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It was a rather queer remark that a Buffalo (N. Y.) business man made lately. Said he, "I can get a better bargain in any store in this town if I don't pay as I go than I can for cash, and what is still more to the purpose, can command better treatment and better service while I am making the purchase. The moment my money goes over the counter the interest in prompt delivery and such accessories must fall back on the character of the house I am dealing with. But if I do not pay at once I am still a customer to be looked after and every thing will be done to retain my good will."

The Little Boston Girl

She was a very little Boston girl only six years old and had been out to a small party. It was quite late and she was very tired, and on going to bed she almost forgot to say her prayers.

"Why, Mary," said her mamma, "you're forgotten something, haven't you?"

"What is it, mamma?"

"Your prayers, my dear."

"Oh! mamma, I'm so tired. You commence and I'll switch on!"—*Detroit Free Press.*

There are forty-eight national societies of women in this country, with a direct membership of 500,000 members. The largest is the Women's Christian Temperance Union, with a membership of 210,000. Then follow the Missionary, the Peace, the Suffrage organizations, and philanthropic and educational societies. Twelve of these national organizations have joined in the National Council, which was formed to unite all the women societies of the nation into one great and powerful league.

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A TAMES BUTTERFLY.

How its life was prolonged through a

One cold, bleak December morning,

when the sun had retired, and the

sunlight was so peculiarly

our climate at this season a lady, who

for the first time had risen from a bed

of sickness, went into an adjoining

apartment where she perceived a gay

and beautiful butterfly in the window.

Astonished and wondering at the creature of

power and sunshine in so unpropitious

a situation, she watched its movements

and operations.

As the sun came out for a bright,

brief space, the butterfly fluttered joy-

ously about the window and imparted

to the sick room an air of cheerfulness

and hope. Towards evening, however,

the creature drooped its wings.

The lady then placed in a glass tumbler

on the mantle-piece. During the

night a hard frost came on, and the

room was consequently very cold. In

the morning the butterfly lay in the

bottom of the tumbler, apparently dead.

The invalid, grieved that her gentle

companion of the previous day should

so soon perish, made some effort to

restore its fragile existence. She put it

on her own warm hands, and breathing

upon it, perceived slight signs of re-

turning animation. She then, once

more placed it in the glass house, on

the rug before the fire. Sober the

giant little insect spread out its many

colored wings, and flew to the window.

Where the sun was shining brightly.

By and by the sun retired, and the

window-panes getting cold, the crea-

ture sank down on the carpet again,

apparently lifeless. The same means

were used to restore animation, and

with the same success.

This alternation of life and death

went on for many days till at last the

grateful little thing became quite tame,

and seemed to be acquainted with its

benefactress. When she went to the

window, and held out her finger, it

would of its own accord, hop upon it,

sometimes it would settle for an hour

at a time upon her hand or neck when

she was reading or writing. Its food

consisted of honey, a drop of which

the lady would put upon her hand,

when the butterfly would uncovers its

sucker, and gradually sip it up; then

it usually sipped a drop of water in the

same way. The feeding, only took

place once in three or four days.

In this manner the butterfly's exist-

ence was prolonged through the whole

winter and part of the following spring.

As it approached the end of its career

its wings became quite transparent, and

its spirits apparently dejected. It

would rest quietly in its "crystal

palace," even when the sun was woo-

ing it to come out, and at last, one

morning in April it was found dead—

quite dead.—*N. Y. Ledger.*

CAUSES OF CONSUMPTION.

Improper Drainage of the Soil Largely Re-

sponsible for It.

Some interesting statistics have been

gathered by Dr. Simon upon the sub-

ject of consumption. In fifteen English

towns recently recorded by Dr. Simon

the deaths from consumption fell im-

mediately when the subsoil was dried

from a system of drainage. In Salis-

bury the deaths from consumption fell

49 per cent. in 1874 and 47 per cent.

and Mortimer Tydill, which gained least,

had its death rate from consumption

lowered 11 per cent. From statistics

we know the high mortality from con-

sumption in the British army, and es-

pecially in the Guards, is due to con-

finement in a mortality which has been

so affected by better ventilation of bar-

acks that the consumptive death rate

fell in the Guards from 125 in 10,000

in the year 1858 to 16.9 in the year 1875;

many other factors than those of national-
ity to be taken into account. Dr. Pepper
regards his paper as the first
crude and imperfect result of an investigation
which he hopes to be able to continue to a
much greater degree of completeness. The
address (for which the author deserves the
highest commendation) is accompanied with
elaborate maps, charts and tables.—*N. Y. Mail and Express.*

LOST A CUSTOMER.

How an Aesthetic Barber Frightened One

of His Best Clients.

"Let me have a close shave," said a

new customer, as he settled back in his

chair and looked dreamily at the

ceiling in a down-town barbershop.

"I'd rather not," said the aesthetic

barber, throwing the hair back from his

full, expansive brow and looking

sadly at the man in the chair.

"What's that you say? What's the

matter? Come, come, hurry up!"

"No, no, my good man, you do not

know what you are asking for. Do

you know what a close shave means?

I never did until I looked at a face the

other day through the microscope

which had been treated to this luxu-

rious process. Why, the entire skin

resembled a piece of raw beef. To

make the face perfectly smooth re-

quires not only the removal of the

hair, but also a portion of the cuticle,

and a close shave means the removal

of a layer of skin all around. The

blood vessels thus exposed are not

visible to the eye, but under the mi-

croscope each little quivering mouth

holding a minute drop protests against

such cruel treatment. The nerve tips

are also uncovered, and the pores are

left unprotected, which makes the skin

tender and unhealthy. This sudden

exposure of the inner layer of the skin

renders a person liable to have colds,

hoarseness and sore throat, and it is

only that the face and neck are pachy-

dermatous.

"Hold on, barber! Not another

word!" exclaimed the customer. A

look of sadness had come over his face

and he seemed to be mentally calculat-

ing the amount of epidermis that had

been sacrificed in many years of close

shaves. Suddenly jumping from his

chair he said with deep feeling:

"I'll never shave again."

In a moment more he was gone. The

aesthetic barber was astonished at the

unexpected result of his effort to rid a

customer of a foolish notion, and he

had a chill when the boss barber told

him that the loss of trade would be

deducted from his salary.—*N. Y. Trib-*

une.

Brown vs. Jones.

"Mr. Brief, I want to sue Miss Jones

for breach of promise."

"All right; but what was the prom-

ise?"

"Well, you see, we were off at a pic-

nic in August, and Emeline was mad

because her sister had had more pro-

posals than she, and she asked me if I

wouldn't help her out. I said I would

if she would reject me, but, hang it sir,

though she promised not to, she ac-

cepted the first chance she got."—

Harper's Bazar.

THIN-SKINNED PEOPLE.

Poor Mortals Whose Moral Cuticle Is Al-

together Too Sensitive.

Occasionally one meets with indi-

viduals whose moral cuticle is as sen-

sitive as the leaf of the mimosa. Ev-

ery random conversational shaft is,

in their estimation, as palpably in-

tended for them as was the arrow la-

beled "for the right eye of Philip" for

that monarch's dexter optic.

It is painful to be in the society of

such people. One is afraid to speak,

lest he should hurt feelings that are al-

ways on the qui vive to be hurt. Con-

sure a fault common to the race, and

your thin-skinned acquaintance at once

appropriates the stricture. I

MISCELLANEOUS.

The electric lights in Willows, Cal.,

can be seen by the naked eye from the

town of Orland eighteen miles distant.

First came—"I had four teeth ex-

tracted yesterday." Second came—

"Indeed, I did not know you had so

many left."—*Detroit Free Press.*

Gum chewers should take warning

from the fate of a Newton, Conn., girl,

aged sixteen. A piece of gum slipped

down her throat, and, lodging at the

entrance to the stomach, caused a fatal

ulceration.

Two citizens of Washington, Ga.,

started out in the early morn toward

the outskirts of the town, where they

were to fight a bloody duel. The way

was long, and when they arrived at

their destination one proposed a rest

before they commenced hostilities.

While they rested their rage cooled off,

and at last accounts they were still

resting.

The Uncertainties of Life.—Patient

(to young physician)—"You say, doc-

tor, that I am well now, and that no