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PRESERVATION OF THE SIGHT

The editor of the Huntsville Democrat who has passed his three-score years without the use of eye glasses, and can still, with his natural eyes read fine print, wishes to give other people near-sighted the same benefit. He tells them that in 1863 he found his eyesight failing, indicated by dark specks flitting over the page, and a hazy appearance of the letters when he was reading. Remembering to have heard his mother say that ex-President John Quincy Adams (who lived to about eighty years) had preserved his eyesight and read without glasses by pressing the outer and inner corners of his eyes together. The editor tried the experiment. After retiring to his bed at night, he has, ever since the fall of 1865, before going to sleep, pressed together the outer and inner corner of each eye between the thumb and forefingers of the hand corresponding to the right and left eye, applying equal simultaneous pressure to both eyes. Or, using but one hand, he has put the middle finger on his forehead above his nose, and pressed together the corners of one between the thumb and forefinger, and the corners of the other eye between the third and fourth fingers, striving to give equal pressure to both eyes. The philosophy of the experiment is explained in this way. As people pass the middle age, there is said to be (and we believe it) a tendency of the balls of the eyes to lose their convexity—in common parlance, to flatten. The habitual pressure of the outer and inner corners of the eyes together prevents flattening, and thereby preserves the original normal convexity of the eyes, and thereby the original power of seeing. Near-sighted persons are the exception to the rule. Their near-sightedness (as we understand) is caused by too great convexity of the eye. Oftentimes, as they advance in years, their eyes flatten; that is, lose their original convexity and become more nearly like the good eyes of young people, and they can see better without glasses and lay them aside.

Whether our philosophical explanation is right or wrong, this one thing we know, that whereas we, over seventeen years ago, were losing our original power of seeing, now, by the manipulation of our eyes as above explained, we can see clearly without the use of glasses, and can read small print almost, if not quite as well as in our youth, while men and women many years our juniors, some of them our near blood relatives, who have not resorted to our mode of preserving the eyesight, are compelled to use glasses. Believing it our duty to mankind to do them all the good we can, we overcome our native modesty about writing of ourself by the consideration that we may benefit others by relating our own experience.

The reason why both eyes should be subject to the equal simultaneous pressure is that, to see clearly, both eyes should behold objects at the same focal distance, and this cannot be if the two eyes have not the same convexity. If the two eyes should see objects at different distances, the objects would present different images on the two retine of the eyes, and produce a confusion of images, and, of course, impair distinct vision. Instances occur of persons who have a natural infirmity of the eyes with different foci—one eye seeing at one focal distance, the other eye at another focal distance. In such cases oculists provide eye-glasses of different foci, so accommodated as to correct the natural defect, and make both eyes see alike.

Says Dr. Jackson: "Marriage is no child's play." Very true, Doctor; but without child's play married life is a mighty lonesome one at the best.

Lee After the War.

The oration upon General R. E. Lee, delivered at Lexington, Va., last week by Hon. John Daniel, was a perfect tribute to a great soldier. Not many people knew before that General Lee had been offered the chief command of the army in 1861 and declined it. The offer was made on the recommendation of General Scott, backed by the venerable Francis P. Blair Sr., who conveyed the tender of the position to General Lee in person. It must have been great moral courage to decline the highest position to which he could ever have attained in his most ambitious dreams. One or two of the allusions of Major Daniel are not generally understood and I will explain them. In 1865 the railroad which is now called the Virginia Midland and its connections was mainly owned by the English bondholders. After an expert had carefully examined the condition of things the committee of bondholders held a meeting and tendered to General Lee the presidency of the road and its connections under one organization at a salary of \$50,000 a year. About this time one of the most powerful of the New York life insurance companies offered General Lee \$10,000 a year and a house in Richmond to take hold of and build up their Southern business. General Lee declined both of these splendid offers to accept a place as teacher of Southern young men at \$3,000 a year. Can such conduct be matched in history? One more instance of his greatness: The duke of Beaufort, Lord John Manners and two other English noblemen tendered General Lee a splendid estate in the West Riding of Yorkshire, with a handsome rental equal to \$25,000 a year for life, if he would accept it and live upon it. Earl Spencer, now lord lieutenant of Ireland, made the tender. General Lee, with a charming dignity that these men say was beyond anything they had imagined, declined the offer. It is a pity that letter cannot get into print. I think it would give the world a view of General Lee in a light he has never been in and show how lofty his nature really was. In this age and time of fierce competition for wealth and power a character so great and a nature so simple is almost incomprehensible. Lee showed that the true greatness of manhood is in those elements which make him superior to fortune and equal to any fate.—Washington Herald.

It is now understood that a strong effort will be made this fall, to have our legislature pass prohibitory liquor laws. It is no longer denied that the liquor question is beginning to have its effect upon American politics, but we think it should be used in the interest of high license rather than prohibition. The average American is a stubborn animal, who, when he is told that he cannot have an article, will have it or perish in the attempt. If you touch his pocket, in the shape of high license, for instance, you touch his heart, and do more towards decreasing drunkenness than you can with all the iron clad prohibitory laws the mind of man can conceive.—Columbia Chronicle.

The farmers of Caledonia, Columbia county, Wis., receive sixteen cents an inch for their cream. "All they have to do," says the Register, "is to set their milk in deep cans surrounded by cold water, in which the cream rises in less than twelve hours. The depth of an inch of cream as measured by a scale in the side of the can is estimated to make a pound of butter. And so the Caledonia farmers are getting sixteen cents per pound for their butter without the labor of making it, and having the refuse sweet milk to feed their calves and pigs."

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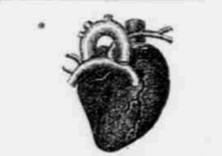
The Story Told by a Vice-President's Daughter.

The Tribune's Wheeling special of July 26th says: The spectacle of the daughter of a former vice-president of the United States and the wife of a minister to Russia begging assistance of strangers in an endeavor to reach the national capital with a view of entering a charitable institution, is a somewhat unusual one, yet such an event occurred in this city to-day. This afternoon an aged lady, well dressed, but entirely destitute of money, appeared at police headquarters and asked for aid in reaching Washington city. In answer to inquiries as to her name etc., she stated that she was the daughter of vice-president King of Pierce's 1847 administration and wife of General Hunter Jackson, minister to St. Petersburg. She gave her age as 74. She said she was married at the age of 14, her husband then being 32, and spent the first six months of her married life at the Russian court. She gave many details of her life and her gradual descent from a life of affluence to her present low estate. She stated that she was from Memphis, having begged her way from place to place, and was endeavoring to reach Washington, where she had friends who would place her in a charitable institution, naming W. W. Corcoran as a paymaster and schoolmate in childhood. The old lady bears every evidence of former culture and refinement and the sad story of her life is undoubtedly true. Aid was furnished her to continue her journey.



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SYMPTOMS OF WORMS.

The countenance is pale and leaden-colored, with occasional flushes of a circumscribed spot on one or both cheeks; the eyes become dull; the pupils dilate; an agreeable semicircular rash along the lower eyelids; the nose is irritated, swollen, and sometimes bleeds; a swelling of the upper lip; occasional headache, with lannating or throbbing of the ears; an unusual secretion of saliva; slimy or furrowed tongue; breath very foul, particularly in the morning; appetite variable, sometimes voracious, with a gnawing sensation of the stomach; at others, entirely gone; itching pains in the stomach; occasional nausea and vomiting; violent pains throughout the abdomen; bowels irregular, at times constive; stools slimy, not unfrequently tinged with blood; belly swollen and hard; urine turbid; respiration occasionally difficult and accompanied by hicough; cough sometimes dry and convulsive; uneasy and disturbed sleep, with grinding of the teeth; temper variable, but generally irritable. Whenever the above symptoms are found to exist.

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