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WEIGHT OF THE BRAIN.

Difference Between Savages and Rases Long Civilized.

Prof. Frederik W. Mott, lecturing before the Royal Institution of Great Britain on "The Brain," said that although in 80 per cent. of the cases in which the brains of great men had been weighed the weight was above the average, brain weight itself did not always mean brain quality.

When there was lack of the functioning tissue, the lecturer explained, the structural material might receive more than its normal share of nourishment and the extra weight be due to overgrowth of "brain scaffolding." This accounted for the very large and heavy brains sometimes found in congenital idiots. Pointing out that the brain weight of a race long civilized surpassed that of savages, the lecturer stated that whereas the ordinary European hospital patient had a heavier brain than a savage, the Chinese coolie laborer's brain, developed by centuries of use, weighed 1.2 ounces more than that of the European hospital patient.

Referring to the relative brain weights of Caucasian men and women, Prof. Mott said that the female brain had a good start, weighing nearly 1.2 ounces more than the male brain at birth. In adult life, however, the average man's brain weighed about 1.2 ounces more than the woman's.

The average weight of the European male brain was 2 pounds 15 ounces, 9 drams to 2 pounds 16 ounces 9 drams and of the female brain 2 pounds 10 ounces 11 drams to 2 pounds 10 ounces 14 drams. Among savages there was not this difference, since in the struggle for existence the female had to supply her brain as fully as the male, hence it has developed at practically the same rate.

Utilizing Volcanic Steam.

An Italian engineer, Signor Giusti-Corti, has put into practice the curious idea of utilizing the steamjets from the natural vents called sulfioni for driving motors. Sulfioni abound in certain parts of Tuscany, and in other ancient seats of volcanic energy. Jets of water vapor, at a high temperature, are discharged from them with great regularity. Some of the sulfioni in Tuscany, according to Signor Giusti-Corti, have remained invariable in their discharges during 15 years that they have been under observation. He thinks that a considerable amount of mechanical energy can be derived from these sources. One of the principal difficulties in the utilization of this natural steam arises from the corroding acids that abound in it.

The Useful Rat.

From letters received it would seem possible to make out quite a good case for the rat. Not only has he served as food—Dr. Kane on his Polar expedition attributed his comparative immunity from scurvy to the soup made from the rats which his servant shot with a bow and arrow—but Mr. Frank Buckland has suggested that their skins are eminently suitable for glove-making. At any rate, rat-skins have sometimes been used as clothing. For we read of a lady at Glasgow who had a pair of shoes from rat-skin, which were as soft as the finest kid, while by way of a freak a complete suit of rat-skin was once made by a Cornish miser.

A Rothschild Anecdote.

Baron Rothschild was once caught in a predicament that many people experience daily, and that is getting into a conveyance of some kind and then not having the money to pay the fare.

The driver of the omnibus into which Rothschild entered demanded his fare, and the Baron, feeling in his pockets, discovered that he had no change. The driver was very angry. "What did you get in for, if you have no money?"

"I am Baron Rothschild," explained the great capitalist, "and there is my card."

The driver scornfully tossed the card away. "Never heard of you before," said he, "and don't want to hear of you again. What I want is your fare."

The banker was in great haste. "Look here, I've an order for a million," he said, "give me the change." And he proffered a coupon for that amount.

The driver stared and the passengers laughed. Fortunately a friend of the Baron entered the omnibus at the moment, and taking in the situation, immediately paid the fare. The driver, realizing his mistake and feeling remorseful, said to the Baron:

"If you want ten francs, sir, I don't mind lending them to you on my own account."—Buffalo Courier.

Electro-Chemical Colors.

The preparation of mineral and artificial organic colors by the aid of electricity has recently made considerable progress, and it is suggested that the products of this new industry may eventually replace those derived from coal-tar. Among the colors now produced in commercial quantities by the employment of the electric current are vermilion, Scheele's green, cadmium yellow, Japanese red, cerise or cherry red, Berlin green and zinc white, besides a number of organic colors. The process consists essentially in sending an electric current through a solution containing the elements required for the production, by precipitation, of the coloring matter desired.

A Vanishing Lake.

Fresh evidence of the disappearance of Lake Tchad in Central Africa has lately been accumulated. Captain Tilho of the Anglo-French Boundary Commission says that the form and area of the lake have undergone great changes since the exploration of Barth and Nachtigal, 40 or 50 years ago. It is now navigable only in certain places, and boats frequently run aground. The tendency seems to be toward the development of a vast marsh on the site of the lake, although half a century ago its great waves in stormy weather gave it the appearance of an ocean.



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License Transfer

Notices is hereby given that application will be made to the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions on September 2, 1921 for the transfer of the retail liquor license of Carl News for a Hotel in Leokawanna to William Vogel.

JOHN G. WESSBROOK, Jr.,
August 31, 1920. Clerk.

WHAT A WOMAN WILL NOT DO

There is nothing a woman would not do to retain her loveliness. She might be fully as zealous in preserving her good looks. The herb drink called Lane's Family Medicine or Lane's Tea, is the most efficient aid in preserving a beautiful skin and will do more than anything else to restore the roses to faded cheeks. At all druggists and dealers, etc.

When Opportunity Knocks.

A New Jersey farmer, whose farm is near a school for boys, was greatly annoyed by the depredations of the youngsters. Finding two of the boys helping themselves to his choice apples, he ordered them from his premises, ably assisted by the too of his boot.

The following day he found the same boys loitering in the vicinity of his orchard fence.
"What you young scamps hangin' round here for?" he shouted. "I told you yesterday what you'd get if you ought you on my land again."
"Yes, sir, we remember," explained the spokesman. "We didn't come to apples this time. We came to you to join our football eleven."

EARTH CURRENTS.

Experiments to Show Effects of Electric Traction Systems.

Interesting experiments have been made at the Kew Observatory, near London, on the effects of the electric currents produced in the earth by the electric traction systems of the British metropolis. The delicate magnetic instruments of the observatory are affected by the currents.

Metallic plates buried in the ground were connected with a photographic recording apparatus, and the tracings recorded by the instrument formed a picture of the time-table of the London Central Railway, although the nearest point of approach of that line is six miles from Kew.

Even accidental breakdowns occurring on the traction line were indicated in the photographic record. By connecting the earth-plates with a sensitive galvanometer, the effect of the movements of the tramway controller was rendered evident, and a telephone being attached, sounds were heard at each controller movement.

Great Tunnels Projected.

Two projects for the construction of railway tunnels of unprecedented magnitude are now under discussion. One of them, which appeals strongly to the imagination if it does not elicit much sympathy among practical men, is Monsieur de Lobel's plan for tunneling Bering Strait to connect Siberia with Alaska. The author of this plan explained it before a large meeting of the Navy and Military Club at St. Petersburg recently. Bering Strait is about 28 1/2 miles broad and 187 feet deep, but it has two islands so situated that the tunnel could be divided into three sections of about 12 1/2 miles each. The other project is the English Channel between Dover and Calais. French engineers have recently been studying the enterprise since the distance is about 21 1/2 miles. The work would be relatively easy because the tunnel would run through chalk.

Peculiarities of Submarines.

Equilibrium is almost as difficult to maintain for a submarine vessel as for an aeroplane. With modern large submarines, says Sir W. H. White, the act of diving is performed when the vessels have headway. The bow is depressed by horizontal rudders controlled by skilled men, and the vessel moves obliquely downward. The desired depth having been attained, the steersman must so manage the horizontal rudders that the vessel shall practically maintain its level, but, in fact, its course becomes really an undulating one, up and down. There must be no movements of men or weights in the vessel without immediate compensation to restore and maintain the balance, else the submarine may dive to a disastrous depth. Manual has been found better than automatic control.

School Children's Attention.

Prof. W. Phillips read recently, before the Royal Sanitary Institute in England, a paper detailing his observations on the limit of school children's capacity for attention. He concludes that two intervals of rest of 10 minutes each during an ordinary school session are more useful than one of 20 minutes. The attention wanes more rapidly in the afternoon, and consequently the studies which most severely tax the attention, like mathematics, should be confined to the morning hours. Professor Phillips concludes that gymnastics is not of necessity a mentally recuperative agent, if the teacher is a strict disciplinarian in gymnastics, the fatigue exhibited by the children may be of a pronounced character.

Vienna's Crown of Green.

The city of Vienna has recently undertaken, at an estimated expense of \$10,000,000, to surround itself with a belt of forests. The existing forests near the city are to be preserved, and others, together with broad green meads, are to be established in such a way as completely to encircle the city. Land is being reserved for the new plantations, which are to be connected with the celebrated Prater, which already forms a green border for the Austrian capital on the east. This idea is enthusiastically urged for the beautifying of the suburbs of other cities, which are now, in many cases, not only unattractive, but often hideous.

"Divine Right."

Following is an extract from a speech made by a railroad president during the anthracite strike: "The rights and interests of the laboring man will be looked after and cared for, not by the agitators, but by Christian men to whom God in His infinite wisdom has given control of the property interests of the country."

The Power of Niagara.

In a paper read before the Institution of Electrical Engineers at Brighton, England, recently, the maximum output of the Fox power-stations at Niagara Falls was stated at 250,000 horsepower, distributed over a distance of 150 miles. This distance will soon be increased to 250 miles, and then, said the authors of the paper, such a system of distribution will be in operation as would, if it were installed in England, supply the whole country with the electrical energy it required, from one central station.

Another Element in the Stars.

Sir David Gill recently communicated to the Royal Society a paper by Joseph Lutz in which the author shows that the rare chemical element cerium is represented by strong lines in the spectra of the light from the stars Arcturus and Pollux. Mr. Lutz also confirms the previous conclusion of Professor Dyson that cerium is one of the elements represented in the lines of the spectrum of the chromosphere of the sun.

Abdominal Operations on Age.

Very few people over 50 years of age recover from severe abdominal operations.

QUESTIONS OF GOOD FORM.

The Hotel Register.

How should a woman write her name in a hotel register? When registering at a hotel a married woman writes her name in full as "Mrs. George Mills Brown," with her town and state following. An unmarried woman writes hers "Miss Jane Blank," with her city and state. Street addresses are not given. That the full name be given is very important in case of accident, as the use of initials renders identification more difficult; people often have similar initials that represent names quite different. An unmarried woman should never omit the prefix "Miss."

Engagement Congratulations.

Does an engagement call for a note of congratulations, or does one wait for an opportunity to offer congratulations verbally?—L. M.
It depends on circumstances. In the case of a near and dear friend a note is usually made to offer congratulations by note or in person; sometimes even the telephone or telegraph is used to speed the good wishes, if absolute approval is felt. On the other hand, if the man is not thought quite "good enough," nothing is done until a chance meeting occurs, and then the customary formal words are spoken. If there is no chance of a meeting in the course of a week or so a note should be sent, whether one approves or not; a little diplomacy in the wording will convey all good wishes without hypocrisy. All congratulations should be offered within two weeks of the announcement of the engagement.

Introductions at Card Parties.

Kindly tell me how to introduce young men and women at a card party. Should one introduce them on entering or when they are seated at the tables?—A. M. H.

The better plan is to introduce as many as possible as they enter the room and pause to chat with the hostess, or at any time when they are in close enough proximity for her to make the introductions without interfering with her duty of receiving her friends. This gives an opportunity for general conversation before playing begins. Each table, of course, has a card upon it, on which are written the names of the players, so that they can find their places, and when all are seated or are assembling at their respective tables the hostess should go among them and introduce the few that have not yet met.

Why Not "My Husband"?

In "Questions of Good Form" the query "How should a woman refer to her husband?" was recently asked and answered. Should not the reply have included with "Mr. Smith" and "John" the term "my husband"—Baxton.

This good old-fashioned term is unfortunately not considered as good form as "Mr. Smith" and "John" or "Jack." In fact, it is hardly heard at all in the smart set, as it sounds too possessive for their fancy.
It is not sufficiently formal to use to an acquaintance or a tradesman, and to an intimate friend it is too stilted. For these reasons it has fallen into disfavor with fashionable people.

Before deciding on a new evening gown it is a good plan to squeeze a tiny piece of the material in your hand, to see if it creases easily. Some soft materials crease more easily than others, and if one is pressed for a time it is a great nuisance to have to iron one's frock out every time it is to be worn.

Wagner's Bickering.

Even the amazing and non-such genius of Wagner was given to the gentle art of bickering to beat the band. Spencer, Darwin, Halmholtz and Nietzsche had all sorts of theories and notions about music, but actions only, for they never saw music as we do in Gotham. Gee whiz! They only heard it.

IS LEPROSY CONTAGIOUS?

Specialists Still Doubtful Whether One Person Can Give It to Another.

There is possibly no disease the presence of which inspires greater fear in the public mind than does leprosy. This is perhaps in a measure due to the loathsomeness of the disease in its later stages, but it is in most cases simply fear of a name.
The disease or diseases spoken of as leprosy in the Bible are popularly supposed to be the same as the leprosy of to-day, and the evident fear of the leper inspired in the people of old is held to justify the dread with which he is still regarded. The Biblical descriptions do not, however, fit modern leprosy, so that whether the fear of the "leper" of olden times was or was not justified it should not be allowed to color the view with which the leper of to-day is regarded.

Leprosy is indeed an infectious disease, that is to say, it is due to the presence in the tissues of a bacillus, after the Norwegian physician who discovered it; but whether it is contagious under the ordinary conditions of modern life in temperate climates, at least, is held by specialists in diseases of the skin to be very doubtful.

Of the few lepers known to the physicians in all the larger cities some are cared for in hospitals, others live at home and visit the clinics or the doctor's office from time to time; yet an instance in which another person has acquired the disease from any of these lepers is unknown.

There are many diseases more to be dreaded than leprosy because more rapidly fatal, more painful or more contagious; yet none of these except perhaps smallpox is more feared. The illogical terror of leprosy may be the cause of great cruelty to those afflicted. There are thousands of people who show culpable indifference to the enforcement of the laws against spitting in public places, although they know full well that the success of the crusade against tuberculosis hinges largely upon care in this regard. Yet these same persons would fly in horror from any place that has harbored a leper.