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### ACUTE DYSPEPSIA

**SYMPATHETIC HEART DISEASE OFTEN ATTENDS IT.**

Mrs. V. Curley, of Clarence, Iowa, Tells an Interesting Story of Her Experience With Pink Pills.

From the Republican, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Mrs. V. Curley, who has resided in Clarence, Iowa, for the past twenty-two years, tells an interesting story of what she considers rescue from premature death. Her narrative is as follows:

"For ten years prior to 1894, I was a constant sufferer from acute stomach trouble. I had all the manifold symptoms of acute dyspepsia, and at times other troubles were present in complication—I did not know what it was to enjoy a meal. No matter how careful I might be as to the quality, quantity and preparation of my food, distress always followed eating. I was despondent and blue. Almost to the point of insanity at times, and would have been glad to die. Often and often I could not sleep. Sympathetic heart trouble set in and time and again I was obliged to call a doctor in the night to relieve sudden attacks of suffocation which would come on without a moment's warning.

My troubles increased as time wore on and I spent large sums in doctor bills, being compelled to have medical attendants almost constantly. During 1892 and 1893, it was impossible for me to retain food, and water brushes plagued me. I was reduced to a skeleton. A consultation of physicians was unable to determine just what did ail me. The doctors gave us as their opinion that the probable trouble was ulceration of the coats of the stomach and held out no hope of recovery. One doctor said, 'All I can do to relieve your suffering is by the use of opium.'

About this time a friend of mine, Mrs. Symantha Smith, of Glidden, Iowa, told me about the case of Mrs. Thurston, of Oxford Junction, Iowa. This lady said she had been afflicted much the same as I had. She had consulted local physicians without relief, and had gone to Davenport for treatment. Giving up all hope of recovery, she was persuaded by a friend to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The result was almost magical.

I was led to try them from her experience, and before many months I felt better than I had for a dozen years. I am now almost free from trouble, and if through some error of diet I feel badly, this splendid remedy sets me right again. I have regained my strength and am once more in my usual flesh. I sleep well and can eat without distress. I have no doubt that I owe my recovery to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I only wish that I had heard of them years ago thereby saving myself the years of suffering and much money."

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#### People Who Vanish.

Among the periodic waves which strike our great centers there is none so strange as that of mysterious disappearances. Such a wave selects its victims from all classes, ages, men, women and children are impartially its prey. Sometimes the absentees return in a dazed condition unable to tell of their whereabouts. Others present a mystery darker still, for they never return and are no more heard of. Foul play, a crazed fever for wandering, premeditated flight, are called to account as causes, but some of these mysteries have neither apparent cause nor end. It is a queer and weird feature of our modern life that these mysterious disappearances can so easily take place and their subjects be neither traced nor recovered in spite of our crowded civilization. But perhaps it is because of it.—Baltimore American.

#### Tracked by Bits of Dog.

A woman novelist told a funny story the other day about the numerous letters she received from ambitious young writers, asking her to put their works on the market. They would "gladly give her a percentage of the sale if she only would." Among such letters was one from a young lady who had chosen a highly dramatic plot for her story, in developing which the good young heroine is carried off by the wicked villain. They are pursued by the good young man. The good young heroine had a pet dog that followed her and snapped at the villain's heels. The villain became enraged and shot the faithful brute. Fragments of the little animal are found scattered all along the road by the good young man, who by the assorted bits of dog by the wayside runs down the villain.—Philadelphia Press.

#### He Knew the Sex.

"How does Midgely get the reputation of being such an angel?"

"Oh, he just looks unhappy and speaks of his wife always in such high terms that all the other women are willing to swear she's a tartar."

### WORSE THAN DEATH.

System of Refined Torture That Kills in Three Years.

Though the death penalty was practically abolished in Belgium over 30 years ago, the punishment of those convicted of capital crimes is so awful that none has yet been able to endure it more than three years. Another curious thing is that little Belgium until recently had two public executioners, while but one was sufficient for her vaster neighbor, France—Deibler, otherwise known as "M. de Paris." The king of the Belgians recently ordered the retirement on a pension of 1837 francs of the "executioner of high works" (as he is euphemistically termed), who was stationed at Liege. The executioner at Brussels still holds his place.

The duties of public executioner in Belgium are singular, but not arduous. The courts still continue to sentence malefactors to death, but the guillotine has been replaced by a scaffold on which is posted a copy of the sentence. Much ceremony is observed in affixing this document. A troop of gendarmes, with their imposing helmets plumed with horsehair, is drawn up about the place of execution, which they gravely guard with sabers drawn, while the red robed executioner mounts the steps, nails up the decree of the court and after a moment takes it down again.

But the condemned man might more mercifully have perished by the ax or rope. He is placed in a dungeon so constructed that from the moment he enters it he will never hear the sound of human voices nor see a living being. His food is passed through a sliding panel in the door of his cell.

Not one of these prisoners has been able to survive this confinement more than three years. The authorities have striven in vain to prolong their lives by varying their food as much as possible, but those who are moderately or lightly nourished gradually waste away, while those who are generously fed go mad and die raving maniacs.—New York World.

### DRESSING LIKE WOMEN.

A Time When Feminine Styles Were Preferred by Men.

In point of fact, the early medieval man and woman looked as much alike as the fin de siècle wheelman and his bicycle girl. Take the king and queen in a pack of cards. They are early medieval. Notice the surprising similarity in their costumes—the same wide robes and angular folds, the same stained glass stiffness. Novices at cards may be excused for being at a loss sometimes, at least until they have learned to look for the king's beard.

With the wane of the age of chivalry there came a singular exaggeration in the toilet of men. They deliberately imitated the women. They allowed their hair to grow long, cultivated curls by the hot irons and ointments and actually wore chaplets, like diadems, to curb their flowing locks. In the texture and color of their garments they showed the same effeminacy, for they began to affect brilliant reds and blues and to wear costly trimmings and jewelry.

This, too, was the age of the sighing, wallowing lover, fainting at his mistress's frown. Every knight who could write or sing posed as a minstrel and rehearsed his love affairs. At every gathering of the nobility there was a childish prattle of love, cloying and monotonous for very sweetness. The sexes seemed to have changed places. It was the lover who was a shy wallflower, who blushed and went about woeful and wore worn from his secret passion. As we look over the poems of the jainesingers, those bards of love, the lady seems always unapproachable, listening with contemptuous mien to the gentleman's gentle advances. While he succumbs to nervous exhaustion, she goes about her business perfectly healthy, either indifferent or cruelly conscious of her power.—W. D. McCracken in Lippincott's.

### Lighting the Capitol.

A Large Electric Light Plant to Be Put in by the Government.

It is probable that the electric lighting plant to be put in the nation's capitol will not only be required to light that building, but also to illuminate the congressional library, which is to be the largest building of its kind in the world, and which, by reason of its uses, will require the best class of illumination.

To accommodate such a plant it will be necessary to locate the engine and dynamo in a structure erected for this special purpose. The location of the power house is now being carefully considered, and the decision will probably be reached very soon. The house will be ornamental in appearance, and will be of sufficient size to contain not only the eight dynamos necessary for the present, but also for other buildings that may be added to the group clustering around the capitol, notably the home for the supreme court.

A careful estimate has placed the original cost of the building, the machinery, the wiring and general installation of the plant at \$200,000. This will insure the work to be of the best character and the plant to be of sufficient size to furnish all the light that can be used in the buildings and the grounds. This latter is a most important item in the calculations, for at present there is an utterly inadequate illumination of the great park. It is not certain whether the grounds will be lighted by arc lamps or groups of incandescent globes. But this is a matter of detail to be settled afterward.

A rough estimate that has already been made of the cost of maintaining the new plant, which will do not only the work now done by the gas and electric plants in the capitol building, but also the entire work of lighting the new library building and the Maltby House, shows that it will cost in the neighborhood of \$19,000.—Philadelphia Record.

### Barry O'Brien's Canard.

The Speaker, a weekly literary organ of liberalism, endeavors to create a political sensation by announcing the discovery of a grand new Tory scheme. The design is to dish the Home Rulers by the establishment of five great national councils, two for England and one each for Ireland, Scotland and Wales, with the endowment of an Irish Catholic university. The Speaker further declares that the scheme has been submitted to the leaders of the Irish Nationalist parties. Probably this pretty story has been cabled to America with a show of authority. There are signs that it set politicians here talking freely. Therefore it is necessary to say that the whole thing is a fantastic fake. The proud author is Barry O'Brien, barrister, journalist and writer of several books on Irish politics which Gladstone has praised.—London Letter.

### A House of Buttons.

Clapison, the French musical celebrity, is building a chateau composed entirely of buttons. The walls, the ceilings, the doors, the exterior, the interior, are all ornamented with this novel element of architecture. Buttons of every description, from the very origin of their invention up to those of the present day, have been employed in the arabesque and ornamentation of the walls. Every country has been ransacked, and some curious specimens have been brought to light. Those dating from the lower Greek empire are of the most curious manufacture.—London Tit-Bits.

### Love Versus Politics.

The Princess Elizabeth of Bavaria, who has just been married to a young lieutenant, is spending her honeymoon in a residence presented by her grandfather, the emperor of Austria. The emperor, who at first so strongly opposed the match, as he desired the princess to be the future empress of Austria, is reported to have said: "The poor child shall marry the man she loves. We have already made sacrifices enough to politics."—Vienna Letter.

### A RARE OCCURRENCE.

Mr. Eckenrode's Eel Catch Almost Unparalleled in the Annals of Fishing.

A remarkable haul of eels was made the other day by Cosmo Eckenrode, who was fishing along the Tulpehooken. There is a variety of eels known as the tandem eel, which is very seldom found in this state, though common in the west. A peculiarity of this variety is that they travel, when migrating, single file, about six inches apart, and maintain that distance exactly during the time of their progress. If one of the lot shoots ahead too rapidly, the one following immediately grasps him by the tail in order to drag him back to his proper place in the line. They appear to have a remarkable instinct for distance, and the variation of an inch will cause the rear eel to exercise his authority to put the brakes on the one ahead.

While Mr. Eckenrode was fishing he hooked one of the travelers, a very remarkable circumstance, as they seldom bite while migrating. As soon as he had hooked it he of course gave a haul on the line, which caused this particular eel to shoot ahead. He was immediately grasped by the one following, and as that one likewise shot ahead the next one did the same, so that when Mr. Eckenrode began to haul out he found a solid rope of eels. Dropping his rod and line, he grasped the living rope and began to haul in hand over hand. He kept hauling in and piling up the eels until he was utterly exhausted, when he was obliged to stop and cut the connection. He quickly ran for assistance, and a number of the neighbors came to help him take care of his rare catch. When they were all gathered up and loaded on wagons, it was found that he had 875 pounds. About \$50 worth were sent to the Reading market, and the rest were distributed among his neighbors.

The news of his remarkable catch has spread all over the upper part of the county, and a great many fishermen have been endeavoring to repeat it, but without success, since, according to naturalists, an occurrence of this sort is one of the rarest in fishing.—Reading Herald.

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