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### GREAT NEUROPATHS.

Sufferings of Some of the Captains of

the World. Of supreme captains of the world there are but six or seven, and scarce one among them exhibits genius in its healthiest colors. In ambush for nearly all of them some form of nerve disorder lurks. Grotesque as the statement seems, epilepsy, manifest in greater or in less degree, revolves upon their destinies. Charlemagne, the great and wise captain of the Franks, who stands for feudal civilization, who "snatched from darkness all the lands he conquered," and who reared an empire that no hand but his was able to control, is almost the sole exception. What says the bend roll?

At thirty-two Alexander the Great, who had reckoned himself a god, died during, or just after, one of his frenetic orgies. Caesar, the foremost man of the ancient world, had strange convulsions in his later years, and it may be that the dagger of Brutus saved him from declining into madness. Marlborough, who was married to a violent woman, and whose only son died in boyhood, was eplleptic during his last ten years of life. The adventurous and daring Clive, world famous and the conqueror of India, at forty was decidedly a neuropath. In his memorable duel with a brother officer be missed his aim, flung away his wennon, and cried: "Shoot and be damned! I said you cheated, and I say so still." Clive as passionate, morbid, gouty, and an colum eater. At forty-nine, rich and of unstinted reputation, he committed suicide. Wellington was distinctly epileptic. His fainting fits after Water loo were frequent, and it was an attack of epilepsy that carried him off The Romanoffs have been neuropathic for nearly three centuries, and one of the epileptic fits of Peter the Great is "said to have lasted three days." Charles V, whose mother was insane had fits in his youth, and was gouty, bald and scrofulous.

Frederick the Great (from the face of whose father, when he took a walk, says Macaulay, "every human being fled"), reared in a perfect hell of a palace, had a certain general unsoundness of mind, to which mercy was altogether foreign. The stock of Oliver Cromwell was not overhealthy, and of the neuropathic tendencies of the Protector himself there is sufficient evidence. Mohammed-but let Mohammed rest. Joan of Arc, the divine girl-woman, seer and soldier, who came from her sheepfolds of Lorraine to make victorious the oriflamme of France, Joan heard voices and saw visions and was kissed, she said, by the celestials. Tighe Hopkins in London Tribune.

Teacher-A miracle is going against the natural order of things. Are miracles performed today? Bright Boy-Teacher-Name one. Bright Boy-Well, mamma says that papa is always turning night into day.—Life.

Women's Love of Ugly Men. The illustrious men in history who were distinguished as much for the fascination which they exercised over the fair sex as for their talents and ability were, as a rule, plain and insignificant in appearance. Julius Caesar was a very ill favored man, and yet when a mere stripling, before his fame in Rome, girls of his own age sighed for him and mature women longed for his love. Among the men of later times who were renowned in like manner were Sir Philip Sidney, plain almost to ugliness; Paul Scarron, the comie poet, a cripple; Voltaire, unmistakably ugly, and Rousseau, whose manners were awkward as his face was plain, while John Wilkes, who had the power to subjugate any woman who spoke to him for even five minutes, was admitted by his own showing to be the ugliest man in England In his time

Stenm Engines. The steam engine goes back to Hero of Alexandria, in the third century B. C. Branca, an Italian, in 1629, made an engine which blew steam against vanes and thus made a wheel spin first netual steam engine was made by Captain Savey, an Englishman, to whom, in 1698, a patent was granted for a steam engine to raise water. In 1705 Thomas Newcomer made a vacuum steam engine. But the steam engine of today, which has wrought such a tremendous evolution in Industry and society, was the in vention of the Englishman James Watt, and the first patent bears date of June 5, 1760. Scrapbook.

#### Her Finnee.

A West Philadelphia family was at supper one night, talking about the engagement of one of the daughters whose wedding was soon to be. The negro servant, who acted as wattress. laundress, etc., had just brought into the dining room the dessert, when one of the girls asked, "Virginia, have you seen Edith's flance?" "Laws! I down know, honey," she replied. "Hit ain't been in de wash yit."

#### His Cramp.

"I have been suffering much of late," he said, "with writer's cramp." And smiling wanty, he tightened his belt

"Here is where it usually takes me," he explained, patting his concave stom ach .- St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## On the Safe Side.

Student-Then how much does the suit come to for eash? Tailor-Fifty marks. Student-And if paid for by installments? Tailor-A hundred marks only in that case you will have to pay half down.-From the German.

Where necessity ends curlosity be gius, and no sooner are we supplied with everything that nature can demand than we sit down to contrive ar tificial appetites. - Johnson.

### HUNTING BEARS.

Meet a Wounded Grizzly Give Him a Wide Berth.

A wounded grizzly is a mean thing to fight, and if there is a tree handy it is a pretty good thing to climb if any thing gets wrong with your shooting trons. I do not think a grizzly will climb a tree, though brown and black bears will. Any bear is pretty sure to fight if crippled, but I know there is this difference between a black or brown bear and a grizzly; If you meet a black bear face to face unexpectedly give him five seconds and he will be out of sight, but meet a grizzly the same way and give him five seconds and you will be out of business.

About the most fascinating way to hunt bear, which is even better than night work, is to trall him right to his home and meet him in broad daylight on his own doorstep, as it were. It can be done, but everything must be just right. The ground might be covered with a light fall of snow, and the snow ought to be melting. Then the twigs won't break. One has to be very careful, and when bruin is found, which is generally at the foot of a large tree, one must never forget that instead of one there may be two, and, in that case, one must be able to shoot fast and straight, and implicit confidence in the gun he carries is about the best stock in trade a man can possess About the surest place to shoot a bear to stop bim quickly, to my way of thinking is directly in the brain. It is really not a hard shot, usually at short range, and it puts him out mighty quick.-Field and Stream.

#### MARINE SUPERSTITIONS.

The Changing Tides and the Launching of the Wick Smack.

In Orkney the ebb and flow of the tides were attributed to the breathing of a sen monster which lay outstretched on the confines of the world. So gigantle was he that the simple acts of expiration and inspiration took twelve hours to perform. The resemblance between this nature myth and that of the Greeks is very remarkable. North country sailors scorned at one time to use a compass, for by the motion of the ninth wave, the mother wave, they could, even in the densest fog, ascertain their exact whereabouts and gain the shore in safety. The launching of a Wick smuck was for years regarded as unlucky unless the words which follow were repeated by the onlookers:

Fae rocks an saans, An barren lan's Keep's free, Weel oot, weel in, Wi' a' gweed shot.

Harmful if not fatal results are be lleved to follow the utterance of cer tain words at sea. The salmon is ever a "fine bit fish," and swine, minister, kirk, hare and numerous other words are solemnly interdicted. The presence of a minister in a boat is by many regarded with grave concern, and it is cometimes with the utmost difficulty that a crew can be induced to go to sea if a minister is on board. Those who have sailed with these half Norse, half Celtic fishers must have taken note of the method adopted to raise the "wun." The mainmast is scratched energetic ally, and the men "whustle" the while. -London Standard

## Erratic Anne Boleyn.

Of the unfortunate Anne Boleyn, who was the second wife of King Henry VIII, of England and who was beheaded in 1536, a writer says: "Even at this distance of time she rises before us as a living, breathing woman of flesh and blood. She was witty, passionate, vivacious and moody in turns; she was essentially variable and journallere. After her elevation to the throne she became vindictive and cruel, but she had many charming qualities. While awaiting her doom at the Tower she was wretched and merry in turns, sometimes imitating her uncle Norfolk, who had conducted her to the Tower, with his head shakings and his "Tut, tut,' tut,' sometimes calling for supper directly after dinner, sometimes deep in her devotions. It is the same Anne to the last-high spirited, unreasonable, with highly strung nerves and a good deal of courage at the back of her tendency to be hysterical."

Swords and Beards. At one time in England all "gentlemen" wore swords as well as beards, and their babit of drawing these weapons to settle the most trivial disputes is said to have had much to do with the cut and styles in beards. During this sword wearing period all "binff ers" were their beards cut and hacked in most outlandish shapes, trying to convey the impression that they were bad men, who had been in many terrific sword combats.

Stingy.

A lawyer was pleading a case before a jury the other day. The party on the other side had a reputation for stingl-"Why, gentlemen of the jury," said Sutton in his speech, "if an ant would carry a grain of sand off that fellow's arm he would law him clear to the supreme court and back."

It Would Come. "I'd like to go away for the rest of the week, sir," said the tired book-

keeper. "There is no need for you to do that," replied the employer. "Stay here, and the rest of the week will

What She Wanted.

come to you."

Agent-Here, madam, is a book that will tell you how to manage a husband. Woman-But, my dear lady, what I want is a book that will tell me how to get one, and I'll manage him all right.

Joy is as much a virtue as beneficenee is .- Vandyke.

## GAY FASHIONS OF THE PAST

Dandles of Past Centuries Would Make Solomon Look Sad. Compared with the gay apparel worn

by the dandles of the past ages the youths of our time in the gayest of ay raiment make but a poor show. The bishop of Ely in the fourteenth century had a change of raiment for

every day in the year. The Earl of Northumberland boasted no less than sixty cloth of gold suits at this time. In Queen Mary's time the wardrobe of a bishop must have been the envy of Solomon for the variety and costli ness of its contents, and even a simple village priest wore "a vestment of crimson satin, a vestment of crimson

velvet, a stole and fanon set with pearls, etc." In the time of Chaucer the men wore clothes as many colored as Joseph's coat, so that while one leg would be a blaze of crimson the other would be tricked out in green, blue or yellow without any regard for harmony or contrast.

Even as late as the middle of the eighteenth century a dandy would dress himself in a vivid green coat, a walstcoat of scarlet, yellow breeches and blue stockings,

And the gentleman of a few years later wore, among other vagaries, a coat of light green, with sleeves too small for the arms and buttons too big for the sleeves; a pair of fine Manches ter breeches without money in their pockets; clocked silk stockings; a club of hair behind larger than the head which carried it; a bat not larger than n sixpence.

It was a common thing in the early part of the eighteenth century for a man of fashion to spend several hours daily in the hands of his valet. Among the many operations which took up this time was "the starching of the beard and the proper perfuming of the garments, the painting of the face and anointing with oils, tinctures, essences and pomatums."-New York Herald.

#### THE FLAGEOLET.

It Has Always Been the Love Flute of the Apache Indian.

The flageolet is of peculiar interest to Americans, as from time immemo rial it has been the medium through which the Indian youth courted their sweethearts at a distance when they were so unfortunate as to be unable to gain a personal audience.

The love or courting flute of the Apache is made of a round stick of cedar about twenty-four inches long, split lengthwise and hollowed to form an air chamber. A hole is made on each side of this diaphragm and a shallow air passage cut from one hole to the other.

Above it a cap of wood is placed for the purpose of covering the upper hole and the air channel. The lip is made of a thin sheet of lead and the whole bound together with a slender thong. In the tube part or body of the instrument are placed six finger holes, a condition that points unmistakably te the induence of contact with the white

The flageolet, as ordinarily under stood, may be described as a whistle headed flute. In the seventeenth century English ladies often played on it. Sometimes two or three fingeciet tubes were constructed with one head for the purpose of introducing notes in harmony. These were called double or triple fingeolets, and a patent was taken out for this instrument by one Balnbridge.

An old English diary of 1667 contains this quaint reference to the double flagcolet; "To Dumbleby's, the pipemaker, there to advise about the making of a flageolet to go low and soft, and he do show me a way which to do. and also a fashion of having two pipes of the same note fastened together, so as I can play on one and then echo it upon the other, which is mighty pretty."-American Inventor.

## The Name of Higgins.

Higgins have sought to prove that their surname is derived from the name borne by St. Hyginus, tracing it through the old English form "St. Yayn." But according to an authority their name is really connected with "Ike," short for Isaac, or, rather, with "Hikke," the form in which "Ike" appeared in Langland's time. Isaacs, Isaacson, Hicks, Higgs, Hickson and Higson would thus be different versions of the same name, while Higgins is merely modified by the addition of the Anglo-Norman diminutive. Another school derives Huggins, Hutchinson and Higgins alike from Hugh, or, more exactly, from Hugonis, the genitive of the Latin Hugo.

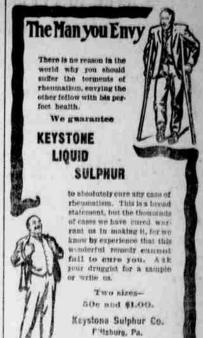
## The Call of the Wild.

Most of our song birds have three notes expressive of love, alarm and fellowship. The latter call seems to keep them in touch with one another. might perhaps add to this list the scream of distress which most birds utter when caught by a cat or a hawk -the voice of uncontrolled terror and pain which is nearly the same in all species-dissonant and piercing. other notes and calls are characteristic, but this last is the simple screech of common terrified nature.-John Burroughs in Country Life In America.

# Matrimonial Tendencies.

We always tend to run to extremes in our social fashions, and it is therefore not without some interest, one may even say anxiety, that we shall watch the very decided tendency of society women to marry men very much younger than themselves. There may come a day when an age limit may have to be instituted.-London World.

The boy is taught at school that the earth is not square. By and by he finds out for himself that the same thing is true of a good many of the



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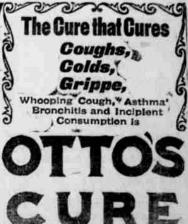
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