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THE WAY TO GET THE THEINE AND AVOID THE TANNIN.

Dark Liquid Does Not Mean Excellence, and the Darker the Liquid is the More Evil Are Its Effects—Chinese Tea Is Said to Be the Best.

Cor. Fall Mail Gazette.

Perhaps I may be allowed to make some comments on a subject that is of interest to all homes—namely, a cup of tea and the making of it. The first proposition is that the dark color of tea does not mean excellence, but the more evil are its effects and the third that the best tea is Chinese. These are the opinions of an importer. It is worth noting, I think, that they are also the scientific opinions and, further, that this is a case where doctors agree. What must properly be described as the pharmacology of tea is simple and well understood, and as it concerns every one it may be briefly discussed here.

For practical purposes tea consists of two things, the first being tannic acid, also known as tannin, and the second being theine, also known as caffeine. Let us consider each of these. The tannin, or tannic acid, occurs in the tea leaf, as in so many other plants. It is less readily soluble than the theine and is much less readily obtained from the Chinese leaf than from the Indian, the latter, together with the Cingalese, containing much more of this substance.

Tannic acid has no attractions for the palate except in the case of people who like a little bitterness, and it has no action on the nervous system, none of it, indeed, being absorbed by the body. Its action upon the tissues with which it comes into immediate contact is wholly deleterious. I do not say that it is necessarily serious, but what action there is is wholly bad. Notably does it interfere with the digestibility of foodstuffs. Plainly, therefore, a chief concern in the production of the best beverage from tea should be reduction of the tannic acid to a minimum. This is to be accomplished, first, by using the leaf which contains least of it, and, secondly, by sharply limiting the length of the infusion. It has been clearly proved that practically all the theine that can be obtained from the leaf is obtained in the first three minutes, whereas the amount of tannin increases markedly even between the twentieth and fortieth minutes.

In the opinion of not a few, the said tannin is largely responsible for the deleterious effects frequently attributed to the theine. This last is an invaluable ingredient of tea; it is the same substance as that which gives its value to coffee, but is present in less abundance in the tea leaf than in the coffee bean; it is a nervous stimulant of an entirely different class from the pseudo-stimulants, such as alcohol. In some ways this is one of the most remarkable of all known drugs. It appears to be unique in that it stimulates the functions of the cerebrum, the highest portion of the brain, without inducing any subsequent reaction that can be detected. It has no second stage of action comparable to that of alcohol and opium, and in cases of emergency it is capable of postponing sleep for hours, and, more than that, of maintaining the mental activity as in the daytime. I may confess that in past years I have systematically used caffeine for weeks on end for this purpose without any deleterious results; but this is quoted for illustration, not imitation.

Now, it is plain that, so far as the remote consequences of a cup of tea are considered, it is the theine or caffeine that we desire, and the tannin that we do not desire. The relative solubility of the two substances exactly suits our convenience. If it were necessary to extract all the tannin in order to get any theine there might be some excuse for the lady who likes her tea to have a little "body" to it, or for the servant girl who keeps her teapot on the hob all day. But the fact is that it is possible to obtain all the theine desired, while reducing the amount of tannin to a minimum. At present the public taste is thoroughly vitiated. No one who has given the matter a fair consideration, or who cares to permit any palatial delicacy at all, will question that the fine aroma of a cup of properly made Chinese tea is in a different category altogether from the sensations aroused by the concentrated solution of tannin, which is usually offered under the pseudonym "a cup of tea," which things are written without prejudice.

In order to make reasonably complete this brief account of the cup that cheers, I must add that it contains a small proportion of a volatile oil, which is of small physiological importance, but which contributes largely to the gustatory character of tea. The

USE OF MONEY.

It Seldom Brings Happiness in Acquisition or Expenditure.

There's a certain class of philosophers who are continually whining about the woes of the poor, without understanding that the first step in the amelioration of the unfortunate poor is to insist upon their going to work themselves.

An old moralist used to say that there are two classes of poor—God's poor and the devil's poor. The God's poor needed a little assistance, but, when put upon their feet, they went forward of themselves. The devil's poor continually required assistance and the more you assisted them, the worse they were off.

The truth is, the greatest benefit that can be conferred upon the individual soul is to beat into his head that he must depend upon himself, that for every assistance he receives, he must pay full measure, and that when he receives help, he must pay for it in kind, or in loss of courage and manhood, in stamina and in freedom. These things are as immutable as the law of the Medes and Persians which alters not. When people understand it, they will be able to utilize their forces and thus do what in common parlance is called "getting on" in the world.

The trouble is, plenty fancy that money is the result of luck. Every unfortunate has dreams of acquiring a fortune. People buy lottery tickets, invest their slender savings in gold mines, take stock in schemes that a moment's reflection would show them are raw swindles, all with the hope of getting suddenly rich. They spend more effort and time in this way than would suffice to make them comfortable did they but exercise ordinary care and prudence. And therefore, I repeat that the kindest service that can be done is to teach people, as old Ben Franklin said, "The way to wealth is as open as the way to market," and that the old principles of honesty, prudence, economy are in force to-day as much as they ever were. He who neglects them fails, and the rules are as plain as the nose on one's face.

The evil seems to be that men are willing to accept the rule generally, but they fancy that in some way, it doesn't apply to them, and that they must be scheming to "make a killing." How many a poor devil has tried to speculate, led by his delusion, lost his own money, squandered the funds entrusted to him, and made a moral shipwreck of himself, as well as a financial one, and this, too, when he had absolutely within his own hands the means of competence, being like the Indians who plant the potatoes one day and dig them up the next to see if they have grown!

Men are differently constituted. One man in ten studies accumulation and thinks of adding to his store. The other nine study only how to spend their money and they consequently spend it most of the time before they earn it, are in debt, and when they make money, they are in a fever to get rid of it. The old adage is that money burns a hole in their pockets.

For this reason, most men who obtain a fortune suddenly are ruined. I have known men who have drawn sums in the lottery, but in not a single case did it do such people one bit of good ultimately. Even those who set out to make a good use of it were finally overwhelmed by it.

This is seen in a more marked degree among the millionaires of Pittsburgh, Pa. Here were dozens and dozens of men who suddenly acquired a fortune through the steel trust. In almost every case it ruined their body and soul. They set out in search of pleasure, and having exhausted those denominated "respectable," they plunged into the pursuit of illicit ones and speedily became involved in a horrible career of vice. They wrecked their families, divorces have followed, scandals have resulted that have shaken society from center to circumference, and given the world an idea that the United States is on the downward road. The truth is that people stand adversity much better than they do prosperity. Adversity sobers them, prosperity intoxicates and bewilders them. No wonder that Christ is reported saying that "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of Heaven."

A rich man is surrounded by parasites who flatter and fleece him. On one side, he is a prey to cheap vanity and is uneasy unless adulation is continually poured upon him. On the other hand, he is mean, suspicious, revengeful, filled with animosities that eat into his soul and render him hard, bitter, uncharitable, unforgiving and malicious.

20TH CENTURY PROVERBS.

With a Queer Idea, Quaintly Expressed, Intelligent Men are Quickly Impressed.

Bohemian for August.

Remember, young man, it is far easier to find a wife than to lose one.

The man at the top of the ladder takes but little interest of the rounds.

A woman is seldom satisfied when an old dress is forced to do her a good turn.

The reason why people always like babies and kittens is that they always act naturally.

A man gets ready for a wedding in the frame of mind a woman gets ready for a funeral.

The great trouble of practicing what you preach is that it is so easy to get out of practice.

When he lends a helping hand, the average man makes so much noise that it spoils the effect.

When an office boy's relatives begin to die it is a sign that the baseball season is coming around.

Charity may begin at home, but did you ever note in a time of great stress how far and rapidly it travels?

The woman who never wonders what her husband does with so much pocket change is a pearl of great price.

You have probably observed that there is only a few dollars' difference between "annui" and "laziness."

The man who turns out in the rain to go to church feels that he is entitled to a double measure of blessedness.

When there is plenty of champagne at the wedding reception all the guests never saw such a pretty bride before.

It is always difficult for a young man to understand what there is about his sister that attracts other young men.

It sometimes comes to pass that after a man has eaten everything that has been set before him he wonders what all him.

Mother Wit.

The long militant hairpin has at last been forced to yield the palm as a feminine indispensable to the despised chewing gum, aided by the adhesive postage stamp.

This was how the tragedy came about: A pretty woman, who asked her husband to buy her an automobile, was told that until she became intimately acquainted with the interior workings of the machine he would not willingly permit her to possess the desired treasure.

Being a woman with an active mind and of a somewhat mechanical turn, she at once took him at his word, and qualified for ownership.

True to his promise, the husband purchased the machine, and since that time the woman has been greatly envied as she flashed by in her swift machine, minus the usually necessary chauffeur.

All went well until one day when, as fate decreed, she was enjoying a little journey, accompanied by her husband.

Suddenly a report like that of a pistol conveyed the information of a puncture—one difficulty which the fair chauffeur had not before encountered.

She became nervous, as she glanced through the repair kit, to find the puncture outfit missing, and the quizzical glance of her husband waiting to see her meet her Waterloo almost unnered her.

Mother wit, however, did not desert her, and with a triumphant glance at her amazed spouse, she bravely caulked the puncture with a piece of chewing gum, over which she pasted a postage stamp.

COLD in the head is not only annoying, but likely to develop into catarrh. One teaspoonful of mustard dissolved in a tumblerful of cold water and used as a gargle three times a day will often effect a speedy cure. In more obstinate cases equal parts of loaf sugar and pulverized alum used as a snuff will give instant relief.

On the watch tower of the Vela, at the Alhambra, Spain, there is a silver-toned bell which the Moslems ring as a signal to let on the water in the gardens and the fountain in the city below. Its sound can be heard at Lige, 30 miles away.

The cloth of the old Egyptians was so good that, although it has been used for thousands of years as wrappings of the mummies, the Arabs of to-day can wear it. It is all of linen, the ancient Egyptians considering wool unclean.

THE SOCIETY OF THE AVERAGE RICH MAN

The society of the average rich man is not worth seeking. He cares for nothing but himself. He becomes a selfish egotist and takes interest in nothing but such as minister to his vanity. He has no love for literature or art, except as they cost immense sums, such as the poor are unable to buy, and then, he contemplates them not for their merit, but for what they bring in the market or what they cost him. The result of it is that he is like a scorpion ringed with fire. He lives in an atmosphere of hate and envy and tale-bearing and gossip.

Bookwalter, the great Democratic politician of Ohio, told C. W. Constantine, who has been his private secretary for years, there was not a single one of his friends who had not tried to make capital out of their relationship with him, and that his sole pleasure of late years was to thwart them. What a confession this is for a man to make at the close of a long, active, and in a worldly view, eminently successful life. To have toiled and built up an enormous fortune and then to feel that every acquaintance is secretly carrying around a knife and waiting for a chance to carve a portion of his anatomy is certainly not a cheerful condition of mind, and yet, this is one of the perils of politics and wealth.

Take a case nearer home—John Ripinger, of Seattle. During the last city election in Seattle he was candidate for Mayor on the Republican ticket. He was defeated by Mr. W. N. Moore, the present Mayor, who ran on the Municipal Ownership platform. Prior to Ripinger's nomination for Mayor of Seattle, he was for four years Comptroller of that city, owned his own home and was in comfortable circumstances. After being defeated at the polls he sank from view in a short time. He, according to his own wife's story, published in a Queen City paper recently, was entreated by so-called friends to make the race for Mayor. He listened to them. "They," I quote from the newspaper, "held out glittering—not golden—promises of future glory and prestige in politics. More than all else, they made him believe that he was doing something for his 'friends' and for his party. It was a hard and a nasty fight. Worst of all, when the day of the election came, some of the very men who had urged Ripinger against his will to make the race for Mayor, went out for a holiday—or worse. He left Seattle with a broken heart and in poor health. The men who urged him for two years or more to make the race for Mayor, threw him down. They betrayed him. They used him. I know he had friends here—men who said they were his friends. But when the time came and he needed them, they were not his friends. They used him, I say."

Continuing, the article in the Seattle paper reads: "Away up in a mountain retreat in Old Mexico, John Ripinger, who in his strength and love of out-door life used to follow his setters in the chase for quail and pheasant, is weakly but bravely struggling to get on his feet. No one here save his wife knows his exact condition, and she will not tell. Infrequently letters come from him, and from those around him. Mrs. Ripinger says he is in good hands and, though not making rapid progress, will probably recover."

Friends! Friends! A man has many "acquaintances" in this old world, but his friends are few indeed.

What a fight old Russell Sage had all his days to keep his money, and even now his relatives, whom he despised during his life-time, are getting ready to contest his will in the courts. They have already found a flaw in the date, which is said to be sufficient to break it, so that the very last efforts which he made to protect his wife in the enjoyment of the property will come to naught, very probably. And yet, this is the sort of thing that people sigh for, fight for, work for and are willing to die for. Money is not worth the price that men pay for it. It brings neither pleasure, comfort, enjoyment nor ease, when it is reached at this cost. That which comes as the result of prudence, economy, strict attention to business, industry and frugality, and is retained by the exercise of the same virtues, brings peace in its train, but otherwise, when it is a continual strain and fret and fever to attain, and an equal effort to hold, the end is annoyance, loss of liberty, so that in the end a man becomes a slave to his bank account, and that which should bring him enjoyment is like a Dead Sea sea, pleasant to the sight, but within full of ashes and dust and bitterness.

What fools these mortals be to do that which only brings them trouble. It is inconceivable that with all the examples in the way, people can be so short-sighted as to do those things that only lead to worry, and, after all

IT IS WORRY THAT IS THE CANKER THAT EATS INTO MEN'S SOULS.

Everybody is in trouble over something that they fear is about to happen to them. No man ever committed suicide over what he feared to-day, but it is over what he anticipates to-morrow.

Old Sidney Smith used to say, "The way to be happy is to take short views of life," not to fret about what will become of us to-morrow, or next week, or next year, but to enjoy the present to the utmost, to be happy over small things, to make light of present evils and to make the most of present blessings. It is the little things of life that annoy us and the little things of life that give us pleasure.

Thoreau says, "The wise gods will never make underpinning of a man, but as long as he crouches and sulks and shirks his work, every creature that has weight will be treading on his toes and crushing him. He will himself tread with one foot on the other foot."

The shirker is always in trouble, always complaining of the abuses of society and everlastingly mourning that he has no chance and that he is unappreciated, when the fact of it is, the world has taken him at his right measure and finds no use for him among created matter.

The first thing a young man ought to be taught to do, is to do his work thoroughly, do it willingly and take pleasure in it, as a piece of his spirit mechanism. When he gets this spirit into his head there is hope for him, not otherwise. L. E. VERNON.

WOMEN AS INVENTORS.

Mistaken Idea that the Fair Sex Are Deficient in Originality.

Surprising light is thrown on the important part taken by women in the field of invention by a writer in the Technical World. It appears from this that many of the most practical articles in common use to-day had their origin in the mind of woman. The inventions, moreover, have not been confined to household things, as some might naturally suppose, but the brightness of woman's intellect is seen in articles adopted in the world of commerce and transportation.

The Coston light, which is used by the life saving service and by mariners all over the world, for signaling at night, is a woman's invention. Eli Whitney's famous cotton gin is said to have been merely the application of a device thought out by the widow of General Nathaniel Green. The first of all mechanical ice-cream freezers was patented by a woman, and the original model shows that modern contrivances of the kind are in no way materially different from the earliest design thus created.

The machine by which "comb foundation" for beehiving is made was patented by a woman in 1881. The first pasteboard egg tray, divided into square compartments, such as is used so widely nowadays for transporting the perishable product of the hen, was the idea of a farmer's daughter.

Among the many contrivances credited to women are the folding car step, a table designed for attachment to berths on board ship, a sofa that turns into a bath tub when desired, a combination trunk and bed, a gun lock on which the inventor has long been drawing a royalty, fire escapes of several patterns, motors for sewing machines, a typewriter for the blind, a submarine telescope for examining sunken wrecks.

It would be impossible here to enumerate all of the articles invented and patented by women. Among them are some curiosities, as, for instance, a device for lowering keys from windows, which is thought to have been the idea of a woman whose husband was in the habit of staying out late. Another curiosity of feminine origin is a "hen persuader," a simple contrivance intended to be fastened to the ankle of the hen to prevent her from scratching in the garden. It is, however, that the absurdities credited to women inventors are much fewer in proportion than those of men.

LITTLE Tommy sat away back in church with his mamma. It was his first experience. Everything was wonderful to him. By-and-by the collection was taken, but imagine the surprise of Tommy's mother when the usher passed the plate to hear Tommy say: "No, thank you, sir, got some money of my own."

The innumerable shades of blue and green which constitute what may be called the natural color of sea water, are due to a greater or less proportion of salt held in solution. The appearance of intense blue is the result of the presence of large quantities of saline matter.

THE first ship was brought from Egypt to Greece by Danaus in 1485 B. C. The first double-decked ship was built by the Tyrians, 786 B. C.

GATHERINGS BY THE WAYSIDE

"I Know Not What the Truth May Be—'Till Tell It as 'Twas Told to Me."

A Russian giant has recently been placed on view in this country who is 6 feet 2 1/2 inches high and weighs 400 pounds.

The Nile is noted for the variety of its fish. An expedition sent by the British Museum brought home 9,000 specimens.

A sunlight photograph was taken at the bottom of a mine shaft in Mexico, June 22d, the longest day of the year. On this day the sun's rays touch the bottom of the shaft for three minutes.

A blacksmith sent as a present to the Emperor of Austria a horseshoe, a pair of pincers, a file and a knife, all nailed to a goose's egg, without the egg being broken. For this he received a medal, photograph of the Emperor and quite a sum of money.

Only one woman of title belongs to the Salvation Army in England and that is Lady Sladen. In Russia there are two Princesses who belong to this organization and in New York the daughter of a Lord Mayor, who came to this country a few years ago, does stunts.

William Jennings Bryan, central guest, at the dinner of the American Society in London, where five hundred others were honored, made the principal speech of the day. He was introduced in a happy manner by Ambassador Whitelaw Reid. The subject was "The White Man's Burden."

Siberia has the biggest forest area of any country on Earth, yet the timber for construction of the eastern end of the trans-Siberian railway all came from the United States. It was purchased in Oregon, being shipped across to Vladivostok, then transported by rail to the banks of a tributary of the Amur and loaded into barges to be towed to its destination.

The most wonderful school in this country has been established on a little plot of ground by the State of Michigan. It is in the middle of Lake St. Clair, the smallest of the great lakes, and the schoolhouse will pretty nearly cover the entire lot upon which it will be placed. In the winter the children can cross to the school from their homes safely on the ice, but during the summer time they will be obliged to go by boat.

New Women in Mexico.

The climate of the Tehuantepec Isthmus compares most favorably with that of Panama, being mild and healthful, writes Rens Bache, in Technical World Magazine for September. Coffee, coconuts, tobacco, vanilla and sugarcane are grown in the region, which has a population of about 50,000. The inhabitants are hardy and industrious, those of the plains on the Pacific side being descended from the ancient race of the Zapotecs, and boasting that they were never conquered by the Spaniards. It is said that the women of this race have from time immemorial been able to maintain supremacy over the weaker male sex, leaving the men at home to take care of the house and children, while they carry heavy burdens to market on their heads. They are very handsome, these women, and their native costume is most artistic, including a picturesque headdress.

A Gigantic Fig Tree.

One of the most curious freaks of nature is the gigantic fig tree near Woodbridge, California. It is over 290 feet in circumference. It was planted in the early 50's by some of the first miners that came to California after gold was discovered.

The tree was neglected and as the branches became laden with the fruit they drooped to the ground, and taking root again grew and intertwined with the main trunk until it is now almost a solid tree with the exception of the base which is divided into seven chambers or rooms.

The tree is used very frequently by picnickers and small parties as a dining room, there being benches and tables made in it. There is room to accommodate nearly 100 people. It is estimated that the tree has borne over \$2,000 worth of fruit since it has begun to bear.

Then He Said Good Night.

"Man seldom makes anything perfect."

"Oh, I don't know; some men make perfect bores of themselves."

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Beware of cheap imitations.

It the shoe fits wear it.

Habit-forming Medicines.

Whatever may be the fact as to many of the so-called patent medicines containing injurious ingredients as broadly published in some journals of more or less influence, this publicity has certainly been of great benefit in arousing needed attention to this subject. It has, in a considerable measure, rescued in the most intelligent people avoiding such foods and medicines as may be fairly suspected of containing the injurious ingredients complained of. Recognizing this fact some time ago, Dr. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., took time by the forelock, as it were, and published broadcast all the ingredients of which his popular medicines are composed. Thus he has completely forestalled all harping critics and all opposition that might otherwise be urged against his medicines, because they are now so known comparatively. Furthermore, from the formula printed on every bottle wrapper, it will be seen that these medicines contain no alcohol or other habit-forming drugs. Neither do they contain any narcotics or injurious agents, their ingredients being purely vegetable, extracted from the roots of medicinal plants found growing in the depths of our American forests and of well recognized curative virtues.

Instead of alcohol, which even in small portions long continued, as in obstinate cases of disease, becomes highly objectionable from its tendency to produce a craving for stimulants, Dr. Pierce employs chemically pure, triple-refined glycerine, which of itself is a valuable remedy in many cases of chronic diseases, being a superior demulcent, antiseptic, and softening and supporting agent. It enhances the curative action of the Golden Seal root, Stone root, Black Cherry bark and Bloodroot, contained in "Golden Medical Discovery," in all bronchial, throat and lung affections attended with severe coughs. As will be seen from the writings of the eminent Drs. Grover Cole, of New York; Bartholow, of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia; Scudder, of Cincinnati; Ellingwood, of Chicago; Hale, of New York; and others, these medicines have been chosen to make up his famous "Discovery" for the cure of not only bronchitis, but also of lung affections, but also of chronic catarrh in all its various forms wherever located.

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