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## Disinfection by Heat.

In the journal of the American Medical Association emphasis is given to the ready means of disinfecting excreta in the sickroom or its vicinity by the application of heat. Exact experiments show that the thermal death point of the following pathogenic bacteria and of the kinds of virus mentioned is below 140 degrees F.—viz., spirillum of cholera, bacillus of anthrax, bacillus of typhoid fever, bacillus of diphtheria, bacillus of glanders, diplococcus of pneumonia, streptococcus of erysipelas, staphylococci of pus, vaccine virus, sheep pox virus, hydrophobia virus. Ten minutes' exposure to the temperature mentioned may, it is found, be relied upon for the disinfection of material containing any of these pathogenic organisms, excepting the anthrax bacillus when in the stage of spore formation.

The use, therefore, of boiling water in the proportion of three or four parts to one part of the material to be disinfected is recommended for such material, or, better still, a 10 per cent solution of sulphate of iron or of chloride of zinc, at the boiling point, may be used in the same way, three to one, this, in fact, having a higher boiling point than water, and serving at the same time as a deodorant.

## The Marquis' Chestnuts.

A romantic story comes to hand from Paris. An eccentric marquis, whose suit had been rejected by a beauty of the Second Empire, hired a coster's stall, planted himself on the curb opposite her door and every day used to send in a pint of chestnuts, in the heart of which pearls, rubies and diamonds were concealed. After a week the fair one yielded and bestowed her hand upon her devoted admirer.

But the marquis has since been ruined, and now earns his living in the streets of Paris by the same method which formerly enabled him to storm love's citadel. Let us hope, in the interests of romance, that the story itself is not a chestnut.—London Globe.

## Outfit of a Sleeping Car.

A sleeping car leaving New York for Chicago is supplied with 120 sheets, 120 pillow slips and 120 towels. The washing is done in different cities, and is given out in great quantities at the low rate of \$1 per 100 pieces. An equipment of linen which lasts a year is purchased in amounts of \$30,000 worth at a time. One company for 700 cars uses every thirty days 2,400 dozen cakes of toilet soap, 1,200 dozen boxes of matches, 35 dozen hairbrushes, 50 dozen whisks, 60 dozen combs and a vast number of sponges and feather dusters. Porters receive from \$30 to \$50 a month.—Public Opinion.

## Tennyson and Intruders.

Once every year the park at Farringford was thrown open to all comers. The freshwater flower show was held there in August, but Tennyson did not appear on this occasion. He left the management of the affair and the duties of host to his son Hallam, who for years acted as his father's secretary and confidant. There is a good deal to be said in support of the resentment Tennyson showed to intruders.—Cor. Boston Herald.

Dinner tables and conversations are the places for wit, humor and brilliant talks and general bonhomie between the guests. The funny or droll man in society is not the elegant gentleman.

## FONDNESS FOR ANTICLIMAX.

A Few of Many Examples Collected in the East and the West.

One of the most laughable features about Rudyard Kipling's short sketches of East Indians, and also one of the truest to life, say those who have lived in India, is the strong tendency the natives have to use the most startling anticlimaxes in their formal speeches to one another, and more especially when a native of low caste or great poverty petitions a European for a favor. In the latter case the speaker will say something like this:

"Will the presence, whose reputation for justice is known from east to west, and whose countenance spreads joy among his inferiors, who are as the sands of the seashore in number, graciously deign to take but an instant's notice of him who has the almost delirious honor to name himself one of the most unworthy among the servants of the protector of the poor, and will the favorite son of the lord of the universe magnanimously overlook my amazing presumption in asking him for the payment of a bill of two annas for hen feed?"

This sort of thing is not unknown in this country among the people who aim at a grandiloquent manner of speech and whose sense of the ridiculous is not highly developed. Courts presided over by unlettered judges are especially prolific of examples. For instance, a police justice is reported to have sought to arouse a sense of shame in the breast of a burly negro prisoner in this way: "Prisoner at the bar! An all-wise and all-merciful Providence has endowed you with an intelligent mind and a powerful physique, instead of which you spend your days in playing craps and your nights in robbing clotheslines!"

At another time the same justice sought to impress upon a prisoner who was about to testify in his own behalf the solemn nature of an oath. Assuming his most pompous tone, he thus addressed the culprit: "Prisoner at the bar, in taking this solemn oath to tell the truth—the whole truth and nothing but the truth—take care that you do not allow yourself to be tempted by the danger of your position to commit a willful perjury. Remember that the eyes of the all-seeing Providence and of the village constable are upon you!"

Another judge in a rough and ready but highly ambitious frontier town, in commenting severely upon the heinous crime of horse stealing, thundered forth: "For century after century that dread command, 'Thou shalt not steal' has rolled along the ages. It is, moreover, a standing rule of this court if not a bylaw of our progressive and soon to be incorporated city!"—New York Tribune.

## Lucky People.

There is one thing on which we may congratulate ourselves—we who are little—we who have escaped the penalties of greatness. That is something. We may at least call our souls our own. We may have a taste for onions, raw or fried, and yet the world shall not wonder at the grossness of our appetites. I saw in an Australian journal the other day that a certain English actress has a taste for porter. We may thank our stars, we little ones, that the fact of our having a taste for porter is not flashed around the electric girdles of the globe. Smith, who passes his days soaking at the bar of the "Tippler's Tryst," may congratulate himself that he belongs to the family of the unknown Smiths. Nobody cares how much he soaks except his wife and family. Smith cares nothing for what they think.

Here, in a French paper lying at my side, is recorded the fact that a well-known politician is compelled to wear a particular kind of boot, owing to a peculiarly troublesome corn which he has on his big toe. Great Harry! Think if the eyes of the world—those million Argus eyes—were on the corn on my big toe!—All the Year Round.

## Scott Was Elected as a Doctor.

As a boy Walter Scott gave few indications of his coming greatness, and was described by one of his early preceptors as "the boy that has the thickest skull in the school." Afterward at Edinburgh university the future "wizard" was thus epitomized by one of the leading professors, "Dunce he is and dunce he will remain."—London Standard.

## The Drying Point.

Little Scotch Andy was sent to hold a wet towel before the fire until it should become dry. A few minutes later he startled his mother by calling out, "Mither, mither, let's dry when it's brown!"—Exchange.

## McCoy's Encore on the Gallows.

"Speaking of bravado on the scaffold reminds me of a one-legged man I saw turned off in western Pennsylvania when I was a boy," said Roger Blakeslee. "He was known to have killed five men. He had lost a leg while trying to add a sixth to his string, but finally recovered, was tried and sentenced to hang. The execution took place in the court house yard, and several thousand people gathered to witness it. McCoy, for that was the criminal's name, ascended the scaffold with no other assistance than that afforded by his crutch. When asked if he had anything to say he replied that he would like to say good-bye to his fiddle. It was brought, and standing on the deathtrap he played a lively air, handed the violin to the sheriff, and with the aid of his crutch danced a jig on the trap. He then announced that he was ready."

"His arms were pinioned, the black cap drawn over his head, and the trap sprung. The rope broke, and after being carried back on the scaffold more dead than alive he asked how long it would take to procure another one. He was told about ten minutes. 'Well, give me my old fiddle while I'm waiting,' he said. He was unpinioned, the cap removed, and he made his best bow to the audience, saying he had not expected an encore."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## A Misleading Pleader.

Two colored women in one of the large dry goods stores the other day stopped in front of the elevator on which the sign "This elevator runs from the first to the fourth floor," was conspicuously displayed.

"We don't want this," said No. 1. "Why not?" questioned her companion.

"Because it runs from the first to the fourth floor, and we want to get off at the second."

"How do you know?" queried No. 2. "Can't you read the sign?" impatiently remarked the all-knowing one.

"Why, sure n. f.," wonderingly remarked No. 2; "we'll have to get one that runs to the second floor or else go up the stairs," whereupon they strolled off, and it was as good as a picture to see the look of surprise when, having reached the second floor, they beheld that deceitful elevator discharge its load of passengers at the very place they wanted to go.—Philadelphia Times.

## Tobacco in the Army.

Professor Hurstford tells of his efforts to secure tobacco for the army during the civil war. Upon visiting the camps at Fredericksburg and elsewhere and asking the soldiers what they most wished to complete their happiness, he received the reply, "Tobacco." "Why tobacco?" he asked. "Because if we sit down on a march and can have a little smoke it makes us think of home, and lulls our minds and eases the homesickness." The measure encountered much opposition in congress and failed at first. But just after the war closed provision was made for a tobacco ration in the army supplies, and the soldiers still receive it.—Newport News.

## Chinese Punishment for Murder.

In China, according to Mr. Jesse Herbert, late legal adviser to the government of south China, and professor of law in the University of Canton, officials are held responsible for the conduct of the community. If a son has murdered his father, not only is the murderer cut in pieces, but the house is pulled down and the ground dug up to a depth of about six feet. All the neighbors, moreover, are punished, the boy's head master is beheaded, the magistrate loses his place and the higher officials are reduced three degrees in rank.

## A Hindoo Belief About Owls.

The Hindoos declare that the flesh and blood of an owl will make a person insane who eats or drinks it. On this account men who are devalued by jealousy of a rival or hatred of an enemy come furtively to the market and purchase an owl. In silence they carry it home and secretly prepare a decoction, which an accomplice will put into the food of the object of their malignant designs.—All the Year Round.

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