

GOLD WATER OR WHISKEY.

Ontario Doctors Discuss a Most Important Topic.

USES AND ABUSES OF ANTIPYRETIC.

At the annual meeting of the Ontario Medical Association last (Thursday) night Dr. Thorburn was called upon to read his paper on "The Uses and Abuses of Antipyretics."

Dr. Workman opened a discussion by asking gentlemen to give their views on the antipyretic power of whiskey. He had used it liberally on many occasions, and had no reason to be dissatisfied with the results.

There was a risible scene at this point, as several wanted the floor. Dean Geikie caught the speaker's eye. He confessed to having used it sometimes and thought it acted admirably, if judiciously given, but much depended on the state and condition of the patient.

Dr. Cameron instanced the case of forty patients he had treated without the use of antipyretics, and said he presented as good a record as forty others which he knew had been treated antipyretically.

Dr. Carson thought the question of using whiskey as an antipyretic was pretty well settled by the British Medical Association several years ago when Dr. B. W. Richardson, of London, clearly demonstrated that a glass of whiskey, instead of increasing a man's temperature, decidedly lowered it, not at the time, but a little bit after.

Dr. Holmes, of Chatham, described several experiments he had tried with cold-blooded animals. He found that by applying heat to the heart of a turtle it increased the circulation.

Dr. Workman said that while medical superintendent of the asylum a man named Caleb came to him suffering from violent religious mania. He prescribed a warm bath for at least twenty minutes, and deputed two men to do it.

Dr. Richardson gave the case of a woman suffering from erysipelas in the head. He prescribed half a pint of whiskey, to be taken during the night. In the morning the patient was entirely convalescent.

Hon. Dr. Sullivan admitted that the subject was one of the most difficult and abstract problems in medical science. Some people feared the efforts of scientists in endeavoring to find the heat centre, but he did not see why the heat centre should not be located as well as the respiratory or any other centre.

The New Marriage Service.

Good Minister (a married man)—Do you wish to marry this woman?

Man—I do.

Minister—Do you wish to marry this man?

Woman—I do.

Minister—Do you like the city as a place of residence?

Man—No, I prefer the suburbs.

Minister—Do you like the suburbs?

Woman—No, indeed; I prefer the city.

Minister—Are you a vegetarian in diet?

Man—No; I hate vegetables. I live on beef.

Woman—I can't bear meat. I am a vegetarian.

Minister—Do you like a sleeping-room well ventilated?

Man—Yes; I want the window way down, summer and winter.

Minister—Do you like so much fresh air?

Woman—No; it would kill me. I want all windows closed.

Minister—Do you like a light in the room?

Man—No; can't sleep in the light; want the room dark.

Minister—Are you afraid in the dark?

Woman—Indeed I am; I have always had a bright light in my room.

Minister—Do you like many bedclothes?

Man—All I can pile on.

Minister—Do you?

Woman—No; they suffocate me.

Minister—I hereby pronounce you man and wife, and may the Lord have mercy on your souls.—New York Weekly.

AUSTIN FLINT, M. D., late professor of the principles of practice of medicine and of clinical medicine in the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, says of Bright's Disease: "Pain in the loins is rarely a prominent symptom, and is often wanting. This statement also applies to tenderness on pressure over kidneys."

CURRENT TOPICS.

Open for an engagement—Portholes.

The following story is told of Sir James Hannen: He was hearing a divorce case in which one of the witnesses, a rather bumptious personage, inquired with an air of one who is putting a poser, "Pray, my lord, am I to give my evidence for nothing?"

A MAN in Watertown, N. Y., thought it would be to his advantage to frighten his wife, so he tied a rope around his neck and suspended himself from a convenient hook. Then he awaited developments. His wife took the matter calmly and made no attempt to cut him down.

There is the only known country on earth not open to Christian missions. It has an area of 750,000 square miles, about as large as the United States east of the Mississippi River. The greatest length from east to west is 1,500 miles, and the population is estimated at 8,000,000.

When rogues fall out, such as the respective bacteria of consumption and rheumatism, honest men may get their due, by the destruction of the one kind and the ex-hercution of the other by the job. Dr. Lanigan, of Hyde Park, Mass., says that he has for many years held a belief in the antagonism between certain complaints.

ERASTUS WILMAN, it seems, has been maintaining a scheme of home insurance on Staten Island. He has built a lot of houses, costing not over \$1,500 apiece, and rented them to New York workmen for \$300 a year for a series of years, on the condition that if the occupant died before his lease expired the house was to become the property of his widow in fee simple.

The Story of a WILL. (From the Toronto Mail.) To the Editor of the Mail:—

Having seen a letter in your paper from Mr. John Cooper, of this town, reminding me of an incident which occurred about three years ago. A friend of mine, Mr. A. Seymour, was staying at Vermillion Bay, on the C.P.R., west of here. A legacy was left to him by an uncle in London, England. Mr. Seymour was in such bad health at the time that he thought he would not be alive when the legacy would reach here.

In the same letter was a request to send half a dozen bottles of Warner's Safe Cure, and some pills. I sent them. I received a letter some time after asking me to send some more, as he was feeling much better. I did so, and the next I knew Mr. Seymour himself came to town and told me (and looked it) that he was a well man. He got his money through the Ontario Bank here, and is now in British Columbia, and was in good health when I last heard from him.

Queen Victoria's Sensible Shoes.

A shoemaker from London, who worked in the shop where Queen Victoria's shoes are made, being interviewed by a reporter, said: "I suppose the Queen's number is at least a six and she wears a sensible shoe, long and broad, with a low heel, and plenty of room at the toes. She has several bunions and corns, you know. I suppose her common sense ideas about shoes didn't come to her until late in life. I remember making a pair of ball shoes for the Princess Beatrice just before I left. She has a foot something like her mother's. It was short and fat, the ankle being what you might call boxed just a little. Her number was a four and she wore out perhaps a dozen pairs a year."

Mr. Quickwit Moralizes.

Mr. Quickwit (to Mrs. Coarseair, who is profusely bedecked with imitation diamonds)—Madame, you remind me of an open-faced watch.

Mrs. Coarseair—How so? Te, he, he!

Mr. Quickwit—Your crystal is so prominent.—Jeweller's Weekly.

At the Kindergarten.

"Now, children, what is the name of the meal you eat in the morning?" "Oatmeal," replies a precocious member of the class.

BONNETS AND PINS.

The Fashionable Greens as Foes to the Completion.

The coming bonnet is a subject of feminine interest, but the saying one appeals much more to mankind. If there is anything under heaven a man loathes worse than getting up early in the morning or going to bed early at night it is to be walking with a woman who is never quite certain as to whether her bonnet intends to remain on her head or to take wings into itself and settle in an ash barrel.

Among the very latest colors are a green that gives you a beautiful complexion, beautiful in the sense of being desirable as an advertisement before certain liver pills are taken, and a crimson shade that makes the average brunette look black and the average blonde corpse-like.

Continental Drunkards and Their Treatment.

An habitual drunkard in Sweden and Norway is treated as a criminal, in this sense, that his inordinate love of strong drink renders him liable to imprisonment, and whilst in confinement it appears he is cured of his bad propensities on a plan that, though simple enough, is said to produce marvellous effects. From the day the confirmed drunkard is incarcerated no other nourishment is served to him or her but bread and wine. The bread, however, it should be said, cannot be eaten apart from the wine, but is steeped in a bowl of it, and left to soak thus an hour or more before the meal is served to the delinquent.

In the Scientific World.

Recent experiments with sugar as a preventive for incrustation of steam boilers are reported as giving very satisfactory results.

Oil to be spread on stormy waves has been inclosed in a cartridge and fired from an ordinary breech-loading gun, giving most excellent results.

The amount of rain with a falling barometer in Great Britain is twice that with a rising barometer. The ratio diminishes as we go eastward.

In recent years it has been claimed by chemists that the changes attending the dissolution of metals in acids are only in part electrical and in part chemical.

The quality of the effects produced by aluminum and copper diaphragms for telephones is very remarkable, as they give the timbre of sounds and of articulate speech far better than iron.

In a recent paper on the hygiene of Japanese houses the common idea that dwelling houses in that country are very unhealthy was distinctly disproved. The remarkably small infant mortality among the Japanese shows that their houses are healthy and suited to their modes of life.

Rules for a Rainy Day.

If the umbrella is at the "other end of the line," bear it patiently. Some other umbrella will do just as well.

Be sure and inform every one you meet that "it rains." Otherwise they might remark "in ignorance of the damp fact."

Waterproof garments may be depended upon to shed water upon other folks. That seems to be the chief object of their existence.

Do not allow any ventilation in a horse car on a rainy morning. It might exhilarate the passengers to deeds of violence.

Carry your umbrella very carefully and you can just manage to drain one quarter section of it down the neck of the person who is so unfortunate as to be a head of you. He will appreciate this.

No Chance in a Fight.

"Sarah, you on earth don't you cut that boy's hair?"

"I shan't, John. What, spoil our Little Lord Fauntleroy?"

"If he ever gets into a fight with a short-haired boy he'll get spoiled quick enough!"—Chicago Herald.

A Critical Opinion.

"I saw you at the opera last night, Mr. Smythe. Did you enjoy it?" "Yes, very much."

"Which part did you like best?" "Oh, I don't know exactly. It struck me as being the prettiest when they all wore pink!"

The Congregationalist reports that one of the quaint old Scottish preachers in Edinburgh recently used this phrase in his prayer: "O Lord, bless those who are at home, unable to be present; those who might be here if they would; bless the poor, and bless the rich, who after their funerals, will be poor!"

The Philadelphia Record, commenting upon the new Minnesota law for the punishment of drunkenness, asks: "Who is to judge whether a Minnesotan be drunk or sober?" Whereupon the Minneapolis Tribune replies: "The Minnesotan's wife, good friend; the Minnesotan's wife."

NOTHING LIKE PRAISE.

Many a Child is Heart Hungry for a Little Encouragement.

Parents are too often slow to see the motive of their children's kindest actions. A little fellow has been reading of some young hero who helped his father and mother in all sorts of ways; and after racking his brains to think how he, too, can help, he remembers that he can fetch away and put them in the proper place. Without saying a word to anybody when evening comes he notices what the father is so occupied that he notices what the boy has done. The little fellow happens on, thinking that when he goes to bed his father will say how pleased he was to see Charles so willing to help; but not a word is uttered, and the boy goes to bed with a choking feeling in his throat and says his prayers by the bedside with a sadness very real in his heart.

Parents often complain of children not being so ready to help as they should be. The fault is with the parents, who have not known how to evoke feelings with which the heart of every child is richly stored. All words of approval are helpful and encouraging. In a large family there have been days of anxiety and care. The eldest daughter by her skill in teaching has earned a little extra money, and without a word to any one she lays nearly all of it out in buying things that are much needed in the house.

Ontario's Success in Making Cheese.

Englishmen sometimes ask, How comes it that a young country like Canada has forced her way ahead of almost all competitors in the cheese markets of Great Britain? No rents, little taxes, and great natural resources will, no doubt, suggest an answer in part; but if some further influence is to be sought, as we believe it must be, it may be found in the judicious stimulus which the industry receives from the governing authorities in the various Provinces. Take Ontario as an instance. Where in England will one find an organization which provides the farmers free of charge with such a bulletin as that entitled "Notes for Cheese-makers for May," which Mr. James W. Robertson, the Professor of Dairying at the Guelph Provincial College, has prepared, and which has by this time reached all Ontario farmers through the Provincial Department of Agriculture? In the first place we find nine practical suggestions as to the management of factories and their surroundings; next come thirty suggestions on "Milk and Making;" and lastly four suggestions for the patrons of each cheese factory. In this little eight-page pamphlet the Ontario farmer has a mecum to the highest forms of cheese-making. What wonder that with such a royal road to success pointed out to him he should outdistance his competitors even in European markets.—Canadian Gazette, London.

The Men Who Stand to Win.

People go to a public gaming table with their eyes open. They know at Monte Carlo that the zero is against them at roulette, and they are content to face the certainty of the rafat as the rouge et noir. Consequently they are assured that the bank must win in the long run, and they follow their highly speculative chances in the roulette game de cause. But the sharp-witted innocents who stand "so win" upon unknown horses, while professing to calculate chances, never care to count with certainties. Yet surely it might be worth their while to consider that the great world of betting men and tipsters must live. A few of the book-makers make fortunes out of the victims who are fleeced; many more might retire upon competencies were they only decently prudent; and, in any case, the indispensable expenses of the professional are enormous. The net profits at the best are but a small percentage on the heavy 24,000 outlay.—Saturday Review.

Consumption in Canada.

At the meeting of the Ontario Medical Association yesterday, Dr. W. T. Atkins, Toronto, read a paper on "The General Management of the Patient and Sick Room in Canada." He maintained that Canadians were not so robust generally as Old Country people on account of the bad ventilation of the houses, particularly during the winter, when stoves consumed the pure air and windows were seldom or ever opened. He described a process of filtering the air and exhibited a piece of gauze or cotton batting to be used in lieu of the window of the room of a sick or consumptive patient, showing how it prevented the entrance of impurities, including smoke and dust.

A Plague of Grasshoppers.

Farmers coming to and from the surrounding country report the presence of myriads of grasshoppers. The recent rains killed off a good many of them, but it needed a good deal colder downfall than we have had yet to do much good. What with the grasshoppers and caterpillars, the outlook for the country districts is not so encouraging as it was a fortnight back when everything looked fair for phenomenal crops.—Ottawa Herald.

Hot Water for Inflamed Eyes.

Hot water is now a remedy so popular and varied in its applications that it is not surprising to hear it recommended for the treatment of inflamed and itching eyes. An American writer, a woman whose eyesight was wonderful, considering her age and the immense amount of labor she performed, attributed it mainly to the custom of bathing her eyes freely in water as hot as could be borne, night and morning, a habit continued for many years.—Buffalo Times.

Aged Rapidly.

Young Husband—What, you are twenty-five years old to-day? Why, you told me a year ago, just before the wedding, that you were only twenty.

Young Wife (wearily)—I have aged rapidly since I married.

—If it be true that "Whom the gods love die young," the ballet girl must continue to depend on the gods.

DEAD AMONG HIS PEEPS.

They Died With Him When August Hintze Passed Away.

A crowd of children were yesterday afternoon peering into the basement of a big tenement house at No. 414 East Twenty-ninth street, where August Hintze, an old man whose face had been for years a familiar one in the neighborhood, had been found dead in bed. He was a widower, 77 years old, and lived alone in two dark little rooms with two canary birds, a family of white mice and a woolly-haired terrier. Grown-up on an occasional visit from his two sisters-up some one of whom is in Nevada and the other in this city, no one ever came to see him. Last Saturday night the old man went home, followed by his dog, and lay down on his bed. Sunday he did not appear and most of that day his dog kept howling. Yesterday morning the janitor of the tenement became alarmed and broke open the door. The windows were all closed and the gas turned on. Hintze was undressed, in bed, dead, and stretched by his side, also dead, was his inseparable companion, the dog. The white mice on the window sill and the canary birds near by were also dead in their cages.

The police were notified, and Hintze's son, who lives at No. 415 East Highway-street, subsequently had the body removed to his home. It is thought the old man was asphyxiated accidentally. The gas cook worked very loosely, and he probably turned it on after turning it off, not knowing what he was doing. He suffered from an incurable malady, which at times deprived him of his senses.—New York World.

Pills and Poetry.

There are men who make a living by writing rhymes in which they extol the virtues of somebody's tooth-wash, or consumption cure, or Furgative Pellets. It rather grates upon one's feelings to read a pathetic stanza of poetry and finish by learning that Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the sovereign remedy for consumption in its early stages, for deranged liver, disordered kidneys, impure or impoverished blood. Still this is absolutely true, and why should not the truth be told in poetry as well as prose.

Life's Real Episodes.

Jones—There are only two periods in a man's life when he is greatly interested in his personal appearance. Smith—When do they occur? Jones—One is at 20, when he watches the hair coming out of his upper lip, and the other is at 40, when he watches the hair coming out on the top of his head.

Sedentary Habits.

In this age of push and worry, the business man and the professional man are alike unable to devote any adequate time to exercise. In the daily round of toil and pleasure, no suitable provision is made for that important function, and the result is that men of sedentary habits become subject to many forms of ailments arising from a torpid or sluggish liver. Constipation, sick headache, biliousness and dyspepsia are all due to improper action of the liver. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets cure these troubles by restoring the liver to its normal condition.

A Woman Wants to Know.

Why is it that a man is better natured and more approachable after he has had a good dinner than just after he has had his breakfast?—A woman, in Washington Press.

Chronic nasal catarrh—guaranteed cure—Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy. Sold by druggists at 50 cents.

The Face a Mirror.

Tubbs—I flatter myself that honesty is printed on my face. Grubbs—Well—er—yes, perhaps—with some allowance for typographical error.

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