

Rupture of Intestine Caused by a Tapeworm.

In a recent number of the New York Medical Journal, Dr. Fayette Dunlay describes a case of resection of the small intestine for rupture caused by a tapeworm. When he saw the patient he believed that there was an ectopic gestation with ruptured sac. On the abdomen being opened the pelvis was seen to be filled with recent blood-clot, and a tapeworm was found protruding from a large ragged rupture in the small intestine. About two-thirds of the lumen of the intestine was gone, the edges were ragged and gangrenous, but it was quite evident that there had been no previous ulceration. The damaged part was resected and the ends united by the continuous suture after the manner of Lembert. Vomiting was continued for thirty hours after the operation and only ceased after a large enema of an ounce each of glycerine and sulphate of magnesium and a quart of hot water. From the abdomen there was removed about eight feet of live tapeworm, and with the enema there came away seventeen feet more. Dr. Dunlay thinks the worm had become entangled, and in the effort to free itself so eroded the wall as to cause rupture. No antiseptics were used. The patient made a good recovery.—Scientific American.

Sugar From Cotton Seed.

The cotton plant, which has for so many centuries furnished a large part of the population of the globe with clothing, seems to be almost without limit in its usefulness, remarks a scientific authority.

From the seed a valuable oil is expressed, while the husks form an article of food for cattle in the shape of cakes. From the lint which clings to the seed after it has passed through the "gin" felt is made, while the oil extracted from the seed is applied to quite a large number of purposes. But, according to the British consul, Mr. Portal, of Zanzibar, cotton seed is also capable of yielding sugar. A process has been discovered for extracting sugar from cotton seed meal, and, though the details of this process have not been disclosed, it is said that the product obtained is of very superior grade, being fifteen times sweeter than cane sugar and twenty times more so than sugar made from beet. This indicates that sweetness is not due to cane sugar, but to some other chemical.—Scientific American.

For Blood, Bladder, Biliousness, W. W. C.

It is now officially ascertained that there yet remains destitution to a quite limited extent in Catahoula and Concordia parishes, resulting from last year's flood, which might fitly be accorded temporary assistance. Col. T. Sambola Jones, who was the Governor's agent in ascertaining the exact conditions, with Capt. Hugh Watson, who had undertaken the relief work voluntarily, might properly formulate the extent and character of the aid required and make the appeal therefor. Or, better still, let Gov. Foster request the fiscal agent banks to advance the sum required, the gentlemen above named to secure the pledge of the General Assemblymen to appropriate a full reimbursement at the session of 1894. Certainly this would be a proper use to make of some of the large Treasury surplus.—Daily Item.

Mary's Passionate Love.

Mary is a very pretty name, but the Mary to whom this article refers is anything but pretty, at least in her ways. Mary is connected with a stand in the lower end of the fish department of the French market. One day this week Mary amused the neighbors in the immediate vicinity of the market on Decatur street, in a somewhat foolish and not altogether proper manner.

Directly opposite the market is a yard where numerous teams are kept during the business hours of the day. In one of the wagons slept a young man who had won Mary's affections. Mary, whose attention was called to the whereabouts of her Adonis, climbed into the wagon and proceeded to bestow kisses and embraces innumerable upon the idol of her dreams, the neighbors all the time enjoying the full benefit of what seemed to them a very funny and altogether one-sided loving bee.

Mary, seemingly unabashed at the numerous eyes peeping at her form half a dozen different directions, continued to enjoy herself to her heart's content.

At last the spectators, sickened by the display of such gushing cooing, and thinking it had gone far enough, concluded to put a stop to the sport. Missiles in the line of bananas, fruit, etc., were hurled by willing hands at the unfortunate couple, and one man individual had the audacity to deliberately work up to the back end of the wagon and give the arduous Mary the full contents of a seltzer water bottle. That broke the charm, and Mary desisted.

As the young man seemed terribly put out over the affair, perhaps Mary will hereafter be less public in her demonstrations of love, or the chances are ten to one that she will have to tack in another direction for some one else upon whom to bestow her caresses.—The Commercial-Comet.

The Bell Telephone Patents.

We have received many letters from readers in various parts of the country asking if they are at liberty to make electrical telephones, now that Bell's original patent has expired. In answer we say no. Bell's original patent was granted for 17 years, dated March 7, 1876, and in the fifth clause he claims "The method of, and apparatus for, transmitting vocal and other sounds telegraphically, as herein described, by causing undulations, similar in form to the vibrations of the air accompanying the said vocal or other sound, substantially as set forth."

This claim was held by the Supreme Court to cover any kind of telephonic apparatus in which an undulatory electrical current was used. This patent expired March 7, 1893.

Bell's second patent, dated January 30, 1877, covers the construction of the well-known Bell instrument and the parts thereof. This patent runs for 17 years from its date and will expire January 30, 1894. Not until that date will the public be free to make use of Bell's invention.—Scientific American.

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