LIFE IN THE SEVERED HEAD.

The Survival of Consciousness After Decapitation Proven.

A volume has just been published at Paris in which Dr. Paul Loye, under the title of "La Mort par la Decapitation," studies the question as to whether, after decapitation, consciousness survives for a short time in the severed head and physical suffering is felt in both parts of the executed body.

Every time a head falls under the sword or under the executioner's ax, says Dr. Loye, the imagination of the spectators has, in the physiognomy of the victim, looked for proofs of the survival of will and consciousness. The eyes turned, which was a sign of pain; the lips moved, which showed that they wanted to speak; the mouth opened, in order to bite, in a kind of fury. There is not a movement of the face which has not been interpreted as a mark of the continuation of feeling. And ever since the guillotine mowed down the heads of multitudes during the reign of terror, scientists have stood around the scaffold, bidding all their humane faculties vanish, and concentrating their whole intellect on the one question, "Does consciousness remain after the victim's head is severed from the body?"

In connection with this belief Dr. Loye quotes a terrible story told by M. Petitgand about an Anamite who was beheaded by the sword in 1875 at Saigon:

"The place of execution was the Plain of Tombs, a vast sandy tract, serving as cemetery to the Anamites and the Chinese. Four Anamite pirates, taken with their arms in their hands, were to be beheaded. The chief of the band, a man in the prime of life, energetic, muscular, brave without boasting, and firm to the very last, had attracted my special attention, and I decided to make my observations on him only. Without losing sight of him for a single moment I exchanged a few words in a loud voice with the officer in charge, and noticed that the patient was also looking at me with the liveliest attention. The preparations having been completed, I took my stand at the distance of about two yards from him. He knelt down, but before bending his head he exchanged a rapid look with me.

"His head fell down at the distance of about a yard and a quarter from where I stood. It did not roll in the usual way, but stood with the surface of the wound resting on the sand, a position by which the hemorrage was accidentally reduced to a minimum. At this moment I was terror stricken at seeing the eyes of the doomed man fixed frankly on my eyes. Not daring to believe in a conscious manifestation, I went quickly to one side of the head lying at my feet, and I found that the eyes followed me. Then I returned to my first position; still the eyes went with me for a short distance and then quitted me quite suddenly. The face expressed at that moment a conscious agony, the agony of a person in a state of acute asphyxia. The mouth opened violently as if to take in a breath of air, and the head thrown off its equilibrium by the motion rolled over. This contraction of the maxillary muscles was the last sign of life. Since the moment of decapitation from fifteen to twenty seconds had passed."—New York Press.

A Remarkable Adventure with Tigers.

Mr. Gabbett, district engineer at Abu road, had a remarkable adventure with tigers lately. Mr. Gabbett was traveling by trolly between Abu road and Roh when one of the gatekeepers gave him khabar of a family of tigers in an adjoining jungle, and Mr. Gabbett, accompanied by his trolly men and the old gate keeper, started at once for the scene of operations. He had not long to wait before three fine tigers broke cover, and he dropped the foremost dead with a well directed shot. He then fired at the next one, but, though the brute was hard hit, he managed to make off toward a river bed in the vicinity. Mr. Gabbett then had a shot at the third, and succeeded in wounding him badly, but the animal beat a retreat into a cave hard by. In the mean time the tiger which had gone toward the river bed fell in with a shepherd, whom he mauled rather badly. Mr. Gabbett opened fire on stripes, who was hit and rolled over, but charged, and was hit twice again. Mr. Gabbett was aiming another shot when his foot slipped and he fell, and the infuriated beast dealt him a blow on the head which rendered him insensible. The old gatekeeper very pluckily attacked the tiger with his sword, but only diverted the fury of the animal to himself. The brute felled him to the ground with a stroke of his paw, and then returned to Mr. Gabbett. This diversion saved that gentleman's life, for the tiger only succeeded in clawing him slightly and then fell dead. A fourth tiger also appeared on the scene, but did not molest any one. Mr. Gabbett was brought into Abu road.—Calcutta Englishman.

Mr. Irving's Friend.

Mr. Henry Irving had once a friend; he did not ask for orders; but, nevertheles, he took the deepest interest in the great actor's performance. He sat on the stage night after night, till it was time to ring up the curtain, and then went up to Mr. Irving's dressing room, which he did not leave till the curtain was about to be rung down. He could not go with him everywhere, but accompanied him to Southampton when Mr. Irving was leaving for the continent. Half heart broken he saw him go off in the boat, and in an hour after was missed by his companions, whose company was evidently of no consequence to him. They were in a state of great anxiety as to what had happened to Mr. Irving's devoted friend. Three days after he turned up on the stage of the Lyceum theatre, having evidently done the journey on foot, for his feet were bleeding and his coat was covered with mud. How the poor dog discovered his way is among the mysteries. Mr. Irving's friend is dead; great was the grief thereat.—Pall Mall Gazette.

A German company has patented a process for producing surface colorations upon articles made of copper, zinc or brass. Upon the first named metal it is possible to develop all the colors of the rainbow, and upon zinc the coating is formed of such thickness as to permit of chasing the surface. The most important application of this invention seems to be in the imitation of antique bronze, the results in this direction being very satisfactory, both in the matter of durability and resemblance.

Asbestos is being used as a covering for locomotive boilers and domes. It is claimed that it is not necessary to remove it when the boiler requires repairs, as the leak easily shows through it and a piece can be cut out, the leak repaired and replastered. It is better than wood and also fireproof.

PHYSICAL TRAINING.

Useful Hints on the Development of Growing Children.

The pulley and weights is almost as familiar a play-thing in English homes as the American swing, and far more useful for development of the muscles. It moreover possesses the advantage of being capable of use within doors when cold and storms prevent children taking exercise out of doors. The fine physique of British children calls for frequent comment, and this is due to the constant care of their mothers, not only in the use of the pulley, but by systematic rubbing and massage treatment of the growing children at night before they are put to bed. Our American girls need physical home training even more than their brothers. The unequal shoulders and other defects too common in figures of women in this country show the need of such training, indicating, as they do, weakness and want of development in muscles which should be in active use, and which can only be developed as the trainer develops the muscles of the professional oarsman. There is no danger that our girls will become hoydens which would compare with that danger to their health which arises from an insufficient development of the various muscles of the body in childhood, producing a puny womanhood and weak physique and nerves. It is a good thing to note the interest taken in this country in active field games like lawn tennis and the revival of many of the old-time games, such as battledore and shuttlecock, grace hoops and other games which train the eye to be accurate and the arm steady. Mothers can not be too careful in watching their girls. Boys gain by their more active out-door life a development of all their muscles, but girls are not nearly so sure to get the benefit of such out-door life.

Their shoulders more frequently become unequal from careless positions at the school desk or at play, and in many cases in this insidious way the foundation of a serious spinal disease is laid. English mothers of quite moderate means find time to watch the development of their growing children. This is the advantage of the nightly rubbing of the child and the daily bath, which is far less frequent in this country than it should be. At such times the mother can easily note any irregularity in the figure or projecting shoulder caused by a weakness of the muscles that hold the shoulder bones in place, or she can note the stooping tendency which is caused by insufficient development of the muscles of the chest. Then comes the beauty of gymnastic training at home with the simple pulley and weights. By this means nearly all the muscles of the body may be trained. Spinal disease is too frequent and too terrible a scourge to womanhood for any precautionary means to be neglected. A mother's care may save her child a life of acute suffering and develop her into the glory of a perfect physical womanhood. There is nothing better to strengthen weak muscles than a daily cold bath followed by brisk rubbing taken before breakfast. It is hardly to be hoped that the average mother will recognize the value of such means of health; this is impossible until people have become wiser, but the best medical experience sanctions it in spite of the old wife's tale about the danger and shock of frequent bathing in cold water.—N. Y. Tribune.

GRATUITOUS ADVICE.

Hints for Young Men Who Desire to Grow Wealthy and Wise.

Oh! young man, in your youth either split rails or work on a canal boat. Then when you grow older, the Presidential chair may be yours. Do not dream of organizing a youthful band of faithful followers to go West and slaughter Indians, for the red men, with the assistance of bad whisky and government ammunition, are killing themselves as fast as possible.

Always speak kindly to your sick uncle. He may make a will some day and, perchance, he might leave you one of the family spoons; or, even better, you might become the envied possessor of his antique oak boot-jack.

When your parents disagree on some slight subject preserve a discreet silence, and, if possible, leave the room, for when your father comes out second best, as he invariable will, he may take his revenge on your youthful hide.

Do not cry when you have to stay indoors and play with the little girls. As you grow older, you will find that a little girl is a great comfort, even though she consents to be only a sister to you.

Read your Sunday-school books but do not believe all they tell you. For if you did, you would imbibe the very erroneous theory that virtue and honesty are the only roads to riches and that the good young man alone succeeded in marrying the beautiful heiress.

In sharing candy or fruit with your younger brother, always bear in mind that too much would make the little fellow sick. Remembering this, you will always be justified in taking the larger share for yourself.

On the occasion of your father's birthday, do not seek to please him by investing your hoarded pennies in a pair of embroidered slippers. A little slipper in the hands of an angry parent is often a source of great discomfort to a mischievious youngster.

When your country cousin comes to visit you, do not take advantage of his ignorance by making him believe that the cable cars are run by thunder and lightning; for, when you return his visit next summer, he may repay evil for evil by telling you that a hornet's nest is a humming bird.—Time.

The Chuddah shawl readily takes on the long folds and sweeping line of new drapery, and a pair of them will suffice for a costume at much less cost than similar material bought by the yard.

It is prophesied that society will open its eyes over new summer dances, as the abolition of the train has made possible steps and stepping whose like has not been even dreamed of heretofore.

"Racing costumes" are being made up for many of our belles, and usually of fine cloth or flannel, plain but perfectly fitted, with leather collar and girdle fastened with oxidized silver buckles.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

JUSTICE WITHOUT LAW.

A Judge in Tucson Who Sent All Offenders to the Rock Pile.

Capt. Bourke, of the army, is an interesting story teller, and possesses a rich fund of reminiscence and anecdote.

"Twenty years ago," said the captain, "I was in Tucson. No place was ever worse governed. Outlaws abounded and they did about as they pleased. Finally the good citizens of the place—merchants and men of property—determined to bring about a reform, and the way they decided to do it was to elect a judge who would deal honestly with the scalawags who were running the town and corrupting the courts. So they chose a man named 'Charlie' Meyers to be judge. 'Charlie' was a druggist, who knew nothing about law, but he was perfectly honest, and that was the only qualification the citizens desired. Accordingly, 'Charlie' set up a law dispensary in the same building with his drug shop, and dealt out justice and patent medicines with equal grace. In his court he established a library of calf bound books, consisting chiefly of the Materia Medica and Somebody on Fractured Bones. He engaged as an officer of the court a man who was afraid of nothing or nobody—old 'Jimmy' Douglas, who carried in his leg a bullet that he had picked up at Gettysburg, and who walked with some difficulty and with a peculiar though not graceful limp. The first thing that 'Charlie' did was to establish a chain gang and sentence to various terms in its service every offender that was brought before him. The shyster lawyers who had 'run' the town before 'Charlie's' incumbency protested against this as a violation of the constitution of the United States, but they protested in silence. In fact, the protest was useless. The process of the judge was rather summary, but the result was very gratifying to the good citizens of Tucson. The wild, rough characters who had ruled the town were now engaged in cleaning the streets, and Tucson was seeing an era of prosperity that it had not known since its foundation. But if the business men were pleased, the lawyers were proportionately disgusted. The court refused to recognize them and their business was gone. One day, however, one of them plucked up spirit enough to go before the court in behalf of his client and demanded a trial by jury. The court was about to sentence the prisoner to a term in the chain gang, when the lawyer interposed a demurrer. 'My client,' he said, 'objects to being tried by this court, on the ground of prejudice, and demands to be tried by jury.'

"'By shury,' said Charlie. 'What is dot shury?'

"'He demands,' said the lawyer, to be tried by his peers.'

"'Oh, he does, does he?' said Charlie. 'Vell I sendence him to two veeks in the shain gang and I sendence you to one veek. Now how you like dot trial by shury?' and into the chain gang the lawyer went and there he stayed until his term was up.

"One day a man named Wolf was brought before the court for cheating some Indians out of $3. He was an unscrupulous man but a shrewd one and he knew all the tricks of the law. 'Charlie' felt that in his case the Materia Medica was not sufficient authority and so he adjourned the court to get an opportunity to consult some books on the law or to obtain advice from somebody with a knowledge of it. As he declared the case postponed and the court adjourned, however, he turned to the prisoner and said: 'Volf, it is de unanimous opinion of dis community dot you are a —— tief and this court coincides fully in dot opinion.'

"Wolf lost color and raising his fist he said: 'Judge, I don't let any one speak to me in that way.'

"'Dis court fines you $10 for raising your fist against it,' said Charlie, 'and you stands committed to de shain gang until it is paid.'

"Wolf knew that there was no recourse and he reluctantly paid the $10. The judge gravely took it and after dividing $5 between himself and 'Jimmy' Douglas, he gave $5 to the Indians. And to this day, in the annals of that Indian tribe, 'Charlie' Meyers is the most righteous judge that ever held court, for did they not sue for $3 before him and recover $5?"—Washington Telegram.

Planting the Flag on Mount St. Elias.

The groups of snow clad peaks visible to the naked eye were countless and to the northward, in which direction the view was barred, their number is doubtless quite as great; only a few of them, however, impressed us as being very high or very striking in shape. Some of them rose out of the snow in such a manner as to lead one to believe that they had been recently buried and were waiting to be dug out. When I say that but few appeared very high or striking, I should except Fairweather and Crillon, which were plainly visible above the clouds, though 140 miles distant. The ocean was covered with a fog; it frequently is in these latitudes; in fact, it would often be raining for a whole day at the beach, while about St. Elias the sky would be cloudless. At 3 o'clock we thought it best to begin our downward journey, as we did not care to be caught out over night. A small American flag presented to the expedition by a lady of Sitka was placed in a tin can and left at Flag Rock, a point about 10,000 feet high.—Scribner's.

The Cary Sisters' Sycamore Tree.

By the Hamilton turnpike, in Hamilton county, O., and on the way from College hill, stands a large sycamore tree that was planted there in 1832 by Alice and Phœbe Cary. They were then 6 and 12 years old, and coming home from school one day they saw a small tree a farmer had grubbed and thrown away in the road. This they planted and cared for as children will, and now the tree flourishes, and every one who passes by stops under it for a moment's shade, and whenever the Cary sisters went to that part of the country they paid a visit to their tree.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Among the multitude of new jerseys one of good black, not too heavily braided, and buttoned once over a vest of white pilot cloth, commends itself both for elegance and service.

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