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Baby Sympathy. Mr. Sully, in his interesting and popular book on "Studies of Children," devotes a good portion of his attention to the origin of sympathy in the hearts and mind of infants.

Plot for a Modern Novel. He visited the tomb where his beloved was laid. Carrying a lighted candle and kneeling by her coffin, he exclaimed passionately: "Would I could die! Would I could die!"

Recognized the Symptoms. The other day a Rockland (Me.) man rushed down the walk from the house, sprang over the fence into the street, slipped his leg twice, took off his hat, and wiping his brow looked into the sky and laughed loudly, executed a little dance and then, noticing an acquaintance, shot violently across the street, with his hand outstretched and mouth open.

Husband and Wife. The latest work published by Gustav Wied, a modern Scandinavian writer, contains the following dialogue: "You often hear it said of a married couple that they lead a cat and dog life. Why, to be sure, the wife is the wicked, cunning, silly, lying, intelligent, crafty, mean, spiteful cat; the husband, the good, generous, clever, truthful, docile, improving, noble hearted dog."

A Fire Brand. Gadsbooks—I heard of a merchant the other day who is known to be a fire brand, and yet he retains his membership in this church. Gadsbooks—Oh, that's impossible. Zounds—No, it isn't. He has become known as a fire brand because he always firing his clocks.—New York Tribune.

AMONG THE MONTENEGRINS. Strange Characteristics of an Interesting People.

AUTOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. Whose Power Centers Absolutely in the Prince.

Montenegro is first of all soldiers. They begin their military service in childhood and remain soldiers all their lives. The military costume does not differ from the ordinary costume. The poorest man never goes abroad without having in his belt a pistol, and often other arms.

The house of the Montenegro peasant consists of one room. The four walls are built of stone, the roof is thatched with the straw of Indian wheat, and there are one or two windows, mere holes in the wall, in the winter stuffed with straw.

These good folk wear nothing but a kilt about their waists unless to go to church or for a dance on New Year's or some great occasion. The children play marbles all along the street, and, though they are generally very jolly, yet they get awfully cross over their marbles and cry and fight just as boys and girls do at home.

"Little love and much hate," was Rubinstein's own description of himself, and the description was literally correct. He had a strong, heathenish cast of feature, which was often remarked, and there is an authentic story of his being mistaken for an English provincial railway station porter by the late Charles Bradlaugh, who was expected to arrive by the train.

The Origin of Sugar. "Who invented or discovered sugar?" is a question that was recently asked in Germany, and the answer was that sugar has been known since the dawn of history, but not in all countries.

Artificial Skin. A process has been patented in Germany for making a substitute for the natural skin for use in wounds. The muscular coating of the intestines of animals is divested of mucous membrane and then treated in a peptic solution until the muscular fibers are half digested.

Hours and Wages. Reduction of the Former Without Interfering With the Latter. Since 60 years ago there has been here, as well as in England, a great reduction in the hours of labor. But this was not accomplished by a strike of the workmen.

The Usual Fate. Brown—You look as if you had the blues. Robinson—So I have. I've lost my beautiful new silk umbrella. "Where did you leave it?" "I didn't leave it anywhere. The owner met me and took it away from me."—Spare Moments.

HOURS WITH THE DENTIST. Thoughts Coming to Patients in the Chair.

HOW NERVES ARE KILLED. And How, in Some Cases, They Refuse to Die.

I am having a nerve killed, and it is being done with the best of me. Herbert Spencer, Ribot and other eminent collectors of scientific curios devote much discourse to explaining the connection between ideas and the nerves.

Stevenson's Valima. The Romancer's Description of His Samoan Plantation. This man lives in an island which is not very large and is extremely narrow. The sea heats around it, and it is difficult to get to shore.

European Superstitions. Curious Examples of Popular Ignorance in the Old World. A few examples may be cited to show to what extent the popular belief in witchcraft, demoniacal possession and the efficacy of conjurations still prevails.

The Dentist and the Nerve. The vitality of nerves differs in different individuals. I asked the dentist before I came away how long it took a nerve to die. He said from 24 hours to ten days; the average was about 48 hours.

Her Majesty Would Do. The Duke of Sutherland presented a park to one of the pottery towns. The opening was a big event, and the Prince of Wales was asked to perform the ceremony.

Card Counting Machines. Two of the most interesting automotons now working within the limits of the United States are those used by the government for counting and tallying the names into small bundles.

Bell Ringing as a Science. In England the practice of ringing bells has been reduced to a science, and bells have been composed which bear the names of their inventors.

Antagonism of the Sexes. A well-known comedian of convivial disposition not long ago received a gift from his wife a handsome diamond scarf-pin, together with the injunction that when he caught sight of the pin reflected in a mirror behind a bar it would serve to remind him that "some one was waiting at home."

A DEGENERATE OFFSPRING. A Well-born Boy Whose Life Was Disgraceful.

OPPORTUNITIES ABUSED. His Days Were Spent in a Career of Crime.

An eminent Philadelphia physician who died recently had, among his large collection of curios, two wooden rings connected by a cord, and there was much conjecture among his friends as to their use and origin.

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GOT ONE ON HIS WIFE. The Trick a Convivial Comedian Played on His Spouse.

QUEER FACTS ABOUT SPIDERS. They Are Said to Have Artistic Tastes and to Be Greatly Affected by Music.

My attention was called by a clerk in a drug store to a wasp which had been recently decorated with flakes and scales of gold. I thought at first that this beautiful passerette effect had been produced accidentally, but after watching for a few minutes I saw a spider descend into the box of logwood, and a thread of gold to a flake of the dye, hold it to the web above and securely fasten it to one of the transverse strands.

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