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**RUB THE OTHER EYE.**

Good Advice of an Engineer Regarding the Removal of a Cinder.

Nine persons out of every ten with a cinder or any foreign substance in the eye will instantly begin to rub the eye with one hand while hunting for their handkerchief with the other. They may and sometimes do remove the offending cinder, but more frequently they rub until the eye becomes inflamed, bind a handkerchief around the head, and go to bed. This is all wrong. The better way is not to rub the eye with the cinder in it at all, but rub the other eye as vigorously as you like, according to a writer in the Medical Summary, who relates the following experience:

"A few years since I was riding on the engine of a fast express. The engineer threw open the front window, and I caught a cinder that gave me the most excruciating pain. I began to rub the eye with both hands. 'Let your eye alone and rub the other eye' (this from the engineer). I thought he was chaffing me, and worked the harder. I know you doctors think you know it all, but if you will let that eye alone and rub the other one, the cinder will be out in two minutes, persisted the engineer. I began to rub the other eye; soon I felt the cinder down near the inner canthus, and made ready to take it out. 'Let it alone and keep at the well eye,' shouted the doctor pro tem. I did so for a minute longer, and looking in a small glass he found the cinder on my cheek. Since then I have tried it many times, and have advised many others, and have never known it to fail in a piece of steel or something that cut into the ball and required an operation to remove it."

**SAWING WOOD.**

The Old Man Was Somewhat Postured on Stumps Nature.

"Mornin', boys," said Old Jack, who believed in judicious flattery, and whose doings are reported in Harper's Young People. As he spoke he laid down his saw. "Feelin' well, I hope? Yes? Good. Nothin' like feelin' well to make a feller feel good. You don't look powerful strong though, Tommy; you're thin."

"What's that? You're wiry, be ye? I don't believe that. You couldn't saw one of them stumps through. You kin? Ho! See'n his believe!"

"Why, ye kin saw purty well. Yer stronger'n y' look. I couldn't do none that better myself. He beats you on sawin', I guess, Bobby. Eh? He can't? Yes, he kin, I believe. Bent ye all holter what? You'll saw two sticks, wouldn't ye say that? Nonsense!"

"Hokay! ye went through that like lightnin', but one stick ain't two sticks. No, sir. One ain't never two. Goin' to do the other? Well, well! Tommy, he's goin' to do the other, whatever you don't do? You'll do two?"

"Don't brag, Bobby. Ain't braggin'? Ye'll do three? Well, go ahead; don't let me interfere, for I want to see by my own eyes. What the hell let sawed? Well, I'm surprised. That beat'n the case, I think I'll go indoors an' rest. Sawin' alters did make me tired."

The old man walked into the house, and Bobby and Tommy went home, wondering if their friend hadn't put up a little game on them, after all.

**The Grandest Remedy.**

Mr. R. B. Green, merchant of Chilhowie, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies or made, but got no relief; spent many weeks sitting up in a chair; was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cured by use of two bottles. For the past three years he has been attending to business, and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and Consumption. It don't fail. Two bottles free at Conner & Brock's drug store.

**ANTIQUITY OF SHORTHAND.**

It Was in Use Before the Beginning of the Christian Era.

Cicero is said to have been the inventor of shorthand writing, and the freedman, Marcus Tullius Tiro, his friend, the first stenographer, and he undoubtedly did use a method of shorthand writing as early as 60 B. C. The first English treatise was by Timothy Bright, entitled, "An Arte of Shorte Swifte and Secrete Writing by Character," invented by Timothy Bright, Doctor of Philosophy, Imprinted at London by I. Windet, the assignee of Tim Bright, 1588. Cuneiform Regiae Maestatis. Forbidding all others to print the same." Dr. Bright in their work says: "Cicero did account it worth his labour, and no less profitable to the Roman common weal (Most Gracious Sovereign) to invent a specific kinde of writing by character, as Plutarch reporteth in the life of Cato the younger. This invention was increased afterward by Seneca that the number of characters grew to 7,000. Whether through inure of time, or that the men gave it over of tediousness of learning, nothing remaineth extant of Cicero's invention at this day."

The stenographer who recalls the efforts required to properly master the few characters used in the art to-day will wonder that of Cicero's system, with its 7,000 characters, nothing remains at this day. It was not until 1644, according to the New York World, that the art became of any practical use, and it was first used in a trial of sorts in 1609 in taking testimony in a divorce suit. Stenographers were not regularly employed in parliament, however, until 1802.

In many of the public schools of the country stenography is a part of the training. An evidence of its recent remarkable growth is shown by a circular issued by the bureau of education in Washington, here it is shown that from July 1, 1890, to June 30, 1890, 57,375 persons received instruction in the art of shorthand in schools and colleges in the United States. Five thousand five hundred and fifty of these were in New York and Brooklyn. A like circular was issued by the bureau in 1884, in which it was shown that during the year 1883 the number of pupils receiving instruction was 12,174. It is therefore quite safe to say that the number for 1893 exceeded 75,000. But this number does not take into consideration an army probably equally large who receive instruction from some other source or from professional stenographers. Out of this vast array, however, but a very small minority are either physically or mentally qualified to be in court reports or even office amanuenses.

**SHORT BUT QUEER RAILROAD.**

A Line in California Where the Grade Is Six Feet in a Hundred.

California has a railroad so unique that the most expert "railroad man" in the world would be unable to name it should he accidentally happen upon it at a time when the cars and engine were not in sight. The word "engine" is used advisedly, for, according to the San Antonio country, extending from Burl's line in to Tres Pines, in what is known as the Gavilan range. The road is of the "bicycle" or single track variety, the engines and cars sitting very low upon the rails. The rail is of the slot pattern, not unlike that seen on cable railways, the wheels of both the engine and the cars having a tongue of steel which works in the groove. In addition to this each wheel has a flange on both sides, and the whole track being of but one rail, the wheels are, in reality, tongued rollers with danglelike projections on each end. Every wheel in the whole outfit belonging to this curious railroad is thus provided with four bearings, which prevent it from jumping the track on any of the numerous short curves. At last accounts there were but nine miles of road operated by this "system." When completed it will be four teen miles from one terminal station to the other. In one place there is an eight hundred-foot grade, mounted at the rate of six feet to the one hundred, and on another section of the road there is a grade between a quarter and a half mile in length in which the average ascent is four feet to each one hundred feet of track.

Punishment of Sacrilege.

In years gone by Ireland had a sacred oak dedicated to St. Columban, one of the peculiarities of the tree being that whoever carried a small bit of the wood or bark in his pocket would never meet with a violent death. It was being especially efficacious in saving Christian martyrs from the block. It was known throughout the British Isles as the holy oak of Kemmare. After the lapse of many centuries this sacred oak was uprooted by a storm, after which it was said to be guarded by angels to keep heretics from gathering the wood for fuel. At last a wicked tanner "barkeder" one of its largest limbs and tanned some leather, which he made into shoes for himself, imagining that such relics would bring him wealth and power. He wore them but once, however, but that one time was enough to make him an incurable leper.

**AN ELASTIC CONSCIENCE.**

The Sin of It Lay Only in Being Found Out With Her.

The penalty attendant upon being detected in the entire foundation of many people's honesty. A woman, says a writer in the New York Recorder, in whose company I found myself recently, was relating with pride an instance of her shrewdness. She remarked as a preface to her story that anyone who expected to get the better of her would have to be an early riser. Said she:

"I went to the theater the other night and after the play a lady who sat in front of me asked me if the umbrella under her chair belonged to me."

"I said no, and as no one else claimed it she left it at the box office. It was a lovely umbrella with a silver handle."

"Well, now the joke begins. About a week later I went to the theater and asked if such an article had been found and if they had it. I described it perfectly and told when it was lost. I didn't say it was mine, but just let them infer it. It was there still; the owner had never called for it—probably never knew where it had been left. They handed it out when I had answered all their questions, and I'm that much in."

"I had just as good a right to it as the theater people, and it looked, after a week, as if the woman who found it wasn't going to put in a claim. I'm going to get a hat with the money I saved by being wide awake, for I intended to buy a new umbrella."

"Excuse me!" observed the man in petticoats "but I am a surgeon, and that's not where the liver is." Never you and where the liver is." retorted the other. "If it was in his big toe or his ear DeWitt's Little Early Rising could reach it and shake it for him. Oh, but you can bet your eye lamps." Conner & Brock.

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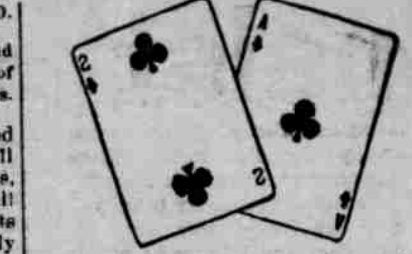
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