

**CHEMISTRY OF TEARS.**

**Are Salty, but Despite the Poets, Not in the Least Bitter.**  
Tears have their functional duty to accomplish, like every other fluid of the body, and the lachrymal gland is not placed behind the eye simply to fill space or to give expression to emotion. The chemical properties of tears consist of phosphate of lime and soda, making them very salty, but never bitter. Their action on the eye is very beneficial, and here consists in their prescribed duty of the body, washing thoroughly that sensitive organ, which allows no foreign fluid to do the same work. Nothing cleanses the eye like a good, tepid shower bath, and medical art has followed nature's law in this respect, advocating the invigorating solution for any distressed condition of the optics. Tears do not weaken the sight, but improve it. They act as a tonic to the muscular vision, keeping the eye soft and limpid, and it will be noticed that women in whose eyes sympathetic tears gather quickly have brighter, tenderer orbs than others. When the pupils are hard and cold the world attributes it to one's disposition, which is a mere figure of speech, implying the lack of balm tears, that are to the cornea what olive is to the skin or nourishment to the blood.

The effect of tears on the skin about the eyes, however, is irritating and inflaming. They keep the epidermis in a dark, puffy condition, and in legends only do weeping women preserve the beauty of their great white lids. The reason some women weep more easily than others, and all more readily than the sterner sex, has not its difference in the strength of the tear gland, but in the possession of a more delicate nerve system. The nerve fibers about the glands vibrate more easily, causing a down-pour from the watery sac. Men are not nearly so sensitive to emotion; their sympathetic nature—the term is used in the medical sense—is less developed, and the eye gland is, therefore, protected from shocks. Consequently, a man should thank the formation of his nerve nature when he contemptuously scores tears as a woman's practice. Why facial distortions should be the usual accompaniment to the sobbing of the gentler sex, there seems no satisfactory solution. It may be that the nerves, which lead to the muscles as wires to marionettes, twitch and pull them in this fashion while they are at work emptying the tear glands of their contents. That the copious shedding of tears "which breaks the ice-bound fetters of the heart" is a healthy action all physicians assert. In some cases it is even thought to avert insanity. Even here the reason is scientific, for it is a relaxation of the brain nerves from a tenseness that was congestion. Between man and monkey there is this essential difference of tears. An ape cannot weep, not so much because its emotional powers are undeveloped as the fact that the lachrymal gland was omitted in his optical make-up.

**Arrested for Shooting Mont Deskins.**  
Robert Alsept and his son Daniel, and Ben Clemons were arrested and taken to Salyersville on the 22nd inst. charged with shooting Mont Deskins from ambush, and were held in bonds of \$1,000 each to appear at the next term of the Magoffin circuit court. Robert Alsept engaged Deskins and his wife in conversation in the middle of the road, and the other two shot from the brush close by. One ball grazed Mrs. Deskins' head and the other ball struck Deskins in the left breast, ranging downward. It is thought he will die.

**The Currency Question.**

The leaders in the Democratic party are reaching a dividing line on the currency question that presents an uncertain future for the party in Kentucky. There is more money in the United States today than at any previous time. It is interchangeable, and has an equal purchasing power. This money is issued by the government. The gold and silver bullion are now purchased and coined by the government, and every dollar is paid out by authority of law. The gold bullion in every dollar is worth one dollar in all the markets of the world. Not so with the silver dollar, which is only worth fifty cents, bullion value; but as it is coined into silver dollars and issued by the United States government, it will always be received at its full face value within that jurisdiction.

The advocates of free and unlimited coinage claim that the hard times are caused by a shortage of money, and that the opening of the mints to the silver mine owners on an equality with gold would produce money sufficient for the business of the country, and that we would return to prosperous times immediately. What the decision of a state held in Kentucky has to do with this monetary question we are at a loss to know; but it is now a campaign question that will not down, even if it destroys the cohesive power of the Democratic party in the state. Congress will meet next December, and it alone has the power to pass laws providing for the coining of money.

The gold and silver standard adherents are divided as two parties. Both claim to desire sound money, yet their votes will have nothing to do with settling the question. Mr. Carlisle has opened the campaign for the present standard, defending himself and his party from the many assaults made upon them; but after all, the party may be wrecked by the madness of men seeking political ambition.

The people of Kentucky seem to favor the free silver idea; but the word "free" has secured many an advocate, just as "sound money" will carry many a follower into its ranks. The party leaders are leading the voters into divided ranks, and a maddened populace of both farmers and business men are denouncing each other so bitterly that Democratic success is in doubt. What the future will bring forth no one can tell, yet all hope that a medium ground for sound money may be reached upon which each and every Democrat can go hand in hand to success in November.—Western Argus.

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