THE FASTING GIRL PROBLEM.

Pacts Showing That Science is Wrung When It Declares That One Stuat Eat to Live.

The modern fasting girl is the opproprium of science. The latter insists that she can not live without eating and trinking. She as stubbornly persists in aving without cating and drinking. When Dr. Tanner made his experiment spisode was a trille to the feat of Kate imulsey, who is said to have lived thirteen months without eating, and most of the time without drinking either. In cases of this kind the usual and much he easiest method of explanation is by flat denial of the alleged facts, and this is facilitated by making sundry important assumptions, a; that such and such a thing is opposed to natural laws and therefore could not be. Thus it is an axiom of medical science that life cau not be sustained beyond a few days without alimentation, and certain'y if physiology alone is concerned in the matter the soundness of this view must be admitted. It is true that there are a faw well-attested cases in which life was sustained without the possibility of alimentation, the most notable being that of the Indian fakir who was walled up in a vault at Lahore, and who two weeks afterward was dislaterred and found alive! In that case, however, there was a minimum of waste of vitality, the subject being in a trance. Kate nulsey was not entranced, and during the greater part of her feat her body was in incessant motion, according to the reports, so that there must have been an abnormal expenditure of vital

energy. The physicians who attended her differed widely as to the nature of her complaint, but we believe they agreed that she really did not cat or drink. Her parents and friends maintain most earnestly that deception in the case was impossible. This assertion will not prevent contrary statements being made, but when there is a consensus of belief in certain facts among a number of in-telligent and reputable people, and when these have taken pains to substantiate their belief and to exclude error, it is difficult to regard the usual denial of the facts as an adequate explanation. If the laws of physiology were as fully and minutely understood as might be inferred from the dogmatism of men of science, there would be no excuse for the teeping failures of medicine. The verification of one such case as that of Kate Smulsey, however, would necessitate the admission of psychologie hypotheses in such cases, since it is evi-dent that physiology does not furnish the solution of them. Considering the extent to which the study of mental conditions, and their influence upon physical processes, is being carried at present, moreover, the broadening of the scope of inquiry here suggested should not seem either inadmissible or irrational. In practice, every successful physician acts opon this view, and there can be no sound therapeutics without recognition of the interaction of mind and body.

In the fasting girl cases the old-fash-ioned Alexandrian fashion of severing the Gordian knot is falling into disfavor, because it is felt to be an evasion and not a determination. In the effect the indications are that some venerable the-

Do They Become Blind-Some Interesting Experiments.

While walking along the wharf at Cleveland, O., about fifty years ago, I was asked by a man if I d'd not wish o buy two pet rattlesnakes. I replied no. The question was so novel, however, I turned back to see what he had when Dr. Tanner made his experiment in a box some two feet square. He with-reience was staggered, but that little drew the slide on top and through the glass were seen, coiled up, a spotted rattlesnake some three to four fect in length, with six rattles, and a black rattlesnake two to two and a half feet long, with three rattles. I bought them to settle a dispute then being discussed in the papers whether they went blind in August. I paid the price, five dollars, and sent them on one of my canal boats

to Circleville, O., where I resided. Some of my friends said the man claimed to be a snake charmer and followed it as a business to take them for sale. He seemed a quiet, modest man. His only reply to my inquiry as to the modus operandi was that he could take them with impunity wherever he found them.

On my return home I caught a mouse and put it in the box with the snakes. It remained a few days uninjured and I gave it the freedom of the warehouse. Those pet snakes remained from some time in April until September, over four months, without drink or nourishment other than the dust of the warehouse.

Some time in August a film came over the eyes of the snakes, which increased to a heavy white scale. Their skins became dull and rusty. I do not recollect now long they remained in this condi-tion. I think, however most of the month, when I discovered they had shed off their old skins and had bright eyes and an entirely new dress. This last operation was completed most likely in one night. If it had been gradual it would have been observed, as they were in sight of several persons all the time.

It was conjectured this snake-charmer extracted the fangs in some way. Some years ago I was shown the skull of a rattlesnake of enormous size by Dr. Ra-pell, of Humboldt, Kan. It had been killed in Western Kansas during the war by some one of the Union army, of which he was a surgeon. It had, I think he told me, twenty-eight rattles. It was an old settler, and of such immense size that the doctor preserved its skull., On each side of the upper jaw was a row of fangs decreasing in size gradually until not larger than a needle. Nature provided for this means of defense so that if the larger fangs were destroyed others were ready in turn to supply their place for years. It settled the question that the snake charmer's means of handling snakes with impunity

was not by removing the fangs. As a contribution to natural philosophy I can certify that rattlesnakes can live in good health for over four months without drink or food ; that in August they go blind for some time, their eyes covered entirely over with white scales, followed by the shedding of the entire old skin of their bodies.

Having accomplished my object I pre-sented the box of snakes to a young friend of mine in Virginia. The slide was secured and it was sent to his friend in New York, "Glass-with care, That was the last I heard of them, for which I was truly thankful, as about orles regarding the conditions of vital the same time a valuable life was lost action may have to be discarded. The marked by a present of a similar kind. facts appear too stubborn to be dealt Mr. Wainwright, one of the most emiwith otherwise than scientifically, in nent physicians of New York City, re-short, and when this is realized it is ceived from his brother a large rattlequite possible that medical science may snake, sent here from Savannah. He it to the hotel to ex friends. On trying to get it back in the box from which he had very un-wisely taken it, it struck him on the band, and doubtless on an artery. He went home, and surrounded by his family and many prominent phy-sicians, died in a few hours, sitting in his chair. He described all his symptoms and feelings until death came. nothing could be more intensely interesting, as well as horrible, than the account contained in the papers at the time. Death from this poison does not result from increased circulation, but from its final suspension, from coagu-lation of the blood. Dr. Wainwright gave an intelligent and scientific description of its progress from the extrem-ity until just as his heart ceased to beat. It produced very great excitement all over the country. Southern papers claimed that liquor in large quantities. to have kept up the circulation, would have cured him. A man of the South took large quantities of whisky to avoid the barge of death from a make hits the horrors of death from a snake bite. and was cured. This is the origin of this remedy, which is now generally used .--Chicago Inter Ocean.

AN EXTRAORDINARY CASE

AN EXTRAORDINART CASE. An eminent lawyer of the city of New York, Hon. Jos. R. FLANDERS, formerly law-partner of ex-Vice President Wheeler, and for several years a member of the N. Y. State Legislature, was called upon by a Reporter at his well-appointed offices in "Temple Court," and interviewed in re-gard to his experience with Compound Oxygen. "I found him," says the Re-porter, "disposed to engage in conversa-tionfregarding his illness and his complete restoration to health." His statement was substantially as follows:

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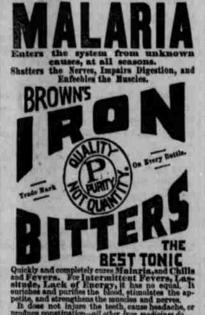
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Among the more intelligent negroes I find a strange disposition to eschew these wonderful slave songs. The young men and women of Atlanta University seem to share, in a measure, this slightly contemptuous estimation of the old melodics. I suppose it is because their awakening intelligence as-sociates them with the degradation of their race, and they have not the peneration to see that these wonderful cmns embody the very genius of their reople

Another fact makes it hard to gather together a reliable collection ; the various hymns are sung differently in different localities, so that frequently two versions of the same piece would hardly be recognized as akin. This was the inevitable re ult of the illiteracy of the negro, whereby both words and music were unwritten for so long a time.

It is a matter of regret to me that in most of the Southern city colored churches an effort has been made to discard these plantation melodies, except in social religious meetings .- Salt Lake Tribune.

-When a Finland girl wishes to leave that country, according to the Cardiff Mail, she has to go first to her clergyman and partake of the sacrament and procure a letter of recommendation from him; next to a physician and ob-tain of him, after an examination, a certificate of permission to remain ab-sent a certain specified number of years. This certificate costs ber about twenty dollars. If she returns promptly at the end of the time prescribed all is well, but if not her name is erased from the book in which it has been entered, and she is considered as having violated her contract with the Government and loses her citizenship forever.

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Interesting Figures Relating to Their Distribution.

Almost all the Southern States have a nearly equal number of each sex. In Massachusetts the females between twenty and fifty years of age exceed the males about the same age by about 14,000. In seventy-eight cities the excess of females is 148,000. That illiteracy prevails more among women is due probably to the foreign population. Women contribute less to pauperism, the proportion being 31,000 to 36,000. The ration of prison inmates stands 5,058 women to 54,190 males. Women are in excess among the insane, men in excess among the idiotic, blind and deaf mutes. The proportion of women who engage in occupations outside of the household is smaller in the United States than in foreign countries, but in no country is the proportionate number en-gaged in superior industrial occupations equal to that in this country. Of the 2. 147,000 women in occupations 595,-000 are engaged in agr.culture, most of them colored women in the Southern States: 632,000 are in manufactories, of whom about one-half in New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania; 282,-000 are milliners, etc.; 50,000 are tailors. Of the forty-four occupations recorded as "personal service" forty ind wom-en in them. The 525 female surgeons of 1870 have increased to 2,473; the 7 lawyers to 75; the 65 clergymen to 165. The number of laundries have increased from 61,000 in 1870 to 122,000, and of the latter 108,000 are kept by women. This large increase shows a great lightening of the housewife's labor. - Chicago Herald.

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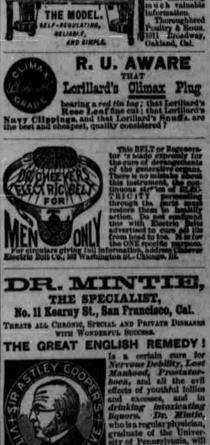
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