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INCREASING LONGEVITY.

Americans in Particular Live Much Longer Than in Past Ages.

Remarkable Instances of Extreme Old Age Intellectual Activity Is No Bar to Long Life and Good Health.

A writer in the Washington Post calls attention to the many instances of remarkable longevity which from year to year have been reported. Passing by the hundreds of years asserted to have been lived by the antediluvian heroes of Hebrew tradition, the apparent numbers in which may mean something entirely different from what they would mean in our decimal scale of enumeration, and down through the Greek and subsequent ages, whose method of counting we do not under-stand, we find a continuous record of persons arriving at an advanced old age. These, from one point of view. constitute a very small minority, and yet, from another, form a considerable

and important element.

The number of deceased persons who had attained an exceptional old age discrepancy of over fifty years in the was probably greater in the year 1893 than in any recent period. During the many recent period. During the state of the work of the wor last three or four months of the year the general public became familiar New England coast from threatened devastation. And still later we have been apprised of the death at Terre Haute. Ind., of a man 104 years old,

most of those old lives was passed before the modern suicidal rush of the sogood chance for longevity it is almost
unnecessary to say that an originally
good constitution is of the first imgood constitution is of the f cellence carefulness in the art of living must be added. The secret of long life is one of which nature alone holds pos-session. A remarkable fact is that intellectual activity and success have been no barriers to long life. Even deep philosophical studies have proved a help rather than a hindrance to men of literary pursuits. Voltaire, who at birth was put into a quart pot, could never have attained his eighty-fourth cessful statesmanship at an age of eighty-four years, after having undergone the constant turmoil of political contest for considerably more than half a century. Bismark is practically an octogenarian. Von Moltke was nearing ninety when he died. It seems that the review of these and numerous other instances would sufficiently establish the theory that continuous intellectual activity is conducive to the perpetuation of good health and the prolongation of life.

LOST HIS RED BUTTON. The Former Chinese Minister to This

Country Degraded in Rank. In a telegram from Pekin, published by the Chinese Mail, it is said that an imperial edict has been issued announcing the degradation of Tsui Kwo senior deputy supervisor of instruction—to that of "Chung Wan"—under secrearyship of the Hanlin college-as well is the deprivation of the red button of cond rank, which he had been honred by the emperor on the occasion of his being accredited to the courts of the

United States, Spain and Peru.

The issue of this edict has been the result of Yui's incompetency in the dis-charge of the duties of "Tso Shu Tsze." as well as of his failure in passing the recent special examination for promotion among the members of the Hanlin This special examination was instituted at the instance of the board of censors with a view to classifying the members of the Hanlin college and to investigate their special conduct. and also for the purpose of recommending promotion. Consequently the persons examined have, after due examination, been divided into three classes Those of the first two classes have either received their promotion or ap-propriate imperial rewards of silk deces, but Tsui Kwo Yui, who tands first in the third class, has lost ils red button, and has suffered the sbove-mentioned degradation in his official rank.

VENERABLE PENSIONERS. Thirteen Widows of Revolutionary Heroes

Still Draw Pay from the Government. An interesting study on the subject of longevity is furnished by some of our pension lists. The most note-worthy, according to the Pittsburgh Dispatch, is that part comprising the survivors of the war of 1812. Of the eighty-six American soldiers and sailors who took part in that memorable struggle who still in the land of the living on June 30, 1895, fifteen were centenarians. Arthur Hawley was missiken for a mamely: David H. Ames, Jerseyville, Ill.; Zephanfah Bacon, Patten's Mills, war while hunning to the mountains of N. Y.; William S. Dennis, Eatonton, Benton county one day last week and Ga.; Andrew Franklin, Burlington, *as shot through the body just above Wis., each of whom was exactly 100 he bips with a large reff. It is more years of age; Hosea Brown, Drain, Ore, and Miles Scranton, Merrill, N. H., were 101; Austin Atchison, Spencer-

port, N. Y., and Nathaniel Whitney. Franklin, Ill, were 102; David McCoy, Redland, Col., and Nathaniel Smith, Hempsted, N. Y., were 103; John Sherer, East Paris, Mich., and John Dawson, Terre Haute, Ind., were 104; John W. Ireland, Hamptonville, N. C., was 105, and John Downey, Allen Factory, Ala., 106.

The list of widows of revolutionary soldiers forms another interesting part of pension statistics. Although the war that gave us independence ended over 111 years ago, no less than 13 widows of the continental forces are still draw ing a stipend from the government. Of these the oldest are Lovey Aldrich, widow of Caleb Aldrich, and Sarah Dabney, widow of John Q. Dabney, both of whom were 23 years old at the period of the last rollcall. Mary Snead, widow of Bowdoin Snead, is the young est, being only 77 years of age. It seems almost beyond belief that a female born thirty years after the war was concluded is the widow of a soldier who fought in it. Presuming that Bowdoin Snead was 15 years of age when the war was concluded and that his bride was the same age when they were married, there must have been a discrepancy of over fifty years in the

name in the old days. No less than three of the widows answer to it. through a perusal of the daily papers with the remarkable obituaries of those who had departed, having lived to a great old age. A month or so Assuming that any one of the women Assuming that any one of the women the extraordinary limit of one hundred it is possible that the United States may live to be a hundred years of age, and thirty-five years. We have since read of the death of a woman at 'Hart-ford, Conn., who was old enough to give warning of the approach of the British fleet in 1812, and so saved the Region of the late war may be living in any of the late war may be living in ans of the late war may be living in

Antiquity of Asparagus. Asparagus, deservedly a favorite who attended the funeral of Washington, east his first vote for Madison and was a soldier in the war of 1812. From two produced into England before 1666. other data it is apparent that great In some parts of Europe the seeds are longevity has been on the increase for used as a substitute for coffee, and a many years, particularly in America.

But it may be remarked that the constitutions that carried these persons up to the centennial mark or beyond were formed very many years before Americans began living at the present rate, and that the best part of present rate, and that the best part of present rate, and that the best part of most of those old lives was passed before the modern suicidal rush of the so-

A Heroic Medical Experiment. A German pathological journal records a recent experiment of Drs. Sawtschenko and Sobolotny which seems to berder on the heroic. They vaccinated themselves with a preparation made from cultures of the cholera bacillus, and afterward swallowed virnever have attained his eighty-fourth year had he not followed the strict, sober active life which he choose (110.1), stone exercises the highest powers of successful statesmanship at an age of era. Usually it is the guinea pig who has first to face the chances of life or death in experiments of this kind, but in this case the doctors were so sure they were right that they shouldered the risk themselves.

A Wonderful Violin. David Johnson, of Alliance, O., has in his possession probably the oldest violin in America. The instrument has been a family relie for many years, having been the property of Johnson's father. Ellis N. Johnson, the centenarian who died a few years ago. The violin is a very handsome piece of woodwork, the rim around it having been cut from thick wood and richly carved. On the stem is carved a bust of one of the old-time masters. On the back, in inlaid work, is a design reprenouncing the degradation of Tsui Kwo
Yui, the former Chinese minister to
Italy, while the keys are mounted the United States, Spain and Peru. Italy, while the keys are mounted from the post of "Tso Shu Tsze"— with pearls. The instrument has a very rich, deep tone, but cannot be tuned to any of the violins now manufactured. It is almost an exact counterpart of the famous Mojetta violin, and has been bandled by some of the finest musicians of the land. Around the edge is a Latin inscription signifying: "Whilst living I was in the woods for God, but dying I passed away into a sweet death." The exact age of the violin is not known, but exceeds two centuries and possibly four.

GREAT ENGINEERING FEAT. Height of a Chimney Increased Without Stopping Factory Work.

A remarkable feat has been recently accomplished at the Bonsecour spinning works at Nancy, says Industries and Iron, namely increasing the height of a chimney about one hundred feet high by about thirty feet, without stopping the work for a single day.

Owing to the power being increased, the existing chimney did not have sufficient draught for the existing number of boilers, and one of two alterations had to be faced-either to build a new chimney alongside the old one, or to increase the height of the latter Augustus Bartling, of Bernberg (Anhalt), offered to increase the height of the old chimney without interfering with the work of the mills.

Aided by another man, whose agility and nerve were equal to his own.
Mr. Bartling fixed a series of light
steel ladders to the chimney by means
of iron hooks driven in between the courses of the bricks, erected a pullat the top of the chimney and a flight of scaffolding all round, and then having lowered the cornice surmounting the chimney, they built on to the top at the rate of about four to five feet per

The whole work occupied eight days, and was perfectly successful. While this is the first chimney dealt with in this manner in France, Mr. Bartling states that he has curried out similar operations in Germany, at the chemical at Thann, and -t the works at the Mulhouse Gas com

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LIVING IN A TREE.

The Singular Abode of an Old How It Is Affected by the Finan-Ohio Hermit.

For Fifty Years He Has Been Domiciled in the Hollow Interior of a Sycamore-His Romantic His tory.

During the early years of the present century one Joshua Dillaplanes came to eastern Ohio from Pennsylvania and settled on five hundred acres of ground that now constitutes a portion of Hanover and St. Clair townships. The land was clothed in a rich growth of primeval forest, watered by a rivulet now known as the Two-mile. On the west bank of this stream grew a majestic sycamore that towered many feet above its am-bitious companions. The tree Dilla-planes discovered to be hollow, and it is said that the settler took up his abode in the hollow and began clearing the land which now constitutes representative farms of the Miami In the meantime, says the Cincinnati Enquirer, a family named Mustard, soon followed by another named O'Malley, settled near the vicin-ity of the Millville pike. In the Mustard family was a boy whose name was William. The youth found a companion and playmate in the person of Anna O'Malley, a daughter of the nearest neighbor. The treachery of Indians and the scarcity of students predians are taken anywhere. Many people like the gulf oyster best. New Orleans could easily vented the inauguration of a district school, so the two grew to man and womanhood in the blissful ignorance of books. The boy, however, became marvelously proficient with the violin, marvelously proficient with the violin, thus making up in one particular that which he so sadly lacked in others. The young folks fell in love and in the course of time the wedding day was

at the O'Malleys. In her environments and sent out as Atlantic cod. No one the girl had known only Billy and can tell the difference. Billy's violin. This new specimen of lover was unsuspicious, and finally the wedding day dawned. One of the O'Malleys then informed Mustard that Anna and the stranger had disappeared ometime during the night. Then be gan a search that lasted far into the night and ceased only after a traveler had said he saw the couple riding on one horse the night before along the lonely forest path. Mustard's reason slowly fled. His aged parents grieved into the grave. The O'Malleys drifted to the same destiny and by the same path, for a few months after Anna's sudden departure vague rumors came from the east that Anna, deserted and friendless, had died a maniac in an

IMSOMNIA PARTIES THE LATEST. A Buffalo Belle's Unique Plan of Woolng the Drowey God.

A society young woman of Buffalo devised a novel entertainment, which is shortly to be made public. It is to be a reception for people who can't sleep at night. Among her friends, says the Medical Record, are a great many delightful people who are roubled with insomnia, and who confess that they spend many frightful. wakeful hours walking the floor, looking out of the window, rocking in early chairs, trying to read or write and in other useless and tiresome occupations. When her plans are fully matured this original young women intends, on at at home to those distressed female epicure. The guests are requested to appear in any unique, respectable bedroom gown, bath robes not excluded; the lights are to be dim, soothing music and stupid conversation will be the only diverions permitted, hot chocolate and light wafers will be served, couches and easy chairs will be provided in abundance, and the insomnia victims are earnestly desired to fall asleep as soon as possible. It is whispered that prizes will be offered for the first snore, but this detail is not authentically announced. The reception is to be a fact, however, and an eager expetancy as to invitations is in the air.

An interesting regulation is just as sunced from autocratic Russia, by which the government hopes to prevent over-charges of physicians. By the new rule cities are divided in classes according to size, and the patients in three grades, as follows: The first, capitalists, proprietors and manu facturers; the second, members of professions, and the rest of the population is included in the third. Fees are then named according to the grades. First class, five roubles; second, three roubles and thirty kopeks for the third.

Every Man His Own Doctor The British war office is considering a proposition that all soldiers should be instructed in the elements of anatomy and physiology in order that they might be able immediately to stop the flow of blood from a leading artery The proposer of the scheme also offers the unpleasant suggestion that every soldier should have the leading arteries mapped out on his body by dotted lines tattooed in Indie ink.

CHICAGO'S FISH SUPPLY.

oial Stringency. Hard Times Have Caused the People to Economize on Their Meat Bills.

Where the Fish Are Principally Obtained. The report of a shortage of 12,000,000 bushels in the oyster crop of Chesa-peake bay does not disturb the equa-

nimity of the Chicago dealers. "Our business is mostly in fish this winter," one of them declares. "Hard times have caused people to economize on high-priced systems and meats and turn to fish as the staple food. Fish are very cheap and plentiful. Chicago eats 20,000,000 pounds of lakefish and 5,000,000 pounds of ocean fish annually. The lake fish were caught and frozen last fall, and so long as they remain in ice continue as fresh as when taken from the water. How ever, if anyone demands a newly caught fish, the Mackinaw fishermen are sending down choice trout daily

taken from the straits. "As to oysters, the crop of Balti-more and New York might totally fail without embarrassing the public in

the least or raising the price of the oyster best. New Orleans could easily supply the world with oysters, as its coast environment is enormously prolific in oysters, delicious crustaceans, and fishes. These gulf edibles are sent north in refrigerator cars which have conveyed dressed beef They also come by express. The fail-ure of the fish and oyster crop would

scene. The newcomer appeared to be an object of wonder to the simple-minded country folk. His dress was elegant, his manner genteel and his cific cod the choicer. The Pacific cod is now shipped to Massachusetts, salted and sent out as Atlantic cod. No one

A popular fish in Chicago is the red snapper taken in the Gulf of Mexico. manhood was to her like a new and snapper taken in the Gulf of Mexico, and called by many the gulf cod. It is a handsomer fish than the cod and of much finer flavor. Large fleets engage

> world. five pounds are plentiful in the local markets. They come from private fish ponds where they were taken out and frozen last full

> The finest yellow perch are taken in the Detroit river at the St. Clair Flats. Muscallonge reach the market from the interior lakes of Wisconsin.

The lake trout varies in color, both of skin and flesh. The flesh is yellow from the southern to the northern waters of Lake Superior. In the northwest corner of Lake Superior the flesh becomes red and the skin a facsimile of the brook trout. This latter variety, which is the finest of trout, is believed by some to be a brook trout from the Nipigon river, which in times past left the stream and bred a deepwater variety of itself. It is scarce in the local market. There is a suspicion that the local dealer sells it as a large

brook trout. Eels mostly come from Fulton, N. Y., where, on the Oswego river, is the argest eel industry in the world. Ocean fish are not popular in the vest, nor are lake fish popular in the east. The condition is natural.

Crawfish come from New Orleans, where they are the staple food of the French people. The crawfish makes least two nights in every week, to be the most delicious bisque known to the A good story is told about a transac-

> tion in pigeons in which a crafty dealer overreached himself. A Philadelphia man went to a dealer to purchase a dozen homing pigeons, and was both surprised and delighted at the extremely low price asked for the birds The bargain was finally concluded, and the pigeons delivered. Two weeks later the gentleman happened to be passing, when the dealer stopped him and asked how the birds were getting on. "I don't know," replied the gen-tleman. "I have not yet heard from my friend." "Your friend?" "Yes; I bought them for a man in San Francisco." The dealer's jaw fell in dismay, and then, with a rueful laugh, he admitted that he had sold the birds so cheaply because he knew that on be ing released they would immediately return to their old home. But from San Francisco! It was a clear case of the biter being bit.

WITH THE AUTHORS.

JULIAN HAWTHORNE, who lives in a pleasant cottage at Sag Harbor, with his seven children, has christened his home "The House of the Seven Gab-

DR. OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES IS PAPEly seen in society this winter, owing to necessary precautions for his health. When he does appear he is surrounded by admirers, and his presence is considered an event.

BILL NYE proposes to write a history of the United States. "It will contain a few facts," he says, "as it is almost impossible to keep them out, but there will be only enough for a spinal col-umn. It will be the first real book I have written.





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