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REGARDING THE BACKBONE

It is Hardly a Majestic Upward Evolution—How It Appears in the Different Animals.

The history of the backbone, like that of most life, is not altogether a majestic upward evolution; it has its tragedies and its setbacks, its hopes and failures, says *Outing Magazine*. In the waters along our seashore are creatures, some sponge or lichen-like, others with strange bulb-like bodies, growing on the end of long stalks. Almost we call them plants. But they hold a secret from the crabs and snails which crawl about, and when the fishes brush against them—if their dull sense only knew it—they might claim a blood brotherhood.

When they were young, for a little while a gristly cord was theirs also, but this, with all the hopes that such a beginning brings, of fish, of birds, of man even, soon melted away, and there they nod and sway in the watery currents, never to know of the opportunity which nature has snatched from them—why, who can tell?

In sharks the backbone has become jointed and flexible, and a rude kind of skull is present, but still more important is the presence of four fins, which correspond to the four legs of lizards and to the wings and legs of birds. A curious basket-like skeleton protects the delicate gills, and it is probable that this existed long before the limbs appeared. All is still of gristly cartilage.

In the higher fishes bone replaces the cartilage; and when the lowly tadpole—fish-like at first, swimming about by means of the fin around his tail—pushes forth his legs and climbs upon the land, our skeleton is well on its way toward.

Reptiles of old took to trees; their backbones grew less flexible so that they might safely sail through the air; feathers replaced scales; two fingers of each hand were lost; teeth disappeared; a beak of horn proved best; intelligence increased and the forehead rose high, and behold—a bird!

"HARD" AND "SOFT" WATER

"Pura Aqua" Means Liquid Which is Free from All Lime as Well as Dirt and Waste.

Progressive physicians, says the *Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette*, are awakening to the fact that pure water means water not only free from any decaying animal or vegetable matter or disease organisms, but also free from any lime. The only way to obtain such pure water is by distillation. The particles of dissolved stone which make water "hard" cannot be used by the body like the organized lime found in cereals, but, on the contrary, the stone in "hard" water produces irritation in the kidneys, aids in the formation of kidney and gall stones, attaches itself to the walls of the arteries, to the valves of the heart, and causes chalky deposits in the joints. Everywhere it does harm and no possible good.

A physician who has practiced for 30 years in a California valley says the hillside upon which he lives is of granite formation, and the water the people drink is consequently "soft." The other side of the hill is composed of limestone, and the water from the springs and well is "hard." The doctor has been struck with the fact that his practice is enormously greater in the limestone district. He finds that the hard water drinkers die of Bright's disease and are crippled with chronic rheumatism, while the soft water imbibers generally live longer and are free from these diseases.

Outdons.

Teacher—Now, boys, I want to see if any of you can make a complete sentence out of two words, both having the same sound to the ear.

First Boy—I can, Miss Smith.
Teacher—Very well, Robert. Let us hear your sentence.

First Boy—"Write right."
Teacher—Very good.

Second Boy—Say, Miss Smith, I can beat that. I can make three words of it: "Wright, write right."

Third Boy (excitedly)—Gee! Hear this! "Wright, write 'rite right."
Teacher (thrown off her guard)—Whew!—Lippincott's Magazine.

RESULT OF A WEE SMILE.

Excellent Quality of Groceries Followed Relaxation of Cook's Physiognomy—Bill Was Paid, Too.

"I will say that you've taken some pains with this order," said the pretty cook, inspecting the contents of the groceryman's basket, according to the *Chicago Daily News*. "That's the best bunch of celery that you've brought me in a long time and them cranberries is great."

"Anything wrong about the potatoes?" asked the groceryman. "Ain't them apples as fine greenings as ever you seen?"

"They ain't bad," admitted the cook. "The last I had weren't fit to throw out an' the celery was so tough an' stringy Mr. Cassells couldn't eat it. The eggs look pretty good, too."

"Don't they?" said the groceryman, picking one up and holding it to the light. "Look at that! As big as a duck's egg and fresh as a daisy. All of 'em are. I'll bet half of 'em have got double yolks. If you find one among the lot that ain't as good as it might be I'll swaller it raw. Just cast your eye on the butter there."

"There were four eggs bad out of the last dozen I had and the butter was strong enough to crack the plate I put it on," said the cook. "I don't mind tellin' you I advised Mr. Cassells to change his grocer."

"What?" said the groceryman, reproachfully. "And have some other feller come around deliverin'?"

"I might have stood it," said the cook.

"Evelina," said the groceryman, solemnly, "do you know why you have got the best of everything today?"

"I don't," replied the cook. "That's what's puzzlin' me right now. It wasn't because I kicked, because I've kicked before an' that's all the good it's done me."

"Evelina," said the groceryman, "you may have forgotten it, but you smiled on me yesterday. That there smile warmed my heart an' I thought of it when I was pickin' out your stuff this mornin'. When I remembered the way you looked, with your teeth as white as new hulled rice an' your lips the color of them cranberries an' your eyes as bright as a new tin kettle, I went to work and got out the best of everything in sight."

"G'way," said the cook, smiling nevertheless.

"Now, a kind word," urged the groceryman; "no tellin' what that will do to your order to-morrow."

"You can't jolly me," said the cook.

"It's true," said the groceryman. "If you hadn't smiled an' Mr. Cassells hadn't paid his bill yesterday an' the boss hadn't directed me to give him a little better'n usual there's no tellin' what you'd have drawn this mornin'."

HAIR IN DICKENS' WATCH.

Mystery in Connection with Male Tress in Timepiece of the Famous Author.

Mr. E. S. Williamson, of the Canadian crown lands department, president of the Dickens fellowship, has discovered another interesting relic of Dickens, the great author, and one which curiously enough he has been carrying around for a few years without knowing it.

He has been the possessor since 1901 of the first gold watch carried by Dickens, which was brought to this country by Francis Jeffery Dickens, the third son of the author, who came to Canada shortly after his father's death and became inspector in the northwest mounted police. His father gave him the watch as a keepsake. Recently Mr. Williamson sent the timepiece to a local jeweler to be cleaned and the latter discovered in the back case a secret recess. In this was a lock of dark hair, a man's evidently, tied with thread. Whose is it? That is the question Mr. Williamson would like to solve.

Mr. Williamson thinks it may have been cut from the novelist's own head and placed in his watch when he was giving it to his son.

Dyspepsia from Eye Strain.

Dr. George M. Gould, the Philadelphia eye specialist, asserts that fully half of the sufferers from eye strain have some form of dyspepsia, partly, at least, as a consequence of their visual defects.

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