

"Consider me Smith." A good story is told of Dr. Caldwell, formerly of the University of North Carolina. The doctor was a small man, and lean, but as hard and angular as the most irregular of pine knots. He looked as though he might be tough but he did not seem strong. Nevertheless he was, among the knowing ones, reputed to be as agile as a cat, and, in addition, was by no means deficient in a knowledge of the "manly art." Well, in the freshman class of a certain year there was a bulky, beefy mountaineer of eighteen or nineteen. This genius conceived a great contempt for old Bohn's physical dimensions, and his soul was horrified that one so deficient in manliness should be so potential in his rule.

Poor Jones, that is what we'll call him, had no idea of moral forces. At any rate he was not inclined to knock under and be controlled despotically by a man he imagined he could tie or whip. At length he determined to give the old gentleman a gentle, private thrashing, some night, in the College Campus, pretending to mistake him for some fellow student.

Shortly after, on a dark and rainy night, Jones met the doctor crossing the Campus. Walking up to him, abruptly:

"Hallo, Smith; you rascal—is that you?"

And with that he struck the old gentleman a blow on the side of the face that nearly felled him.

Old Bohn said nothing but squared himself, and at it they went. Jones' youth, weight and muscle made him an "ugly customer," but after a round or two the doctor's senses began to tell, and in a short time he had knocked his antagonist down, and was straddling of his chest, with one hand on his throat, and the other allaying vigorous cuffs on the side of his head.

"All stop! I beg pardon, Doctor, Doctor Caldwell—a mistake—for Heaven's sake, Doctor!" he groaned. "I alle thought it was Smith."

"The doctor's pitted with a word and blawed readily."

"It makes no difference; for all present purposes consider me Smith."

And if that old Bohn gave Jones another pounding that he never made another mistake as to personal identity.

WIT AND HUMOR.

What can a man have in his pocket when it is empty? A big hole.

The Chicago Post wants to know if the governor has had the State arms vaccinated.

What nose is more brilliant than a toper's nose? Why, vola-no's, to be sure.

The climate on Mount Washington in the winter is the cause why no few climb it.

Young folks grow most when in love. It increases their rights most wonderfully.

The quickest way for a man to forget all common miseries is to wear tight boots.

The Superintendent of the Inauguration Department is the last name for a harkeeper.

Jim Noy, Senator from Nevada, says: "The hardest thing to deal with is an old pack of cards."

If three feet will make a yard, how many hands need you employ to make a wash-house in it?

How easy to beggar a shoemaker. Put on one of his instruments, and you take away his awl.

Alexis is said to be "six feet two." We thought he was rather long in coming over, but never supposed he was as long as that.

An exchange alludes to the family of a Mr. Mapp, and wants to know if so many Mapps don't constitute an atlas.

Appleton's Journal explains "how obtain the gift to give us that power to see ourselves as others see us"—Run for office."

At a wedding, in Rochester, recently, a nice flowered cake was most horribly mutilated by an old gentleman who mistook it for a dish of mashed potatoes, and thrust a spoon into it with the remark, "I will next carve the potatoes."

Somebody tells us that sailors are never so much at sea when they are on shore. In this they are somewhat like hen-pecked husbands, who are never so much at home as when they are abroad.

The following is a fashionable way to play a three-handed game of cards in Texas. The first holds the cards, the second a revolver, and the corner the inquest.

"Is this sent unopened?" asked a gentleman of an elderly lady in the cars. "I don't know," said she justly, running her hands over the surface. "It feels mostly like push, but you can't always tell."

Now is the time to rally to the festive donation party. A donation is a festive gathering, where a poor clergyman's flock overwhelm him with bead watch-pockets, and eat up about \$112 worth of his winter provisions.

An Iowa merchant sent a darning letter to a man who replied by return mail: "You say you hold 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."

The Toronto Globe, in an able article on the lumber business of Canada, states the total value of the lumber and other kindred exports of the Dominion for 1870 to be \$20,910,454. The Georgian Bay manufactures 240,000,000 feet of lumber annually. The shipments to the United States for the year ending September 30th last, were 112,632,540 feet from Toronto and Collingwood alone.

Medical Declaration Concerning Alcohol.

The following curious document, signed by three hundred of the leading physicians of London, appeared in the papers of that city just before Christmas:

"As it is believed that the inconsiderate prescription of large quantities of alcoholic liquid by medical men for their patients has given rise, in many instances, to the formation of intemperate habits, the undersigned, while unable to abandon the use of alcohol in the treatment in certain cases of disease, are yet of opinion that no medical practitioner should prescribe it without a sense of grave responsibility. They believe that alcohol, in whatever form, should be prescribed with as much care as any powerful drug, and that the directions for its use should be so framed as not to be interpreted as a sanction for excess, or necessarily for the continuance of its use when the occasion is past. They are also of opinion that many people immensely exaggerate the value of alcohol as an article of diet, and since no class of men see so much of its ill effects, and possess such power to restrain its abuse, as members of their own profession, they hold that every medical practitioner is bound to exert his utmost influence to inculcate habits of great moderation in the use of alcoholic liquids. Being also firmly convinced that the great amount of drinking of alcoholic liquors among the working classes of this country is one of the greatest evils of the day, destroying—more than anything else—the health, happiness and welfare of these classes, and neutralizing to a large extent, the great industrial prosperity which Providence has placed within the reach of this nation, the undersigned would gladly support any wise legislation which would tend to restrict within proper limits, the use of alcoholic beverages, and gradually introduce habits of temperance. George Burrows, M. D., F. R. S., President of the Royal College of Physicians, Physician Extraordinary to the Queen; George Bask, F. R. S., President of the Royal College of Surgeons, and others."

The Pursuit of Strength.

Those unfortunates who devote their lives to the pursuit of strength, according to *Hall's Journal of Health*, who rise at unearthly hours, and shiver under ice cold shower baths, who never eat as much as they wish or what they wish, who live as mechanically as possible, and conscientiously deprive themselves of all reasonable enjoyment, are to be pitied. Still their terrible system leaves them alone during the night. If they eat, drink, move and have their being under its pervasion, through the day, at night they can sleep undisturbed. But a new school has arisen in California. Some crack-brained enthusiast has announced that he has prolonged his life for years by sleeping with his finger tips touching his toes. The reason of the advantage of this proceeding is not at first evident, but is easily understood when we read that "the vital electrical currents are thus kept in even circulation, instead of being thrown off at the extremities and wasted." The discoverer has given the valuable secret gratuitously to the world, actually solely by a desire to benefit suffering humanity. "Machines, warranted to hold the body easily in this position, can be obtained only of" etc., etc. If the method comes into general use, our posterity will, we fear, be a "stiff-backed generation."—*Chicago Tribune*.

Gold Production of Australia.

The month of October last was the most remarkable one that has occurred in the gold industry of Australia for several years. In consequence of the improvements in the working of the quartz mines at Sandhurst a great increase in the production of mines in that region, and many new discoveries of gold, a gradually increasing excitement to invest in Sandhurst shares was caused, which finally terminated in a speculative mania. New discoveries of the precious metal are constantly being made in other quarters, and it is now claimed that nearly the whole colony of Victoria is auriferous, and that gold will be extracted from it for all time to come. Some of the mines in the Sandhurst district have been worked from the surface to a depth of over seven hundred feet, yet the quartz extracted is as rich as ever, and the deposit seems inexhaustible. A case recently heard in the Sandhurst Court of mines illustrates the vicissitudes attending the pursuit of wealth by mining. A working man named Morwood brought suit to recover a share in a company—one twelfth in the Golden Fleecy claim, Garden Gully—which he claimed had been transferred from him through misrepresentation. It appeared that he had originally bought the share for £2 19s., with the understanding that he was to pay certain calls upon it to the amount of £9. During the trial it came out that the same share had previously been sold for £10,000 each.

No country consumes statement with such rapidity as Austria. Since March 13, 1848, the date of Metternich's fall, one hundred and ten ministers have resigned voluntarily or by compulsion. Of these, twenty have died and eighty-seven still receive a pension of \$1,600. The annual expenses of the Austrian government for retired and dismissed ministers is, therefore, \$159,500.

It was George Herbert who said a handful of good life is worth a bushel of learning.

Winter Bathing.

From the London News. Yesterday morning a somewhat remarkable scene was enacted on the banks of the Serpentine, in Hyde Park; it was the winter bathers grand festival. It may not perhaps be generally known that every morning in the year, no matter how inclement the weather may be, there are regular bathers in the Serpentine. Even when the water is covered with ice, these persistent advocates of the "cold water system" take their regular dips. During the recent frosts, skating and bathing were going on at the same time. When the ice is unusually thick, the aid of the ice-men is quietly solicited to break a hole large enough to let a man through, when in they pop like seals, one after another, to the number of twenty, and sometimes double that. There is one old bather, more independent than the rest, who brings his own hatchet three miles, secreted under his clothes, lest his intentions should be mistaken as he wends his way through the streets in the dark winter morning. When divested of his clothing he emerges from the gloomy shade of the trees, ax in hand, and proudly walks, like a red Indian looking out for scalp locks. He then begins to chop a lane, until he works himself out up to his chin in water, and then commences swimming about among the broken ice, emerging from the water with icicles dripping from his hair, nose and eyelashes, the only wonder being that he has never seriously cut himself with the sharp edges of the broken ice. According to annual custom, yesterday morning there was a swimming match for a silver cup, the course being one hundred yards, and thirty bathers contended. After this they all assembled around a pail containing rum and milk, to do honor to the Queen; who toast having been most duly honored, another bottle was started into the remaining rum and milk by Mr. Williams, the kind and genial superintendent of the Royal Humane Society, to whose promptitude many of those present had been indebted for saving their lives, to enable them to drink with more fervor to the health and speedy convalescence of his Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales.

The Points of the Compass.—An interesting paper was recently read, at the last meeting of the American Oriental Society, on the relation of the Chinese and Mongolian languages, and valuable inferences were drawn from the fact that the classification of the points of the compass was originally the same in Chinese, Tibetan and Mongolian. In these languages the south is always mentioned before the north, and in ancient Chinese and Mongolian, the west before the east. In Mongolian the word south means "in front," north means "behind," west means "to the right," and east means "to the left." In Chinese, the character which stands for north is composed of two men turned back to back, and originally meant to "turn the back upon." In the Chinese compass the index is placed on the south point of the needle. In the ancient classics instances have been found where the word "right" was used for west. Among other nations the points of the compass are sometimes named upon the same principle, but another point than the south is usually assumed to be in front. Thus in Hebrew the words "before," "behind," "right" and "left" are used, but the last is in front. The Hawaiians, toward the west, and call north the "right," and south the "left." The consideration of the south as "before" is exceedingly natural among nations living in the North Temperate Zones, since observers of the motions of the sun and principal planets and stars must face the south in order to view the important heavenly bodies and record their courses through the signs of the Zodiac.

Hints on Health.

Course bread is better for children than fine. Children should sleep in separate beds, and should not wear night-caps. Children under seven years of age should not be confined over six or seven hours in the house, and that time should be broken by frequent recesses. Children and young people must be made to hold their heads up and their shoulders back, while sitting, standing, or walking. The best beds for children are of hair and cotton. From one to one pound and a half of solid food is sufficient for a person in the ordinary vocations of business. Persons in sedentary employments should drop one-third of their food, and they will escape indigestion. Young persons should exercise at least two hours a day in the open air. Young ladies should be prevented from bandaging the chest. We have known the worst disease, terminating in death, which began in this practice. Reading aloud is conducive to health. The more clothing we wear, other things being equal, the less food we need. Sleeping-rooms should have a fireplace, or some mode of ventilation besides the windows. Young people and others can not study much by lamp-light with impunity. The best remedy for eyes weakened by night use, is a fine stream of cold water frequently applied to them.—[The Lancet.]

Boswell once asked Johnson if there was no possible circumstance under which suicide would be justifiable. "No," said Johnson. "Well," said Boswell, "suppose a man be guilty of fraud, and he was certain to be found out." "Why then," was the reply, "in that case, let him go to some country where he is not known, and not to the devil, where he is known."

How to Renovate an Exhausted Farm.

The Maine farmer, gives the following statement of how a Down eastern renovated and built up a run-down farm: By force of circumstances he found himself in possession of a naturally good but "terribly skinned" farm. The hay had been sold year after year, and in consequence but little stock had been kept, and as there was no manure, no hoed crops of any amount had been raised. It cut the first season he went on to it, just five loads of hay, against from twenty to thirty tons when in its best condition years previous. Fortunately, he took possession of it in the spring; but unfortunately he had but little stock and no money.

He commenced turning under the old sod, and to use his own words: "There is great manurial value in old grass roots, a truth which more farmers ought to find out by actual trial. He broke from three to five acres per year of the worn mowing field so exhausted they would hardly pay for the going over with a scythe. The course was to break up, sow oats for fodder, seed down, now one year, and then go over the same rotation. In the course of a few years the land had by this system got in so good heart as to bear keeping up two and three years.

By sowing oats in this way for fodder, he was enabled to keep some stock the first winter, with the aid of the small amount of hay cut, some roots and corn. Together with this plan of proceeding, one of the first operations was to purchase two cows, and engage in breeding swine. He hauled muck into the barn-yards and hog yards, kept pigs at work, and besides selling some pork, and making enough for the wants of his own family, and the first fall a very liberal quantity of superior manure with which to top-dress a field that had apparently been cropped less than the other. The next haying season this field yielded a very good crop.

By this course a good start was obtained, and in years immediately following that upon which he took charge of the farm, his crops increased in amount in proportion to the quantity of manure applied, and as his means of feeding the land became extensive, his land in return gave bountiful crops. But the same course was followed through a number of years a wa adopted at first. Grass roots were turned under, one or two crops of hay taken off, and the land was again plowed up. Muck contributed to the bulk and value of the manure heaps, and every means for making and saving manure was adopted. In ten years the farm cut forty tons of hay, and by good management has continued until now, being regarded as one of the best farms in Kennebec county.

How to Neutralize the Effect of Poison.—If a person swallows a poison, instead of breaking out into multitudinous and incoherent exclamations, dispatch some one for a doctor; meanwhile run to the kitchen, get a half glass of water in anything that is handy, put into a teaspoon of salt and as much ground mustard, stir it an instant, catch a firm hold of the person's nose, the mouth will soon fly open, then down with the mixture, and then in a second or two up will come the poison. This will answer in a larger number of cases than any other. If by this time the physician has not arrived, make the patient swallow the white of an egg, followed by a cup of strong coffee (because these nullify a large number of poisons than any other accessible article), as antidotes for any poison remaining in the stomach.

Effects of Mixing Cream.—That the cream of different cows when mixed does not produce butter at the same time, with the same amount of churning, has lately been nicely illustrated in the family of Mark Hughes, at West Grove, Penn. They had a Jersey heifer in good flow of milk, and an old cow, a stripper; their cream worked together. It was observed they did not make butter enough for the bulk of cream. The buttermilk also looked rich and made about five pounds. They churned again for a few minutes and found from two to three pounds more of butter in the churn—showing that the heifer's cream had made butter first, and that the cream of the old cow needed several minutes more churning.

Preventive of Murrain.—A prominent citizen of Purdy, McNairy county, Tenn., says that the people of his place, after a series of careful tests and experiments, have become fully satisfied that the "Tree of Heaven," (*Ailanthus glandulosa*), is a sure preventive of murrain in cattle. The cattle commence eating the leaves of the tree about the time in the season when murrain would appear; and none having access to it have ever been known to take the disease, while others all round have been seriously afflicted.—[Southern Planter & Farmer.]

Pumpkin Pie.—Cut the pumpkin into thin slices, and boil it very tender in as little water as possible. When nearly done, be careful it does not burn, as it is apt to do so. When done, drain off the water, and let the pumpkin steam or dry on the back of the stove for ten or fifteen minutes. Now mash and rub through a sieve. The more milk you put to it the more eggs you will require, and the less milk the less number of eggs. Ginger and nutmeg are the favorite spices, though many like cinnamon and cloves. Sugar or molasses may be used for sweetening; sugar in the proportion of two heaping table-spoonsful to a pie.

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Guard your Health and Life.—How inconsistent is human nature. Men rarely endeavor to protect themselves against the ravages of disease, when the prevention is so easy, often neglect to fortify their systems against disease in the most unhealthy seasons. Thousands of dyspeptics and other invalids are now languishing in sick rooms, or feebly and listlessly moving through our streets, who owe their forlorn condition solely to a want of common prudence in the use of their food and drink, and to a want of care in their habits.

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