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As a means of respiration are usually affected, the breathing is greatly impeded, and often, for the time, rendered wholly impossible, the chest being held as in a vise. Death frequently results from this cause, the system being previously exhausted by pain and lack of sleep and nourishment. If the patient survives beyond the twelfth day he is likely to recover; but no known medicine is able to do more than promote sleep and benumb the sensibilities.

The cause is unknown. It may follow wounds, or be independent of wounds, the latter being the most hopeful cases. The wounds may be either severe or slight, but most wounds are not followed by tetanus. It is probable that in persons of a peculiar nervous susceptibility, and under certain not well understood conditions, a poison is developed within the system. Hence, the only hope of a cure is to sustain the patient with stimulants, nourishment and sleep until the system can eliminate the poison.

In case of a severe wound, especially in the neighborhood of nerve centers, great care should be exercised in dressing the injury, so as to bring the parts well together, and the parts should be kept clean with mild carbolic acid solution, or some other antiseptic wash.—Youth's Companion.

Things One Don't Like to Hear.

"And finally, dear brethren."

"Here is the milliner's bill, Algy—only seventy dollars."

"No, Mr. Smyth; but I will be a sister to you."

"I say, Jenkins, I heard a good story to-day, and I must tell it to you."

"Mr. De Browne, your services will not be required after Saturday next."

"If you please, Mrs. Miss Heavywell would like me to tell you she's not at home."

"Charles, it is half-past three o'clock. Where have you been until this hour?"

"Good morning. I am introducing a work which should be in every library."

"You want to marry my daughter, eh? Well, young man, what are your expectations?"

"When will you be ready to return that ten dollars, Robinson? This is the fifth time I've asked you for it."

"Alfred, what do you think? I received a letter from dear mamma this morning, and she's coming to spend a month with us."—Los Angeles Tribune.

Using Money Sensibly.

The great majority of men live so nearly up to the full measure of their income that losses by reason of sickness or other causes put them on the downward track, which once begun is so difficult to retrace. It is far easier when money is plenty to learn new methods of expenditure than to reverse the process. The art of using money sensibly is difficult. Probably in the cases of the poorest the larger share of their scanty earnings goes for what does them more harm than good. This is always true of those who in health become a valid object of charity. An annual increase in national wealth is a large average. All the earnings of labor and capital above that for food and subsistence. A comparatively small sum yearly, compounded and secure from any charges, soon rivals the profits of a large and successful business.—Boston Budget.

How a Baby's Life Was Saved.

Death, the grim monster, is fond of entering the happy family circle, and to cut down with his fatal scythe the sweet young blossom of humanity which cheer and brighten the household; but often the keen edge of his scythe can be averted by the fond parents, if they will exercise good judgment in procuring an efficient remedy for their ailing child. Such a case is related below, and the testimony given by the mother can not fail to impress itself upon the memory of all mothers who may be called upon to undergo a similar experience, and who are anxious to save their own baby's life from the insidious attack of a disease which poisons the very fount of life, to end finally in death.

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GASTONIA, N. C., April 4, 1887.

Gentlemen—Several months ago my baby, then only four months old, developed scrofula. He had two severe risings and sores on the neck. I sent for our family physician, who pronounced the case scrofula, and prescribed S. S. S. for it. I gave the baby S. S. S. for a month, and it soon got the disease under control. The sores were healed, and the baby very well and healthy in appearance.

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BEFORE THE CAMERA.

How Famous Politicians Behave in the Photograph Gallery.

A noted photographer in Washington tells some interesting stories about the bearing of our leading statesmen before the camera.

"I have posed all the members of the Cabinet and most of the Senators and Congressmen," said he, "some of them fall into position with all the grace of professional actors, but the majority give me a great deal of trouble. Senator Edmunds is one of the worst subjects I have ever had, on account of the expression he invariably assumes at the critical moment. He will look pleasant while being posed, smile when told he is all right and beam on the black cloth while the artist is making his preparations, but the moment the cloth is removed a fierce look comes into his eyes, his muscles grow rigid and his whole appearance is that of a Sepoy about to be fired from a cannon. When requested to take on a more pleasant expression he complies, with a smile, which lasts till the camera is again uncovered. Then again comes that fierce 'I'll-die-if-must' expression. I could never catch a pleasant look on his face.

"Mr. Blaine is a model sitter. He falls into position gracefully and needs little aid from the poser. He is not easily pleased, however. He is a photographic critic of the keenest kind and can detect the slightest faults in the proofs. Sometimes he is taken a half dozen sittings to satisfy him.

"Senator Evans does not look well in his photographs, because he insists on posing himself. He has a large nose, you know, and his chief anxiety is to conceal it as much as possible. Since a generous lady once can not, by any effort of art, be transformed into a delicate Grecian figure, the Senator is never satisfied with his photographs.

"Senator Sherman takes a poor picture, because he assumes a smile which is foreign to his features. If he would only look grim and stern, as he does outside the photograph gallery, his face would be impressive on pastebord, even if it could not be called beautiful. But the Senator tries to look sweetly benign, and the result is an expression bordering on the funny. This is invariably the case with stern men who try to smile before the camera.

"Secretary Whitney has had but one set of photographs taken since he has been at the head of the Navy Department, and those were for private distribution. Unlike most prominent men at the Capital, he does not care to see his face in store windows. Curiously enough, too, his pictures are the handsomest we have taken of Government officials. He is the only instance I know of in Washington public life of good looks and modesty going hand in hand.

"Secretary Lamar is fond of assuming a poetic, ethereal expression, which comes near to utter blankness. To add to the impression that he is a poet far above thoughts of earth, he rumples his hair and lets it fall so as to almost cover his eyes. He is fond of seeing his face on pastebord and distributes his pictures liberally.

"Senator Hoar takes well. He sits down, clasps his chubby hands, and lets his face resolve itself into sunbeams. He has the sweetest smile I have ever seen on the face of a public man. He never asks for proofs, being satisfied from experience that the camera does him justice because he does justice to the camera.

"Senator Sewell is rather troublesome. He always wants the positionist to pose him in such a way that the little bald spot on his head can be concealed. I have tried it, and in vain. The only way it could be accomplished would be for the Senator to place his face horizontally to the ceiling, but when I told him this he got angry.

"Senator Fry looks in his picture quite the heavy villain. He seems downright blood-thirsty when he faces the camera, and no amount of personation can soften his features. I have tried funny stories, humorous suggestions and little practical jokes; but to no purpose. He still looked as if it was his dearest wish to be let loose among his fellow-citizens with a deringer.

"Senator Wade Hampton is particularly so to one point only—his handsome features. When we show him a proof, he glances at once at his side-face adornments, seems to count all the hairs, and if he finds one missing he has no criticism to offer. He passes many minutes fondly arranging his whiskers before taking the chair.

"Senator Beck takes, perhaps, the best picture in the Senate. His face is broad and handsome, his bearing manly and graceful, and his iron-gray locks are things of beauty. And isn't he proud of them? He knows that his photograph is something to be admired, so he does not by any means object to having it in the windows for sale. He gives us a call regularly every three months.

"It is a pleasure to pose Mr. Randall. He has natural grace, and perfect command of his features. He can assume any expression, untrifled by the humorist before him. Like Senator Hoar, he never has to come back for a second sitting.

"Mr. Morrison is quite the opposite. His expression when in the chair would excite the laughter of any looker-on except a 'positionist.' If the expression were translated into words it would read something like this: 'I've got my eye on you, my man, and if you make a movement I will send a bullet through your heart.'

"Speaker Carlisle is a good subject. He looks serious and natural, just as he does at his desk in the House of Representatives."—N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.

—Wayback man—"No use talking. Thirteen is an unlucky number. Omakus—"I don't believe any such superstition." "If you'd lost a nother the way I did you'd believe it." "What happened to him?" "He didn't believe any of those old superstitions, either, and one day he took thirteen big drings of whisky, had rounn' on a wagger, and the thirteenth dose killed him dead—'n' a mackerel."—Omaha World.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Magistrate—"Did the prisoner make a full confession?" Policeman—"No, sir. He made the confession when he was full."—Philadelphia Call.

The Norfolk News tells of a young man named Charles Swedberg who is charged with stealing fifty-two dollars from his widowed mother. He has not been examined. He can never be successfully examined without the aid of a microscope.

A beautiful geyser has belched forth at the Upper Basin, near Mammoth Hot Springs, Wyoming. It throws a stream into the air 150 feet in height. It is located two hundred yards from the Spasmator, and is one of the grandest on the formation.

—Jenkins—"Don't you enjoy the conversation of Bluffins?" "I think him an inimitable talker." Smith—"O, yes, I like it; but there is one thing he can't do that I would enjoy much more." J.—"What is that?" S.—"Keep his mouth shut."—Boston Budget.

—Quite a number of persons crossed the Arkansas river the other day at Garden City to see a herd of buffalo now grazing on the prairie. There are about thirty young calves and one or two cows in the herd. The owner intends making an effort to cross them with domestic cattle.

—John D. Van Gorp, sixty-nine years of age, of Dingman's Ferry, Pike County, Pa., was killed by a bee sting on the wrist Wednesday morning. A few moments after he was stung the pain became so intense that he started for the house. As he entered the door he groaned: "O, I'm going to die!" and immediately expired.

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—Since they reduced fares to five cents the Philadelphia street railroads have been able to declare increased dividends. They are just now finding out how much they lost by keeping fares at six cents. The elevated roads in New York are having a similar experience and the talk of abolishing five-cent fares is declared to be without foundation.

—"Making good resolutions and then breaking them ruin a man's character," said Bjens, philosophically, "and I'm not going to ruin my character in that way any more." "O, my dear," said Mrs. Bjens, "I'm so glad to hear you say that. You won't break your good resolutions after this, will you, dear?" "No, my darling," said Bjens, heroically, "I won't. After this I'm not going to make any."—Journal of Education.

—Quite a strange phenomenon was seen in Mr. Butts' poultry yard at Orlando, Fla., a day or two ago. A small chicken was seen walking around swelled out to the shape of a huge puff-ball, and terribly distorted, apparently by some watery humor. The anxious owner thought it had the dropsy, and at once proceeded to tap it with a razor, when it was found to be inflated with air. How the chick happened to get in that fix nobody knows.

—An American, Ga., gentleman says: "Last Thursday evening I saw a curiosity in the shape of a sand cloud. It appeared to be about 500 feet high and looked like an inverted funnel. The base seemed to be forty or fifty yards wide, and its apex extended to a point some 500 feet high. It was whirling with frightful rapidity, and went straight up out of sight. It roared like a train of cars, which I thought it was until I saw the cloud. It was about two and a half miles northwest of America."

—Little Nellie, five years old, went to walk on Sunday afternoon with her parents. The party strolled along the bank of the reservoir, concerning the use of which Nellie asked many questions. While they were there a small boy's straw hat was blown off his head into the reservoir and fished out, with no little difficulty, with the aid of a long pole. That evening at supper as Nellie was drinking water from a glass she asked: "Is this water the same as the water up in the reservoir?" "Yes, dear," Nellie snatched her lips in an experimental way, and with a slight expression of displeasure. "Well," she said, "I think it tastes some of a straw hat."—Boston Transcript.

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