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WHEN King Edward VII was in Hamburg last year he turned the scales at 235 pounds. In 12 days had reduced his weight five pounds. This year, however, he weighed 240 pounds on reaching Hamburg.

A MEMORIAL portrait of Capt. Austin K. Davis, who was killed in the attack on Tien-tsin, is to be placed in the Carnegie library in Atlanta. The library building occupies the site of the house in which Capt. Davis was born.

PROBABLY the first cabinet officer to resign will be Secretary of the Navy John D. Long. His determination was made and communicated to the president some time ago, but his recent bereavement in the loss of his daughter will probably result in hastening the event. Gossip is busy with the name of Leonard Wood as his successor.

BOURKE COCKRAN occupies a unique position in American politics. Since his retirement from congress and his subsequent rupture with Tammany he has not been a candidate for any office, has been utterly without a personal following, and has affiliated with no political machine. In 1892 he was the leading democratic orator on the stump. Four years later he was the most eloquent champion of republican principles. Last year he was the strongest exponent of democracy again. It is impossible to say how he will stand three years hence. In municipal politics he has been just as uncertain. Four years ago he antagonized Tammany with all his power. Previous to that he had been the Tammany spokesman. This year it is probable that he will support Mr. Shepard, the Tammany nominee. While such a course can be successfully followed in Europe it is rare that an American can pursue it without becoming thoroughly discredited. The fact that Mr. Cockran commands universal esteem is due to his surpassing ability alone.

TWO WARS THAT DRAG. A people were never so exasperated and never given more cause to be than are the people of Great Britain today. There is dissatisfaction and contention throughout the kingdom, and the bone of contention is the British-Boer war, which is sapping the nation of its strength and blotting its national history. A new war has been declared, it is said, between the head of the war department in England, Mr. Broderick, and Gen. Lord Kitchener, and if hostilities between these two heads do not soon cease the British will suffer another telling blow. This shameful war of conquest is one of the most disastrous England has encountered.

As the eyes of Englishmen turn to South Africa so do the eyes of Americans turn to the Philippines. There is a similarity of conditions that cannot be overlooked, though there are some widely different features. Certainly the demand upon both governments—America and Great Britain—is the same at this time from a military standpoint, and a standpoint of imperial superiority. That demand is that the war be hastily ended. Aside from the question of the right of either country to sweep with bullets the Transvaal or the Philippine islands, there is a demand upon these aggressive countries that the war be ended. The result of these wars is inevitable. Hope for intervention in either case has fled. Governmental alliances and international pledges are so stringent that neither the war in the Transvaal nor the Philippines will break them. The result is inevitable. Kitchener calls for reinforcements. He feels the need of assistance. He must again drain the national treasury. If he is to be the butcher he wants to do the killing.

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"Therefore," suggests one paper that has been figuring on the subject, "the only action either the United States or Great Britain can take that will be in keeping with their respective South African or Philippine policies is to dispatch the enemy or conquer them and end their misery. Let reinforcements be sent to both places by both countries. The extra expense at the time will be greater, but it must be taken into account that a long drawn, dragging conflict is much more costly eventually than a decisive and determined one. The expense to the British and Americans in protracting, as they are doing, these treasury-sapping wars is colossal. The amount can hardly be calculated. Why not then end the torture? Less British and less American will fall in sharp conflict than in protracted guerilla warfare.

Just a few days ago the British lost a whole company. Just a few days ago the Americans lost a whole company. Such will be the history of these wars for a long time to come if waged in the future as they have been in the past. If we—Great Britain and America—re to be imperial let us be supreme. Let us strike our enemies the blow of authority and power and make that blow crush rather than drip. The stain will never dry in either event."

The Tunnel Was Forgotten. At Brussels the visitor is often struck by the extreme thinness of the earth covering the Braine la Comte tunnel and wonders why the commonsense of the engineers who made it, line did not direct them to continue the cutting and thus avoid a subterranean passage.

The mystery is thus explained: When railways were in their infant infancy, the Belgian government sent a party of engineers over to England to acquire experience in construction of the new iron "highways" and on their return they were instructed to lay out the first railway in that enterprising little kingdom. The work was accordingly put in hand, but on its completion one of the engineers exclaimed: "Good gracious, we have forgotten the tunnel!" The consternation was general, especially when it was remembered that there was not a single line in England but could boast of a tunnel. What was to be done? Nothing but to construct the long corridor at Braine la Comte, and when it was finished the earth was put on top. The tunnel was the glory of the line.

Massage For the Scalp. The hair falls out when the strength of its roots is insufficient to sustain its weight any longer, and a new hair will take its place unless the root is diseased. For this reason each person has a certain definite length of hair. When the hair begins to split or fall out, massage of the scalp is excellent. Place the tips of the fingers firmly upon the scalp, and then vibrate or move the scalp while holding the pressure steadily. This will stimulate the blood vessels underneath and bring about better nourishment of the hair. A brush of unevenly tufted bristles is also excellent to use upon the scalp, not the hair.

Irregularity and Indigestion. A common cause of indigestion is irregularity respecting the time of meals. The human system seems to form habits and to be in a degree dependent upon the performance of its function in accordance with the habits formed. In respect to digestion this is especially observable. If a meal is taken at a regular hour, the stomach becomes accustomed to receiving food at that hour and is prepared for it. If meals are taken irregularly, the stomach is taken by surprise, so to speak, and is never in that state of readiness in which it should be for the prompt and perfect performance of its work.

Askes on Cigars. "Few men professing to be judges of fine cigars know anything at all about smoking them," remarked a cigar dealer. "The ashes on the end of the cigar serve to retain the flavor and should be permitted to remain as long as possible. Then the constant thumping some smokers give their cigars in the attempt to keep them clear of ashes often causes the wrappers to break, and that also lessens the pleasure of a good smoke."

Dogs of Alaska. The dogs of Alaska are called malamutes. They are a cross between a dog and a wolf and work in harness soon after their birth. They do not bark, but have a peculiar howl. They have long hair and can sleep in the open with the thermometer 60 degrees below zero. Their usual food is fish and seal blubber. They are fed once a day, usually at night.

Where to Begin. Mrs. Trotabout—I shall be off the greater part of the day, as I have joined the Society for the Suppression of Needless and Nerve Racking Noises. Mr. T.—Good idea, my dear. Take the baby along with you.—New York Weekly.

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SPIRIT SLATE WRITING. How the Mysterious Sentences Are Prepared in Advance. Spiritualistic slate writing. If cleverly done, always makes a marked impression on a magician's audience because it utterly baffles their efforts to detect the trick. They see a small cabinet suspended above the stage by means of cords or ribbons. It has an open front and is empty. The magician turns it around so that every part of it may be seen and taps it inside and out with his wand to show that it is hollow.

On a stand near by he has a small easel, a common school slate, a bottle of India ink with a quill pen in it and a few sheets of ordinary white writing paper. All these he passes around among the audience for examination. Then he fixes a sheet of the paper to the slate by means of wafers, places the slate on the easel and the easel in the cabinet, together with the bottle of ink, the latter having the pen still in it. Having allowed the audience to see the articles thus arranged in the cabinet, he throws a large silk handkerchief over it. Mysterious sounds are immediately heard, and the cabinet shakes as if some living thing had entered it. When the sounds and the shaking cease, he removes the handkerchief, showing an inscription written in bold black letters on the paper and the pen in the ink bottle, but lying on the bottom of the cabinet. He then removes the paper from the slate and passes it around for examination, when the writing is immediately recognized as having been done with India ink.

The explanation of the trick is simple. The writing was done in advance by the performer, the fluid used being a solution of sulphuric acid of the purest quality. To make the solution 50 drops of the concentrated acid are added to one ounce of filtered water. Writing done with this solution is invisible until exposed to heat. When so exposed, it comes out perfectly black, looking exactly like that of India ink. The heat is applied by means of an electric current running over wire with which the slate is wound. The cords by which the cabinet is suspended conceal copper wires, which conduct the current to the slate. Black silk threads suitably attached enable the performer to make the sounds in the cabinet, to cause the cabinet to shake and to jerk the pen out of the ink bottle.

Several sheets of paper are prepared in advance, each with a different inscription, the performer telling one inscription from another by secretly marked pinpricks.—New York Herald.

Keeping at It. There is a very old but very good story about a boy who was engaged one winter day in putting a ton of coal into a cellar. His only implement was a small fire shovel. Noticing that a benevolent old gentleman expressed surprise and commiseration. "My son," said the gentleman, "you surely do not expect to put in all night coal with that little shovel?" "Oh, yes, I do," replied the boy cheerfully. "All I have to do is to keep at it."

There is a lesson in this story for you and I, and it is exemplified in the lives of the great men of the world. It is a mistake to suppose that the best work of the world is done by people of great strength and many opportunities. "Keeping at it" is the secret of success.—Exchange.

Left Handed Medicine. An Atchison druggist tells this story and declares that it is true: He had tonsillitis, but did not send for a doctor, as he knew he would be all right as soon as the swelling "dried." But his wife was worried and insisted on sending for a doctor. When the doctor arrived, he looked through his medicine case, and said he had nothing suitable for the patient; that the medicine he had was for the right side, whereas the swelling in the throat was on the left side. Then he hurried away to get his left handed medicine.—Atchison Globe.

Catching a Feminine Fish. "Do you really think there are mermaids in the sea?" "Certainly," said the dime museum man. "Then why hasn't anybody besides you succeeded in catching one?" "Because nobody else was smart enough to bait a hook with the latest style of Paris hat," was the answer.—Washington Star.

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