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HEALTH
 Today's Talk
 By R. S. Copeland, M. D.

Can you believe that deafness may be produced by certain types of indigestion?

Not long ago I saw an interesting account of a paper read at a medical society. The author contended that certain forms of indigestion are capable of impairing the hearing.

For a number of years I have believed there is a direct relationship between dyspepsia and deafness. Some of the food authorities have said so for a long time. The latest writer thinks the pancreas is responsible for certain conditions which may have lowered hearing power as a symptom.

The pancreas is that organ of the body commonly known as the "sweetbread." It is a long, narrow gland opening into the intestinal canal.

Hearing Affected
 What is it for and what does the pancreas do? It secretes a fluid containing elements essential to the proper digestion of fats. Some of these elements are known as "digestive ferments."

The ferments are mysterious substances which appear to act much as yeast does. All the processes of life are dependent on their presence. There are many, many ferments, but those produced by the pancreas are among the most important. Unless they are formed trouble is bound to occur.

It must be recalled that the most digestive processes occur in the intestines rather than in the stomach. The function of the intestinal canal is apt to be overlooked.

In simple cases where there is no greater disturbance than a lack of pancreatic secretion, there is apt to be pain in the abdomen after eating. In chronic cases there are the familiar symptoms of dyspepsia. The digestion appears to be slow. Discomfort continues for a considerable time after taking food.

The Pancreas
 When this failure of intestinal digestion is long continued a number of annoyances result. Sugar and fat are not taken comfortably. It often happens that one who loves sweets, such as candy and pastry, finds he cannot take them or fat foods without discomfort.

In chronic cases there may be so remote a symptom as decrease in the hearing power. That may seem pretty far fetched, but it is within the limits of possibility.

Discuss this matter with your doctor. Not one of the symptoms you here may be due to trouble in the pancreas. But if there is a lack of the pancreatic secretions, he may make up for the lack by giving you an appropriate extract of pancreas. In any event he will tell you how to regulate your diet.



BITS for BREAKFAST
 By R. J. HENDRICKS

Museum and some history!

(Continuing from yesterday, with the journey through the museum of Willamette University.)

But if the journey is to get around the museum we must not pause longer in the history section, though we should wish to tarry among the numerous Indian articles, or examine those precious old copies of the Bible, or see the Arctoe pottery, or the wealth of hair furnished by the members of the first Oregon conference. Every continent is represented here, at least with a few articles.

"Some beautiful crystals in the mineral collection first attract our attention to the science side of the room. It takes only a second glance to see that here is a real collection of minerals. Of the eight hundred recognized varieties of minerals in the world about five hundred are in this collection. Among them are many very beautiful and unusual crystalline forms.

"See the green and red light flashing from that specimen. It is an opal encrusting a rock two inches across. No wonder Pliny said, 'Of all precious stones the opal is the most difficult to describe, since it combines in one gem the beauties of many.' Ancient peoples, as orientals of today, considered the opal the source of all good. The one we are looking at came from eastern Oregon, and there are many others here. Some are gems, and many are opaque wax opals and hazel wood. Opal differs chemically from ordinary quartz only in that it contains water of crystallization.

"Toward the end of the 17th century some children in Ceylon while playing with a pretty crystal noticed the bits of straw, paper and ashes were attracted at one end and repelled from the other. It was taken to Europe and remained a curiosity for 50 years. The name of this crystal came to be tourmaline. The best tourmaline producing region in the United States is in Maine, although most of the specimens in our collection are from near San Diego, California. Our small pink crystals are polished, while the large dark green ones are in their native condition. Tourmaline is found in nearly all colors and is much used in place of more expensive gems of similar colors. The scientist uses slices of tourmaline for polarizing light, since only those vibrations of light in the plane of the axis of the crystal will pass through this substance.

"When we turn to the quartz shelves, we see some things of rare beauty. There is an eye-agate from Brazil five inches in diameter, a mass of almost perfect white and red rings. There are also many more agates, chalcedonies, jaspers, and a rare crystal.

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SPELLING BETTER NOW, SAYS BIXLER

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 28.—(AP)—John and Mary Blank, 1931 model, spell better than grandpa and grandma ever could no matter what notions supporters of the old blue back speller may have on the subject.

Dr. Harold H. Bixler, director of tests and guidance in the Atlanta public schools, says so and he has spent years finding out.

Maybe the 1931 student couldn't handle "phthisis," a favorite jawbreaker of the blueback speller days, but Dr. Bixler believes Johnny and Mary, 1931, can do better with "pulmonary tuberculosis" and that is a better way to say it.

Dr. Bixler's theory is that school curricula should cover something that is of some use.

With collaborators, Dr. Bixler has halved the English language to 3500 words, which he says high school students should concentrate. The hardest of the lot is "annuum" meaning year. Only 62 per cent of the 12th grade students could spell it.

The tests were conducted in schools in Georgia, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Iowa, Arkansas and New Jersey.

INFANT DIES OF JAUNDICE
 STAYTON, Jan. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. Nick Welter have the sympathy of many friends in the loss of their infant son, aged five weeks who died on Friday last of yellow jaundice. Funeral services were held at Sublimity on Saturday, at the Catholic church.

A Sorry Confession

THERE was a most remarkable confession before the senate committee inquiring into banking last week, which has received virtually no attention from the press. It was the admission by Adolph C. Miller, a member of the federal reserve board, that the 1927 open market operations of the reserve banks caused the credit inflation that brought about the speculative boom of 1928-9. The press dispatch went on to say:

"By buying government securities in 1927 in pursuance of an affirmative policy of its own," Miller said, the system gave member banks excess funds, which can only be used for investment, and gave both banks and corporations funds to invest in the call market.

"These open market operations, Miller said, constituted one of the greatest and most costly errors ever made by the Federal Reserve or any other banking system. Had a different policy been pursued at the time, he added, it would have left us with a different condition at this time."

While this is hindsight, the action of the reserve system was not without warning. One of the great New York financial journals, the Commercial and Financial Chronicle, during those years in solemn and lengthy editorials condemned the policies of the reserve system and repeatedly predicted just such a market crash as came about. H. Parker Willis, author of the federal reserve act, likewise criticized some of the policies of the board; also the New York Journal of Commerce. The members of the reserve board therefore stand in sorry light before the people of the country.

We brand with infamy the diplomats and politicians who through bad judgment or willful design bring out a great war. Yet this financial disaster is in its economic aspects similarly calamitous. So far the federal reserve board has not been harried from office nor given even mild rebuke.

There is no suggestion that the directors of the federal reserve system acted with purpose to harm. Instead it has been freely asserted that their policy in 1927 was to sustain prevalent prosperity through their open market operations. They sowed the wind and the country is reaping the whirlwind.

It is a sorry confession which member Miller makes. If the others admit it, they should sit in sackcloth and ashes.

Power Program Safe

THE defeat of the Meier port bill, while a definite setback for the governor personally, does not mean a repudiation by the legislature of the so-called Meier program. Those leading the fight against the Gordon substitute bill, carefully declared they were not fighting the Meier power program.

The indications are that the Meier power bills will go through both houses of the legislature on well-greased skids. Not a line will be changed save with the approval of the Meier forces. The utility interests are making no fight for two reasons. One is they couldn't get anywhere if they tried; the second is they are not injured nor seriously threatened by the impending legislation.

So the power bills will become law. The Joseph platform, though badly mangled and scarcely recognizable in some of the bills, will be duly acclaimed and carried out. The legislature will adjourn and the papers can say, like a high school party, a happy time was had by all.

Senate Arithmetic

ONE of the senators on the ways and means committee who has been most active in agitating for reduction in appropriations and taxes was asked how he stood on the free textbook bill.

"Well, I'm committed to favor free textbooks and old age pensions," he replied.

"How do you reconcile that position with your stand for reduction in taxes?" came the query.

"Dammed if I know," was the reply.

Neither do we.

Muscle Shoals Settlement is Far in Future

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Senate leaders held out little hope tonight for settlement of long standing dispute over Muscle Shoals at this session of congress after house and senate conference again failed to reach an agreement.

Failure of the legislation was openly predicted by Senator Morris. Republican, Nebraska. Another of the senate bill for government operation of \$150,000,000 power and nitrate plants.

Chairman McNary of the senate conference also was dubious over the possibility of an agreement.

Electric Light Bill Dispute is Fatal to Negro

OAKLAND, Jan. 28.—(AP)—In a dispute over an unpaid electric light bill, Jack "Blue" Williams, 49, Negro, was shot and killed last night at a bar and beer shop. Police were seeking another negro, John W. Jackson, proprietor of the shop, as the alleged murderer.

Police said Jackson formerly lived in the home Williams had recently occupied, ran up the electric light bill and moved without paying it.

LABOR GOVERNMENT UNDER HARSH FIRE

LONDON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Sir John Simon, noted British lawyer and statesman, speaking in cold, incisive terms, flayed the government's trade disputes bill in a house of commons debate Tuesday which may bring the MacDonald's labor administration to a crowded house attended breathlessly, for Sir John is a liberal and on the question of how many liberals will join him in voting against the bill tomorrow night the fate of the government depends.

The rank and file of the party has decided to abstain from voting thus leaving the fight between the labor members and the conservatives, with the advantage for the government.

"A thoroughly worthless bill" was the way the liberal speaker described the measure and he added "every clause and sub-clause in it can only be intended, if not to encourage at least to facilitate and made possible the evils which the country resisted in May, 1926."

Dentists Will Soon be More Popular, What?

WORCESTER, Mass., Jan. 28.—(AP)—The Worcester Telegram in a special dispatch from Washington says dentists of the nation will shortly be allowed the same amount of liquor for office use that physicians now may have, six quarts annually.

The telegram says the regulations have been prepared by the treasury department and will be promulgated shortly.

Hoovers Guests At Dinner Given By Andy Mellon

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—President and Mrs. Hoover were entertained Tuesday night at a state dinner by Secretary Mellon. The guest list included Senator and Mrs. Dwight W. Morrow, Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick, Col. Arthur Woods and Mr. and Mrs. S. Parker Gilbert.

It was the fourth dinner given the president and Mrs. Hoover recently by members of his cabinet.

Schulz Elected '31 Captain of Oregon Gridmen

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 28.—(AP)—Irvin Schulz, junior at the University of Oregon, was elected captain of the 1931 Oregon football team here Tuesday.

Schulz played tackle under Captain McIlwain in 1929 and last year Dr. Clarence W. Spears moved him to guard. At the end of the season Schulz was one of

"Murder at Eagle's Nest" By WINIFRED VAN DUZER

Following a party at Eagle's Nest, the home of wealthy Emily Hardy, the Baroness von Wiese is found murdered. Bimba Martin, young newspaper reporter, nicknamed "Bim," a guest at the party, assists her fiancé, Walter Vance, assistant chief of police, in unraveling the mystery. Bim identified the shawl wrapped around the Baroness as Mary Frost's. Mary's husband, Ted, had been attentive to the Baroness. Bim had noticed Emily's butler and the Baroness, at the party, in secret conversation and recalled the maid's scream when she, too, found them together. A strip of uniform linen is found in the shrubbery. The police learn that the Baroness' maid was not in her room that night. The butler denies receiving a note from the Baroness. Bim discovers cuts on the maid's head and arm.

CHAPTER VIII

Bim was upon the point of calling attention to the abrasion on the maid's forehead—it would have saved the Assistant Chief of Police considerable anxious speculation had she done so—when the blue eyes opened, regarding them all dazedly, for a moment before Jane sat up with a murmur of apology.

"I'm being a bother. It's— you see, it was so sudden, so hard." She arose weakly, but Bim put a firm hand on her shoulder and made her sit down.

"You stay right there, Jane. Of course, it's hard for you. And you needn't say one word more till you're feeling better. Isn't that right, Walter?"

Jane gave the tall, fair-haired girl a dim smile, and said she would go on. "Only there's not much I can tell, sir," she added, speaking to Walter. "I was there, and all the while of Her voice trailed off as her lips trembled.

Embarrassing Details

"Was it the Baroness' custom to lock you out of her room?" Walter asked thoughtfully.

"Quite often, sir. When she was expecting—that is, when the girl colored faintly and did not finish.

"When she was expecting someone?" Reynolds put in. "That what you mean?"

"Yes, sir."

"Her husband?" Reynolds rambled on.

"I'd rather—that is, yes, sir, I suppose so."

There was a moment of silence while everyone considered the implication of the girl's partial admission.

"How much," Reynolds persisted, "did the Baron know about his wife's affairs?"

"I couldn't say exactly, sir. They seemed to—well, to understand each other."

"You believe," Walter demanded indignantly, "she was expecting someone last night?"

"I couldn't say, sir. The door was locked."

"How long have you been with the Baroness?"

"It will be four years next month, sir. I went to her in Paris and I've never left her even for a day."

They contemplated that picture of rare devotion and Em snorted. "Hab" in a way which made short shift of her own maid.

"Some women have all the luck," she remarked. "Got on nicely, too, didn't you?"

"Madame was kind. High strung, to be sure, but—" Jane shrugged away whatever memories the hold of boudoir scenes. Bim, however, knew suddenly that those scenes were many and farious.

Walter questioned the girl about what happened while Em's guests were on the terrace and she screamed with fear of a mysterious story, repeating mechanically what Williams had told Em and Bim.

RELIEF PROPOSALS JAM COMMITTEES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—In spring log jam fashion, relief legislation piled high in committee tributaries of house Tuesday while members attempted to break loose some of the proposals to float them into the main stream for early action.

The house appropriations committee continued its hearing on the senate's proposal to give the Red Cross \$25,000,000 for food distribution.

Meantime the agriculture committee laid plans to consider tomorrow the senate plan of diverting 20,000,000 bushels of farm board wheat to the needy. The administration is opposed to these suggestions.

A plea was made before the rules committee for early house action on the senate's proposed \$95,000,000 revolving loan fund for drainage and irrigation districts. The farm loan board presented evidence to the banking and currency committee to show that federal lands banks has sufficient funds to grant mortgage extensions to farmers in drought and depression areas.

Children's Colds Doubly Dangerous With Flu Around

While there is no cause for serious alarm over the development of scattered cases of flu in this locality, health authorities say that extra precautions should be taken to check every cold at the start. Unless treated promptly, colds tend to lower body resistance and may pave the way for an attack of influenza with all its serious complications.

Internal medicine should be avoided except on the advice of a physician. Too much "dozing" often disturbs the digestion and lowers the vitality just when the child needs its body-strength most.

Apply externally, Vicks VapoRub can be used freely and as often as needed with no fear of upsetting the stomach.

Rubbed on throat and chest, Vicks acts on the skin like a poultice or plaster, drawing out the tightness and soreness. At the same time, its medicated vapors, released by the warmth of the body, are inhaled directly to the irritated passages, loosening the phlegm, and soothing the irritation.

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