

BANDON RECORDER.

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE.

Keeping Out the Germs is Better Than Doctoring For Them.

In looking over the history of the search for a means of cure one is struck by the great value of the ounce of prevention. Keeping the germs out is in every way preferable to dealing with the matter after they have entered the body.

Fifty years ago the term preventive medicine was unknown. Today it represents a great body of well attested and accepted principles. It has cleaned our streets, it has helped build our model tenements, it has purified our food and our drinking water.

In the interior of Australia all the men drink tea. They drink it all day long and in quantities and at a strength that would seem to be poisonous.

On Monday, without removing yesterday's tea leaves, he repeats the process; on Tuesday da capo and on Wednesday da capo, and so on through the week.

By this time the tea is of the color of rusty iron, incredibly bitter and disagreeable to the uneducated palate.

A lady who lives in a fashionable suburb is of a saving turn of mind and manages to combine her love of economy with a due regard for her husband's appearance by turning his old top hats into waste paper baskets.

Queer English Custom. Persons aspiring to become balliffs at Alwalton, England, have to go through a curious and somewhat unpleasant ordeal.

The Rhus coriaria, or varnish tree, grows in many parts of what may be termed the Mediterranean district, and its juice is known for its deleterious or injurious properties and has consequently been let alone.

To those who suffer from cramp in the leg at night the following hint may be useful: When the cramp comes on take a good strong string—a long garter will do—wind it round the leg over the place that is affected and take an end in each hand and give it a sharp pull, one that will hurt a little.

The joke about pigeon's milk has a foundation in fact. After the incubation of the young has been completed, the crops of the parent bird become thicker and secrete a sort of curd, with which the young are fed.

Michael, are you about through moving those trunks? Porter—Yes, sir, in a few minutes. "Well, when you've finished, stretch the life net over the front pavement.

Casey—So Cassidy is engaged to be married. Of always thought he was a thrifter. Farrell—Well, he thought so himself—till he thrifted wid a widow.—Puck.

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POLLY LARKIN.

I met a young lady the other day whom the afflicted, sad and weary at heart call "Blessed Sunshine." Her every thought is to make others happy. She says, in speaking of it, that her belief is the religion of love.

It is about time to think of Spring fashions so I stepped into one of the leading milliners the other day to ask what the new Spring novelties were to be.

BRIEF REVIEW.

The London Chronicle, in the course of remarks on the anniversary of Parnell's death referred to the rumor that he is still alive, but some believed that the dauphin, long after his alleged death in prison, lived as an humble clergyman in the United States, where he was known as Williams, and the article, "Have We a Bourbon Among Us?" published in Putnam's Magazine, in 1833 made a sensation.

In the Museum of Kentucky State College by the side of the mounted bones of George Wilkes, progenitor of a world-famed family of trotting race horses the bones of Hanover, the premier sire of thoroughbreds of all America, will soon stand.

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MAN'S LITTLE TOE.

Scientists Declare That It is Doomed to an Early End.

Eminent scientists assert that the small toe of the human foot will be crowded out of existence by the end of the present century. Such is the view of chiropodists generally and of physicians who have given the matter more than passing consideration, says the Philadelphia Press.

Whether or not the big toe is all that is needed in walking and running is a question which has not yet been satisfactorily answered, but the fact remains that athletic instructors and coaches have universally striven to develop the big toe at the expense of the others in the training of fast runners and football players, and to that end the shoes have been made so narrow that any possibility of using the little toe has been precluded.

There is always a possibility that the person whom we regard as a proper object for sympathy may look upon himself in another light. This interesting and instructive surprise often awaits the well meaning bearer of condolence.

When Mrs. Hastings learned that her old friend Mrs. Warren had become "stun deaf," she went with a long face to see her.

"It must be an awful cross, Lavin," she wrote on the slate which Mrs. Warren presented to her as soon as she was seated.

"Tain't either," snapped the afflicted one, who, though deaf, was by no means dumb. "Folks that have got anything to say can write it on that slate, and Henry Warren, that's had to put a curb on his tongue for upward of thirty years on account of the high temper he took from his mother's folks, is now able to say anything he likes and no feelings hurt. I count my deafness a real blessing. How's your rheumatism?"

What is a Well Dressed House? "What in theatrical parlance is a well dressed house?" said a dramatic writer, and after a silent pause he continued: "I went the other night to a show, and as I passed in the doorkeeper said to me, 'We have a well dressed house tonight, sir.' I supposed he meant that the audience was sporting its best clothes, but I found on looking about that this was not true, and so between the acts I asked him what he had meant. He answered: 'I meant that the house had been seated by the box office man very cleverly, so that it balanced well, and so that the fact that it was not small was not perceptible. To dress a house is to distribute an audience all over it so it looks full when it is, as a matter of fact, far from being so. There are here enough people to fill about the first seven rows of the orchestra, but the house is well dressed, and on looking at it you have the impression that it is fairly well filled. Every ticket seller should see to it that his house is dressed properly. That is why you so often fail to get seated as far up front as you would like.'—Philadelphia Record.

Why Shakespeare Endures. Shakespeare's plays are not the plays themselves, but the strictly irrelevant truth and beauty that he poured into them. We love them for their matchless poetry and their matchless insight into the human soul. "Hamlet" is for us nothing but the study of a contemplative man distracted by the necessity to be up and doing. "Macbeth" the study of a noble mind degraded by ambition. "The Merchant of Venice" the study of racial strength against contempt and persecution. Nothing to us now the actual framework of these studies; everything the studies themselves and the language in which they are set forth. Our pleasure in the production of a Shakespearean play is according solely to the illuminative rightness of the conception of the chief character or characters and to the sonorous beauty with which the verse is declaimed by all.—Saturday Review.

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Your son is a philosophical student, I hear. "Yes, I believe he is, I can't understand what he's talking about."—Detroit Free Press.

CHOICE MISCELLANY

Ten Years in Bed.

An original character is Baron Hugo Ortelot of Russia, a millionaire who spends his time between his magnificent palaces at St. Petersburg and Moscow and his superb country seat near Kasan, but always in bed.

For ten years he has not got up or dressed. There has never been anything the matter with him physically, and even today, in spite of his bulk, his bodily condition furnishes a striking illustration of the fallacy of the assertion that much exercise is indispensable to the preservation of health.

He does not even leave it when he travels. His bed being carried from his room to a specially constructed carriage and thence to his private railway saloon, and he always travels by special train. He is quite an average man in all other respects, manages his immense property with the greatest sagacity and shrewdness, and is brilliant and witty in conversation.

"This talk about the decadence of those delightful French and English lins is all nonsense," said a man who recently returned from a European trip. "The advent of the automobile was a godsend to them, and their patronage has been greatly increased since people took to riding along those beautiful roads instead of whizzing along on dirty, sooty trains.

Visitors to Cairo will be interested in the following circular which was recently published in the popular Egyptian winter resort: "Attention! Attention! We inform that tomorrow—that is to say, Saturday, the 15th inst.—will be open precisely to Ezbekieh street, opposite Royal Hotel, a men eating house named the Restaurant of London which respended of purity joined in a good contenty and purity of products. We invite the wine tasters that we do not mistake that they will be assured of our speeches truthfulness convinced by the estimation of every one who shall visit our establishment. For much assure the public we offer 100 sovereigns to every one who shall settle that our products are adulterate, and that our kitchen's materials are dirty. To auspices like this we proceed courageously to the open calling to the production of good wine tasters."

A Remarkable Lighthouse. Of the world there is at least one not placed on any mariner's chart. It is described by a New York paper: "It is far out on the Arizona desert and marks the spot where a well supplies pure, fresh water to travelers. It is the only place where water may be had for forty-five miles to the eastward and for at least thirty miles in any other direction.

"Talking about luxury and cost of living," said Marshall P. Wilder, "I saw an incident today that illustrated what money means. I was in a fruit store on Broadway where a woman was buying some apples. She noticed a few cucumbers on the counter and said, 'You may put in half a dollar's worth of those.'"

The salesman looked at her inquiringly and remarked, 'You will have to buy a whole one, ma'am; we don't cut cucumbers.'—New York Times.

It will be the part of wisdom for oyster dealers to get their supplies from beds which by no possibility can be contaminated by sewage from cities, towns or villages. An English bishop died recently from typhoid fever caused by such poisoned food. If oysters and clams are thoroughly cooked, fever germs are destroyed, but on the half shell they should be looked at astance unless it is reasonably certain that they are free from injurious bacteria.

A man while suffering from influenza in South London was surprised by the sudden appearance in his room of his wife, who twenty years ago eloped to California. Falling on her knees she implored his forgiveness, the man with whom she took flight, after making a fortune, having recently died. The husband forgave her. She nursed him so well that he recovered, but she caught the influenza herself and died, leaving him £2,000.

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HUMOR OF THE HOUR

Badly Wanted.

Sag Skidmore had been "sparkin' Susie Jane for nearly three years with out coming to the point. At last Susie grew weary of waiting.

"Well, I dunno, Some say you're a mite nearsighted." "Who sez that? Jest tell me who sez it." "Well, Lizzy Hooper sez it."

"She does, does she? En she can't see ter thread a needle. W'y, I could see the eye of it plumb out ter the gate."

"Well, it's gettin' purty dark, Susie Jane, en you'd hardly hev a fair show in, but gimme a needle, en I'll jest try you."

"Now, I jest kin discern the light comin' through," she said at last. "Susie Jane," drawled Sag, coming forward, "there ain't no needle there, but of you want me had enough to look a hole through that pin I stuck up in the gatpost I reckon, by jings, I'll hev you."—Harper's Magazine.

"You must be asked a great many foolish questions in the course of the day," said the solemn man to the elevator man. "Yes, sir; I am."

"Indeed! And what are some of them?" "Oh, same as you're asking."—Judge.

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FACTS IN FEW LINES

There are about 5,000 women stenographers in Pittsburg.

A German has invented an electric sand pump for cleaning stone buildings. The largest church in the world is St. Peter's, at Rome, accommodating 54,000 persons.

Theoretical stage employees have widely local unions and more than 4,000 members. Galway, Ireland, wants to be made the home terminal port of the proposed new Canadian mail route.

The Women's Butchers' union at the Chicago stockyards has 600 members. St. Louis has a similar union. General Joubert's silver fitted jaunting car, which was captured in South Africa, is now at Woolwich arsenal.

There are about 15,000 convicts in the prisons of England, whose maintenance costs about \$3,000,000 a year. Clusters of filberts containing twenty-nine separate nuts have been plucked at Templecombe, Somerset, England.

Copper in certain druggists' supplies has been traced to copper rivets used in the driving belts of the manufacturing machinery. In a fortnight's fishing on Oulton Broad, Suffolk, England, a lady and her husband landed 2,539 roach between them.

About 16,000,000 tons of freight are annually carried on the Ohio river, which has a length of 1,000 miles from Pittsburg to Cairo. A belief in witchcraft still prevails in parts of Lancashire, England; also in the Isle of Man and still more strongly in the Hebrides.

It is announced that the British museum has purchased the ten pound credit which fell recently at Crumlin, County Antrim, Ireland. Authorities of British Columbia have established traveling libraries for the benefit of the numerous lumber and mining camps in that province.

Endeavors are being made to amalgamate the Austrian, French and Swiss Alpine clubs for the purpose of securing more control over the guides. In a cemetery in Middlebury, Vt., is a stone erected by a widow to her loving husband bearing this inscription: "Rest in peace—until we meet again."

Six nonster apples gathered at Pullman, Norfolk, England, measured three inches in circumference and weighed together three pounds and two ounces. Turkish women do not come into control of their private fortunes until after marriage. After that they can dispose of one-third of it without the husband's consent.

The most prominent Austrian trade union, the Gewerbe Verein of Lower Austria, has decided to send a deputation to the United States in 1904 to visit the St. Louis exposition. The Russian naval estimates for 1903 call for the expenditure of 104,417,781 rubles as compared with 98,318,381 rubles in 1902. Of this sum 40,449,582 rubles are for new construction and repairs.

The premier of New South Wales has been urged by a deputation of ladies to institute the curfew bell, prohibit the employment of barmaids and prevent the sale of cigarettes to young children. At present the proportion of working time is smaller in Britain than in any other nation. The assertion is true alike in respect of agriculture, of industry, of shopkeeping, of commerce and of the professions.

The white marked tussock moth is a native of North America. It ranges the territory east of the Rocky mountains and attacks almost every variety of shade, fruit and ornamental trees, with the exception of the conifers. A soldier named Meyerhofer has been sentenced at Zurich by the Swiss military authorities to three months at hard labor for refusing to obey orders. The soldier refused to serve on a Saturday as it was the Jewish Sabbath.

The old locomotives of the elevated railroads in New York city are being sold throughout the country as fast as they are displaced by electric motor cars. They are bought as a rule by branch roads at prices ranging from \$1,200 to \$2,000. Napkins became popular in France sooner than in England. At one time it was customary at great French dinners to change the napkins at every course, to perfume them with rosewater and to have them folded a different way for each guest.

Hot Springs, Ark., will be represented at the world's fair by a grotto lined with Hot Springs crystals and lighted by electricity. The grotto will contain reproductions of some of the hot springs. Kinetoscope views of bath houses' interiors will be shown. As a memorial to those members of the Bachelors' club who were killed or died of wounds or disease in the South African war a bed is to be endowed in London, a tablet being placed over the bed stating that it is in memory of the thirty members of the club who fell in the war. Two years ago the German Colonial society offered a prize for the finding of a plant in the German colonies furnishing gatta percha suitable for cable purposes. A telegram from German New Guinea says that gatta percha as well as rubber has been found there in large quantities. The hotel for women idea has been realized in Paris. A company has been formed with a directorate including prominent society people. It has secured the lease of a historical mansion in the Rue de Lille, where rooms at extremely moderate rentals are to be let to women residing alone. The hotel bears the name Maison de Famille and was opened recently.

Love Above Par. Towne—Poor fellow! He certainly does love her for all he's worth. Browne—He loved her even more than that today. Towne—How do you mean? Browne—He sent her a ten dollar bunch of roses and borrowed the price from me.—Philadelphia Press. Men are like sandwiches—there's nothing in some of them, and the more there is in others the worse they are.—Chicago News.



He often tells a funny story. "Full of what he thinks is wit. But the story's never funny. That's the funny part of it."

A Nervy Performance.

Hawson Homocrest—So Thomson is a man of nerve, is he? Kingsboro Kingsley—Is he? Well, say! He can light an old cornucop pipe in the presence of his mother-in-law without the quiver of an eyelash.—Puck.

A Hardship of Modern War. She—The strain on the soldier in modern warfare must be very great. He—It is. Sometimes the photographer isn't ready, and you have to wait hours, and then the pictures may prove failures.—Judge.

His Finish. "You say that long haired pianist gave a finished performance," said the theatrical tugg. "Well, I'm glad he finished his finished performance before he finished me!"—Baltimore Herald.

Talkative Sex. "Women," remarked the very young man, "have a peculiar way of arriving suddenly at a conclusion." "Except when they are talking," rejoined the gruff old bachelor.—Chicago News.

One Consolation. Hewitt—After all I've spent on that girl her father chased me out of the house. Jewett—Well, you had a run for your money.—New York Herald.

Truly Remarkable. "And what is there so remarkable about her?" "She doesn't think she could improve on the training of other people's children."—Chicago Post.

What Was Needed. Barber—Little bay rum, sir? Man in the Chair—No. If you don't sharpen that razor a little bit, you'd better give me chloroform.—Boston Herald.

At the Night School. Instructor—Mention some of the by-products of petroleum. Young Man—Universities.—Chicago Tribune.

As the Stork Sees It. First Stork—I just left a baby at that millionaire's house. Second Stork—Funny things, these human beings! I've just delivered three to one woman in a tenement house, and her husband's out of work, and they haven't a cent.—Brooklyn Life.

All Kinds. Customer to grocer—How much is your butter a pound? Grocer—Do you mean sweet butter, dairy cream butter, best butter, blue butter or butter?—Stray Stories.