ANCIENT BLEEDING CURE.

A RELIC OF THE MEDICAL METHODS of Scotch thieves as compared with OF A CENTURY AGO.

The Barbarous Practice of "Cup-Its Adherents - The Operation a Somewhat Delicate One.

balm for every ill, from fainting to fever, was bleeding. The wonder is that a human race was left to admit the folly of the practice. It was the correct method of the day, recommended and employed by the best physicians of the time. The surgeon who attended George Washington in his last illness first set about bleeding his august patient. The story is that he took several cups of blood from the vigorous arm of Washington and then diagnosed the case. Washington died. Some say that If he had not been bled he propably

would have lived. The cry comes, But that was a century ago! In sharp contrast stands the wonderful advances made by modern surgery. Thankfully it may be said that such is the truth. But sometimes customs die hard, and today the doctrine of "cupping" has devotees as faithful as those who gave up their life sustaining fluid in Washington's time. This is a startling statement, The writer would have been skeptical if he had not learned its truth himself.

In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries this grewsome form of treatment was the work of the barber. That guild has maintained its prerogative into the twentieth century. In a certain little side street in New York, crushed between two towering brick buildings, stands a timid story and a half frame house. The suggestive striped pole which emblazons the art of the dweller within juts over the walk. In the window hangs a sign bearing the word "Cupping." If today were set back to 1700, the pole alone would tell the story. Times, they say, have changed,

and so the sign. The barber is a German. He was much surprised at the question asked. Everybody knew that cupping was a necessity, especially in the spring, he said. Sometimes, he added, he was so busy that little time remained for his shaving and hair cutting of customers.

"Ach, yes," said the barber, "it keeps me a busy man. How strange you say that you thought it no longer was practiced. People come here morning. noon and night every day, but mostly do they come here in the spring and fall. It is then that the blood needs drawing off. If you have a pain in your head, you come to me. I take my little cup, burn the air in it out, push down my little knives just behind your ear on the neck, and when the cup is full I take it away. If your headache is not better yet. I take another cup, so be it that the bleeding stop not, upon the other side. Maybe your back pains: I cut you a little on the side. Your arm pains; I draw the blood from your

The barber bared his arm. The skin was crossed with tiny, pale nicks, like those one sees on the wrist of a morphine victim.

"Twelve is the number of cups I draw at one sitting," the barber said. "It is a bad pain that will not be gone then. If you come again the next day with the pain, I draw off more until the ache has disappeared completely."

The cups look like sherry glasses with the stems removed. The knife, or lancet, is arranged like a name stamp. Pressure on a spring plunger drives the little blades, which are arranged in pairs or triplets, into the skin. It is here that the skill of the operator comes into play. When the incisions are made in the neck too violent, a tap on the plunger might mean the severing or wounding of an artery. Pressure too light would not let the blood flow fast enough. The barber must have a trained touch.

Upon the condition of the cup much depends. The air is exhausted by means of a tiny alcohol flame. This makes a vacuum. The cup is pressed on lightly, but firmly. The blood rushes under the skin beneath its rim; then, like a flash, the little knives are pushed down, and the bleeding begins. The operator never takes more than 12 cups at one sitting. That would mean per-

haps a half pint of blood. This system of bleeding for human ailments barks back to the earliest times. All through the middle ages it was the healing balm for the sufferings of mankind. The ancients firmly believed that the loss of blood in this manner drew from their systems the "noxious humors" which afflicted them. The advent of the modern school of medicine and surgery did away with it." the process as a universal therapeutic measure. It was not until the nineteenth century was nearly half completed, however, that physicians abandoned it as a practice.-New York Trib-

A Trait of the Sex.

A traveling man who had been absent on a long trip just returned, and his 4-year-old daughter would not at first come near him. Every time he approached her she ran away. The father finally sat down on the floor and, picking up some toy dishes, asked his daughter to come and play party with

This had the desired effect, and the child came and played with her parent, who asked her why she didn't come to him before.

"Oh, papa," replied the youngster, "I'm so shy."-Pittsburg Press.

A Neighborly Disturbance. First Neighbor-Well, my daughter doesn't play the piano any worse than your son writes poetry.

Second Ditto-Perhaps not, but it can be heard so much farther.-Detroit

Free Press.

He Lifted the Treker.

A London detective visiting Glasgow met a Scotch police official on the street and in the talk that followed spoke contemptuously of the ability the English experts.

Taking this as an aspersion cast on tile astuteness of the Scottish police as ping" Suffering Humanity Still Has tled and thirsted for revenge. Looking around, he espied a little fellow who had been dogging them and who One hundred years ago the sovereign was known as an expert pickpocket, Crossing the street he addressed the boy, and, pointing to the retreating figure of the English detective, he asked if he would know him again. "Aye," replied the boy. "What about

> "I want you to lift his ticker. He says no one in Glasgow can relieve him of it."

"Ah, It's a' richt. See ony green?" "Honor bright, Tommy! I'll give you half a crown when you deliver up

the watch to me." "Ye will? An what else?"

"Nothing else." "Let's see, then. I'm to lift the ticker, an you're to pay half a crown for't on the spot?" "Yes, that's It."

"An wad ye ken it if ye seen it?"

"I would among a thousand." "Is that it, then?" And the boy, diving into his trousers pocket, displayed the identical watch and explained that he had secured it "while the gent was chaffin about the prigs."

Oriental Punishments.

The heathen Chinee deems the desecration of graves one of the most unpardonable of crimes, and, according to law, any man finding another in the act of robbing a graveyard may legally kill the villain on the spot without fear of consequences.

If a Turkish baker palms off a loaf of bread on you that is proved to be of less weight than it is represented, you can instruct a policeman to nail the defaulter by one of his ears to the door of his shop so as to be in full view then be provided with a sharp dagger or knife, with which he can cut himself necessary courage required for the operation of self maining.

In many of the oriental countries. where precious stones are looked upon as well nigh sacred objects, it is no uncommon thing for a jewel robber to when taking part in any military op-

erations or public athletics is death. One writer recalls how he saw a man shot in Montenegro for appearing at a review wearing a stained uniform.

Sacrificed the Mustache.

house of representatives who attended the fingers, cut it away with a dull the gentleman's wants:

settled himself in the barber's chair and working the fingers separately will ofrequested a shave. When the operation ten loosen them. The mold should be was completed, Mr. Reed straightened allowed to dry a few hours and then be himself and asked, 'Have you any of filled with white plaster, the same conthat old fashioned pomade to wax sistency as was used for the mold. A mustaches with?

and jars and produced a French prep- mold, which when filled gives the tile aration in vogue a quarter of a cen- for the cast to rest on. Let the whole tury ago and then proceeded to wax dry and then chip the mold away with the ends of the Maine statesman's few a knife. The mold, being of a different wirelike hairs.

"When the man of snapshot sentences | the cast. glass, he turned to the astonished bar- round, after the hand has been oiled, England Home Magazine.

014 Teeth Bought.

The following curious advertisement | hand be lifted out. ers, Ipswich.'

Impression Correct.

month or two ago?" "Shadbolt, you did. If you had a good business head on your shoulders, it is easily pulled off without harm to you would be able to remember a loan the cast and still retains its shape and like that with absolute certainty and can be tilled any number of times. The wouldn't have to ask anybody about yellow or ivory finish that is given to

Frowns and passes on .- Exchange.

Up In the Air. This cyclone story is vouched for by the Minneapolis Better Way. It is high polish. A bronze finish can be that a cow which was picketed on a rope was picked up by the cyclone and carried up the length of her rope, about which bronze or green paint has been 60 feet, where she remained until the added. storm had passed, when she quietly

climbed down the rope and resumed her grazing.

Scene Painting. A good scene painter may get anywhere from \$400 to \$1,000 for a scene. animal forms, such as frogs, fish, etc.; The average price paid to the best half also models that one has made and dozen scene painters for a scene is wishes to preserve.-Good Housekeep-\$500. But there are a great many more ing. scenes painted for \$100 than \$500.

As soon as a married man gets a comfortable home built he begins to worry his wife by talking about selling it.-Indianapolis Journal.

There is nobody quite so busy as the editor who tries to publish a ten page newspaper in a four page town .-Washington Post.

CLASS PLASTER.

How Ornaments For the Home Can Be Made if the Beginner Has a Little Ingenuity and Patience-Cast of the Baby's Hand.

instruction that can be gained from making plaster casts. It is inexpensive, and the utensils required are found in every household. A cast of the baby's chubby hand or foot or, in fact, a cast of any kind is not only a delight, but his cordinlity diminishes. The waiters an ornament. The great secret in making successful plaster casts lies in not getting excited. Care should be used when getting the plaster that it be own success in the matter of fees. It plaster of paris and that it be bought is only the good will of the head walter from some shop where it is sure to be fresh, as that which is obtained from efforts. a drug store is apt to be stale and will not set properly.

A few quarts of plaster should be sufficient for a first attempt. A bucket of water, a tin basin, a tin spoon, some oil or soansuds and, if possible, some common modeling clay and a bottle of ink are all the materials required. A mold is first taken of the object, and There are two kinds of casts-those plaque, and those that show the whole object or are in the "round." The hand is about as simple an object as can be found and is more interesting than is the easiest, it would be well to start with that. Place a sheet of paper on a table and then grease the hand thoroughly with the oil or thick soapsuds to prevent the plaster from sticking to the skin when removing the mold.

When the hand is placed in the position wanted, fill the spaces underneath | comes from a prominent citizen, a man it, where it does not touch the table, with clay, or if clay cannot be obtained In 1862 he was for a period the camof the passersby. The poor wretch will use putty. It is convenient to make a paign companion of Leonard Swett, small wall of clay around the object to prevent the plaster from running, but | congress in Illinois. Mr. Swett was fee so soon as he can summon up the it is not necessary. Put about a quart of cold water in the basin and pour the plaster into it, stir quietly and keep the spoon under water to avoid making bubbles. Use enough plaster to make It the consistency of batter. If a little salt is added or hot water instead of in Fremont and Pekin, in Tazewell be punished with death. In Tibet the cold is used, the plaster will harden or county, and by the informant referred penalty for falling from your horse set more quickly. A small quantity of to was driven from Fremont to Pekin. ink or any coloring matter will make it | Swett had few equals as a conversaeasier to distinguish the mold from the | tionalist, and the talk was brisk and cast and will also make it more brittle naturally never to be forgotten by the or rotten and easier to separate the man who had proffered his services as two. Pour the plaster over the hand, a driver. taking care that there are no bubbles, until it is about half an inch thick. It lawyer of Pekin, remarked, "He is a Thomas B. Reed at one time wore a will require a few minutes for it to set son of a sea cook." Mr. Swett turned mustache of a few straggling hairs, and is ready to lift off when it can be abruptly about and said; "That expresso often seen on the upper lip of ex- scratched with a knife. It is easier to slon is not correct. You mean the son tremely fleshy men. How Mr. Reed turn the hand and mold up and lift of a sekawk, which is a perversion of parted with his hirsute apology can the hand out than to take the mold off best be told by a certain barber in the the hand. If any plaster has run under

knife. "One day the big man from Maine | Should the hand not come out easily, wall of clay about an inch high will "The barber hustled among his pots have to be built around the edge of the color, can be readily distinguished from

arose and contemplated himself in the In making the mold for a cast in the ber and said, 'Cut this blanked blank sink it to about half an inch in a bed mustache off, for you have made me of plaster, leaving about half an inch look like a confounded catfish."-New for thickness. Make the rim smooth and, when hardened, oil. Now cover the upper half with plaster. When set, this should knock apart easily and the

recently appeared in a London paper: Another way, but a more difficult "Old False Teeth Bought.-Many la one, after putting the hand half way dies and gentlemen have by them old in the plaster and before this has dried. or disused false teeth, which might as is to put a thin strong string around all well be turned into money. Messrs. R. the edges of the fingers, letting the D. and J. B. -, of - (establish ends come out at the wrists. When ed since 1833), buy old false teeth. If the hand is entirely covered with plasyou send your teeth to them, they will ter and before it has hardened, pull the remit you by return post the utmost string out, which cuts it in two. The value; or if preferred they will make manner of filling both these kinds of you the best offer and hold the teeth molds is the same. Oil and tie the two over for your reply. If reference is halves tightly together and fill with necessary, apply to Messrs. -, bank- plaster, let harden and lift the molds

Only one cast can be made from molds like these. At shops where plas-"Dinguss, didn't I lend you \$10 a ter_casts are made and sold and a number of the same casts are wanted a gelatin mold is made. Being elastic, many casts is obtained by using white shellac, which can be had already mixed from a paintshop. By adding oil paint any desired color can be obtained. Rubbing with a cloth gives a given by coating with a mixture of white wax dissolved in turpentine, to

A fine set of casts, which would interest children and could be used in the schoolroom, could be easily made, such as fruit or vegetable forms, apples, bananas, potatoes and corn, or simple

A Good Scheme.

Mrs. Younghusband-Do you notice any difference in the milk, dear? Mr. Younghusband-I should say so. This is a much better quality than we have been getting lately.

Mrs. Younghusband-Indeed it is. 1 got it off a new man, who said he would guarantee it to be perfectly pure. So I bought enough to last for a couple of weeks.

The Hend Wniter's Tips.

One of the most expensive restaurants in New York is conducted, so far as its observing patrons can tell, on a unique system of tips. The head wait-THEY NEED COOL HEADS AND FIRST or of the room devoted to the use of the men guests makes it a point to betheir names and becomes genial in the | controversy. half respectful, half presuming way that so frequently passes for good nature among employees of the kind in this country. Naturally be receives Few people realize the pleasure and | liberal fees from his clientele, which is | in the whole domestic circle who is under prices for the extra service they re-

When there is no financial response of this kind to the waiter's advances, under him do, with unusual willingness, the head walter's bidding. They are evidently indifferent as to their that appears to be the goal of all their

Such unselfishness astonishes regular patrons of the restaurant, and one in It was shining, knowing and command particular undertook to discover the ing. reason of this attitude of the waiters toward their chief. He learned after the head of the house deliberately burnnwhile that the tips the head waiter received were large enough to enable him to give the waiters a part of his earnings for attending with particular when this is filled it gives the cast. care to his patrons, who, as a rule, contine their contributions to the head where only part of the object is shown, waiter. The guests who fail to take the other part resting on a tile or advantage of the head waiter's overtures to friendliness are not likely to fare well in that restaurant, where the waiters, certain of a fee from the man over them, are indifferent to the guests most things. As the hand on the tile not included among the list of his patrons.- New York Sun.

> A Son of a Sea Cook. The information concerning the expression "a son of a sea cook," says the Philadelphia Times, has not been found in any reference dictionary. It of affairs and a man of intelligence. who at that time was a candidate for the bosom friend of Abraham Lincoln -his alter ego. In 1888 he was the advocate in Chicago of the presidential

aspirations of Walter Q. Gresham. At the time referred to Mr. Swett had an engagement to address voters

The latter, speaking of a well known the Indian name segonk, which means a skunk and is usually pronounced sekawk. Few people ever use the term correctly or comprehend its meaning."

One Old Horse Guards Another, Two beautiful chestnut horses, Jack and Sam, were among my early friends. They were clean built, high stepping trotters of a speed which might have distinguished them on the track, but they led a happier life, being favorite carriage horses in a region of beautiful country roads or sometimes, under the saddle, threading lovely forest paths.

Rarely used in single harness, they had been as rarely separated, and keep him waiting. I'll ask him to call when in their old age Sam became blind it was a touching thing to see Jack's constant watchfulness over him. Their pasturage was in fields broken by rocky ledges and where more than one steep ravine suddenly descended from the smooth sward. Jack never left his friend. Constantly beside him. if Sam went too near a perilous edge, the stream, a rock or fence, he would go between him and the danger, pushing him aside or, if that could not be done, he would take him by the mane and gently lead him to a place of safety. No allurements in lumps of sugar, apples or the salt basket ever drew Jack from his dependent friend .- Our Animal Friends.

Not to Be Discouraged.

"Polite society" is often at its wits' end to devise means of getting rid of people who are not wanted as callers or visitors, but who will not take a hint, for polite society cannot say in so many words, "I do not want you to come again." A French paper repeats this dialogue between two ladies:

"And so you still receive that dreadful Mme. Comeagain?" "Impossible to get her to take a hint Do you know, the last time she called

I never offered her a chair!" "And what was the result?" "Result? Why, the next time she came she brought a folding camp

By a Modern Æson.

stool!"

In the days when Children understood the language of Everything a Boy was telling his Troubles to the Eggs. "They always Beat me," he Com-

plained, "unless I am Good." "They will not beat us," observed the Eggs, "unless we are Good." Moral.-There must be some Mistake

more American. Where He Didn't Study. "My gracious!" cried the sympathet-

in those Jokes about Omelets.-Balti-

to girl. "Your dog seems half starved. He looks as if he hadn't had anything to eat for a week." "Neither he has, poor fellow!" replied

him. "Why, where was he?" "Locked up in my study room!"-Philadelphia Record.

the college student. "I forgot all about

HER DAD UNDERSTOOD.

He Proved Himself a Worthy Ally o Ills Favorite Daughter.

When a girl is a favorite daughter as a sweet, winsome girl in addition, she morally certain to capture the "flinty paternal heart, no matter how the rest come acquainted with them, find out the household may array itself in the

This Picty Hill family is rich, influential and free from the weaknessor of the parvenu. The daughter in question has an admirer who pleases her, and that is the main thing. But she is the only one made up of rich men able to pay high the spell of his attraction. He is a fine fellow, perhaps a bit too fine, for he has some very old fashioned ideas and liver up to them. The other day she had a battle to have him with them for dinner.

They had just begun to enjoy the soup when he turned to the father and effusively thanked him for a picture received as a birthday present. It was as dainty and pretty a piece of work as he had seen in a long while, and it was particularly welcome from her father. All but one of his hearers, father in-

cluded, looked stunned. He cleared his throat and, while sparring for time, caught the eye of the favorite daughter.

Ah, yes, yes, glad you liked it?" And ed himself with the soup.
"What was it?" And the mother low-

ered the temperature of the room until the more timid shivered. I presume it was a water color," said the daughter hurriedly. "Something pastoral, no doubt. George likes such things. Dark frame, of course."

"Guessed it the first time," smiled the father. "It was so good of you," murmured the

visitor. "You darling old popsy," she whispered after dinner. "I knew you'd understand We never show him any kindness, so just went down and bought that picture and inclosed your card. Isn't he grate

It tickled the old gentleman. He felt Important and like a protector. Before the family separated for bed he made an emphatic announcement that the daugh ter should marry any one she wanted to. and he would allow no interference.-De troit Free Press.

A DUMMY TELEPHONE.

How It Was Made to Soothe the Auxtous Politicians.

Edward Lauterbach was at one time president of the New York county Re-publican committee. While holding this office Mr. Lauterbach, one of the busiest and most prosperous lawyers in the metropolis, was overrun with applicants for political places. Their perseverance would have driven a less wily man to the bad, but Mr. Lauterbach rigged up a dummy telephone, of which this is the first written description. The wire was grounded, and secrets poured into its receiver were as safe as if spoken in a tomb without witnesses. A man would come into Mr. Lanter

bach's office and query him thus; "How about that job in the apprais er's office, Mr. President?"

"Let me see, your name is"-"Jones-Thomas J. Jones of the Ninth district."

"Oh, yes! I remember perfectly Haven't you heard from that yet?" "Not a word."

Ring, went the dummy telephone bell, and the following single handed dialogue between Mr. Lauterbach and himself took place:

"Hello, Central! Give me the Repubcan county committee. Is that you Mr. Manchester? I'm Lauterbach. All Kansas City. St. Louis right. How about that job in the ap orniser's office for Jones of the Ninth? h? More delay? I'm surprised. I told you I wanted that fixed up a month thing better in view if Mr. Jones can wait? That's good. You will write to him about it? All right. Don't let any more delays occur. Mr. Jones is one of our best men, and we can't afford to down and see you next week about it.

Ten minutes after Jones of the Ninth left the office, his chest inflated with honest pride, while Secretary Manchester was reading a hastily written note from the president and was wondering whether the supply of plums would hold out until all the hungry patriots had their fill.-Saturday Evening Post.

Greeley on Politics.

In 1872 Ambrose Shields, an Indian, was a well known resident of Paola. He was an enthusiastic supporter of Horace Greeley for the presidency, and he wrote to that gentleman proposing a speaking tour of Kansas which should be made novel and attractive by a band of In-dians, organized by Shields and taken along. In due time Shields received a reply in Mr. Greeley's almost illegible handwriting, and here it is, says the Paola (Kan.) Republican, as best de ciphered by those who took a look at it:

NEW YORK TRIBUNE, NEW YORK, July 24, 1872. My Dear Sir-I thank you heartily for your offer to aid me, yet I dare not accept it. I judge that you, like myself, are not accept it. I judge that you, like myself, are not rich, and I would not have you make yourself poor to help me. I really trust there is no need of it. Take care of your wife and children and do not waste their bread in politics. Please read Carl Schurz's speech. It is the best political address I ever read. Yours, HORACE GREELEY.

Preacaing and Practice.

Rev. Cassius M. Roberts is witty and jolly. In years agone he studied law, was admitted to the bar and practiced for many years. It was on a recent visit to Cincinnati he fell in with a number of his former comrades, and naturally they fell to talking over old times.

"Cassius," one of them asked at last, "how did you ever come to give up the law and enter the ministry?"
"Well, boys," he answered, his eyes twinkling, "I'll tell you. You know I was a mighty poor lawyer and had hard

work to get along. I stood it a good many years, and finally I came to the conclusion that it was a good deal easier to preach than to practice."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

Doubted It.

"The defeated crew claim they would have beaten you if they hadn't caught so many crabs," said the rooter.

"What!" cried the captain of the win-ning eight. "I don't believe there ever was a crab slow enough for them to catch."-Exchange.

For some reason the man who has no money to buy food is never seized with a desire to acquire fame by breaking all records for fasting.-Atchison Globe.



Every woman loves to think of the time when a soft little body, all her own, will nestle in her bosom, fully satisfying the yearning which lies in the heart of every good woman. But yet there is a black cloud hovering about the pretty picture in her mind which fills her with terror. The dread of childberth takes away much of the joy of motherhood. And yet it need not be so. For sometime there has been upon the market, well-known and recommended by physicians, a Imment called

Mother's Friend

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