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crease, in fact, is brought about by no addition to wealth at all, but by merely marking up the price of real estate, the valuation of real estate being greatly advanced in these eight years. One-third of the wealth of the United States is found in the four states of New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Ohio.

NEW ELIXIR OF LIFE.

To the national convention of the American Institute of Homoeopathy Dr. Blackwood of Chicago has announced his discovery of an ideal food extracted from the species of grass commonly known as alfalfa. This compressed compound is taken in the form of a tincture and the virtues claimed for it are that it stimulates appetite, banishes indigestion and builds up the general system in a way described as marvelous. Extensive experiments have been conducted, so Dr. Blackwood reports, on patients at the Hahnemann hospitals and in every case the effects have been to restore vigor to the alimentary organs and induce conditions of health. The only drawback is that this diet provokes instead of satisfying hunger, and that in this day of high prices is a serious one. "We gave the treatment," says the doctor "to a class of seventeen simultaneously and without exception those taking it became so ravenous that they were forced to eat five or six times a day." And this yearning, as we understand it, is for diet other than that of which the scientific name is "mesogastric." In other words we gather the preparation not to be strictly a food, but something that at once creates the desire for food and supplies the agency for its assimilation. The suggestion is that Nebuchadnezzar was not so crazy as his contemporaries thought him when he went down on his knees in the fields and fed upon the herbage thereof.

VAGRANT VERSE.

LA RUE DE LA MONTAGNE SAINTE-GENEVIÈVE.

(Dorothy Dudley, in the Poetry Magazine.) I have seen an old street weeping—Narrow, dark, ascending; Water o'er the spires Of a church descending; The church thrice veiled—in rain In the shadow of the years, In the grace of old design; Thin dwellings, blind with tears, Rotting on either side The winding passage way, To where the river crosses Weeping, under gray And limpid heavens weeping. Gardens I have seen Through arched doors, whose gratings Ever cry the keen Dim melodies of face Long used and rare, gardens With an old time grace Vibrating, dimly trembling In the music of the rain. Roses I have seen drip a faint Perfume, and lilacs train A quivering loveliness From door to arched door Passing by in flower curts; While waters even pour O'er the white stones of the fountain, Melting idly away Half way up the mountain; Where to mingle tears with tears, Their clothes mishappen, sobbing, Two or three old women, In wooden sabots hobbling, Meet to fill their pitchers. From the stream of water leaping Through the lips, a long time parted, Of a face grotesquely weeping—A carved face forever weeping.

WEALTH OF THE UNITED STATES.

The Census Bureau's bulletin giving the wealth of the United States at 188 billion dollars, in round figures, or \$1,965 per capita, is surprising, in view of the census estimate of but 107 billions in 1904. The United States by these figures is far and away the wealthiest nation. The figures given are for the year 1912 and 110 billions out of the 188 billions are real estate and improvements. Railroads are put in at 16 billions and manufactured goods on hand at 14 billions. Outside of these three items the total wealth of the nation is 48 billion dollars. Livestock exceeds 6 billions in value, manufacturing machinery and tools are 6 billions and agricultural products on hand 5 billions. The value of street railways is 4 1/2 billion dollars, of clothing and personal adornments 4 billions and of gold and silver coin and bullion something over 2 1/2 billions. It is estimated that all taxation of the country comes to a little over 2 billion dollars a year, or a little more than 1 per cent of the national wealth. In the great increase of wealth since 1904, the greatest in the nation's history, there is a good deal besides new wealth produced. The biggest in-

LEADERETTES.

The Treaty of peace after the Franco-Prussian war was signed May 10, 1871, at Frankfurt-on-the-Main. Aluminum can be rolled into sheets one two-thousandths of an inch in thickness that are as strong as tin foil. The giraffe is said to be the only animal in nature that is entirely dumb, not being able to express itself by any sound whatever. Austria last year had 32 works for producing copper ore. There are now 67 bird reserves in the United States where wild fowl may live unmolested. The world's record sugar plantation contains 13,000 acres, 30 miles of railway and employs 1,500 people. With an area equal to that of Texas, two-thirds of it tillable, Morocco has less than 10 per cent of its soil under cultivation. The momentum of a modern 12-car railroad train running a mile a minute is equal to that of a ton weight falling from a height of 21 miles.

The Young Lady Across The Way

The young lady across the way says she guesses the stock-market situation must be improving as she saw in the paper that there was very heavy European selling and she supposes we'll soon own all the securities.

Off Agin On Agin STRICKLAND W. GILLILAN

The Penmanship Bird

They ask what's become of this old-time and that; They ask of the man with the but-terfly hat; They query of him who wore rubber-gored shoes, Of him who took snuff when he'd clean out his fuses. But the one I most miss—of whom least I have heard—is the guy who could dash off a penmanship bird! Oh, fearfully, wonderfully fashioned was it! It hadn't a leg, so it couldn't well fly. The lines of its wings were all curled, so it couldn't well fly. The skill of the penman the "drawing" should show. The tail was a marvel—say, when have you heard Of the guy who committed that penmanship bird? The Audubon sharps could have given no light On its species or family, try as they might. No wise ornithologist running a college Could assist us a bit from the depths of his knowledge. For Science, since first she existed, has heard Of naught that resembled that penmanship bird.

In The Huckleberry Belt

Found.—Remedy for Black Tongue, that has not failed in a single instance.—Advertisement in Raleigh News and Courier.

Our Old Friend Life

A poet cuss in the Richmond, Va., News Leader, enunciates thus: Life is a smile, A sigh, a tear, The little while We linger here. A little blue, A little rain, A cloud or two, Then sun again. A little dark, A little gloom, A singing lark— Starlight and home.

Just like that. To which we profanely append:

Life is a mess, A gob, a fright; We must confess It ain't just right.

A little play, A lot of work, Which, some old way, We cannot shirk!

A little dough, A heap of debts, Then we must go— Or send regrets.

More Defining

What's Elmer? What's an Innocent bystander? It is a rubberneck that something happens to, my son.

Don't Jump At Conclusions

She could talk in Greek and Latin; She could hunt herself or fatten; She could do the latest dances better than that Castle pair, She (you think a "but" is due here, But I'm springing something new, dear!) She could cook like S. T. Rorer, and make biscuit light as air!

The Terminal Preposition Lady

"Yes," said the lady who always uses a preposition to end a sentence with. "Mrs. Van Taps in the fondest woman I'm of, but her husband is the digustedest man I'm at. I wish I knew some scheme for her to get away from him with. That's the easiest thing I'm after. I'm so afraid he'll do her some harm if they don't separate—that's the un-easiest thing I'm about. In fact the way he treats her is the most digustedest thing I'm over. I tell her she ought to divorce him—it's the strongest thing I'm for."

The Wit-Sharpening Influence of Travel

"What was the most interesting thing you saw in the Arkansas hills?" "A hollow-ground auto-stop safety, aorback honing himself against a sweet gum tree."

Or Some Other Time

A man never feels old till some man about fifty assists him on a street-car.—Dayton, O., News. Or until, sometime when he is feeling particularly young and dapper, a big bulk accosts him with "Ma us t' go t' school to you."

HEALTH TALKS BY WILLIAM BRADY, M.D.

Facts About Cancer

In most cases of cancer, contrary to common belief, there is no history of cancer in the family. Cancer is not a definite disease; it is a group of different diseases, all more or less malignant or fatal, if not promptly recognized and properly treated. Epithelioma, or skin cancer, is the least malignant and the most curable. Carcinoma, or gland cancer, develops usually in some internal organ, but it often appears in the breast. It spreads by "metastases"—which means the breaking off from the parent cancer of a minute fragment of cancer cells, and the carrying of these seeds to fresh soil, near to or far from the parent cancer; carcinoma also spreads by direct growth. Unlike plants, however, the cancer; the cancer nourishes the roots. That is to say the growth is an extension of the cancer through the roots. As many of these roots are invisible to the naked eye it is impossible to say that any given treatment has destroyed all the roots; only time will tell. Sarcoma is the most rapidly fatal form of cancer. It will develop anywhere, at any age; it is likely to give rise to secondary growths at distant places in the body very early—the first few weeks—owing to the ease with which minute seed fragments break off and enter the circulation. Although any kind of cancer may occur at any age, sarcoma is characteristically a disease of young persons or children; carcinoma is a disease of middle age; epithelioma is a disease of advanced age. Epithelioma appears most frequently upon the cheek, the face or the lip. At first, perhaps for months or years, it is just a "pimple," a "wart" or a "sore" that falls to heal, or bleeds easily. At this stage clean surgical removal is trifling and almost certain to cure, especially if a few X-ray treatments of the scar follow the little office operation. Patches of various kinds will sometimes prove curative, but at great risk of death from blood poisoning, which is so hard to guard against in a necessarily dirty treatment, and almost invariably at the cost of much pain and prolonged anxiety during the slow healing of the ugly ulcer left by the caustic ingredient of the paste. Personally, when we discovered a near-cancer on our precious hide a few months ago, did we sidestep the knife? Not for an hour. We had it neatly and painlessly carved out by a cruel, but thorough colleague, and now we are happy all the day.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The Passing of "Liver Complaint"

Why is it, muses a thoughtful correspondent, people have less liver complaint than formerly? One rarely hears of a case nowadays, whereas we used to be quite unanimous about it, leastwise in springtime.

Answer—Well, we don't drink so much as we used, and besides the doctors have learned to call it gallstones and appendicitis—which acts somewhat as a deterrent.

The Chance of Survival

Please state if statistics show any light on the chances of survival for a person now thirty-one years old.

Answer—According to the American Experience Table the odds are fifty-fifty he will live thirty-six years.

Dr. Brady will answer all questions pertaining to Health. If your question is of general interest it will be answered through these columns; if not it will be answered personally if stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed. Dr. Brady will not prescribe for individual cases or make diagnoses. Address all letters to Dr. William Brady, care of this newspaper.

Vest Pocket Essays by GEORGE FITCH

AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES—LELAND STANFORD, JR.

LELAND STANFORD, JR., Duke University, at Palo Alto, California, is the greatest memorial ever erected to a boy.

Then Leland Stanford, Jr., died, his heart-broken parents decided to make his memory permanent. To do so they founded Leland Stanford, Jr., University. By means of this great school the Stanfords who only had about \$50,000,000 will be remembered long after the rest of the western millionaires have faded into shirt-sleeve descendants.

Leland Stanford, Jr., University started its career with more money than any other school in the world. It cost the Stanford family about \$30,000,000 to build it and get it into commission. Its endowment is now \$24,000,000. Only Harvard has more money and only Harvard, Yale and Chicago have had more advertising.

This University is also unique, because of its buildings. They are mostly of old Spanish mission architecture arranged in courts and quadrangles and surrounded with semi-tropical plants. The University itself is as much a sight for the tourist as if it were located in Spain and is several hundred times as interesting to look at as Heidelberg, Edinburgh or many other famous seats of learning and tombs of architecture.

The most famous building on the Stanford campus is the memorial chapel with its vast mosaic front and its thrilling exhibit of the last breakfast. This building was badly, but not quite sufficiently, damaged in the great earthquake—Stanford being the only American University to have entertained a seismic disturbance produced by nature instead of by the students.

Stanford University was founded in 1891 and now has about 2,000 students with one professor or instructor for each eight students. It has the second largest library west of the Mississippi River. It is co-educational, Californian to the Nth degree, and its chief ambition of

its student body is to make the State University look like a few scattering nickels on all possible occasions. Stanford and California were the first American schools to adopt Rugby football and their annual battles which have now been discontinued drew enormous and reverberating crowds. Stanford has also sent many sterling athletes to the Intercollegiate track meets in Chicago. In fact next to Chicago University it is about the liveliest educational infant in the country.

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Views Of The Press

Edison's "American" Plan For Defense

Another American inventor, Thomas A. Edison, thinks that we should not follow the European lines of preparation for war which have proved so disastrous. Instead of an increased standing army of unproductive men, he advocates, in the New York Times, new military and naval academies for the training of 25,000 to 40,000 drill sergeants competent to instruct quickly a vast number of volunteer soldiers in time of emergency. Modern warfare, he says, is more a matter of machines than of men, and most of the machines are simple compared to those of industry. We should not take men from industry and over-train them, but have 2,000,000 rifles ready, armories equipped with machinery for rapid manufacture of new firearms, stores of ammunition and machinery to make high explosives, a supply of a thousand trenching en-

gines ready, together with every other mechanical equipment for rapid defense. Less than five per cent of the country would need defense from invasion, and automobiles would transport men quickly to where they are needed. He would build many aeroplanes and submarines, harbor defense mines and vessels to plant them, cruisers and battleships—all to be tested, but for the most part put in cold storage, so to speak, until the day of need came. Training of many officers, as suggested for army and navy, is the important matter to Mr. Edison's mind. Create a great surplus of trained men, he urges, then send them back to industry, with payment of an annual retainer. Then let the government maintain a great research laboratory, jointly under military and naval and civilian control.—Current Opinion.

CARTOONS OF THE DAY

"THESE ARE TIMES WHICH TRY MEN'S SOULS"



Cartoon in the New York Evening Sun

The PEOPLE'S LEGAL FRIEND by E. R. BRANSON

She Bought Shoes On False Pretense

Q. A woman came to my store for the purpose of buying a pair of shoes. At the same time she wanted me to charge them to her account. As she had no account with the store, I asked her something about references. So then said that she had wealthy relatives and, further, I then told her she could have the shoes. Later, upon attempting to collect the bill, I found that the statements made to me were untrue. Please tell me whether she was guilty of any criminal offense?

A. The facts as you give them show that she obtained goods by false pretenses. This is a criminal offense.

When The Rent Is Due

Q. Does a landlord have to demand rent the day it is due to be entitled to it?

A. It is not necessary, under the Illinois law, for a landlord, in order to protect himself, to make a demand for rent on the very day it becomes due.

Insurance Companies And Mutual Benefits Association

Q. Is there any special difference, as far as the contract is concerned, between an insurance policy issued by a regular life insurance company and the certificate of membership issued by a mutual benefit association or a life indemnity company?

A. Yes. In the case of the regular life insurance company, the contract is made with the beneficiary named in the policy. In the case of a mutual benefit association or life indemnity company, the certificate of membership constitutes a contract between the association or company and the member to whom it is issued.

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A. No. It was expressly repealed by the law creating the State Public Utilities Commission.

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A. He will be liable if the trespass was committed in the ordinary and usual course of the employment and not as a result of a wild departure from such employment and business.

Art, as construed by the magazines, appears to be a picture of a woman wearing only one or two articles of clothing.

The Unmarried Man Who "Sponges on" His Married Friends

We don't say that his married friends don't want him. On the contrary, they like to have him come. The young married man, having given up the club habit, likes to hear about "the boys" from him; the young wife, anxious to keep her husband satisfied with home life, is only too glad to entertain him. And this is just where he wins; he can get what he wants without the thought of returning! There he chugs up to their door in an automobile, he needn't bother his head about offering them a ride in return for some of their dinners. Though he sees a need of this or that little piece of silver on their table, he doesn't feel compelled to make them a gift; let them get it out of their next month's money. He sometimes even hints to the young woman that she could "make it mighty nice for him" by inviting this or that girl for him to meet. He's stuffing himself.

It was a Kansas woman, of course, who traded the family refrigerator for a pair of roller skates. A Kansas man would have dickered for a different kind of skate.

It is often hard to determine whether a man is on his way to play chess, or merely is returning from a funeral.

Every farmer thinks the neighbor on the other side of the line fence has a little of his land.

Eph Wiley says the trouble with him is that his jokes are too good for the front porch, and not quite good enough for vaudeville.

The position of an actress in regard to appearing in tighta often depends on how she looks in tighta.

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