

THE GRIP.

Ever had the grip? I will give you a few pointers. You will imagine you have a bad cold, and you can wear it out, but you need not try it. The grip has fastened his fangs onto you and will not let go. You have got to give up, go home and go to bed. In a short time you will realize Beecher's dream of hell. You will think your head has been removed and an old beehive with the empty comb left in its place. Your mouth will taste like a ball of sauerkraut. You have the grip.

The doctor comes, looks you over, puts his thermometer in your mouth, finds your temperature 104 degrees in the shade, your pulse going at the rate of two miles and three faps to the second. He orders you to stay in bed and gives you medicine that is so strong and sour that simply setting the bottle on the clock shelf stopped the clock. He will tell your wife that she may give you warm drinks and try to get you to sweat and take his leave. Now, all wives are family doctors by right of their position in the house, and as you have gone to sleep, delirious and exhausted, she begins her treatment by putting a belladonna plaster across your lungs, a flaxseed poultice on one side and a mustard poultice on the other, a hot fustian and a jug of hot water to your feet, and a sack of boiled corn in the ear, piping hot, to your back. You sleep and dream of being away to the far north in search of the north pole or out in the center of some beautiful sheet of water, like Lake Superior, or the lawn tennis skatip rink, helpless and alone, with the ice breaking all around you and you slowly sinking. You finally awake, burned, blistered and baked. The doctor calls, finds your temperature about 80 degrees at the north side of the house and your pulse normal, not needing a pacemaker. He pronounces you better, convalescing, orders beef tea, chicken soup, gruel and toast as a diet. You take the big rocking chair exhausted, tired, discouraged and ugly; you feel like kicking your wife, kicking the dog and breaking up the furniture, but you won't do anything but sit there day after day weak, helpless and tired.—Winona (Minn.) Herald.

Making Billiard Cushions.

The making of billiard cushions is an important industry, but is carried on by two or three firms alone, and while the story of the difficulty which has been overcome in preventing the ball from sinking into the rubber and thus destroying the angle desired to be taken is an interesting one it has been told before and will not be repeated now. In the early days of the industry the manufacturer employed valve rubber and obtained a much better price for it when it was worked up into the cushion.

Then the cushion maker set his wit to work to get the valve rubber cheaply, but in those days it was strongly held, and hence was allowed to pass to that industry unless it paid the enhanced price. Finally the combination was broken by a firm in Pittsburg ordering the valve rubber ostensibly for ordinary use, but shipping it back to New York for the intended purpose. So skillfully and patiently was this done that a great quantity was accumulated, and the valve rubber man threw up the sponge. Now billiard cushions are made of molded rubber, an evolution which came along later.—Herald.

The Seat of the Brain.

At a certain 5 o'clock tea the other day one dashing creature demanded: "Do tell me, Mabel, what organ we think with? I know we love with the heart and hear with the ears, but I've entirely forgotten how it is about thoughts." Mabel's pretty face was aspendous over the samovar, "Papa says I think with my tongue." "Impossible!" breaks in a college sophomore: "it is done with the mind." "Oh, I know better than that!" frowns the dashing creature. "The mind is what you make up when you want to do things." "The head, then," insists the sophomore, "if you like that any better—the seat of the brain." "Oh, dearie, me!" sighs she at the samovar, "that explains something, I didn't know brains had a seat. It must be, then, that mice never get up." New York Recorder.

A Propeller For Sailing Vessels.

David Urch of Portsmouth is the inventor of what he calls the "pendulum propeller" to give auxiliary power to sailing vessels. It is intended to be affixed to the side of any vessel having on board a steam engine of any description, to give power in calms or light winds or when entering or leaving port. A trial of the contrivance was made in Portsmouth harbor on the fishing schooner Comet, an engine of 5-horse power being placed on her deck. The vessel steamed up and down the river under perfect command, making three knots or more an hour. The invention is simplicity itself. It is fastened to a vessel's side, well up to the plank sheer, with three bolts, and when not in use the screw can be swung to the level of the rail, or higher, the chain being always at the same tension. It is lifted by a small chain fastened to the lower portion of the "pendulum."—New York Telegram.

one was invited.

"Did any one say anything to me?" asked Mamma as she saw the family at luncheon.

"No, my child, but will you have some salad?"

"I don't know," replied the child.

"Mamma said I must not eat 'less I was 'vited."—Newport Daily News.

Coyote and Eagle.

W. C. Plummer of Prineville once witnessed an exciting fight between an eagle and a coyote. The eagle had caught a rabbit, and the coyote undertook to take it away from him. The eagle defended his prey manfully for some time, but the coyote was too much for him, and finally got away with the rabbit, but not until after the eagle had saved several handfuls of hair out of its back and left him somewhat disfigured by little fleas. From designs for a new coat of arms, the eagle has been adopted as the state bird of Oregon.

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