 inches; width, 18 inches (inside measurements). I make the coat of matched pine, with board front, the cleats being on the outside so as to raise the coat off the ground. The top projects three inches at the sides and four inches at the rear. I make a closed front (boards) with the top and the top and front mirrored so as to close tight when down. The coat front is kept in place by cleats on the inside, these cleats allowing about seven-eighths of an inch space on both sides when the door is down for ventilation. The front has iron strips, with three or four holes fastened about the center for the purpose of forming a hood to the coat which can be set at different angles by placing screw eyes to the sides of coat. This feature of the coat is grand, as by the hood the hot sun can be kept out as well as driving rains. These coats are made in many checks each season. They are rat proof and storm proof. The hen is kept in a lath front fastened just at the edge of coat. By painting these coats and storing when not in use they last a long time and repay for with three many times over. When the chicks are older, I utilize dry goods boxes cut down to about the same shape, only I make a hood of about the lower 18 inches only.—Rev. C. A. Smith in Reliable Poultry Journal.

CAPRICES OF FASHION.

New Styles That Come In With Fads and Frosts. One of the daintiest of all the caprices of fashion is the use of narrow black velvet ribbon in trimming this evening dress. The ribbon is just of the right width to run in the open spaces of lace with which it is ornamented. The black velvet against the white is at once striking and artistic. It is generally put upon thin stuffs and so shows more delicately than it could on heavier goods. A favorite way is to have a dress of light silk muslin or some other of the thin stuffs, and then lay the lace insertion over that and run the ribbon through the holes. Full loops and ends of the narrow ribbon are set at the waist and sometimes on the shoulders. I saw one yesterday where the waist had a double accordion ruffle around the neck, and this was edged with a row of narrow cream insertion, and through this was the velvet ribbon run. One line of the same extended down the left side to the bottom of the skirt, and at the belt there was a bunch of ever so many loops of the velvet ribbon. A large



NEW MILLINERY.

pink chrysanthemum was on the left shoulder, and that was the only point of color on the whole affair. Evening gowns with white covering over the shoulders always come in and are some very pretty ones to be seen everywhere. In one store I saw a dainty pale pink thing in painted gauze. The whole skirt had a design of pink mayflowers and the bodice and the pictures were well painted and "too ethereal for anything," as one lady remarked. Around the bottom there was a duff of chiffon so complicated and fluffy that no mere words could describe it, and therefore I shall leave that to the imagination of my friends. The waist was baby shape and had the inner part made of chiffon gathered as closely as hands could make it, while outside of that there was a drapery made of the painted gauze with very narrow chiffon trim. The dress was very narrow through the center of the stage. There is a sash of white chiffon which reaches to the bottom of the skirt, being tied half way down in a loose knot. This gives a wonderful lightness to the whole.

Speaking of the stage reminds me of a dress worn by Mrs. Leslie Carter in her play of "Zaza." This is red, and over this is a black lace dress covered with spangles. It has a long train, and words can scarcely depict the superb richness of this gown. She is known for her taste in dressing as well as for her acting. Every woman who has attended the could have had that magnificent mass of autumn hair. Mrs. Carter wore some other stunning gowns and set the hearts of the women to fluttering with desire for some like them.

And the hats are too lovely for the world to bear without dying of envy. The rich velvet hats that grow in the earth, under the water or flies or ever was thought of is put on them, fur, feathers, silks, satins, plush, velvet, lace, felt and indeed so much that it is not possible to remember half. But the shapeliest felts with a tan crown and a band of other material and a cock's plume make the most fetching hats for young girls. They are mostly in dark shades of beaver and mode, though there are some browns and other colors. In fact I think there are colors for all. They are felt shapes, to be just what they should be, are rough in form and angular. The Ladiesmith hat is also a great favorite, and there are several new wrinkles to that shape, notably one where the crown is so pressed that it forms a diamond shape at the top. This is a smart and dandy hat. These are more for every day, but there are the loveliest touches and large hats for better wear. One toque illustrated in this page is made of brown and gold fluorescent velvet, and the trimming consists in a bunch of yellow pamine hollyhocks. At the back is a small close bunch of brown chenille and gilt braid. A large hat of mordore brown felt is trimmed for a young face and is really beautiful in itself. The crown is high and somewhat in the old bell shape and has a twist of velvet at the side darkened with a little gold ribbon. And gold ribbon in all widths is one of the most fashionable trimmings there is for the moment for all sorts of things. At the left side of this hat are several bows of the velvet, and on the top is a crushed bow of velvet and pink chiffon, through which is stuck a bunch of made quill. Many of the velvet hats have rich lace as trimming or even as the foundation.

HENRIETTE ROUSSEAU. It has always seemed to me an old story is necessary to a really good story.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury. As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system of complete catarrh of the nose. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure, be sure the name is blown in the glass. It is taken in the form of a lozenge. Sold by Druggists, or by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know It.

How To Find Out. Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stands clear, it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also a convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects incontinence of urine, and is a most reliable remedy for all kidney troubles. It is a most reliable remedy for all kidney troubles. It is a most reliable remedy for all kidney troubles.

Useful Hints. Broken china and crockery of all kinds may be mended by covering the broken surface with the unburnt white of an egg and then dusting over the egg powdered air slaked lime.

Another way is to slake some lime in boiling water, beat the white of an egg with a tablespoonful of water and stir in enough of the slaked lime to form a thick paste. This cement must be used at once, as it hardens when kept for a time.

Some persons say that cracked china or crockery is strengthened by placing it in cold, skimmed, sweet milk and boiling it for an hour. Every cracked piece should be held in place by a stout string, which, according to directions, should remain on the china for a week. The writer has had no success with this method and would advise those who wish to try it to begin on valueless bits of ware.

Every one should live just far enough away from his old home to enjoy the privilege of boasting about it.—Athenian Globe. Life without love is like flowers nurtured without sunshine.

MUST BELIEVE IT. When Well-Known Danville People Tell It So Plainly. When public endorsement is made by a representative citizen of Danville the proof is positive. You must believe it. Read this testimony. Every man, woman or child with any kidney trouble will profit in the reading.

Mrs. H. Millard of 123 East Front street says: "I was afflicted with a kidney disease but could not get permanent relief. Owing to rheumatism I was not able to walk without a cane and the doctor told me to get out of the city. I was bothered with pain across my loins and an embarrassing weakness of the kidneys. I took almost everything I could hear of without obtaining success. Dr. Kilmer's Kidney Pills did me more good than any other remedy I ever used. They positively relieved the aching in my back and the annoyance from the kidney secretions. They gave me relief not afforded by any other medicine. For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents a box. Foster Millard Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other."

The writer of a paper in The Contemporary Review entitled "Wanted, Plant Doctors," shows how far Britain is behind Germany and America in recognizing the importance of plant pathology. He thinks, however, that a time will come when every agricultural district will have its plant doctor, and when specialists in animal parasites, cryptogamic botany and bacteriology will be consulted in difficult and obscure cases, just as the lady of Harley street is called in by medical practitioners. The practice of plant medicine is in its infancy; but, with increased competition in the growth of cultivated crops, the farmer cannot afford to neglect any help that he can get in keeping the plants and garden in as high a state of health as possible.

For the marvelous performance of the Sipe Educated Animals and Lilliputian Shows, which will fill a return date at the opera house on Monday next, there is carried complete scenic equipment and every aid in the way of stage mechanism. It has, in fact, every accessory given the high-class combinations of real actors, which these quadruped artists imitate with marvelous fidelity. There are handsome ponies, beautiful and intelligent dogs and very funny monkeys, apes and baboons. Prof. V. P. Wormwood's great company of Canine and Simian actors wear clothes just like real people, and in every way so faithfully mimic them that the result, is sometimes actually startling. Those who witnessed the performance several weeks ago are anxiously awaiting the return of this show.

The worries of a weak and sick mother are only begun with the birth of her child. By day her work is constantly interrupted and at night her rest is broken by the wailing of the peevish, puny infant. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription makes weak women strong and sick women well. It lightens all the burdens of maternity, giving to mothers strength and vigor, which they impart to their children. In over thirty years of practice Dr. Pierce and his associate staff of nearly a score of physicians have treated and cured more than half a million suffering women. Sick women are invited to consult Dr. Pierce by letter free of charge. All correspondence is strictly private. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y.

A NEW DEPARTURE. Splendid Copy of a Famous Painting Free to Everybody. By a new process just discovered it has been possible to make an exact copy of Aste's famous painting, "A Persian Beauty." You couldn't buy the original for \$1000, but the copies are so perfect that if they were placed alongside of the original it would be impossible to tell them apart. This wonderful picture will be given free to every reader of the great "Philadelphia Sunday Press" next Sunday, December 9. See the sample which has been sent to your newsdealer, and you will be certain to want one of the picture. The only way to get it will be with next Sunday's "Press," and as the supply will be limited it will be well to order your copy in advance.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, WASHINGTON, D. C. REDUCED RATES VIA PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD. On account of the Centennial Celebration of the establishment of the seat of government of the United States in the District of Columbia, to be held at Washington, D. C., December 12, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell round trip tickets to Washington from all points on its line at rate of single fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold and good going December 11, and will be good returning until December 14, inclusive.

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Chronic Nasal Catarrh poisons every breath that is drawn into the lungs. There is procurable from any druggist a remedy for the cure of this trouble. A small quantity of Ely's Cream Balm placed into the nostrils spreads over an inflamed and angry surface, relieving immediately the pain, inflammation, cleavages, heats and cures. A cold in the head vanishes immediately. Sold by druggists or will be sent mailed for 50 cents by Ely Brothers, 36 Warren Street, New York.

A Girl's Expenses in Berlin. The average cost of living of the American girl student in Berlin is \$75 a month. To keep her expenditures within the latter sum of course necessitates the exercise of rather strict economy. If this money be spent judiciously, however, she may have a taste of all of the comforts of life and even of some of its luxuries. The lessons from the masters cost from \$5 to \$10 each, and the girl who brings sufficient training from home will profit much from her weekly attendance with great teachers. Rooming is a very cheap matter in Berlin, as the average student after the third year is passed there is a decrease in the cost of board and lodging. The style of living is much more simple than in America, and the plainest meat is generally well cooked and nourishing. Edward A. Steiner in Woman's Home Companion.

Dressing Children. Not one mother in ten understands the dressing of children. The possibilities for daintiness are many, but few women know just how to make the best of them. The main thing is to choose fabrics that are easily laundered and dainty and sheer when made up. Wide lace and heavy embroidery and coarse, wide tucks are most impossible trimmings for the youthful. If tucks are employed, they should be of the finest quality. If lace is used, it should be valuable. Solid colors are pretty only when they are of the daintiest and most delicate patterns.

Sweet clover, which is spreading all over the west, is one of the least objectionable of our weed pests. It contains its work almost wholly to roadsides and the railway rights of way, is very fragrant when in bloom, affords a free bloomer with us and gives splendid satisfaction for summer culture in the garden. The zoological park established in Washington is becoming an important institution. Already the collection of animals includes several species never before brought into captivity.

DO YOU NEED A WATCH or expect to make a Christmas present of a watch to some one. Then take advantage of our big watch sale for the next few weeks. Look at display in window, come in and examine watches, we will be pleased to show them to you. Don't buy unless you think you are getting a big bargain. You can select a watch now, pay a few dollars down. I will hold until Christmas.

Henry Rempe, Jeweler and Silversmith. We Lead, Others Follow.

SMALLER SWINE. A CROCHET HEAD WRAP. Have Breeders Sacrificed Profitable Qualities For Fancy Points? The following remarks were delivered by George W. Falk before the last meeting of the Missouri Swine Breeders' association. The questions to which he responded were: "Is the tendency of the Poland-Chinas to get small? Have breeders sacrificed size and profitable qualities to get fancy points? Is the tendency of the Poland-Chinas to get small? Have breeders sacrificed size and profitable qualities to get fancy points?"

Poland-China. If this were true, why the ceaseless inquiry and unfiled demand for sires good enough to head herds? The Poland-China of 25 years ago was a much larger breed of hogs than those of the present day. It was thought that they were too heavy boned and coarse and did not mature early enough, consequently a process of refinement was begun, with the result that the Poland-China of today is on an average a much smaller, lighter boned hog than he was 25 years ago. Every breeder of Poland-Chinas has doubtless seen what is styled the guinea pig—that chuffy, fat little fellow that never weighs more than 100 pounds. In some herds I have seen several of these every year and sired by the best known and greatest boars of the breed.

A SOFT, WARM HEAD WRAP. I D O O N to the top of each stitch just made before working the next. This makes the square. To shape the cap, fold the square almost in half, from the front to the back, cornwise, lay a piece of ribbon 1 1/2 yards long between the fold across the other two corners; then take the first corner and fold it once more, so that it forms a point to rest on the forehead. Fasten the double fold on the top of the head with a small bow and secure the strings at each corner.

CHEAP SPONGES. Where These Sold by the Street Fakirs are Procured. Sponges sold by the street fakir are rather captivating in appearance, large and almost white, and the price ranges from 5 to 10 cents each. People who have bought sponges at a drug store know that no such looking articles can be got there for so little money, and they invest. But they don't invest more than once, because the sponge soon falls to pieces, whereas a good sponge will last for years.

Little Known Tobaccos. Among the little known tobaccos of the world are those of Manchuria and Mount Lebanon. Manchuria tobacco is said to be highly prized throughout China, while the local consumption is enormous. Travelers say that the inhabitants of Manchuria, both men and women, begin to smoke from the age of 8 or 9 and continue the practice to the end of their lives.

The Wonders of Science. Lung Troubles and Consumption Can be Cured. An Eminent New York Chemist and Scientist Makes a Free Offer to Our Readers. The distinguished chemist, T. A. Sloum, of New York City, demonstrating his discovery of a reliable cure for Consumption (Pulmonary Tuberculosis), bronchial, lung and chest troubles, stubborn coughs, catarrhal affections, general decline and weakness, loss of flesh, and all conditions of wasting away, will send THREE FREE BOTTLES (all different) of his New Discoveries to any afflicted reader of this paper writing for them.

Love Made in Germany. Elopements are never heard of in Germany, and yet there is no such thing as getting married there without the consent of the parents. Certain prescribed forms must be gone through, or the marriage is null and void. When a girl has arrived at the age of 16, she is considered a legal person, and her parents make a point of having young men to the house, and usually two or three are invited at the same time, so that the attention may not seem too pointed. No young man, however, is ever invited to the house until after he has called at least once and thus signified his wish to have social intercourse with the family. If he takes to calling on several occasions in rather close succession it is taken as a sign that he has "intention" as she is then called. Even a dinner or supper to the most intimate friends on both sides, when the fact is declared and, naturally, afterward becomes a matter of public knowledge.

LIST OF JURYMEN. List of TRAVELERS JURORS Selected for January Term 1901: Anthony—John J. Ellis, J. A. Whipple, John Caldwell, Sylvester Dennen, Derry—Peter M. Delbrick, John Moser, William Seidler, Cooper—William Schramm, Danville 1, Ward—George D. Edmondson, Henry Leisenring, John Campbell, John D. Williams, C. C. Meyer, George R. Secher, Thomas Woods, Oliver Leinhard, Danville 2, Ward—Casper Deisold, Harry E. Seidel, James Freese, John Everett, Alexandra Mover, Danville 3, Ward—Harry Kerns, James V. Wilson, William Robelant, Oliver P. Adams, E. S. Miller, Theodore Hoffman Sr., Charles Buchalt, Danville 4, Ward—Woodward Morrison, Joseph Sherwood, Benjamin Neivens, Henry Search, Patrick Scott, Frederick Henry, Limestone—Daniel Foust, Liberty—Richard Moser, Mahoning—Sullivan Kocher, John Foust, Edward Hollman, George Endy, William Steinmiller, James Butler, Mayberry—Arthur Bennett, Valley—John Winterstein, E. V. Flick, Washington—William W. Brown, W. L. Helmick—Peter E. Sandi, S. B. Flick.

NOTICE IN DIVORCE. EDWARD L. ATEEN vs. IDA MAY ATEEN. In the Court of Common Pleas of Montour County, No. 7 June Term, 1900, Divorce, V. M. To IDA MAY ATEEN. RESPONDENT ABOVE NAMED: YOU are hereby notified and required to be and appear in the Court of the said county on the fourth day of January, A. D. 1901, the same being the first day of the next term of the said Court, to answer the complaint of the said Edward L. Ateen, the above named plaintiff, and to show cause, if any you have, why you should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony contracted between you and the said Edward L. Ateen, the said defendant, according to the prayer of the petition or filed in the above stated case.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Estate of Henry Jenkins, late of Valley Township, Montour County, dec'd. Let the undersigned having been granted the administration upon the above estate, all persons having claims against the said estate, and those having claims who have not presented the same, are notified to present the same to G. C. JENKINS, Executor, R. S. AMELBILMAN, Attorney.

ADVERTOR'S NOTICE. IN THE ORPHAN'S COURT OF MONTOUR COUNTY. Estate of Charles C. Huber, late of the Borough of Danville, in the County of Montour, and State of Pennsylvania, deceased. In the matter of the first and final account of Andrew B. Russell, Administrator of the said decedent. The undersigned Auditor, appointed by the said Court to make distribution of the balance in the hands of the said account with the said Huber, will make a statement of his said appointment at his Law Office on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1900, at 10 o'clock A. M. All persons having claims against the said fund are requested and required to present and prove the same or be satisfied therefrom before coming in upon the said day.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Estate of Jane A. Heffer, late of the Borough of Danville, in the County of Montour, and State of Pennsylvania, deceased. Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to make payment and those having claims or demands against the said estate will make known the same to ANNA RITTEB, Administrator, c. e. a., P. O. Address, 411 R. R. street, Danville, Pa.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Estate of Mary E. Deen, late of the Borough of Danville, in the County of Montour and State of Pennsylvania, deceased. Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to make payment and those having claims or demands against the said estate will make known the same to EDWARD SAYRE GERRARD, Executor, P. O. Address, 2 Grand Street, Danville, Pa.

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