

A SURPRISED PHYSICIAN.

A Dying Patient Recovers Through the Interposition of a Humble German.

Chicago, Nov. 15. Some weeks ago Dr. G., a very reputable and widely known physician living on C— street, was called to attend a very complicated case of Rheumatism. Upon arriving at the house he found a man about forty years of age, lying in a prostrated and serious condition, with his whole frame dangerously affected with the painful disease. He prescribed for the patient, but the man continued to grow worse, and on Sunday evening he was found to be in a very alarming condition. The knees and elbows and larger joints were greatly inflamed, and could not be moved. It was only with extreme difficulty that the patient could be turned in bed, with the aid of three or four persons. The weight of the clothing was so painful that means had to be adopted to keep it from the patient's body.

The doctor saw that his assistance would be of no avail, and left the house, the members of the family following him to the door, weeping. Almost immediately the grief-stricken ones were addressed by a humble German. He had heard of the despair of the family and now asked them to try his remedy, and accordingly brought forth a bottle of St. Jacobs Oil. The poor wife applied this remedy. The first application eased the patient very much; after a few hours they used it again, and, wonder of wonders, the pain vanished entirely! Every subsequent application improved the patient, and in two days he was well and out. When the doctor called a few days after he was indeed surprised.

Standing Up for His Rights.

"Get out of here!" growled the larvae in the cheese rind, as the weevil sought to make an entrance.

"But why," protested the weevil, "there is plenty of room for us both!" "Where's your skipper's license?" asked the larvae, haughtily.—Judge.

French Like a Native.

Merritt—Why, I speak French like a native. In conversation with one of them the other day, he asked me if I wasn't born in France.

Cora—Doesn't that go to prove, my dear, that the French are the politest people in the world?—New York Times.

FRENCH DIPLOMAT HONORED.

Tribute of Americans to Retiring Ambassador M. Jules Cambon.

Seldom in the history of the United States has such a flattering tribute been paid a representative of a foreign power



M. JULES CAMBON.

as was tendered to M. Jules Cambon, the retiring ambassador of France to Washington. The farewell reception was held in New York, and 240 representative Americans from all sections of the country assembled to do honor to the distinguished Frenchman. At the gathering were famous statesmen, sculptors and artists of world-wide fame. Governors of half a dozen States, Senators, noted churchmen, leaders of commerce and finance, distinguished men of the army and navy—all met to show the nation's regard for the French diplomat who had proved at a critical time that he and the nation he represented were interested in and jealous of the welfare of this country. Senator Chauncey M. Depew and James H. Hyde, of New York, were the hosts. M. Cambon goes from Washington to the court of Spain, and takes with him an unusual degree of regard and respect from those who have been best able to appreciate his zealous efforts to more firmly establish the friendly relations existing between France and the United States.

It was during the war with Spain that M. Cambon won the lasting friendship of this nation. He was one of the two representatives of foreign powers chosen by Senor Polo, the last Spanish minister at Washington before the outbreak of hostilities, to look after Spain's affairs here, and as such bore an important part in the conflict that ensued.

M. Cambon is one of the most distinguished diplomats in the service of the French republic. He has had long years of experience in foreign courts and his career has been most honorable. At Washington he gave evidence of unusual ability in treating with affairs of state, and the interests of his government never suffered from his connection with them. He has been an elaborate entertainer, and during his stay in Washington the French embassy has been the scene of numerous receptions at which the wealth and fashion of the capital were largely represented.

PENITENTIARY FOR MILLIONAIRE

Col. Edward Butler, the St. Louis Blacksmith-Politician.

Another chapter in the history of the remarkable anti-bodder crusade inaugurated by Circuit Attorney Falk, of St. Louis, was written when the jury at Columbia, Mo., found Col. Edward Butler, the "millionaire blacksmith" and politician of St. Louis, guilty of bribery and the court sentenced him to three years in the penitentiary.

Col. Butler was charged with an attempt to purchase the influence of Dr. Chapman, of the St. Louis Board of Health, in indorsement of a garbage contract. It appears that there was no argument among the jurymen as to the guilt of the accused, the question of sentence furnishing the only occasion for difference of opinion, some of them favoring a five-year sentence for the millionaire.

The millionaire who was convicted at Columbia has been a political power in St. Louis for a quarter of a century. Even after his indictment for bribery he secured the election of his son to Congress and another relative to a local office in St. Louis. Notwithstanding the wealth of the accused and the tremendous political influence brought to bear in his behalf, he was prosecuted and promptly convicted.

Butler owns a large number of blacksmith shops throughout the city. He lives in a fine mansion in the west end of St. Louis and drives to his shops, to see what is going on, in a stylish carriage.

An Ancient Joke.

A new, if not refreshing, variation on the mother-in-law poke which we have been hearing since the days of Rameses appears in the statement that an Oxford professor while engaged in ethnological researches in Australia on the mother-in-law joke which we not allowed to come within a mile of the "miamia" (but) of her married daughter. If she did so the husband was authorized by the tribal law to use his club. Now that this mossy and venerable specimen of alleged humor has broken into the domain of ethnological science, may it be allowed to remain there along with other fossils?—Leslie's Weekly.

The world is getting so highly educated that it is now possible to find a woman who makes a perfect pumpkin pie, and who does not pronounce it "punkin."

Science AND INVENTION

Lead poisoning, affecting many persons, has been traced by a German physician to a curious source. Deep holes in the stones of an old mill were found to have been ignorantly filled with lead, and flour ground by these stones showed as high as one part of metal in four thousand. It was this flour that produced the poisoning.

The ingenious apparatus of H. Galopin records continuously—at intervals of ten minutes or so—the flow of any fluid, such as air or water, and it may serve as a ship's log or for measuring the velocity of a stream of water. It depends upon the deflection of a pendulum by the moving liquid or gas. The deflection is shown upon a dial, and the record is made by a suitable mechanism driven by clockwork.

The chief of the fire department in Rouen, France, has invented a fire-pump which can be operated by tapping the current of any street-car or electric-light system. The pump is small enough to be drawn easily by one horse, in a light, two-wheeled cart, but sufficiently powerful to throw a stream of water 100 feet high. In a trial the new pump developed its full energy in three minutes, while a steam-pump required fourteen minutes to get up the same pressure.

The novel invention of Professor Artemieff gives security to workers in laboratories using high-tension electric currents. It is a safety dress of fine, but closely woven wire gauze, weighing 3.3 pounds, and completely enclosing the wearer, including hands, feet and head. The cooling surface is so great that a powerful current passed for several seconds from one hand to the other without perceptible heating. Clad in this armor, the inventor received discharges from currents of 75,000 to 150,000 volts, and handled live wires at pleasure, all without any sensation of electric shock.

Sea-level does not, as is generally supposed, represent the mean figure of the earth. The attraction of mountains and continents and variations of density cause the water to be heaped up in places, and Colonel Clarke has calculated that the diameter of the equator ending in Singapore and Peru is two and one-half miles shorter than the diameter ending in Rhodesia and the Pacific. Major S. G. Burrard estimates that in the region of the Himalayas actual sea-level is about eight thousand feet higher than it would be if the shape were not deformed. Another source of error in surveys is the deflection of the plumb line, and this cause makes the position of India on the globe uncertain to some seven seconds.

Everybody who takes an interest in astronomy is aware that the outermost planets of the solar system, Uranus and Neptune, are believed to rotate backward, that is, in a direction contrary to the rotation of all the other members of the system. But the evidence that they do thus rotate is indirect, such, for instance, as the fact that their satellites revolve backward in their orbits. Recently, however, Henri Deslandres of the Meudon Observatory has applied a method of determining the direction of rotation by spectroscopic observation, which gives direct evidence that in the case of Uranus, at least, the rotation is really backward. The method is based on the inclination of the lines in the spectrum of a rotating body, and resembles that by which, a few years ago, Professor Keeler demonstrated the motions of Saturn's rings. It is to be applied next to Neptune.

Literary Thefts.

A curious incident in the history of a free library where the rules forbid books to be taken from the building, was furnished by a man who had a mania for poetry. He read everything in that line, good, bad, indifferent. His pockets were always laden with volumes of verse or clippings of rhyme, and he was finally discovered purloining poetry by the most unusual method. For years the library has subscribed to a periodical which at the expiration of each year is bound in book form. There is always a poem on the last page of each issue of the magazine. This man, it was discovered, was removing these last leaves from the bound volume by a unique device. He would lay a wet cord in the book at the page he desired, then close the volume and sit reading some other book. As soon as the water had saturated the leaf it could be noiselessly drawn from its fellows and folded away in his pocket. In this way he had mutilated twenty-four bound volumes before the injury itself and the personality and method of the offender were discovered. He escaped prosecution for the time being by leaving the city, and the last heard of him he was in the Egyptian army.

The great pleasure in going to an amateur show is in talking about it after it is all over.



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