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Hard to Get Correct

Figures on Longevity

Many and widespread are the disparities in the longevity of animals, birds and fishes. Scientists are unable to say why some species live many times as long as others. They have no explanation, for instance, of the fact that a tiger, a lion or a hippopotamus will die of old age long before an elephant has reached his prime.

An elephant might live to be two hundred years old. A tiger is old at twenty years, a lion at twenty-five years, a hippopotamus at forty years and a bear at fifty years. A swan can survive for one hundred years and an elder duck or a parrot for more than two hundred years. A tortoise might live to be three hundred years old.

Insects usually have short lives, but some ants have lived in captivity for fifteen years. Queen bees live from four to five years, but the bee workers succumb in six weeks. Carp and pike sometimes live to be one hundred and fifty years of age.

Diseases, adverse weather, lack of food and enemies affect nearly all forms of wild life, so that few animals die of old age, and the scientist experiences difficulty in assembling data as to the natural span of their lives.

Take Horrible Risk

in Pursuit of Sport

Savages are as fond of sport as are civilized peoples, but many of their games appear to be unduly risky. One such game is "clam baiting," played on the Coral sea. The procedure is for a man to swim directly over a giant clam—which may weigh several hundred pounds—as it lies wide open on the bottom, waiting to trap fish and other food, and drop a stone into it. This causes the clam to bring its tremendous serrated "lips" together with terrific speed, and the danger lies in the rush of water caused by this sudden movement sweeping the man into the creature's grip. From which there would be no getting away.

There have been many narrow escapes and some cases in which the baiter was caught. But the natives think it great fun and talk delightfully of how they had made the clam "think he got something to eat when he only got a stone."—London Daily News.

Didn't Lose His Religion

On the first day of school recently, Junior, age five, proudly started off to kindergarten. Junior is usually a rather talkative little chap and his proud mother was a little surprised that he had so little to say when he returned on his first school day.

"Oh everything got off all right, Junior," she asked, hoping he would tell her of his experience. "I got into just a little trouble," he answered. "I got into one of the grownups' rooms by mistake. Some one asked me if I was a primary, but I told them no, I was a Methodist."—Indianapolis News.

The Old Sugar Bowl

In the days when candy was a rare treat, children clamored for sugar on their bread. A slice of home-made bread, generously buttered, with a layer of sugar on top, would fill every longing for sweets.

The sugar bowl, to meet its occasions, was tall, with a roundness that suggested the girth of an alderman. Always filled, it occupied a place of honor on the table. Behold the sugar bowl of today—a thing no larger than a baby's fist. The candy shop has swept away the large old-fashioned container.

What a Question!

"Where are you going in such a hurry?" asked Mrs. Bibbles. "Over to John Jagsby's house," said Mr. Bibbles. "He has just telephoned to ask if I could lend him a cork-screw, and I'm taking it myself."

"Couldn't you send it?" "Mrs. Bibbles," said Mr. Bibbles in cutting tones, "the question you ask me shows why most women are unfit to lead armies and make quick decisions in business deals involving millions. When the psychological moment arrives they don't know what to do with it."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

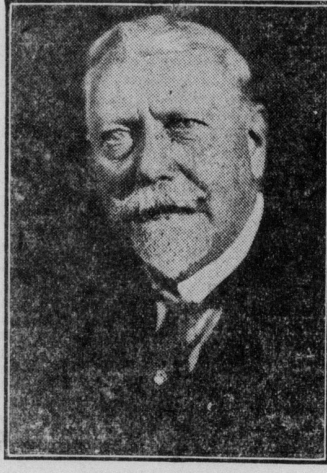
Hurt by Wrong Training

A man should be in his prime physically at thirty years old. If he is not, it is because of a lack of balance in his physical training, declares the bulletin of the Dayton department of health.

Overtraining may strain the heart and unbalance the nerves. Under-training is responsible for weakness of muscles and lack of development of the lungs. Dissipation undermines his resistance. One or more of these factors must be present if a man begins to look and feel old in his early thirties.—Hygeia Magazine.

THE FATHER OF THE CHRISTMAS SEAL

The opening of the twentieth annual Christmas Seal Sale finds the festivities of the holidays tempered among those actively engaged in the campaign by the knowledge that the originator of the Christmas Seal has died since the conclusion of last year's sale. The man who made financially possible the world-wide war on tuberculosis, Einar Holboell, postmaster at Charlottenlund, Denmark, succumbed to heart trouble in his sixty-second year, on February 23, 1927.



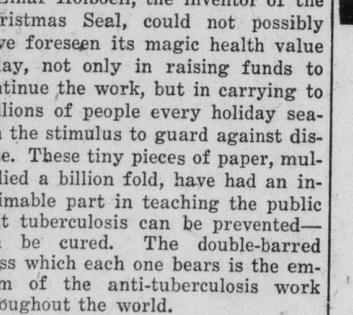
EINAR HOLBOELL

Twenty-four years ago he was a young mail clerk in the post office at Charlottenlund, working far into the night on Christmas Eve distributing holiday greeting cards and letters. He saw that as a rule they would go to comfortable homes, housing happy, vigorous families. But he knew, too, that often to those homes where kind Christmas wishes and good Christmas deeds were most needed, there likely would not come even a brief word of greeting. An inspiration seized him. Perhaps by a tax on greeting cards this could be accomplished.

His fertile imagination soon pictured a device to encourage the practice of holiday cards and put a voluntary tax on it, too, and thus in Denmark was born the idea of the Christmas Seal, in 1903.

The first sale in the United States was in 1907 when Miss Emily P. Bissell, of Wilmington, Delaware, adopted the idea to raise funds to maintain a tuberculosis shack of eight beds on the banks of the Brandywine, securing \$3000. She in turn had read a magazine article by the great philanthropist, Jacob A. Riis, describing the Danish tuberculosis stamp he had received on the back of a letter from the city of his birth—Copenhagen.

Miss Bissell next aspired to extend the work by a national campaign, and interested the American Red Cross. The first national Christmas Seal Sale occurred in 1908, and brought in \$135,000. Each year since the sum has increased just as it has in Denmark.



Einar Holboell, the inventor of the Christmas Seal, could not possibly have foreseen its magic health value today, not only in raising funds to continue the work, but in carrying to millions of people every holiday season the stimulus to guard against disease. These tiny pieces of paper, multiplied a billion fold, have had an inestimable part in teaching the public that tuberculosis can be prevented, can be cured. The double-barred cross which each one bears is the emblem of the anti-tuberculosis work throughout the world.

The Christmas seal has carried to the farthestmost parts of America the news that people need not die from tuberculosis. During the period the seal has been in existence, the death rate in this country from the disease has fallen from 198 per hundred thousand population to 83, a saving of over 100,000 lives this year.

As a mark of honor, the Danish Christmas Seal for 1927 will bear the picture of Einar Holboell.

Buy Health Bonds and Become a Bondholder of Health

Advertisement for Buick for Christmas. Includes text: -a BUICK for Christmas. Make this Christmas last for thousands of miles. Surprise your family on Christmas morning with a wonderful new Buick for 1928. Nothing could give them greater happiness. The liberal G. M. A. C. time payment plan is available if desired.

Advertisement for Patton Auto Co. PATTON AUTO CO. PATTON, PA. J. EDWARD STEVENS FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND EMBALMER. CARROLLTOWN, PENNA.

Advertisement for J. Edward Stevens, Funeral Director and Embalmer, Carrolltown, Pennsylvania.

Advertisement for Electric Man's Greatest Benefactor. Says JAMES J. DAVIS, Secretary, U. S. Dept. of Labor. 'The electric light and power companies have performed a notable service in bringing electric power to every kind of mill and factory, and in adopting it to every phase of industry. It has eliminated unwholesome and back-breaking tasks. It has made for better labor conditions, because it has enabled the worker to produce more' and the employer to pay him more.

Advertisement for Penn Central Light & Power Co. CIVILIZATION is built on power—the motive energy required to dig a hole, build a bridge or sweep a room. To the degree that electric energy is substituted for manual labor, and man becomes the director of machinery, instead of the slave of it, is that power made more useful and the lot of the individual and the nation improved.

Advertisement for Penn Central Light & Power Co. Complete text of Secretary Davis' address will be furnished upon request.

Advertisement for Clearfield Taxidermy Company. SPORTSMEN! WHY do so many Sportsmen send their trophies to Clearfield? The reason is simply because they know that they will receive courteous treatment and that their trophies will be handled by the largest and best equipped establishment in the state. You will receive the prompt and efficient service that you have a right to expect. We guarantee satisfaction; and your trophies will be mounted by the latest Museum Methods, at reasonable prices.

Advertisement for Christmas Bargain Shop. Includes illustration of Santa Claus and text: Christmas Bargain Shop.

Advertisement for Practical Gifts. Father, Mother, Sister, Sweetheart or Friend rejoice most when the gift is an intimate one. At very little cost you may buy something very useful and extremely practical. After all, you would buy a Christmas gift that you feel sure is going to be appreciated and there are scores of handsome, practical wear things to buy. Here are a few suggestions: LADIES' PRINCESS SLIPS, MEN'S NECKWEAR, SHOES, CHILDREN'S SWEATERS, BOYS' CAPS, SLIPPERS, LADIES' SILK HOSE, MEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS, SAFETY RAZOR SETS, WOOL BLANKETS, MEN'S UMBRELLAS, LADIES' NEW NECKWEAR, BED SPREAD SETS, LADIES' UMBRELLAS, SHAVING AND MILITARY SETS, BATH ROBES, LUMBER JACKETS, MEN'S DRESS GLOVES, MEN'S CAPS, DOLLS, MEN'S SILK SCARFS, MEN'S SILK SHIRTS, LADIES' SWEATERS, SHEEP SKIN COATS, BOYS' SWEATERS, CONGOLEUM RUGS, MEN'S SWEATERS, PAJAMAS, TURKISH TOWELS, MEN'S UNION SUITS, MEN'S HOSIERY, AND HUNDREDS OF BOYS' PANTS, TRAVELING BAGS, OTHER SUGGESTIONS.

Advertisement for Kusner Blankfeld Co. Department Store PATTON, PA.

Advertisement for All the Ice Cream They Wanted, Free. Includes illustration of children and text: Employees of the Department of Agriculture in Washington have been eating all the ice cream they wanted. The dairy division of the department is making a series of tests to determine how much of the frozen delicacy the average person can eat and which kind they prefer.

Advertisement for Don't Run the Risk of Eating Worms in Food. Don't eat worms! This suggestion sounds unreasonably but it is nevertheless entirely justified at this season, said Dr. Edward B. Appel, Secretary of Health, today.

Advertisement for Let Us Help You Make It another ELGIN CHRISTMAS. Everybody welcomes assistance in choosing gifts. The service of this store safeguards you against an unsatisfactory choice. You profit by this experience with every purchase you make, whether it is inexpensive Cuff Links or an Elgin Watch for any member of your family.

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