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THE COLORADO DESERT.

How Sound Carries and the Way Mirages Come and Go.

Talk about wireless telephones! The Colorado desert goes science one better in that line. According to travelers in that neck of sand and sagebrush, you can dispense with any kind of telephone, with or without wires, at least up to a certain distance.

Two men a mile apart can carry on a conversation in an ordinary tone of voice, particularly if there happens to be a small hill behind each, writes Harvey Hall in the Travel Magazine. The prevailing silence is so intense that it might be called deafening.

Perhaps, after all, the weirdest among many strange features of the desert is the mirage. We have camped perhaps and gone to bed early in the evening with the thermometer registering not far below the hundred mark. We awake, shivering with cold beneath our blankets, and look toward the east.

There is the slightest suggestion of light in the sky there, which as we watch grows slowly in strength. A grayish haze marks the horizon's edge, which stands out more sharply at one point, from which broad, pale rays creep up and out high above in the sky. These again slowly fade as a point of brilliant light appears at their base. This point grows to a half circle, then breaks and runs along the sky line in a surging, golden lake.

Upon the shores of this lake cities spring up, towers, spires and solid blocks. These fade into fields and forests and farming scenes—fields of golden grain, cattle standing in green alfalfa, sheets of water. The mountains near the edge of the lake separate from their bases and float upward, topple over and stand on their heads, their unwieldy feet in air.

Soon our lake begins to contract and collect into a big round ball of dazzling brilliance hung just above the horizon. Farms and forest disappear. The mountains, as though abashed at being caught in such an unseemly attitude by the broad light of day, quickly resume their normal position, while all the stark landscape stiffens into unshaking endurance of the garish light and blazing heat of the desert sun. The mirage is gone like a bubble. Only the gray desert remains.

PARIS PAWNSHOPS.

Run by the State, They Are a Boon to All Classes of People.

The "mont-de-piete," as the French equivalent of the pawnshop is called, is a state institution. Consequently there is not that friendly communion between the lender and the client that one sees in London.

There is no "private office" where the person temporarily embarrassed for money may screen himself from inquisitive eyes.

If you are in want of money and you have any portable property of the value of 3 francs or more you take it to the nearest branch office of the "mont-de-piete."

The first thing that meets your gaze is a "guard municipal" patrolling up and down the pavement outside the entrance.

With a feeling of wholesome respect for the majesty of the law you now enter a large room, of which one side is occupied by benches (very hard and uncomfortable ones) and the other by half a dozen employees behind a counter.

Having handed your property to a clerk whose desk bears the inscription, "Reception of Articles," you receive a numbered metal check in exchange and then join the ranks of the expectant borrowers on the benches.

There are all sorts and conditions of men and women. A young girl who brings her savings to the great lady who brings her jewels and whose motor car is waiting in the street.

But if there is no fraternity in the "mont-de-piete" there is at least equality, and no precedence is given to wealth or fashion.

When the value of your property has been estimated in another room a clerk calls out your number and the amount offered, which you can accept or refuse. It is never more than half the lowest selling price of the object, as the valuer is responsible for any loss arising from unredeemed pledges. If you accept his offer your name, address and profession are taken down by another clerk, and you must produce papers to establish your identity.

The interest charged is only 7 per cent per annum, and there is no doubt that the state pawnshops render great services to all classes of French people.—London Standard.

"The reason you don't sympathize with me is that you have never been disappointed in love yourself."
"I haven't, eh? That's all you know. Why, I once advertised for a wife with a million dollars, and I never got a single reply."—Philadelphia Press.

DEVICES OF THE BODY.

The Cough, Sneeze and Sigh Are Measures of Self Protection.

One of the most interesting facts about the human body is its power of self preservation—its power of evading or overcoming the thousand and one conditions which, unless corrected, would be injurious or destructive.

Among the most common of these acts of self preservation are the cough, the sneeze and the sigh. Every one is familiar with these acts, yet few people ever ask themselves the cause, and fewer still could explain them.

One of the simplest of the body's devices for self protection is the cough. The cough is merely a blast of air propelled from the lungs in such a manner as to forcibly dislodge some foreign substance which has been drawn into the throat, the windpipe or the tubes leading to the lungs.

The membranes lining these parts of the body are very sensitive, and when a foreign matter comes in contact with them an alarm message is at once sent to the nervous "headquarters," and the result is the sudden, spasmodic expulsion of breath which is called a cough.

Very often the cough is produced by the irritation of the accumulation of mucus on the surface mentioned. In this case, as in the case of a foreign body, the cough is merely a means of expelling the matter.

So, you see, a cough is merely one of nature's methods of self protection. Cough cures contain some drug which, by paralyzing the nerves, prevents the cough and allows the mucus to accumulate. Thus the cough medicine does only harm. The cure for a cough is to cough—to cough until the excessive deposit is removed. Meantime, of course, measures should be taken to prevent added deposits.

A sneeze is exactly like a cough, save that the obstruction occurs in the nostrils owing to the deposit of some irritant or foreign matter and that the blast of air is thrown out through the nose instead of through the throat and mouth.

Why do we sigh? When grieved or depressed the tendency is to hold the breath. This means that the body suffers for oxygen, and the long, deep breath which we call a sigh is merely a means by which the body obtains for itself the necessary amount of oxygen.—Dr. W. R. C. Latson in Health Culture.

Curing a Doctor.

An eminent physician of London, who was remarkable for continuing his visits to his rich patients after he had turned their disorders out of doors, attended a lady of some celebrity in the world of wit for three months after her recovery and regularly stayed with her until, in the English manner, he received his dismissing fee of 5 guineas. Weary of his expensive calls and concluding that to lessen the fee would be to lose the visitor, she ventured to give him 4 guineas at the conclusion of his next call. He looked anxiously in his hand, then on the carpet and stood for some time in evident embarrassment.

"Have you lost anything?" inquired the lady.

"Why, madam, I thought I had dropped a guinea."

"It is only a mistake in the person, sir," rejoined the fair patient. "It is I who have dropped the guinea."

The doctor, of course, dropped his visits.

White Animals Are Deaf.

"It is a curious fact, little known perhaps, that fully 50 per cent of the young of white dogs, white horses and white cattle are born stone deaf," says a St. Louis doctor. "This rule does not apply to albinos of any species. The albino—the white animal with pink eyes—is an accident of nature. Its color cells contain no pigment. That is the reason it's white. The rule of deafness applies among animals which owe their white color to the breeding of many generations of selected individuals. The deafness is nature's protest against the artificial regulation of natural tendencies. I have seen many white bull terriers with blue eyes, and never saw one which was not stoned."

Bringing the Time of Day.

A certain squire had just set up with great pains and elaborate mathematical calculations a sundial in his garden and was naturally a little proud of it. One day, as it so happened, being close to the garden, he was in doubt as to the right time and told a boy who was with him to run down and get him the time from the dial. After a few minutes the boy appeared, dragging with him something heavy.

"Here she is, yer honor, an' hard set Ah was to get her up." He had torn up the dial from its setting and dragged it up the hill.—London Spectator.

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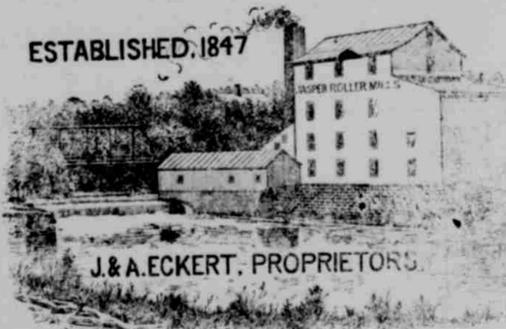
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