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KNOW ALL THE SYMPTOMS.

Doctor Was Able to Make a Most Wonderful Prognosis.

One of the anecdotes related by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell in his story, "Doctor North and His Friends," might well be a personal experience of the author. The hero, Doctor North, was traveling from Harrisburg by the night train, which was crowded. In one of the cars

he found a man stretched across two seats, asleep. He wakened him, begged pardon for disturbing him, and asked for a seat. After a little time the two entered into conversation.

At length the man asked, "Do you know Dr. Owen North?"

Rather astonished, I said, "Yes."

"What kind of a man is he?"

"Oh, a very good fellow."

"He is like all them high-up doctors. Gets big fees, doesn't he? I want to know."

"No," said I. "That is always exaggerated. Why do you ask?"

"Well, I've had a lot of doctors, and I ain't no better, and now I haven't much money left."

Upon this, my friend confided to me all his physical woes in detail. We parted before daybreak. It was too dark in the car for either of us to see plainly the face of the other.

About ten the next day the man entered my consulting room. As I should not have known him except for a rather peculiar voice, I, too, remained unidentified. I could not resist so excellent an opportunity. Looking at him, I said:

"Sit down. You have a pain in your back."

"That's queer! I have."

"And you are blind in the left eye, and your digestion is bad," and so I went on.

At last he said, "I never saw a doctor like you! It scares a man, most. Can you cure me?"

I said, "Yes," and wrote out directions. It was really a simple case. When he produced a well-worn wallet I declined to take a fee, and said:

"I owe you for the seat and the good sleep I disturbed last night."

END OF A MOUNTAIN-CLIMBER.

Alpine Adventure that Caused the Death of Four Men.

Owen Glynn Jones, who was killed with three guides while climbing the "White Tooth" in the Alps three years ago, was one of the greatest of mountain-climbers. The details of the accident which ended his life at 32 are recounted by Harold Spender in McClure's Magazine. Jones was a safe and scientific climber, and his death was due to no fault of his own. The five men in the party, tied together with a rope thirty feet between man and man, proceeded in this order: The guides, Furrer and Zurbriggen, first, then Glynn Jones, Vuignier, another guide, and F. W. Hill who was a schoolmaster like Jones, and who, like him, pursued mountain-climbing as a sport.

Coming to a difficult butte ten feet high, Furrer, who was in advance, could not find a hold. It was necessary for him to mount first, and then pull the others up when he had secured foothold; so Zurbriggen and Jones put an ice-ax under him to stand on, and crouched down to hold it. As they could not see what Furrer was doing above them, they were unprepared for a sudden shock.

It is evident that these men were depending on Furrer's success in getting the hand-hold for which he was reaching. Mr. Hill, who was some feet below the group about the ice-ax, saw Furrer slip. He fell upon the two oblivious men beneath him. All three went, striking Vuignier, who stood between Hill and the three falling men.

Hill had instinctively turned to the rock to get a firm hold, expecting to be carried away with the other men; but after a few seconds he realized that he was safe and alone. Looking round, he saw his companions sliding at fatal speed down the rock into the abyss. Between him and the unfortunate men, who were being hurled to sure death, he saw thirty feet of rope dangling from his waist. The faithful Vuignier had fastened it to some point in the rock to protect his master. The weight of the four bodies had broken the rope, and this saved Mr. Hill's life.

After two days of hardship, climbing alone, Mr. Hill arrived at the hotel. The lesson here for all climbers, those who make a sport of it and just with death, and those who, in unsought predicament, need to know how to climb, is this: Those men blundered by allowing the fate of three men to depend on one man's hand-hold. Again, so far as is possible, every man in a climbing party should know what the others are doing, in order not to be taken unawares, as were the unfortunate men who held the ax under Furrer's feet.

QUEER CASE OF HYSTERIA.

Victim Was Distinctly Marked by the Devil like Thought Possessed Her.

A series of extraordinary events recently took place at Rodez, France, which have excited widespread interest among all classes. The circumstances were thoroughly investigated by a representative of a Paris journal. The scene of the occurrences was the orphan asylum of Grezes, near Lissasac, and they concerned a member of this asylum, by name Sister Saint-Fleuret. The following is the result of the investigation, obtained from absolutely credible sources and of which he guarantees the correctness.

There has been at the orphan asylum for the past twelve years a sister, originally from the Canton of Bozous, who is afflicted with a species of madness which makes her believe that she is possessed by a devil; her sister superior, the other sisters of the asylum and nearly all the ecclesiastics of the country have a similar belief in her affliction.

The disease, according to the physicians, is merely a species of hysteria; natural predisposition which became acute under the influence of the surrounding atmosphere. But the supernatural features are the result of true auto-suggestion. In her paroxysms the sufferer utters piercing cries of such intensity that the peasants hear them at a great distance from the convent. During these attacks the patient believes herself to be bitten or burnt by the devil in this or that portion of her body. The auto-suggestion is so strong at these times that immediately upon the disappearance of the paroxysms there is found on that portion of the body where the suffering is most intense, either a burn of the skin or the imprint of teeth.

Sister Saint-Fleuret has a horror of every religious object and the nearby presence of a figure of Christ, of a book of devotions, or of any sacred image immediately throws her into an almost rabid fit. The most curious circumstance is that she need not see these objects, she feels them, she divines them when they are brought near her even though carefully hidden, and she immediately rushes at them to destroy. Further, she frequently divines the thought of persons who speak to her and she responds to them in their own language whatever this language may be. Although she is a simple peasant who has never received the least education, Sister Saint-Fleuret in her paroxysms speaks Greek, Italian, Russian, English and German. She always responds fluently in the language whatever it may be in which she is addressed.

Coloring Preparations.

The number of artificial coloring matters prepared since Perkins' discovery nearly fifty years ago of the preparation of aniline dyes from coal tar has been enormous. It is estimated that at the present day over 3,000,000 different individual dyestuffs are easily accessible to car industries, while at least 25,000 form the subject of patent specifications. The number of coloring matters furnished by natural agencies is comparatively small, and those who do not exist threaten soon to be ignored in favor of coal-tar derivatives.

A woman has to ask her friends' permission to wear a new style of hat, and her husband's permission to buy it.

What a struggle a sick man makes for life, considering that there is little in it but whippings.

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Comments on Everyday Matters by an Original Genius.

When you lie, be moderate. Whoppers don't go.

What has become of the old-fashioned boy who ran off?

What "trying" things occur in life! And how numerous they are!

There ought to be a law against the bogus Panama hats; they look like the very Old Scratch.

There is nothing more expensive than experience, and nothing of which there is more sold.

Women think men have such good times. Men would like to know where the good times come in.

A certain woman in this neck of the woods has caused three men to be shot in six years. That's too many.

The women are becoming such advanced cooks that they are putting everything into ice cream but cream.

Men use dictionaries at their love-letter-periods, but otherwise women are the only ones who look into them.

There is an unwritten law among boys that if one boy kicks in a fight, the other has a right to throw a rock.

In most western towns, the arrival of a good ball player causes more excitement than the arrival of a summer girl.

If ever I have a disappointment in love," said a girl to-day, "I am going to be real old-fashioned about it, and pine."

Every time you pass a woman on the streets, leading her little boy, you will hear the boy say, "O, mamma, buy me some!"

Make an old girl feel as if she were ten, and it is a snub, but make her feel as if she were sixteen and it is flattery.

We often regret that there is no monastic order devoted to teaching the use of brass band and orchestral instruments.

"Walt," every man is saying to the man ten years his junior, "till you reach my age, and you will know what trouble really is."

If you have a wronged feeling that your friends have never showered you with presents, give out a hint that you would like a good cat.

If you are very poor, when you cry, it is "bawling." "Wept" and "sobbing," like all other words, are governed by the size of income.

Every one has the sneaking belief that there is this much in Christian Science: Others could overcome their physical ailments if they wanted to.

They make such costly drinks at Atchison soda fountains that it is possible for a girl to make a young man too poor to marry her after three treats.

When a woman asks you to stay to supper, her mind goes off on a lightning visit to her cupboard, and if her manner grows more cordial, it means that the mental trip was satisfactory.

We have traced it back, and find that a Topeka woman some sixteen years ago named her baby girl Bertha. Later she was called Birtle, then Birdle, then Bird, and when she was graduated last week it was "Byrd-eye." Mothers never know how simple a thing may result tragically.

WESTERNER AND A RATTLER.

Ticklish Situation in the Shack of John Prentice.

Kennewick, Wash., sends word of this state of affairs: Every time John Prentice rolls over in bed at night a big rattlesnake lifts its ugly head and burr-r-rs, and some night there promises to be a battle between the two.

Ten days ago Prentice first heard the warning burr-r of the rattle in his shack. He is an old Westerner and dwells on the bank of the Columbia, half a mile from Kennewick and just across the river from Pasco.

His cabin is a one-room affair in the midst of a wild, sparsely settled, sagebrush country, and is piled high on one side with plunder gathered from the river. Here are dozens of heavy boxes and other articles which would take half a day to drag out.

Prentice heard the rattler, looked twice at the boxes and then decided not to interfere with the intruder enclosed behind the mass of rubbish. He shifted his bed a little and gave up half his house to the snake. The rattlesnake burr-rs at every move Prentice makes, but the nifty Westerner pays little attention to it.

On one side of the shack dweller as he sleeps is a big shotgun and on the other a bottle of approved snake bite.

"If I see that snake first, heaven help him," remarked Prentice yesterday. "If he gets on me first, here's the snake bite. I'm safe either way."

Why Not?

"Jack" Nevins told a group in the Continental Hotel lobby one evening during his last visit to Philadelphia of a fellow passenger on a Lehigh Valley train who was unable to find his ticket when the conductor made the rounds. The conductor bade the man go on hunting, and said he would return when he had collected all the other tickets. When he returned the passenger was still searching.

"Are you sure you had it when you sat down?" asked the conductor.

"Sure!"

"And you have not left your seat?"

"No."

"Well, then," said the conductor, "you could not possibly have lost the ticket."

"Why couldn't I?" was the unexpected retort. "I lost a bass drum once."—Philadelphia Times.

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