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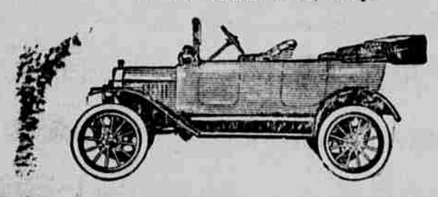

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ANCIENT ANESTHETICS.

Nepenthe and Other Agents Were Used by Old Time Surgeons.

Those who imagine that surgical knowledge began with later generations and that the discovery of chloroform revolutionized the science should read an article published by Dr. J. de Fenton in the South African Journal of Science.

Various anesthetizing media and methods were well known both in antiquity and during the middle ages. Homer mentions the anesthetic effects of nepenthe; Herodotus states that the Scythians obtained similar effects from the vapors of hemp, produced by throwing hemp seed on hot stones. A Chinese physician of the third century, B. C., gave his patients a preparation of hemp to make them insensible during surgical operations.

The most important anesthetic of ancient and medieval times was, however, wine of mandragora, the use of which is mentioned by a great number of early writers and is referred to by Shakespeare. More recently, in the year 1760, the German surgeon, Weiss, better known as Albinus, amputated the foot of Augustus III., king of Poland, while under the influence of mandragora.

Two other anesthetizing agencies were employed in very early times, arterial compression and hypnotism.

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BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers

Joseph Pierce of Branch street is undergoing treatment at the hospital in Troy.

Born, a son John William to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Winpenny at Long Island, Feb. 10th. Mr. Winpenny is a former resident of Bennington.

Two Hudson "Super-Six" touring cars have been sold by the Bennington Garage, one to Mrs. J. G. McCullough and a second to Hall P. McCullough.

Edward Moore and Joseph Williams started after rabbits in Stamford this morning. Mr. Moore will aim the gun and Williams will bring back the story of what resulted.

All taking part in the K. of C. minstrel show are expected to attend final rehearsal at the Temperance society rooms this evening at half past seven o'clock. It is most important that all should be present. There will be a short rehearsal at the theatre at half past ten o'clock following the other rehearsal.

Edna Goodrich, the beautiful American actress, who is to appear at the Harte theatre today in Margaret Turn bull's stirring drama, "Armstrong's Wife," a Paramount picture, has but recently returned from the battlefields of Europe where she served for several months as a nurse for the French Red Cross Service. One of the unique souvenirs which she brought back with her is a respirator worn by the French soldiers as a protection against the German gas bombs. Adv.

ICHABOD'S REPORT.

Gravely Put Into Rime by an Old Time Mariner.

About the year 1781, according to an old collection of historical miscellany published nearly a century ago, a sloop called the Good Intent that was known about the Boston wharves by the name of Copper Bottom was owned by William Rotch and others, among whom was said to be the Hon. John Hancock.

By order of the board of war, then sitting in Boston, this vessel was seized for some violation of the law. Ichabod Plaisted, the naval officer of the port, made the seizure. He was not a man of any learning or of very much wit, and he begged a certain Captain Dowse of his acquaintance to help him write the letter in which he should advise the board of war of the proceedings under its order.

The worthy captain, who loved a joke very dearly, composed the following epistle, which Mr. Plaisted very gravely approved and forwarded, hidden rimes and all, to the "honorable board of war:"

"Gent. Your orders respecting the sloop Good Intent I received last night, and straightway I went On board of said vessel, and in the State's name Made a seizure thereof; but soon after came Some riotous persons, whose names I could mention, On board of said vessel to cause her detention—Lock'd the men I had placed as guards, in the roundhouse; And kept them confined there, as snug as a dormouse. They instantly made what dispatch they were able, and soon stripped the vessel of sails, rigging and cable. She'd a cargo on board, of codfish, and inions, And a lot of sperm oil (in good Whig's opinions)—Was destined direct for the isle of Jamaica With 2 sets of papers, lest a cruiser should take her. In this state she remains, and I wait further orders—Which I beg you to hasten, to stop new disorders. I need add no more lest time should be wasted; but remain with respect, Yours, Ichabod Plaisted."—Youth's Companion.

Fleeting Time.

Time is like a river made up of the events which happen, and a violent stream, for as soon as a thing has been seen it is carried away and another comes in its place, and this will be carried away too.—Marcus Aurelius.

Very Affectionate.

The American Legal News says that on one occasion a merchant sent a dunning letter to a man, who replied by return mail: "You say you are holding my note yet. That is all right—perfectly right. Just keep holding on to it, and if you find your hands slipping spit on them and try it again. Yours affectionately."

Confucius on Kingcraft.

"What is kingcraft?" demanded a disciple.

Confucius replied, "Food enough, troops enough and a trusting people."

"Were there no help for it which could be best spared of the three?"

"Troops," said the master.

"And were there no help for it which could be better spared of the other two?"

"Food," said the master. "From of old all men die, but without trust a people cannot stand."

JUST CREDIT.

Do not fear to give credit where credit is due. If we cannot do great deeds we can at least appreciate them in others. No jealous and envious spirit can rise to greatness, whatever opportunities are offered, and no broad and generous spirit can ever live an ignoble life, however circumscribed its surroundings. A whole lifetime of humdrum duties cannot so narrow existence as does the habit of belittling the deeds and experiences of others.

DUMBEST OF ALL ANIMALS.

This Creature Sits on Its Mouth During Its Entire Lifetime.

What would you think of an animal who sat on his mouth? You would guess he didn't know very much, wouldn't you? Neither does he. You could call him the dumbest of dumb animals. In fact, he's so very dumb that most people don't know he's an animal at all. He's the sponge.

No, not the sponge you are acquainted with—not the bathroom kind. That's just his skeleton. The sponge we're talking about is the one that lives in the bottom of the sea, where he sits all day on his mouth.

In the beginning he's an egg, which splits all up in many cells and then swims around for a day or two. Then there comes a dent in one side—that's his mouth. Soon the sponge stops swimming and sinks to the bottom, mouth dowxward. There he eats and eats until sometimes he gets to be three feet tall and as thick as he is tall.

He's covered with a jellylike flesh. When sponge fishermen hunt him to sell they go out in boats and pull sponges from the bottom of the sea with long handled forks. Then they put them on the shore to dry. After days the jellylike flesh drops off and the fishermen tramp the sponges with their feet. Then they are considered clean enough to sell. We really get the bones of the sponge, that's all.—Exchange.

BURIES ITS OWN SEED.

How the Peanut Plant Protects Its Fruit From Destruction.

Here's a plant mother that buries her children to protect them. While the children of other plants are being kidnaped by animals and birds, these youngsters are carefully hidden away beneath the ground so they can grow in safety. But man won't permit the mother to keep her children long. He digs them up and eats them. The plant is the peanut.

Its leaves look like a four leaved clover. Its blossoms are a dainty yellow, shaped like those of the sweet pea. When they wither and fall off the mother plant begins to worry about her seed children, for if the birds and animals kidnap them before they ripen they won't have a chance to grow and produce more plants next year.

So she bends her stalks downward, and each head where the flowers have fallen off she pokes into the ground. There, the little seeds develop inside of wrinkly, paper-like pods. Sometimes the little tunneling moles find them and eat them, or maybe hogs will come and root them out. Usually, however, they're safe from all marauders.

America gave the world the peanut. It was found first in Brazil. Since its commercial value was discovered it has been planted all over the world. Since 1866 it has been a staple product of southern United States.—Philadelphia North American.

Tavern Heroes.

The Marquis of Granby bears a title that swings from many a tavern signboard all England over. London alone has some half a dozen. Yet this popular soldier, who commanded England's troops in Germany during the Seven Years' war, was the target of some of "Junius'" most bitter invective. The secret of his popularity lay in the fact that Granby was always a soldier's general who not only led them well in the fight, but also cared for their comfort in the camp. The first inn to bear the marquis' head as a sign is said to have been opened by one of his own guardsmen at Hounslow. Apart from Wellington and Nelson, the marquis comes easily first among England's tavern heroes.—London Chronicle.

District of Maine.

Long before the Revolutionary war the title to what is now the state of Maine was in dispute between England and France. In 1763 France relinquished her claim to England, and in 1783, at the close of the Revolution, the British claims were ceded to the United States. From 1763 till 1820, when Maine was admitted to the Union as a separate state, it formed a part of Massachusetts and was called a province or district. There were no Maine soldiers in the Revolutionary war; they were Massachusetts soldiers from the district of Maine.—Philadelphia Press.

Uncanny.

The Colonel—So the bank refused to cash that check I gave you, Rastus? Rastus—Yessah. Dat cashier man dun hab positively de most uncanny mind Ah ebah saw, sah. The Colonel—Uncanny? Rastus—Yessah. Jes' as soon as Ah dun tell him whose check Ah had he said it was no good eben befo' he dun look at it, sah.—Puck.

Keep on Right Side.

"You know I hear better with my right ear than with my left," said the judge.

"Perhaps that's why so many people like to keep on the right side of you," said the court attendant.—Yonkers Statesman.

Confidences in the Family.

Mother—I have just heard something that you ought to know. Your father tells me that your husband is hopelessly involved. Married Daughter—Isn't that lovely! Now, maybe he'll make over all his property to me.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Unkind Wish.

Hubby (at breakfast)—I've got a bad head this morning. Wife—I'm sorry, dear. I do hope you'll be able to shake it off.—Pall Mall Gazette.

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WAIST OF FLESH TINTED CREPE

The very fashionable separate waist as it looks developed in Georgette crepe, with high collar.

High-necked waists are gradually creeping back again and, indeed, it is not hard to reconcile oneself to such charming designs as one sees among the advance Autumn models. The waist pictured here is in flesh tinted crepe Georgette and is made with a convertible collar and long sleeves with shaped, turn-back cuffs. There is also a shoulder yoke to which the fronts are slightly gathered and which offers opportunity for the introduction of veining or bands of insertion if a more elaborate effect is desired. The average size requires 2¼ yards Crepe Georgette. Buttons of silk crochet may be suggested for the trimming, as they are exceedingly fashionable this year.

After the crepe is folded, the collar, back and facing are put into position for cutting, these sections being laid on a lengthwise fold of the goods. The facing and collar, however, may be of contrasting material, in which event they also would be placed in the same way for cutting.

To the right of the collar and on a lengthwise thread of material comes the front and following the front the cuff. Opposite the cuff, running along the selvage edge, the stay is placed, and finally comes the sleeve. The small "G" perforations on the sleeves show how the pattern can be cut off to form the elbow effect.

With the turn-back collar a string tie may be worn, and, truly, it must be a string to be really fashionable. Just a strip of velvet ribbon or satin is all that is necessary, and the other important thing is to see that this strikes as sharp a contrast in color as possible.

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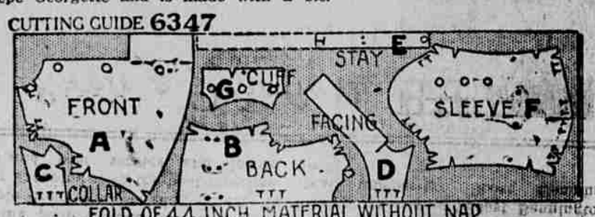

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