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Such is the legend, which may have no historical basis. In any case Fife fishers and the east coast men generally are considered to be better in a boat than the west highlanders, and Fife enterprise and capital might have left us a more prosperous isle of Lewes.—London News.

Why it is desirable that women be elected on the board of overseers of the poor in the towns of Massachusetts needs no argument. That is the kind of work in which good women are naturally interested and active, and their special fitness for such service does not admit of challenge. It will be for the public good in any community to put at least one competent woman on all such boards. —Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

What might be done if men were wise! What glorious deeds, my suffering brother, would they unite in love and right, and cease their scorn of one another.—Charles Mackay.

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A MAN FOR AN EMERGENCY.

Surprising Experience In a Car of a Boy Who Was Headstrong.

A poorly dressed woman with a boy about 9 years old boarded one of the Union Trolley company's cars in White Plains avenue recently. There was no vacant seat, and she grabbed a strap in front of a young man and prepared to hang on. The young man got up and tipped his hat to her. Quick as a flash the boy dropped her hand and leaped into the seat on his knees, taking care to wipe his muddy feet on the clothing of the passengers on either side. The young man looked first at the woman, for whom he intended the seat, and then at the boy. The woman shook her head and said:

"Poor boy! I guess he's tired. He can have it, sir."

The young man looked from one to the other again. He shifted about uneasily for a moment. The other passengers in the car giggled. That decided him. Holding to a strap with one hand, he reached for the boy with the other and got him by the nape of the neck. He lifted him clear of the seat and held him dangling and kicking in the air. The woman was about to protest. Then she thought better of it and sat down in the vacant seat.

"Madam," said the young man, throwing the boy at her, "here is your boy."

"Thank you, sir," she said. "He is a bit headstrong, it's true, sir."

The boy looked astonished. He whimpered a little. The woman patted him on the head, and there wasn't a peep heard from him from that time until the Harlem bridge was reached and the crowd got out.—New York Sun.

Hitchcock—Wilmot.

The Anglo-Saxon suffixes "kin" and "cock" were used as diminutive or endearing forms of personal names, just as the Normans used the suffixes "et," "ot," "en" and "on." Thus from Hitch, itself a diminutive of Richard, we get the surnames Hitchkin, Hitchcock, Hitchens and Hitchison. Any common baptismal name affords a number of such variants, which became fixed as patronymics or surnames. There are, for example, at least 15 different forms of William available for that purpose.

English forms: William, giving Williams, Williamson, MacWilliam, Fitzwilliam; Will, giving Wills, Wilson; Bill, giving Bilson; Willy, giving Willison.

Anglo-Saxon forms: Wilkin, giving Wilkie, Wilkins, Wilkinson; Gilkin, giving Gilkinson; Wilcock, giving Wilcox.

Norman forms: Guillaume, giving the surname Gillom; Guillamot, giving Gillamot; Guillon, giving Gillon; Guillot, giving Gillot, Gillotson; Guill, giving Gilson, McGill; Willett, giving Willet; Williamot, giving Wilmot; Willen, giving Willan, Willing.—New York Times.

LOVE AS CONSIDERED NOWADAYS.

Two Men Asked Advice About It and Then Rejected It.

There is no use of opposing a love affair, not even when the actors play into your own hands. I know what I'm saying. I've had the experience with two—the young and the old man. My first experience was with a young man, who didn't know his mind and asked me what he had better do, and I, like a father, told him he'd better not marry the girl he was courting. He went right off and married her.

An old man from the country came into the car where I was reading my morning paper and sat down at my side. "Beg your pardon, sir," he said. "Did you ever court a grass widder?"

"Oh, yes," I said. "I've courted a dozen or more. Why?"

"Did you ever marry one?"

"Yes."

"Waller, p'r'aps you kin give a chap a point or two?"

"Oh, certainly, all the points you want."

"Are they any different from other women?"

"Say, old fellow, I've courted all sorts of women, both married and unmarried, and they are all just alike. They do all the courting and generally propose before you have courted them a week."

"Waller, what's your opin'n?"

"It is this—the man who marries one is a jackass."

The old fellow scratched his head for a moment, and after he had got his idea racked in the right spot he said: "Waller, hain't I as much constitutionally right to be a jackass as you have? Waller, I guess, and I'm goin 'cept her proposal by wire. Write it out for me, won't you?"—New York Herald.

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Mrs. Pender-Cudlip, the English novelist, says she always grows small salads on the dining-table. "Any dishes or plates answer the purpose, but for preference I grow them in old, quaint-shaped delft and china dishes, and this makes them exceptionally ornamental. The mode of growing them is simplicity itself. Lay a piece of white flannel or flannelette cut to the shape at the bottom of the dish or plate; wet it well, and sow on it rather thickly, water cress, mustard, or curled cress seed. The water cress takes rather longer to spring, but mustard and cress is fit to cut in a week. Besides being pretty and convenient, this is a very clean way of growing these small salads. It entirely disposes of the gritty difficulty we labor under when they are grown in earth. The supply even of water cress can be kept up with a little management all the year round. Always water freely."—Womankind.

A Famous French Duelist.

The late Marquis de l'Angle-Beaumanoir was in his younger days famous as a duelist. One evening, meeting his cousin, the Marquis du Hallays, in the foyer of the Opera, he walked up to him and, in the course of conversation, remarked:

"Isn't it odd, my dear fellow, that, quarrelsome as you and I are, we should never have fought with one another?"

"That's true," replied Du Hallays, "but that can always be remedied."

And on the strength of that, the two cousins met in mortal combat on the following morning, the encounter resulting in the Marquis de l'Angle-Beaumanoir having his right hand pierced by his adversary's rapier, which, while it rendered a continuance of the fight impossible, left the other hand free to grasp that of his cousin in undiminished friendship a moment afterward. On another occasion, when he was about to fight a duel in which he was entirely in the right and his adversary in the wrong, he suddenly discovered that his opponent was a perfect novice in swordsmanship, and that he would, therefore, have him completely at his mercy. So he strode up to him and, in the presence of 20 or 30 persons, presented the most courteous and full apology. Almost dumfounded, the latter inquired why the marquis assumed such an extraordinary course. "Because," he returned, "it would really be too unfortunate if I were to fight with a mazette (greenhorn)." And with that he made a low bow and then turned his back upon him.—San Francisco Argonaut.

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We sing "Come, Gentle Spring," and are often very sorry that we did anything of the kind, for Spring, though beautiful, is sometimes very painful. The very luxury we enjoy in the return of the balmy air is the latent source of a great many pains and aches. It is because the nerves are relaxed in this way that they become weak and an easy prey to sudden attacks of neuralgia; a tonic of cold healthful air braces them up and makes them strong against any such attack, but the sudden change to warmth makes them liable to be preyed upon by this disease. For this simple reason the great nerve disorder has many victims at this time, but we have in St. Jacobs Oil something that restores the tone, vigor and strength of the nerves to what they had been. The prompt use of it in these neuralgic attacks of spring time is sure to be followed by a perfect cure.

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Neuralgia

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The brain is the center of the nervous system. Sleep alone rests this vital organ, together with the nerves. During the waking hours the nervous system works incessantly. Poor sleep means a poor nervous condition, and prolonged insomnia leads in every case to prostration, and too often to dread insanity. The mischief that results from weakened nerves is much greater and more destructive than most folks even dream of.

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Old English Music.

Long before the stream of Norman minstrel art sacred music was exercising a beneficial influence. The early British church possessed sacred music, but this was gradually driven out before the onward march of that new church music which Augustine brought with him from Rome (A. D. 597). The Gregorian music (evolved by Pope Gregory out of the Greek tetrachords and some existing Ambrosian chants) was heard and loved wherever Augustine and his monks built a church. By its means a deep impression was left upon the minds of those who heard and joined in it, but it is curious that we miss altogether the ecclesiastical flavor in the earliest examples that have come down to us of English music during the first quarter of the thirteenth century.

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The patient is William Hogarth, a painter, 35 years old. The treatment was begun in the latter part of December.

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Asepsin is a colorless liquid. It is prepared from nascent phenic acid, which is derived from phenol. It is injected into the walls of the abdomen or the muscles of the back, and the results are said to be lasting.

The report of the Hogarth case is said to be in advance of Dr. Edson's own article, which will appear in The Medical Record. It is now believed that the powers and possibilities of asepsin have developed into an unfailing cure for consumption.—New York Recorder.

HEALS WHEN IN A TRANCE.

Remarkable Powers Attributed to a Farmer at Sycamore, Ills.

The miraculous healing powers displayed by an English farmer named Wilbur Hammond, who resides four miles north of Belvidere, Ills., have caused a sensation in that section. During the last week he has been in Sycamore trying his power, with wonderful success.

Among those he healed are Mrs. Benjamin Derrick, who has been a cripple from a fall received several years ago; also Mrs. Jerry Singer, who was near death from neuralgia of the heart, and Mrs. M. L. Orton, who has been unable to walk from rheumatism. After Hammond's visit Mrs. Orton was able to walk again.

Hammond goes into a trance when healing and claims that the spirit of a German doctor tells him what treatment to give. Hammond refuses to accept money for his services.—Chicago Record.

GREW HIS OWN COFFIN.

Queer Doings of a Dying Judge In Indiana.

Judge Oren K. Farthing of Bartholomew county, Ind., who is now 87 years old, was in his day a prominent lawyer and a judge. He is wealthy and eccentric. Forty years ago he planted near his front doorstep a walnut, with the avowed intention of securing from the tree timber for his coffin. The tree throve steadily. The other day, feeling strongly the infirmities of age, the judge ordered the tree cut down and sawed into boards. Then, by his direction, the carpenter took his measure and began the coffin.

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