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CLIMATE AND COMPLEXION.

Are Americans Destined to Become a Race of Brunettes?

That the coming American race is destined to be a brunette type—and not because of the immigration of dark races, but in obedience to a natural law—was a prediction made in one of his recent Gresham lectures in London by Dr. Harry Campbell. He pointed out that each race and subrace tends to adapt itself to the particular region of the earth which it inhabits through numerous generations. Dark skinned peoples thrive in warm climates and die out in cold.

The blond race had its origin in the cold northwest of Europe, where a plentiful supply of pigment in the skin is not necessary to protect the body from the actinic rays of the sun, and where a white skin favors retention of body heat. This blond race has dominated the world, successive swarms migrating southward and eastward and taking a large part in founding the civilizations of Greece and Rome, India and Egypt. But owing to their inability to survive in a latitude far south of their natural zone they have gradually died out and left no descendants.

Even after so short a period as thirteen generations the inhabitants of the southern states of America are darker than those of the northern states. In process of time the blond type will die out in the United States.—New York World

The Constitution.

The constitution is either a superior paramount law, unchangeable by ordinary means, or it is on a level with ordinary legislative acts and, like other acts, is alterable when the legislature shall be pleased to alter it. . . . Certainly all those who have framed written constitutions contemplate them as forming the fundamental and paramount law of the nation, and consequently the theory of every such government must be that an act of the legislature repugnant to the constitution is void.—Chief Justice John Marshall

The Allegory.

A fine illustration of the allegory may be seen in Paul's epistle to the Galatians IV, 14, where the apostle gives an allegorical interpretation to the historical narration of Hagar and Sarah, drawing from it a deeper sense than is conveyed by the immediate representation.

Transferred.

"I hope you liked the pie, Henry," ventured a young wife, casting an anxious glance at her husband soon after dinner. "I bestowed great pains on the crust."

"I thought you did, my dear," he said, "for I've got the pains now."

A Continuous Performance.

"Our baby gives us considerable trouble. Yells unless he has his own way." "Ours yells anyhow. You don't know what trouble is."—Washington Herald.

ONE WASTE OF WAR.

Genius That Perished Before It Had a Chance to Mature.

The waste of war is not entirely to be figured in dollars and cents, ruined churches and barren crops, if we may accept the opinion of the New York Tribune. Its greatest losses may be those things which never were allowed to live because their authors-to-be got no further than the first line of enemy's trenches.

America at times points with pride to the following notables. They were all at some time during the war between the states of enlisting age and yet for some reason or another, perhaps ill health or service of other kinds, they never were actively engaged at the front. Had they gone into battle our literature and public life might have been poorer, certainly by some of them, perhaps by all, for fifteen men are not many in a Gettysburg.

Mark Twain, with the exception of a short term of service within the borders of his home town, was in the far west during most of the war. Among others for whose presence we have since had opportunity to be more or less thankful were Thomas Bailey Aldrich, Grover Cleveland, Bret Harte, John Hay, Bayard Taylor, S. Weir Mitchell, Artemus Ward, Phillips Brooks, William Winter and William Dean Howells. Thomas A. Edison, although a train boy of thirteen when the war broke out, might well have been among the thousands of sixteen-year-old boys who were in nameless graves before the war ended.

Had these men gone to the front the law of averages would have been no kinder to them than to others. How many Mark Twains, Bret Hartes and Edisons were there who did go and who did not come back?

What Each Would Take.

Two officers on board a vessel the crew of which were part English and part Irish had a dispute respecting their capacities. The officer who favored the latter country asserted that the lower class of the English did not inherit that quickness of intellect which the Irish possessed. A bet having taken place on the subject, it was to be decided by the answer which each countryman gave to a certain question. First the English sailor was asked what he would take to go aloft blindfolded in a hard gale.

"I would take a month's pay," replied he.

"And you, Paddy," asked the questioner, "what would you take?"

"Begorra," said Paddy, "I would take fast hold, to be sure."

Liquid Fire.

The Greek or liquid fire used in ancient times was made principally from naphtha or liquid bitumen, mixed with some sulphur and pitch extracted from green fires. Water, instead of extinguishing, quickened this powerful agent of destruction, which nothing but sand, wine or vinegar could check. For 400 years the Greeks kept the secret of its composition, but the Mohammedans at length discovered and used it. This fire is not in use today.

Formosa's Camphor.

The camphor production of the island of Formosa is one of Japan's monopolies. The present area of camphor afforestation is 10,850 acres, and some of the trees are from 500 to 1,000 years old. During the next few years the area will probably be greatly extended.

His Comeback.

Mrs. Jawback—I suppose you consider your judgment far superior to mine. Mr. Jawback—No, my dear, we proved the contrary when we chose to marry each other.

Cheering Him Up.

De Broke—So the tailor called again with his bill? Did you say I was out? His Man—Yes, sir, and I told him that I thought he was too.

The most sublime poem that can be heard on this earth is the hisping of a human soul from the lips of childhood.—Victor Hugo.

Handy When There's a Fire.

A siphon of soda is an excellent fire extinguisher as the carbonic acid gas in the soda water helps to stifle the flames. The siphon can be tilted, and the fluid will carry to a considerable height, such as the top of a blazing curtain.

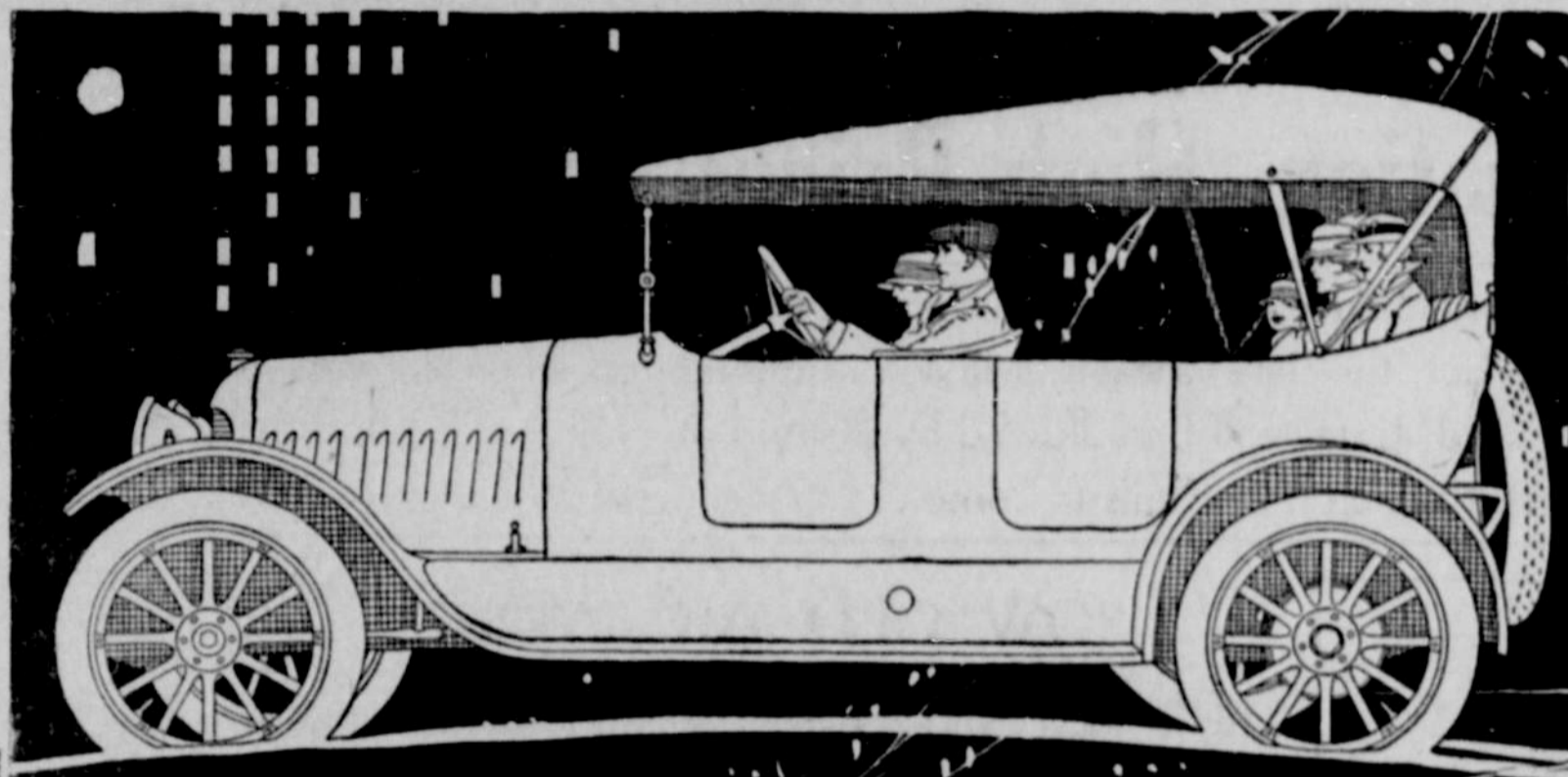
Marine Yarn.

Flipper—And how did your boat come to be wrecked? Skipper—Well, you see, she was making so many knots the crew wasn't able to unravel them.

Foresight.

"Father, what is foresight?" "Foresight, my son, consists of regretting what you do before you do it."—Exchange.

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