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### KEEP WARM—COLD AS AN ACTIVE PROMOTER OF MORTALITY

(Scientific American.)

There is no greater fallacy than the  
opinion of many, particularly the young  
and strong and vigorous, the Winter—  
especially a sharp, frosty one, with plenty  
of snow—is the most healthy season of  
the year. Very few persons seem to  
realize the fact that cold is the condition  
of death, and that in both warm and  
cold climates it is our own unconscious  
effort to maintain our bodily heat at a  
temperature at ninety-eight degrees that  
wears us out. This temperature, called  
"blood heat," every cubic inch of oxy-  
gen that serves to vitalize our blood  
must be raised by our own bodily heat  
or life ceases. Since in cold weather the  
maintenance of a sufficiently elevated,  
bodily temperature becomes very often  
a difficulty too great for our strength,  
the advent of a severe Winter is really  
more to be dreaded than a visitation of  
pestilence. The saying, "Heat is life,  
cold is death," has a striking illustration  
and confirmation in the reports now  
regularly submitted by Dr. Russell to the  
Ginseng Sanitary Committee. The death  
rate rises and falls with the regularity  
of the thermometer. So many degrees less  
heat, so many more deaths, and vice-  
versa. In one of his fortnightly reports  
Dr. Russell says: "The death rate in  
first week of the fortnight was twenty-  
one, in the second twenty-five. The  
mean temperature in the former week  
was 48.8 degrees Fahrenheit, in the latter  
39.5 degrees." He attributed the low rate  
of the first week to the high mean  
temperature of the preceding fortnight,  
which was 47.03 degrees and added:  
"This is a good illustration of a law  
which we frequently observe in these  
reports of temperature and death rates—  
that a week of low temperature produces  
a rise in mortality the week following."  
In our climate it would probably be  
difficult to find a more frequent cause of  
serious ailments than taking cold. What-  
ever weak place we have, whatever con-  
stitutional disorder we are subject to,  
cold will surely discover. We take cold  
because our vitality is too low to ward  
off the effects of the reduced temperature  
around us.

As a matter of first importance, then,  
to resist the cold and various derange-  
ments of the system consequent, it is  
necessary by proper nutrition to main-  
tain our animal heat; second to retain,  
this heat by a sufficient quantity of cloth-  
ing; third, to regulate with care the tem-  
perature of the air we breathe. Contrary  
to the opinion current among lovers of  
cold weather, a fire in a bedroom in the  
Winter is cheaper and better than a  
Doctor's bill; for owing to our inactive  
condition during sleep, the circulation of  
the vitalizing blood is both slow and  
imperfect, and hence the danger of tak-  
ing cold by breathing cold air is greatly  
increased. A cold is the beginning of  
everything that is bad. If any one con-  
siders of having caught one feels cold  
chills creeping over the back, let him  
apply a mustard plaster to the bottom of  
the spine and lower part of the back at  
once, and by so doing he may avert a  
dangerous illness before it is too late  
and medical aid can be procured. It  
should never be forgotten that "Heat is  
life—cold is death."

**SUTRO TUNNEL.**—A new stock was  
called yesterday, for the first time, on  
the New York Stock Exchange list, under  
the name of the Sutro Tunnel. Quite a  
number of thousands of shares seemed  
to change hands, whether from the right  
hand to the left of the same party we  
don't undertake to say. The capital  
stock of the company is said to be from  
"twenty to forty millions"—so said  
some member of the Stock Exchange  
who was seeking for information on the  
subject. At any rate he learned that  
there was enough shares to go around  
for the present, and render a corner in  
the stock not very probable for some  
time at least. The par value of the  
shares is ten dollars, and the price at  
which the sales were made yesterday  
was about 48 1/2 per cent., or \$4.75 per  
share. The Sutro Tunnel, it will be  
remembered, is the great bore that has  
threatened so long to revive the hopes of  
the holders of the bonanza stocks, as the  
increased facilities to be afforded to those  
companies to get out their ores are to be  
of the greatest value to Consolidated  
Virginia, California and the bonanzas on  
the same lodes.—[N. Y. Indicator.]

Once Blondin was about to start on  
one of his walks across the chasm below  
Niagara falls. Henry Faxon, of Buffalo,  
stood laughing and jesting on the edge  
of the precipice overlooking the river  
one hundred and forty feet below. Blon-  
din, motioning to the bystanders for sil-  
ence, and seized Faxon under both  
armpits from behind, and held him for a  
second or two over the verge. Faxon's  
countenance when Blondin laid hold of  
him was irradiated with mirth. When  
Blondin drew him back and dropped  
him on the green sward he sank in a  
heap, horror-stricken.

### MARK TWAIN'S PRINTING DAYS.

One compositor who worked on the  
News then still lives, says a writer in the  
St. Louis Spirit, and has made consider-  
able noise in the world. We allude to  
Samuel Clemens, better known as Mark  
Twain. He was about 21 or 22 years of  
age, very good looking, and most im-  
pressed with that fact. He was the  
laziest mortal that ever "soldered" on  
the book. In that year the Crimean  
war and the printers were raging—the  
latter over the long diabolical combi-  
nation of consonants that made the Rus-  
sian officers' names. When a steamer  
arrived at New York the telegraph would  
fire these infernal names over the wires  
until the tops of the posts were shattered  
to pieces. Sam Clemens used to say  
that the telegraph operator never wrote  
these names—when he came to a hard  
name he just took up a pepper-box of  
black sand and shook it over the man-  
uscript. Sam was known to dwell for  
15 minutes over a Russian name, and  
then snatch a few z's, three &'s, and  
then fencing them in with an 'I' he would  
go ahead until the first galley came  
around to allow him a rest. He occupied  
a stand in the corner of the room which  
had been christened Sebastopol.

As we have said, Sam was lazy. He  
had a peculiar manner of drawing out  
his words that was irresistibly comical  
when relating a joke, and he was eter-  
nally relating a joke or something "that  
reminds me of." But he was good hearted  
and good natured and much liked.  
One not morning in June, Sam did not  
make his appearance until about nine  
o'clock, when he ought to have been  
there promptly at seven. The foreman  
was excited and angry, and as Sam came  
sauntering slowly in, fanning himself  
with a straw hat, Bailey said: "Sam, if  
you can't get here before this time of  
day you needn't come at all." Sam  
leaped upon the imposing stone with  
both elbows, and drawled out: "Well,  
John, I guess I won't come ag'n; 'tis  
—hot!" and he slowly meandered out  
of the composing room. He got a birth  
on the river, became a pilot and Mark  
Twain. The world knows the rest. He  
used to drop in occasionally when in  
port, and on one occasion he insisted on  
his brother Henry, who worked in the  
office, accompanying him down the  
river. They were blown up and Henry  
killed; Mark with his usual luck escaped  
uninjured.

Some doubts may exist as to the mor-  
tality of the methods of Miss or Mrs.  
Mary A. Maples (as the case may be),  
but certainly there can be no difference  
of opinion respecting her ingenuity.  
Brother Jonathan is proverbially sharp,  
but Brother Jonathan has a sister who  
"knows a thing or two, I reckon." One  
Edward F. Chase a few years ago made  
his debut in Norwich, Ct., as a merchant.  
He failed in business, but he captured  
the heart of the fair Miss Mary, and  
despite the opposition of the Maples,  
tree and branches, they were married.  
In the course of time the stern parent  
died, and of his ample fortune Mary  
could not have a son unless she separated  
from her husband—in the event of which  
proper provision was made for her in the  
will. Now Edward and Mary were  
beginning to feel the pangs of poverty,  
and they longed for the leaves and the  
fishes. They made a virtue of necessity.  
Suddenly Mary discovered that Edward  
was horrible, perfectly awful, so to speak.  
She applied to the courts of her native  
State for relief, and obtained a divorce  
from him on the ground of "intolerable  
cruelty." Then she shook the decree in  
the face of her brothers and the executors  
of her father's will, and straightway she  
was placed in possession of houses and  
lands and bank stock and money, and  
the wolf ran away from her door. This  
fairly settled, she got married again.  
And so did Edward. And their second  
courtship lasted only two days, and their  
second marriage was private, even as the  
first had been. Thus it is that Mary has  
the money and the man too.—[N. Y.  
Graphic.]

**TAKEN AND NOW.**—Two years ago she  
graduated, and her essay was upon "the  
glorious future." "Let us strive to emu-  
late the example of the nobility of past  
generations," she said, "and let our  
aspirations direct us towards the accom-  
plishment of exalted deeds, and our  
reward shall be in the true, the beauti-  
ful, and the good." Yesterday she lay  
on the sofa reading the last insipid novel;  
she had on an old dress, her hair was  
uncombed, and a hole in the heel of her  
stocking added to her picturesque ap-  
pearance, while her mother was out in  
the kitchen doing the week's washing  
and calling in vain for assistance. Noble  
girl.

The Binghamton (N. Y.) Republican,  
of Nov. 22d says: Dana Hyde, a lad aged  
twelve years, was found hanging dead  
from a rafter in the loft of a barn in  
Oswego village this morning. Of late  
Dana evinced a great dread of attending  
school, and had been heard to say that  
he would rather throw himself under a  
railroad train than go to school another  
day. On the inquest held this afternoon  
it was brought out that he had been in  
the habit of reading dime novels and  
weekly story papers.

An ink that can not be erased even  
with acids is obtained by the following  
recipe: To good gall-ink add a strong  
solution of fine, soluble Prussian blue in  
distilled water. This addition makes  
the ink, which was previously proof  
against alkalies, equally proof against  
acids, and forms a writing-fluid which  
can not be erased without destruction of  
the paper. The ink writes greenish-blue  
and turns black.—[Pharmacist.]

### HEINE AND THE VENUS OF MILO.—A touching story is told of Heine's last walk in the boulevards, from which he went home to the death in life he was doomed to undergo for many years. It was in May, 1848, a day of revolution. "Masses of people rolled along the streets of Paris, driven about by their tribunes as by storms. The poet half blind, half lame, dragged himself on his stick, tried to extricate himself from the deafening uproar and fled into the Louvre close by. He stepped into the rooms of the palace—in that troubled time nearly empty—and found himself on the ground floor, in the room in which the ancient gods and goddesses stand. Suddenly he stood before the ideal of beauty, the smiling, entrancing goddess, the mir- acle of an unknown master, the Venus of Milo. Overcome, agitated, stricken through, almost terrified at her aspect, the sick man staggered back till he sank into a seat, and tears hot and bitter coursed down his cheeks. The beautiful lips of the goddess, which appear to breathe, smiled with her wonted smile at the unhappy victim." Heine says himself, in a letter to the father of Las- salle: "Only with pain could I drag my- self to the Louvre, and I was nearly ex- hausted when I entered the lofty hall where the blessed goddess of beauty, our dear lady of Milo, stands on her pedestal. At her feet I lay a long time, and I wept so passionately that a stone must have had compassion on me. Therefore, the goddess looked down pityingly upon me, yet at the same time inconsolably, as though she would say, 'See you not that I have no arms, and that, therefore, I can give you no help?'"—[From the Western.]

The Abyssinians cut the whole of the  
fish off the bones of the elephant into  
things, like the reins of a horse, and  
hang these like festoons upon branches  
of trees till they become perfectly dry,  
without salt, and then they lay  
them up for their provisions in the  
season of the rains.

A Miss Campbell, of New York, wears  
three hundred dollar feathers in her bon-  
net. Next thing you hear old Campbell's  
back will be broken. Those feathers are  
exactly the kind that we've heard of so  
long as being one too many for the back  
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