

THE PHYSICIAN AS A DESPOT.

We know the Doctor is Fallible, Yet We Trust Him Implicitly.

Without any pretense of faith in any doctor who is not regular, and without prejudice to a sincere intention of calling in a thoroughly instructed and expert practitioner whenever occasion demands, it is still permissible to smile amiably at the professional jealousy of quacks.

We are vaguely aware of the limitations of his knowledge; we know that he has to guess first what is the matter with us, and next what will do us good, and that though there are facts his acquaintance with which helps him to guess right, many theories that regulate his professional action are still hypothetical, and may or may not be correct.

We know that he has discovered that many of the methods his father used were unwise and deleterious, and that the doses his grandfather gave often hastened the result they were intended to prevent and hindered what they were designed to induce.

We know not only that he is a man, and therefore fallible, but that his professional science, like his father's and grandfather's, is progressive, and is still very far from being exact.

The childlike trust in our physicians is a phenomenon which is creditable to us and to our doctors, and from which we both get benefit.

But it is one thing for us to flock of our own accord to the doctors, and quite another thing for those professional gentlemen to hold that we shall come to them and to none else, and that we may neither be legitimately born, nor die legally, except with the concurrence of the learned faculty.

Pastimes of City Boys. A singular game has for its foundation an ash barrel. Across the top of this is placed a board two or three inches in width, which projects about the same distance over the rim of the barrel.

Look above you at the telegraph wires. Sooner or later they become the natural end of every kite flown in this street, and the tattered fragments with which the wires are adorned bear witness that kite flying is a popular pastime, even if disastrous to the kites.

Comparatively few city boys know how to fly a kite; they never seem able to manage the tail. Kites in the city can only be successfully flown from the housetops.

Trifling Things in Court. Very trifling things sometimes go very far in the courts. The supreme court of the United States has ended a costly and long controversy by ruling upon the question, "Is the tomato a fruit or a vegetable?"

Overpowering a Superstitious Waiter. A traveler obtained a satisfactory breakfast at a southern hotel in an ingenious manner. Having called for different items on the bill of fare with the unflinching result of hearing "all gone, sah," he fixed a stern look upon the colored waiter and exclaimed in deep tones: "Do you know where you will go when you die?"

A Machine That Makes and Cooks Sausages. One of the novelties at the St. Pancras exhibition in London, England, was a sausage machine, driven by electric motor. In conjunction with this machine it has been proposed to employ an electric heating attachment, whereby the savory dish can be delivered cooked and smoking hot to the purchaser.

The Masher Mashed. "I want some nice little thing for my wife—something that'll please her," said Masham. "Perhaps you could suggest something."

Failure to Some One. "Is marriage a failure?" asked the youth. "Yes, to Alice Popsonby," answered the maid as she gazed down at the ring which Horace Fledgely had given her.

On a Louisiana Sugar Plantation.

The marvelous processes by which the wand of the planter king is transmuted into rich casks of snow white or golden sugar, by means of steam boilers, strainers, vacuum pans, mixers and centrifugals, has been described many times over, and is a thing not to be done by a novice without abusing and misusing technical terms.

The raw juice is a dark, dirty looking liquid, a hideous gray in color. As it undergoes all the scientific processes of the most approved methods of sugar making, it runs a short chromatic scale in color, changing from gray to a greenish brown and then to shades of red-yellow, and finally emerging from the centrifugals like drifts of snow, white, fine and beautiful to look upon.

Another evil is the cold lunch which must be taken by most of the children, for the hour's intermission at noon scarcely allows even those residing near the school to go home, dine and return.

It is during the winter months an intermission of an hour and a half or even of two hours were given, as is done in many Swiss and German schools, most of the children could go home and take the hot, nourishing midday meal which many doctors consider necessary to health.

A Japanese Dinner Party. The etiquette of a Japanese dinner party is rather entertaining. As soon as the guests are seated on the mats, two, and sometimes three, small low tables are brought to each.

On the one immediately in front of him the guest finds seven little covered bowls. On the second table will be five other bowls. The third, a very small table, should hold three bowls. Take up the chopsticks with the right hand, remove the cover of the rice bowl with the same hand, transfer it to the left, and place it to the left of the table.

Next take up the rice bowl with the right hand, pass it to the left, and eat two mouthfuls with the chopsticks, and then drink once from the soup bowl. And so on with the other dishes—never omitting to eat some rice between each mouthful of meat, fish and vegetables, unless you forget which is your mouth and which is your right hand, or have become so giddy that you cannot tell your left hand from a chopstick or your rice bowl from your third table.

An Enormous Appetite. Joel Parker, the Democratic ex-governor of New Jersey, who died recently, weighed 300 pounds, and there is little doubt that his death was hastened by his enormous appetite. He always gratified his tastes to the uttermost, and never stopped to inquire whether an article of food was good for him or not.

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Edwin Arnold Knighted. Queen Victoria has paid a well deserved tribute to journalism in the person of Edwin Arnold, who has just been created knight commander of the Order of the Indian Empire.

All the statues and portraits of M. Jules Grevy, late president of the republic, which were, according to custom, in the private rooms and offices of the various administrative departments, are fast being removed.

A man who governs his passions is master of the world. We must either command them or be enslaved to them. It is better to be the hammer than the anvil.

AN ANIMAL WITH A BIG NAME.

The Helioderma Horridum Which is Held Captive by a Chicago Man.

"Let me introduce you to the Helioderma horridum," said C. K. Giles, the State street jeweler, pointing to a glass case which stands in a conspicuous position in his wholesale department.

The animal is about sixteen inches in length and of genuine Falstaffian girth. The skin is covered with beautifully shaped scales, and, like Jacob's ewes, spotted and ring streaked. The shape of the spots is wonderfully regular, bearing a strong resemblance to the black and gold wall paper of a dodo.

Mr. Giles clasped the reptile affectionately between his finger and thumb and sat him on the floor. He moved as leisurely and dignifiedly as if he were at home on the sands of Arizona. His forked tongue flashed incessantly in and out, his eyes rolled and he looked altogether as if he might be an uncomfortable customer to deal with were he to take a notion in that direction.

He only asks for three months' sleep, and then he is ready to enjoy himself for the rest of the year. When he is at home he is the subject of more hair raising tales than any beast of his dimensions, but Mr. Giles will not even concede the fact that he possesses a drop of poison in his whole anatomy.

"Perpendiculars." A Cambridge student once told me that the parties which the dons gave the undergraduates were called "Perpendiculars" by the latter, because the young men never dared to sit down for fear of offending their high mightinesses the dons, nor did they venture to speak unless spoken to.

If all we go to another's house for is to eat and drink, might not the would be host send his would be guests orders on Delmonico, and save himself the trouble of turning his home into a restaurant? If the desire to see finery is what influences us, had we not better go to the opening of one of the court dressmakers and milliners who are crowding to our shores?

The conversation at teas and parties has never been noted for brilliancy, but anything is better than suspicious or supercilious silence. By it we reflect on the entertainer's judgment in the choice of friends, and never should we cast such a doubt on his selection of ourselves.

Prices of Paper in Boston and New York. The proper way to buy writing paper is by the pound. It is always sold in that way in the east, and the result is a saving of something over 50 per cent to the purchaser, while the dealer makes still a profit large enough for him to live and conduct his business in the most substantial manner.

Seconded Her Motion. A number of ministers at Clarksville were relating their experience the other day. One of them said that, while he was preaching a sermon some time ago, an old lady in the congregation arose, and exclaimed: "Merciful father, if I had one more feather in my wing of faith, I would fly off to glory!"

Merciful father, if I had one more feather in my wing of faith, I would fly off to glory! "Good Lord, stick it in and let her go; she's but a trouble here."

Reciprocal Favors. "Your back hair is coming down." "Thanks; your front teeth are dropping out." —New York Epoch.

SERIOUS DANGER.

The new Chilean tariff law, which repeals the customs law of May 5, provides for the gradual substitution of paper currency by specie dollars for duties.

Men would be very wise if they could only learn as much as their boys think they could teach them.

HEDGED ABOUT BY A PROSCRIPTIVE TABOO.

I am not aiming to convince mental babies, as indeed that would be fruitless without the necessary cultured intellect that makes logic applicable. Fore, brilliancy and originality even are no weapons to attack a slave with. For many centuries the medical art was hedged about by a proscriptive taboo which, as yet, has not survived.

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