

Preacher of the Old School

The combined mental and physical breakdown of Rev. C. C. Stratton, as reported from Coquille Coos County, recalls the wonderful industry and effectiveness of Dr. Stratton as itinerant preacher, presiding elder and educator, manifested in connection with his work in the Oregon Conference of the Methodist Church for a long period of years, beginning with his graduation from Willamette University more than half a century ago. Dr. Stratton is one of the few members of the Oregon conference of that era who now survive.

He was a contemporary, though somewhat younger, of Walter, Wilbur Roberts, Gustavus and Harvey K. Hines Pearne, Miller Flynn, the Garrisons, Parrish and other men "who rode the circuit," conducted camp meetings, preached in school houses, officiated at weddings and funerals, instituted churches and organized Sunday schools, in that near yet far-away time wherein "our yet young state was younger yet." He was in his prime one of the most eloquent, fervid and forceful ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

"Time that scars us, maims and mars us" has left "track and trench" upon the mind and body of Dr. Stratton, and in the serenity and simplicity of second childhood that awaits the end.—Oregonian.

Two More Cities Go Dry

Boston, Dec. 1.—The champions of no-license succeeded in inducing New Bedford and Marlborough to vote today in favor of closing the saloons. The feature of the municipal elections held in seven cities of the state was the campaign carried on against no-license in the two places named and Northampton and Fitchburg.

The two latter cities voted to continue the sale of liquor, but by a reduced majority. Waltham and Quincy, strong no-license centers, repeated last year's verdict today. Pittsfield again voted for license.

In Marlborough a license majority of 351 last year was turned into a majority of 300 for no license.

New Bedford, which voted in favor of liquor selling in 1907 by less than 100 votes, went dry today 134 majority.

Mexicans Cry Freeze-Out

New York, Nov. 30.—That papers in a suit involving the ownership of a Mexican silver and lead mine, in which Charles M. Schwab and other financiers are interested, have been served upon Mr. Schwab, was made known today, the complainants, who live in Mexico City, alleging they are unjustly deprived of a considerable amount of stock in this mine, said to have been worth several millions. The plaintiffs allege that they had options on practically all the minority stock.

Counsel for Mr. Schwab said today that neither Mr. Schwab nor any of those interested with him were disturbed by the suit, but that Mr. Schwab's answer would be filed in due time.

EMBROIDERY HOOPS.

The Best Covering is Tape an Inch Wide.

If rings or embroidery hoops are used, they should be frequently re-wrapped. It is not unusual to see hoops in the hands of apparently dainty women so dirty they are a disgrace to her cleanliness, not to speak of the ruinously black lines they leave on the work.

The best covering for hoops is a very thin tape about an inch wide, wound so that one edge just barely laps over the other. As a whole bolt of tape may be bought for a few cents, there is absolutely no excuse for dingy coverings.

The silver rings in vogue several years ago are really not very practical. If wrapped they had much better be wood, and if unwrapped the inevitable tarnishing, unless the greatest care is exercised, will leave ugly stains on delicate materials.

The two parts of the embroidery hoops should fit so tightly that a certain amount of pressure must be exerted to fit them together after the work is spread on them. Fit the work smoothly over the lower ring before putting on the top. If there is the slightest wrinkle or the work sags the effect is much worse than if no hoops were used.

A MORNING SURGICAL OPERATION

(Original.)

A young American, Walter Tisdale, with two ladies, was dining in Paris at a cafe in the Champs d'Élysees. There is an adage that two is company and three is a crowd, and Tisdale wished for another man to be a companion for one of the girls. A gentleman sat at a table near by smoking his cigarette, drinking his absinth and twirling his moustache. He cast an occasional glance at Tisdale and his party and seemed interested in them. When the waiter presented the bill Tisdale was chagrined to find that he had left his portemanteau at his hotel. There was nothing remaining in his vest pocket but a five franc piece quite insufficient to meet the indebtedness. He was at a loss to know what to do. The ladies had no money with them, and the position was embarrassing. All this was evident to the gentleman sitting near. He rose, approached Tisdale and, lifting his hat, politely said:

"Pardon, m'sieu. If you will permit me I will relieve your embarrassment. What is the amount of the bill?"

After some discussion Tisdale accepted the stranger's offer and asked him to take his place at the table while he drove to his hotel to get his money. The stranger consented. Tisdale was absent less than half an hour and when he returned found the girls quite at home with their protector. He was a man of perhaps forty. His manners were affable, and he possessed the faculty of being an attentive listener. Tisdale was very grateful for the favor he had done him and, thanking him, said:

"M'sieu, we would be happy to have you join our party for the evening. We shall visit those places of amusement with which this delightful city abounds and when we have exhausted them will sup at one of the cafes in the amusement center."

Tisdale took out a card and handed it to the stranger, who looked at it musingly.

"M'sieu will pardon me," said the latter, "for not returning my card. I never carry one. My name has disagreeable associations. You probably know that the implement used in the revolution for getting rid of the nobility took its name from a physician, Dr. Guillotin."

"I see," said Tisdale; "you are a descendant of his."

"The name is not uncommon," said one of the ladies, Mlle. de Four.

"I rather like it," said the other, Louise Micheau. "There is a keen edge to it."

All laughed at the sally. The ladies gathered their wraps, the men put on their overcoats, all left the cafe and, getting into a carriage, drove away. During the evening the party gave themselves up to pleasure. The stranger once or twice demurred at not being permitted to pay any bills, but seeing that Tisdale was determined on this point, gave way. He was not a communicative man—rather silent, in fact—but this did not prevent him from being companionable. He asked to be excused from drinking, giving as a reason that he would be obliged to perform a delicate operation in the morning and would need a steady hand.

"So you are like your celebrated ancestor, a doctor?" remarked Guillotin.

"I follow his footsteps," replied Tisdale.

The doctor seemed to prefer Mlle. Micheau and became her escort for the evening.

It was 1 o'clock before the party brought up in a cafe on one of the boulevards for supper.

"I shall have to leave you very soon," said the stranger. "Having accepted your hospitality thus far, I grant that you will drink a bottle with me?"

"Certainly. But why leave us?"

"The operation I spoke of."

"An operation! So early in the morning!" exclaimed Mlle. de Four.

"You'll kill the patient," said Mlle. Micheau. "Better wait for daylight."

"I do not expect the patient will survive," said the doctor.

There was a certain chill in his voice that communicated itself to the others. There was something uncanny in the fact of a man's leaving a gay supper party to perform an operation on a person the result of which he expected would be fatal. Tisdale, to banish the disagreeable feeling, seized a glass of wine and, clinking it with the others, drank success to the doctor's operation.

"It will be successful," said the surgeon. "It is an operation I have performed often, and I never fail."

"But I thought you said the patient would not survive it," said Mlle. Micheau.

"He will not, but his death has nothing to do with my skill in operating. That is another matter."

As he spoke a waiter uncorked a bottle of champagne, the wine spouting and deluging the glasses. The doctor took up his glass, bowed affably to the three, touched his lips to it, set it down and offered his hand to each. There was a coldness in it that added to the chill. Then he was gone.

"M. de Paris is looking very well this morning," said a gentleman sitting near. "He goes to attend to the case of Gavitz, the wife murderer."

The girls with Tisdale turned pale.

"Who is M. de Paris?" asked Tisdale.

"Our companion for the evening the public executioner!" gasped Mlle. Micheau.

The next morning's paper in speaking of the passing of the wife murderer incidentally mentioned that M. de Paris was not his usual self. Perhaps a remembrance of Mlle. Micheau had something to do with the change.

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LUMBAGO.

Diet and Treatment For This Distressing Affection.

This distressingly painful affection is muscular rheumatism located in the large muscles of the loin.

The attack usually comes on quite suddenly, sometimes seizing the sufferer in the middle of a walk without the slightest premonition. The pain is intense and is increased by the slightest motion of the body.

The victim of lumbago or any other form of muscular rheumatism becomes painfully aware of the fact, which perhaps he had not before realized, of the great flexibility of the body and of the intimate relation between the different parts of the body, for it seems impossible for him to make any motion whatever of the head or of the arms without feeling a sharp twinge in the back. He dare not turn in bed, lift his head or even raise his arms, for every movement seems to be originated and performed by the sore back muscles.

There may be a little swelling of the affected region, but usually there is no external sign of the great well of misery lying just beneath the skin. The pain lasts a few days or a week and may then disappear as rapidly as it came, although there is often considerable soreness or an occasional twinge for a day or two.

Lumbago may be distinguished from pain in the back due to other causes by the fact that the agony is extreme whenever the slightest movement is made and is absent or at least bearable when the patient lies perfectly quiet in bed, and also that the muscles are tender when gently squeezed. The affection is more common in men than in women and attacks adults chiefly, the muscular rheumatism of children taking the form usually of wryneck. Why this should be so it is difficult to say.

Lumbago occurs more frequently in gouty persons, although that is no explanation, since we do not know why the loins should suffer in gouty individuals more than the muscles of the neck.

In mild cases the drinking of an abundance of water to which some baking soda is added may give a measure of relief. Gentle rubbing of the parts with a cloth dipped in ammonia and hot water will often mitigate the suffering, and after the rubbing a cloth wet with this solution may be laid on the parts and covered with a hot water bottle.

The diet should be light, without meat or highly seasoned food and especially without beef tea or meat broths of any kind. The bowels should be kept open.

One who is subject to lumbago should be careful to avoid a chill and should live frugally, drinking only plain water or milk.

Sometimes the attacks are prevented or made less frequent by the wearing of a broad flannel belt over the underclothing.

The Fur Rosette.

One of the prettiest of fur trimmings is the fur rosette which will be worn a great deal this year. This is made by setting a handsome jeweled button in the middle of a piece of fine velvet. Around the button there is sewed a border of fur which is carried round and round until it makes a big, hand some fur rosette. This rosette is used to fasten the belt or to make a trimming upon the bust or the stock. There are many ways in which it can be employed in different sizes, big and little

BULL EXERCISER.

A Device That Hardens Muscle and Tones Down Temper.

The necessity of some form of exercise for the stock bull has long been recognized, and many devices have been experimented with. Mr. F. E. Dawley in Country Gentleman pronounces the pole and sweep shown in the cut the most satisfactory device that he has ever used. Mr. Dawley describes the device as follows, and the arrangement is easily understood, although one of the chains alluded to is not discernible in the cut:

It is made by setting a heavy post deeply in the ground, letting it extend up about six feet. A band is placed on the top, and a section of an old steel wagon axle with the box attached is driven into the end. This post should not be less than ten inches



ON THE SWEEP.

through at the top. A hardwood sweep is cut and the center of gravity determined by balancing it over a sawhorse. A hole is then bored through this sweep at the center of gravity and the box securely fastened into it. It is then set back on the axle, the sweep swinging on the axle-tree. Two short chains are attached to the small end of the sweep. To the lower end of one of these a swivel bar clevis is attached. To the other a very heavy snap is fastened. A piece of old two inch tug or a strong leather collar is placed on the bull's neck, being held in place by two short flat head bolts, which are far better than a buckle, and a ring is placed on this collar. When the bull is led out before liberating him from the staff the large snap on one of the chains is snapped into this ring. The bar clevis is then screwed into the ring in the bull's nose, when he is ready to take his exercise.

The first time an animal is hitched it may be necessary to drive him around and to work the sweep for him in order to get him accustomed to it. The chains should be so adjusted that the one attached to the strap on his neck will swing the sweep. It should be long enough so he can reach the ground. By the use of this device I have kept a bull until he was fourteen years old in such condition that his muscles were hard and firm and he was vigorous and virile. One great advantage in exercising the animals in this way is that they become accustomed to being handled and are very much more tractable than when kept tied in the pens or when simply led out and put in a tread power once or twice a day for half an hour.

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