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The Blow on the Jaw.

A man struck with any degree of force upon the mental area of the jaw, although he may be in perfect physical condition, instantly collapses and falls to the ground, says a medical journal. The attitude assumed in recovery, which may be instantaneous or delayed some minutes, is most characteristic. He squirms about, raises his head and rolls his eyes in an attempt to locate himself. He tries to get on his side and elbow; he endeavors to rise upon his hands and knees. If he remains his feet he staggers like a drunken man. The blow is practically never fatal; the heart's action is never unduly accelerated; the pulse and respiration are normal; the pupils are normal; there is no headache, no sweats, no cold extremities, no pallor—none of the ordinary signs of shock or concussion.

How to Be Happy.

There are two ways of being happy. We may either diminish our wants or augment our means. Either will do. The result is the same, and it is for each man to decide for himself and do that which happens to be the easier. If you are idle or sick or poor, however hard it may be to diminish your wants, it will be harder to augment your means. If you are active and prosper-

ous or young or in good health it may be easier for you to augment your means than to diminish your wants. But if you are wise you will do both at the same time, young or old, rich or poor, sick or well, and if you are very wise you will do both in such a way as to augment the general happiness of society.—Benjamin Franklin.

A Celebrated Suicide.

Haydon, the celebrated historical painter and writer, at a time in his life when he was overcome by debt, disappointment and ingratitude, laid down the brush with which he was at work upon his last great effort, "Alfred and the Trial by Jury," wrote with a steady hand, "Stretch me no longer upon this rough world," and then was a pistol shot put an end to his unhappy existence.

Dressing the Pillow.

A little child, not three years old, was sleepy, and his mother carried him to his crib, but the pillowslip had been removed by the maid for the laundry, and the child, looking up beseechingly into his mother's face, said pleadingly, "Please put a shirt on my pillow."

CURIOUS BRIDGES.

One in Switzerland That Is Famed For Its Roof Paintings.

Probably no town in the world has such strange bridges as Bruggen, the capital of Kanton, in India. The city is built on the banks of the river Rhine, which is crossed by many wooden bridges lined with old and dilapidated shops and houses with balconies and lattice windows. Some of these are very insecure and look as if they might at any time fall into the river beneath.

Timber has always been largely used for building bridges, and the earliest one of this kind on record is that which Julius Caesar made across the Rhine and which he describes in his "Commentaries."

The roofed Kapellbrücke at Lucerne is one of the most interesting. It crosses the river Reuss diagonally and has 112 triangular paintings beneath the roof, recording the heroic deeds of old Swissers and the sufferings of their patron saints. In the midst of the Kapellbrücke stands an octagonal tower, which formed part of the fortifications of the town in the thirteenth century. The bridge was built in 1333.

One of the curious and ancient bridges in Europe is that at Croyland, in Lincolnshire, England, which is supposed to date from the ninth century. No road now passes over and no water under it. It consists of three pointed arches, which meet in the center, and the ascent is so steep that only foot passengers can go over it. Upon the bridge is a seated figure in stone of a rebel Saxon king.—Pearson's.

MUSIC'S UNIQUE QUALITY.

Wherein It Differs From Sculpture, Poetry and Painting.

Music finds its perfection in itself without relation to other objects. It is what it is in itself alone. It is non-definitive; it does not use symbols of something else; it cannot be translated into other terms.

The poet seeks always a complete union of the thing said and the method of saying it. Flaubert seeks patiently and persistently for the one word which shall not only be the exact symbol of his thought, but which shall fit his euphony.

The painter so draws his objects, so distributes his colors and so arranges his composition as to make of them plastic mediums for the expression of his thought, and the greatness of his picture depends first of all and inevitably on his power of fusing his subjects with his technique.

In sculpture precisely the same process takes place. Neither of these arts actually copies nature. Each "arranges" it for its own purpose.

In music this much sought union of matter and manner is complete. The thing said and the method of saying it are one and indivisible. It is, as Pater says, "the ideal of all art whatever, precisely because in music it is impossible to distinguish the form from the substance or matter, the subject from the expression."—Atlantic.

Boorish and Urbane.

When we speak of a person as "boorish" we mean that he is rude, ill bred and uncouth. We seldom stop to think that the word originally meant nothing more than "rustic." Boor is the same word as the German "bauer" and the Dutch "boer," signifying "a farmer." The manners of the peasantry are alluded to in an uncompromising way by the history of this and many other words in the language. "Heathen" and "pagan" meant simply "country bred" and "village bred" once upon a time. Culture and the higher civilized virtues were thought of as originating in towns and making their way slowly, if at all, to the rural districts. So we have as an antonym to "boorish" the word "urbane"—which originally meant "city-bred."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Vicious Dwarf.

Bebe was the favorite dwarf of the former King Stanislas of Poland. Born in 1741 in Lorraine, at the age of five he was twenty-two inches high and at his death in 1764 thirty-three inches. He was neither physically nor mentally active. Once Count Borowski visited him, and he became so jealous of the former's superior manners and intellectual qualities that he attempted to throw his visitor into the fire, but was prevented by the household.

A Disappointing Trip.

"I hear that you were invited to take a four day automobile tour with Mr. and Mrs. Whitby."

"Yes."

"How did you enjoy it?"

"Oh, I didn't care much for it. Mrs. Whitby was so enthusiastic over the scenery and things that she never told me a thing about any of our friends that I hadn't heard before."—Albany Knickerbocker Press.

Keeping Posted.

"I see Blinks always carries a volume of the encyclopedia with him to read on the train instead of a newspaper."

"Yes. You know he has three small children at home, and he makes it a point to try to answer all the questions they ask him."—New York World.

An Extremist.

"Mrs. X. is a great stickler for form and ceremony. I understand."

"Mercy, yes. Why, that woman would insist on dressing up to entertain an idea."—Boston Transcript.

Judging From Experience.

"Pop, are bald eagles a distinct variety?"

"I can't say positively, my son, but I rather fancy a bald eagle is simply a married one."—Philadelphia Ledger.

W. LAIR THOMPSON MAKES LONG AUTOMOBILE TRIP

Former Albany Man Took a Winter Trip From Lakeview to Portland.

Oregonian:

After riding in his automobile through and over mile after mile of snow from his home in Lakeview to Bend, W. Lair Thompson, president of the last Oregon State Senate, arrived in Portland yesterday morning within 25 hours from the time he left Lakeview, a feat seldom accomplished at this time of year when most of the residents are compelled to approach Portland by way of California, a three-day trip.

"It would cost less to make that entire Central Oregon Highway an all year road than any road I know of," said Mr. Thompson yesterday. "We made the run from Lakeview to Bend in seven and one-half hours, which would be good time for the 185 miles in the summer season, and even though we had to wait four hours at Bend for our train we arrived in Portland at 8 o'clock this morning, exactly 25 hours after departing from Lakeview."

"This experience illustrates to me how quickly we will be able to come to Portland to trade after the new Strahorn railroad is built, which the way, is to be erected according to present indications. Ordinarily between October 1 and June we must travel to Portland by way of California. We drove to Bend without trouble and could have come on to The Dalles and approached Portland via the Columbia River Highway, as machines have been traveling that route right along."

With Mr. Thompson on the trip went Mrs. Thompson, their two children, and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Nordin.

Spanish Law.

The dilatoriness of Spanish law is almost incredible. A watch was stolen; the owner immediately informed the police of the robbery. Seven years afterward he was called upon by the authorities to give evidence as to the robbery.

His Reprieve.

Mose Possum—Ah thought yo' was goin' to work today. Pete. Pete Per-simmons—Ah got a reprieve. Mah wife died suddenly dis mawnin'—Topeka Journal.

Not Edible.

Him—Are you fond of "La Boheme"? Her—I don't know. It depends altogether on what kind of dressing you put on it.—Toledo Blade.

Sad.

"You look worried, old man."
"I am—I'm afraid all the money will be worn out before I get any of it."—Pittsburgh Press.



Pretty Hazel Dawn, at the Globe to-morrow with Owen Moore in "Under Cover."

Appreciation Class—

The class in Appreciation of music will meet in Albany College Chapel Chopin, will be studied at this meeting Wednesday Evening, December 20, at 7:30 p. m. All those interested particularly in piano music will be

pleased to know that the wonderful prolific composer for the piano, Chopin, will be studied at this meeting. The program will include a waltz, Polonaise, Schynio, Improvisation, and the Scottish pieces.

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Dress shirts 65c up \$1.35	Misses' corduroy dresses \$1.98, \$2.45, \$3.85
Men's mackinaws \$5.45-\$6.90	Misses' serge dresses \$3.29
Boys' mackinaws \$2.98-\$5.45	Cotton plaid dresses 58c
Men's slippers 90c up \$1.69	Toques 39c, 47c
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Suspenders 25c, 35c	Umbrellas \$1.00, \$1.20 up \$2.20
Cashmere Hose 25c	Fine wool plaid blankets \$3.45
Men's caps 49c, 69c, 85c	Ladies' felt Juliets, fancy trim all colors 95c
Boys' caps 39c, 45c	Plain felt Juliets 89c
Suit cases \$1.19 up \$3.65	Reposas, red, blue, \$1.39
Bags \$1.25 up \$6.85	Ladies' hose 10c, 25c
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