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The Action of Chloroform.

The impression held by Dr. George F. Shrady as to the greater safety of chloroform in young people, relatively, than in old, is of note in connection with the case of a boy patient, about 9 years of age, whom he saw in consultation with two other physicians and who was to undergo an exploratory operation for a wound of the head sustained in falling down stairs. He passed very easily under chloroform anæsthesia, when suddenly he ceased breathing, the eyes became glassy, and death pallor quickly spread over his face. Bystanders said the boy was dead, and Dr Shrady was ready to express the same opinion, but concluded to institute artificial respiration at once, and continued it 20 minutes before obtaining any sign of life—respiration had entirely ceased, the radial pulse could not be felt, and the only evidence of life had been a few convulsive heart beats.

Suspension by the feet was tried as well as the inhalation of nitrate of amyl. The case appeared desperate, and though tempted repeatedly to abandon his efforts Dr. Shrady was finally rewarded by the return of consciousness. This was his first unpleasant experience with chloroform, although constantly on the lookout for it. It demonstrated in a striking manner the rapidity and force of its action at a time when danger was perhaps least expected. The patient's heart was sound, the chloroform of guaranteed purity, and every precaution observed.—New York Tribune.

Raining Cats and Dogs.

Many explanations have been given of the origin of the expression "raining cats and dogs." One is that it is a perversion of the French "catadoupe"—a waterfall—"it is raining a catadoupes," or cataracts. Another explanation is that the male blossoms of the willow tree, which are used on Palm Sunday to represent the branches of palm, were called "cats and dogs" in some parts of England, where they increase rapidly after a few warm April showers, and the belief prevailed that the rain brought them.

Others trace the saying to northern mythology, in which the cat is said to have great influence on the weather, and sailors still have a saying, "The cat has a gale of wind in her tail," when she is unusually frisky. Witches that rode upon the storms were said to assume the form of cats, and the stormy northwest wind is called "the cat's nose" in the Hartz mountains even at the present day. Then the dog is a symbol of wind, which in old German pictures is figured as the head of a dog or wolf from which blasts issue. The cat, therefore, symbolizes a downpour of rain; the dog, strong gusts of wind, which accompany it, and so a rain "of cats and dogs" is a heavy rain with wind.—Brooklyn Eagle.

The Gains of Protection.

The wealth of the United States was in 1860 $16,000,000,000, one-half of which was destroyed during the civil war. In June, 1887, our wealth touched the imperial figures of $50,000,000,000, earning $7,000,000 each day. In 1860 the wealth of the United States was $415 per capita; in 1887, $1,000 per capita. In these years of protection the United States has carried over one-half of the sum added to the world's wealth during that time. We nearly equal Great Britain in the production of iron and excel her in the production of steel. In 1860 manufactures in the United States amounted to $1,800,000,000; in 1887 to $7,000,000,000. Our total industries now amount to $11,000,000,000. The western states manufactured nearly as much in 1887 as the whole country in 1860. The southern states alone now make 10 per cent more pig iron than was made in the United States in 1860. The annual product of the United States exceeds that of England by more than one-half, and our trade is double that of England. England has increased her commerce less than six times since 1860; the United States has increased her commerce more than six times. While England has increased her export trade four times, the exports of the United States have increased eight times. In these years, from the third producing power, we have risen to the first. Up to 1860 the entire exports of the United States were $9,000,000,000; since then they have amounted to $14,000,000,000.

Paderewski's Endurance.

M. Paderewski, the night before a recital in London, practiced all night, or, at least, until 3:30 a. m. The morning after the recital he went to Cheltenham, where he played the same afternoon before a densely packed audience. He exhibited no fatigue.—New York Sun.

He Married Her.

He (after the honeymoon)—Why did you use to talk so much about being afraid that some one would marry you for money?

She (a smart woman)—Because if any one did marry me for money, it would be such a terrible mistake, you know, because I haven't any.

He—Oh—um—yes, yes, of course.—New York Weekly.

Aluminium has been put into another use. The French couturieres now use the metal in the making of the modern gown. A hoop of aluminium is placed in the bottom of the skirt for the purpose of making it hang well.

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"How can you judge??"

"By the behavior of my heirs."—Paris Gaulois.

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"An is yure man workin now, Mrs. Mullay?"

"He is that, Mrs. Tooley."

"Phwat do he bedoin, Mrs. Mullay?"

"Coachin convicts, Mrs. Tooley."

"Phwat's that, Mrs. Mullay?"

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