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SPONGES, SURGERY AND LAW.

If a surgeon uses his can-opener on your anatomy, cuts off your appendix or some other part of your insides, and then sews you up but leaves a sponge or two mixed up with your innards, and the excess baggage which is left within causes you to kick the bucket, in order that your heirs, successors and assigns may recover damages from the sawbones they must prove that he was negligent.

Such is the decision of the Oklahoma supreme court. Even upon cursory consideration, it would seem that the doctrine laid down by the learned court is eminently sound. That a surgeon who would wilfully, maliciously and with malice aforethought sew up a sponge in one should be held strictly responsible for his unethical conduct would probably be admitted by any fair minded person, but should such a thing happen in the course of the general run of business without any act of negligence upon the part of the saw bones, manifestly it would be very unjust to hold him responsible for it.

In the case which was decided by the high court this week, the surgeon set up as a defense the fact that he had told the nurse to take an inventory of the sponges before he sewed up the patient and she had assured him that all had been accounted for; hence he, the said surgeon, was not to blame for the unfortunate incident. Under the circumstances, it is easy for anybody to see that the surgeon was not guilty. He was hired merely to do the slashing, not to take out the sponges, which was a comparatively unimportant detail delegated to the nurse. Except for the trifling matter that it might cause the death of the patient the removal of a few sponges was too small a thing to receive any special attention.

We are not surprised by the decision of the high court. Indeed it would be difficult to see how the sagacious jurist could have ruled otherwise. That the sponge was left there and that the patient died—these facts were not questioned. To the court the mere fact that they were left did not necessarily imply any negligence on the part of the surgeon. Little things like that might easily happen without anybody being to blame and least of all the man in charge of the job. The marvel is that the trial court didn't see that the whole suit was foolish in the first place.

When Glands Swell Blood Needs Attention

Even a Sweat Gland May Result in Severe Consequence.



In our intricate body the use of S. S. S. for the blood has a most remarkable influence. We little realize our glandular system. It may be a tiny bulb no bigger than a pin point, and yet if a disease germ gets into it, there is a tremendous swelling. It becomes a boil, a carbuncle, it may be a "blood rising," and it is often a source of continuous misery if not checked. Many of the most excruciating forms of torture begin with the swelling of a tiny gland, caused by a disease germ. And it is S. S. S. that spreads throughout the blood circulation to prevent just such conditions. Or if they have already started, S. S. S. will soon put the blood in such a state of health as to overcome the tendency to glandular swellings. It is a natural medicine for the blood, just as essential to health if the blood be impure, as are the meats, fats, grains and sugars of our daily food.

PRESS VIEWS ON THE LAST GERMAN NOTE.

The attitude of the so-called German-American papers in the controversy between the United States and Germany will be a distinct shock and surprise, says the Muskogee Times-Democrat. The Chicago Staats-Zeitung, the Cincinnati Volksblatt and the New York (German) Herald, three of the leading German papers, in their editorial comment, plainly seek to justify Germany in the sinking of the Lusitania, and comment approvingly on the German note. However, these papers stand comparatively alone.

The Baltimore American says the note is but "A reiteration of propositions concerning which the American attitude has been stated definitely and with a finality of conclusion from which there is no retreating." The Louisville Times declares German diplomacy has blundered again and says there can be no temporizing on such an issue. Either Germany must make such amends as are possible or the United States must take such action as will compel respect for the lives of its citizens." The Minneapolis Journal, speaking of the German reply, says "It is a quibble, an evasion, a pettifogging argument about minor details."

The Milwaukee Daily News says "Its good faith will be questioned by many." The Milwaukee Journal emphasizes "That this is the time to stand firmly in support for the president." The Evening Wisconsin says, "The note leaves unaltered the crisis which called it forth." The Indianapolis News declares "The German note will create the most unfavorable impression in the United States. There can be no surrender of principle by the president." The News Orleans States declares the note to be characterized by "Evasion as weak as they are unworthy." The Philadelphia Bulletin says the note will "Severely test the temper of the American people." The El Paso Herald says "The note denies our every suggestion and awaits our next move."

The Houston Chronicle calls the note disappointing, while the Chicago Journal terms it an unmissed insult to the United States, and the Louisville Courier-Journal says "It is a quibble." The Chicago Tribune thinks Germany has put one over us in suggesting arbitration, and the Chicago Herald declares the note "Falls wholly to meet the main points at issue. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat declares the note to be unsatisfactory and predicts this government will not consent to a prolonged discussion while submarines pursue their bloody way undeterred. The St. Louis Republic says the German note "Ignored the whole fabric of national law and the rights under it, of Americans on the high seas." The Galveston Tribune calls the note "A palpable quibble." The Dallas Times-Herald says "Keep cool and stand by the president." The New York Herald says "Germany ignores the real issue." The New York Press says Berlin's answer to President Wilson's note is "Friendly, gracious and unsatisfactory." The New York World calls the note "Worse than evasive," and the New York Times declares "It cannot fail to create a most disagreeable impression in this country."

EXPRESS PACKETTES.

Now wouldn't it be fine, I say, To doll up fair Miss Chickasha, So fine that all who come this way, Right here forever would want to stay? But even a patient man finally becomes weary of watchful waiting. Before we forget about it, we hasten to suggest that you move your parking. Si Simp says he notices that he can always tell exactly how many eggs have hatched as soon as he counts the chickens.

For one thing, we don't want to hear the S. O. S. call coming from the wheat fields.

"Przemysl Falls Again." Seems to be a kind of habit that the thing has fallen into.

As a rule a man doesn't particularly enjoy a prolonged business talk with a woman via the telephone.

If there is anything in a name, Przemysl must be given the grand prize in the exhibit of war atrocities.

The manager of the Democratic team pulled off a big bone-head play when he didn't sign Col. J. T. Hill.

It may compel the whole family to bump it to make ends meet, but that's no reason why we shouldn't ride in hook wagons.

One reason why the politicians don't shine on the diamond is because there is a big difference between wire pulling and playing baseball.

Chickasha is going to have a downright grand "Glorious"—if the committee gets the "dough." Give them a smile and then dig up when they call on you.

Vic Mardock is a four-flusher. When he assumed the editorship of the Wichita Eagle some time ago, he announced that all adjectives in the society "dope" would be cut out. In a recent issue of the Eagle we read about the "fragrant honeysuckle" forming a most artistic setting for the luncheon, and other flowers which "made the Hoffman home a wonderfully pretty place." Vic seems to have lost his nerve when the "society" women began to "stop the paper."

NEWEST IN SCIENCE

A STOLEN SMILE'R TWO.

Solicitation. Olive and Fred, aged five and three respectively, had just been seated for supper. Olive saw there was only one piece of pie and immediately she set up a wail. "Why, Olive, what are you crying about?" asked her mother. "Because there ain't any pie for brother," was the tearful response.

Just Reminded Him.

The Professor (at the dinner table)—Oh, by the way, Mrs. Chopsticks, have you seen your little boy, Willie, lately?

Mrs. Chopsticks—No, professor, I have not seen him since 1 o'clock and I can't imagine what has become of him. In fact I am very much worried about him.

Professor—Well, seeing Martha pour our that glass of water just now reminded me of something that I had on my mind to tell you some time ago, but which unfortunately escaped my mind. It was just about 1 o'clock, I think, that I saw little Willie fall down the well.

JUST A THOUGHT

HERE THE DAY IS GONE.

Don't Lose Time.

One of the most successful men of America when asked to what he attributed his success, replied:

"I built my fortune on the dial of my watch; seconds become pennies, minutes dimes, hours become dollars. I gave a money value to the tick, and took advantage of everything that economized time. I never procrastinate; I never wait for other people to get ahead of me. I keep my eyes and ears open for opportunities; I look well into whatever seems good to me, when my judgment approves I act promptly and with decision. I don't know that there is any particular rule or law of success, but I'm pretty sure that one of the foundation principles is 'Don't Lose Time.'"—Ex.

ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN.

San Francisco has 32 women deputy election assessors.

New York city is to have a free school for actresses.

Wellesley college students have completed a fund to purchase and equip a military ambulance for service in France.

Madame Joffre, wife of the general in chief of the French army, spends most of her time knitting socks for soldiers at the front.

Mrs. Hetty Green, the richest woman in the world, is now past 80 years of age, but still continues to manage her own affairs.

Mrs. Keith Donaldson, once known as the "Million Dollar Bride," is thinking seriously of going on the stage to secure money with which to continue her fight for her daughter, who is now in the possession of her mother-in-

SOME REFLECTIONS ON GIRLS

MISS CHICKASHA'S CREED.

- I believe the college boulevard should be built.
I believe every street and alley should be kept scrupulously clean.
I believe every yard should be beautified.
I believe every piece of parking should be kept mowed.
I believe every citizen should take pride in making his home attractive.
I believe more flowers, trees, and shrubs should be set out.
I believe civic beauty is a good investment.
I believe enthusiastic co-operation can accomplish wonders in a single season.
I believe every piece of property should be entered in the contest for "pretty-up" prizes.
I believe the town will be a better place to live in when it is beautified.
I believe everybody should get busy and keep busy.
I believe a dirty backyard is a disgrace to the lawn and its owner.
I believe every man, woman and child in town should boost the "city beautiful."

SOME REFLECTIONS ON GIRLS

- Call "Girls," and those of sixty look around just as quickly as those of sixteen.
When the door bell rings, every girl in the house steps to the nearest looking glass.
It is particularly important that a girl should be taught the virtue of all ways being right; she can never be president.
Distinction sometimes comes easy. For example: It comes to the girl of sixteen who has the largest number of boy correspondents.
The better looking the young man the louder the girls squeal at his jokes. A very homely man has to say something really witty to get even a smile.
A girl's idea of being equal to an emergency is to be prepared to make a three weeks' visit when she has been invited to remain only three days.
Tell a girl before marriage that she is going to throw herself away and she is indignant. Tell her after marriage that she might have done better and she is flattered.
A girl of sixteen may demand that a man write a Spencerian hand, or not dare look at her; but after she falls in love she doesn't care if his writing looks like a doctor's prescription.
Once upon a time a girl who had a Good Job and a Big Salary, and no one to Spend it on but herself, Married a Man who was so Penurious he Courted her with Wild Flowers and Gum Drops. Being Proud and Reserved, she Never complained to her Friends, and they Never Knew that her Purse was Stuffed with dry goods samples to make it Look Fat, or that her Pallor came no Longer from the Druggist, but from the Flour Barrel. But it is Noticed that whenever she sees a Cow or a Calf tied in a field with a Very Short Rope, and with the Grass eaten as far as can be reached, she Sheds a Tear of Sympathy and Lengthens the Rope.—Frances L. Garnde in the New York Press.

MISS CHARLOTTE BARTH OF DENVER, WHO HAS WON A LEGAL CONTEST FOR THE \$6,000,000 ESTATE OF HER GRANDFATHER, HAS ARRANGED TO FINANCE A RELIGIOUS MISSION IN DENVER WITH THE OBJECT OF ATTRACTING JEWISH CONVERTS TO THE FOLDS OF CHRISTIANITY.

The daily ration of a Japanese soldier in the field consists of three little bags of rice and a bunch of dried vegetables.

MY CLARYGRAMS

Where there is lack of preparation opportunity has no value.
What you would do effectively tomorrow must be planned today.
Will someone kindly explain to us why we don't call coffins "bury-boxes"?

The trouble with other people's experience is not that it does not apply to us, but that we do not apply to it.

Your aspirations are not the product of your will; your will, and your achievements, are the product of your aspirations.

Shadows, your opinion to the contrary, perhaps, are the most consistently cheerful of things; they never come out but in the sunlight.

The soil which will raise good crops of wheat and hay and corn and cattle is plumb sure, as well, to have its most successful crop of railways and factories and shops and homes.—From McClary's Magazine.

For touring automobilists there has been invented a bed to be carried under the top of a car and lowered into position for use when desired.

A simple wire loop to be fastened to a door jamb and locked around the necks of two milk bottles to prevent their theft has been patented.

Vienna has an automobile that can be used as a fire engine, a street sprinkler or sweeper, or simply as a freight truck of six tons capacity.

An old idea in the history of telephony has been revived by a British inventor who has patented a transmitter shaped like the human ear.

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STAR-BEAMS

Honesty is a much counterfeited policy.

If a girl's face is her fortune she seldom needs a chaperon.

There might be less room at the top if there were fewer cushions at the bottom.

In after years a man begins to appreciate the woman who handed him the frosty mitt.

Even a society woman is glad to get home occasionally in order to get out of a tight squeeze and into an old wrapper.—Indianapolis Star.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS

The average depth of the sands on the African deserts is from 30 to 40 feet.

There are 200 iron mines in operation in Sweden and 40 mines of other metals.

The Siamese have a superstitious dislike of odd numbers, and they studiously strive to have in their houses an even number of windows, doors, rooms and cupboards.

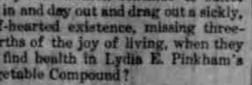
Countess Molitor, an English woman, will shortly start on a perilous trip across the Ruba-el-Khali, the great sandy desert of South Arabia, alone, using only native guides.

The tenement house committee of the Brooklyn Bureau of Charities reported that after careful examination it had found only 97 dark rooms in all tenements in Brooklyn at present.

A "pulp and paper course" has been instituted at the University of Maine. It gives four years' training in chemistry and engineering to fulfill the demand for specialists in paper manufacture.

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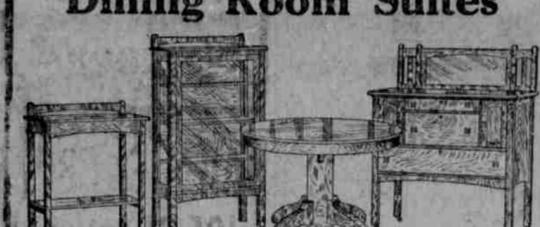


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