"MOTHERHOOD WITHOUT FEAR"

A few months ago McClure's magazine announced to the prospective mothers of the country that a remarkable discovery had been made by which the pangs of childbirth were to be forever abolished. The announcement was made in the form of an article by two women, apparently of no medical training. The remarkable discovery was the long discredited scopolamin-morphin analgesia, first suggested in 1902. This sensational article was taken advantage of by a pharmaceutic firm for free advertising of a nostrum, based on a similar formula; a number of physicians previously unknown brought themselves into newspaper prominence with naive statements regarding their ability in the use of the method and with reports of their success; a host of "sob-writers" and sisters of the pen, whose work is tested by their ability to wring anguish from sympathetic hearts, filled columns of the daily press and magazines with pseudo-scientific rubbish.

And now, when this sensation has about died out, we are supplied with another. This one is furnished by Mr. Vance Thompson, playwright and novelist; the medium is the Cosmopolitan magazine. In an editor's note the article describing this new method of eliminating the pains of labor is introduced as follows:

"The all absorbing events of the last days of July prevented the spread of the most joyful message ever sent from the scientist's laboratory to woman. It was that henceforth she will bear children not in pain and terror but in gladness. Paris knew of it; the French Acadmy of Medicine had accepted it, but it got no further. Mr. Thompson was then in the city and to him has fallen the wonderful opportunity of carrying the good news to the men and women of America. Here it is.

"Attention must be called to the fact that the practice here described has nothing to do with the morphin-scopolamin treatment originated some years ago in Freiburg and which has had some measure of exploitation under the popular name of "twilight sleep." This requires special and very expert care on the part of the physician, and has the further disadvantage of drugging the patient into a state of partial insensibility. It can be administered properly only in hospitals, and its use in general practice should, and probably will, be forbidden by law. But detoxicated morphin, without the slightest danger to the mother, causes neither check nor delay, does not interfere with the necessary rythmic muscular contractions and makes painless childbirth a scientific certainty."

As a composition, The Journal of the American Medical Association regards Mr. Thompson's article as fairly comparable with that of the two ladies who reintroduced "twilight sleep" to American women; but for sentimental rot, for pseudoscientific rubbish, and for downright "sob-writing" Mr. Vance Thompson must be given the palm.

As to the facts, in one place it is stated:

"I do not write of this discovery as being in an experimental stage. It has been accepted by the French Academy of Medicine—the date was the third week in July. Surgeons, gynecologists, chemists, doctors of all degrees have examined, tested, approved. For once scientific men have been unanimous."

There is no excuse for such false statements; even Mr. Thompson could easily have learned the truth.

What are the facts? What is this "detoxicated morphin" which, we are told, eliminates the pains of childbirth? Last July, Ribemont-Dessaignes reported to the Academy of Medicine of Paris a number of cases of childbirth in which he had used, for the relief of pain, a preparation "discovered" by a chemist named Paulin. The nature of the preparation was not disclosed to the academy. September 1, presumably as a result of the suggestion of Paulin, a request came to the academy from the Minister of War asking the opinion of the academy as to the advisability of using this remedy, presented under the name "Tocanalgine" and "Antalgine" in military hospitals as a substitute for morphin. By unanimous vote the academy declared that, the formula and composition of these medicines being unknown, it could give no opinion. Since it was stated, however, that the new drug was produced by the action of enzymes on morphin, the academy appointed a committee to investigate oxydi-morphin, a chemical substance which it was known could be produced by the action of enzymes on morphin. Under the direction of the committee, two chemists examined samples of the new preparation obtained directly from the discoverer. The examination showed that these samples were variable and that they did not contain any oxydimorphin. The only active ingredient found by these chemists was morphin hydroclorid, and this in quantities varying from 0.05 to 4 per cent. The conclusions of these two chemists were later emphasized by Bertrand who, after careful chemical and biologic tests of samples submitted to him, found that the solid residue was exclusively formed of hydrochlorid of morphin, and that is was fully as toxic and dangerous as morphin, as might be expected; the symptoms of poisoning were exactly the same as those of morphin hydrochlorid, and death occurred after the same interval. A dose of the preparation would give about ½ grain of morphin. In other words, judging from the reports which appeared in the Journal de parmacie et de chimie for November 16, and the Bulletin de l'Academie de medecine from July 21 to November 17, this so-called "detoxicated morphin" is essentially a solution of morphin in ampules. It will kill just as quickly as morphin, it will relieve pain just as quickly as morphin—because it is morphin. Naturally, the Academy of Medicine of Paris has not accepted the preparation.

We presume it is useless to protest against this shameless exploitation of the fears of the prospective mothers of the country. But if magazines must have articles on this subject, let them at least confine themselves to the facts. The article in the Cosmopolitan is cruel, sensational and a disgrace even to yellow journalism.

OLD TIME BASEBALL.

When the Athletics Averaged Thirty-eight Runs a Game.

The present Athletics are supposed to be the strongest attacking machine ever sent to the field.

Before awarding them the laurel suppose we turn to the Athletics of 1860-1871.

In excavating into the dope George Moreland has discovered that this old machine in its 405 match games averaged 38.30 runs to the battle—that it averaged fifty runs to the game no less than eighty-nine times; that it piled up more than 100 runs on ten occasions—and that in its 405 championship games it scored 15,353 to 5,349 for its opponents.

The record of that club was 351 victories and 54 defeats. What we can't quite understand is the fifty-four defeat part of it.

But, judging from these statistics, hitting the baseball is something of a Philadelphia institution. The habit seems to have become fixed. Small wonder with such a buoyant and elastic start.—Grantland Rice in Collier's Weekly.

The Tower of Lions.

Just outside the Syrian port of Tripoli, lying alongside the railway track, is a famous old fort, known as the Tower of the Lions, from the tradition that it was built by Richard the Lion Hearted of England. As a matter of fact, it is one of six such forts built by the crusaders to protect the coast, only one other of which exists, and this one is in a poor condition. Now the Tower of Lions is to be demolished to make room for the railway, much to the discomfort of archaeologists, who would like to see this old tower preserved as a relic of antiquity.—Scientific American.

He Whistled to the Queen.

There is a resident of Sunbury who will feel uncomfortable in his mind for a long time to come. He was walking behind two women in the park, when he noticed the younger of them drop her handkerchief. He picked it up and, to attract the owner's attention, whistled loudly as he ran to restore it.

The owner thanked him politely. Afterward, to his confusion, he learned he had been whistling to the queen and Princess Mary.—London cable to New York Times.

Dug His Own Grave.

A gravedigger named James Hambleton was buried alive in a grave at St. Stephen's church yard, Audenshaw, Ashton-under-Lyne, the other day. He had been digging a grave and was getting out when he fell backward and a large portion of the sides collapsed upon him. A conductor on a passing tramcar who saw the man's legs in the air ran to the spot and found the gravedigger buried headforemost. The man had ceased to struggle and was dead when extricated.—London Times.

Animated Flypatchers.

By forcing native laborers in the island of Principe, in Portuguese West Africa, to carry cloths covered with glue on their backs when working in places infested by flies sleeping sickness has been successfully combated in the island. The glue is dark and is the same color as the native's skin.

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BERNHARDT AND ROSTAND.

Actress and Author Play the Alfonse and Gaston Roles.

A pretty story comes from France of a contest in compliments between Mme. Sarah Bernhardt and Edmund Rostand, the poet, in which the Alfonse and Gaston stunt is put to shame. Mme. Bernhardt telegraphed to a Paris newspaper that she had entered suit against Rostand because a poster of a cinematograph performance of his play "L'Aiglon" had been stuck up right opposite her Paris theater and would hurt her business. Mme. Sarah was most put out by the use of the title "L'Aiglon," which she claims belongs to her so far as concerns the stage.

The brilliant author of "L'Aiglon" seems to have been distressed at the anger which had been aroused against him in the bosom of the "divine Sarah," and he telegraphed her:

"I know nothing about the case, but I would rather cut my hand off than engage a lawyer against Mme. Bernhardt. No human force could make me defend myself against her. Whatever she wishes is right, and I grant her all the profits arising from films of my work. I kiss her hand, gracious as a lily."

This tribute from the poet evidently touched Mme. Bernhardt deeply, as it is stated that she promptly wired to the Paris press declaring her purpose to refuse to accept Rostand's moving picture profits, which are estimated at $40,000.

This is an interesting and signal instance of a soft answer turning away wrath.—Columbia Record.

FRANCE MAY TAX DUELS.

One of the New Deputies Has a Brilliant Scheme to Propose.

One of the newly elected Parisian deputies says he intends to propose in the French chamber the imposition of a tax on duels. His argument will be that duels are a form of advertisement and as such are as liable to taxation as posters and prospectuses. He suggests that duels shall be divided into three classes—third, second and first, in ascending order of taxable magnitude. For a third class duel, with the ordinary four seconds, a couple of general practitioners and a scratch in the forearm, the tax will be 50 francs. The proces-verbaux, or official accounts of the duel, must be written on paper stamped with a sixpenny stamp.

For a second class duel, giving a right to decorated seconds—that is, seconds with orders in their buttonholes—hospital doctors and descriptive reporters, the tax will be 100 francs. There will be an additional charge of 20 francs per camera and 60 francs per cinematograph apparatus.

Those who desire a first class duel must be prepared to pay 2,000 francs—£80—to the fisc. But for that they are entitled to have umpires, a jury of honor, a famous swordsman as director of combat and a reconciliation on the field of honor to the accompaniment of a brass band or stringed orchestra. The sanguine deputy estimates that such a tax, loyally imposed and exacted, will bring over £1,000,000 a year to the exchequer.—London Globe.

Shot Dead by a Corpse.

On the road between Aarau and Wildegg the body of a young Swiss, aged twenty, who had committed suicide by shooting himself through the head, was found by peasants, who at once informed the police, as it is prohibited by the Swiss law in such cases to touch a corpse. A gendarme named Bodmer arrived on the scene and found the young man still holding the revolver with his lifeless finger on the trigger. Hardly had the gendarme touched the hand of the corpse to remove the revolver when a shot was heard, and Bodmer fell mortally injured. He was found to have been shot through the abdomen and died in the hospital a few hours later. He was the father of several children.—London Standard.

Alfonso's Forebodings.

The Countess de Cisneros, born at Brooklyn, is a prima donna of great beauty and of marvelous talent. She recently sang at a concert given by the king and queen at Madrid. At the close of the evening Alfonso XIII. complimented in English the delightful musician. "I confess to you," said the king, "that it has been the dream of my life to visit the United States. The rumor of this voyage has spread, but my government has interdicted this pleasure. I shall never see America except as an exile, and that certainly is a happening that I do not desire."—Cri de Paris.

He Was the Oldest Aeronaut.

M. Wilfrid de Fonvielle, who has just died, was the oldest aeronaut in the world. Two of his ascents have remained famous. In 1858 he established a record by remaining two whole days in the air between Paris and Compiegne. In 1869, in company with Gaston Tissandier, he made another record of a different kind by covering a distance of ninety kilometers in the space of thirty-five minutes. Born on July 26, 1826, he was approaching his eighty-eighth birthday.—Westminster Gazette.

Out of Date Anyway.

A correspondent writes us to know if we can give the origin of the old poem about the little child shyly clinging to its mother's skirts. We cannot, but it is terribly out of date anyawy, for the present mother is so shy on skirt that any child would have trouble in getting hold of enough to cling to.—Portland (Me.) Express.

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virture of an execution and order of sale duly issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County on the 3rd day of December, 1914, in a certain action in the Circuit Court of said County and State wherein Vermont Loan & Trust Company, a corporation recovered judgment against Charles L. Brown and Effie L. Brown his wife, defendants upon two certain causes of action as follows:

Upon its first cause of action for the sum of $800.00, with interest thereon at Five per cent. per annum from November 1st, 1913; $40.00, with interest thereon from November 1st, 1912, at Ten per cent. per annum; $40.00, with interest thereon from November 1st, 1913, at Ten per cent. per annum; $80.00, attorney's fees and $8.60 costs and disbursements.

Upon the second cause of action for the sum of $800.00, with interest thereon at Five per cent. per annum from November 1st, 1913, $40.00, with interest thereon at Ten per cent. per annum from November 1st, 1912; $40.00, with interest thereon from November 1st, 1913 at Ten per cent. per annum; $80.00, Attorney's fees and $8.60, costs and disbursements.

Notice is hereby given, that I will on Monday the 4th day of January, 1915, at the hour of two o'clock P. M. of said day at the front door of the County court house in the City of Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand the following described property, to-wit: N½ of SW¼, SE¼ of SW¼ and NW¼ of SE¼ of Section 15, Tp. 3 South, Range 23 E. W. M. taken and levied upon as the property of the defendants, Charles L. Brown and Effie L. Brown, his wife, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said judgment in favor of plaintiff and against the defendants upon its first cause of action.

Notice is further given, that I will at the same time and place above mentioned sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand the following described real property, to-wit: N½ of NE¼ of Section 21 and the N½ of NW¼ of Section 22, Tp. 3 South, Range 23 E.W.M. taken and levied upon as the property of said defendants, Charles L. Brown and Effie L. Brown, his wife, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said judgment in favor of plaintiff and against the defendants upon its second cause of action, together with all costs and disbursements that have, or may accrue upon the sale of said respective tracts.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 1914.

MARION EVANS,
Sheriff.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, Nov. 28th, 1914. Notice is hereby given that Charles Osten, of Heppner, Oregon, who, on November 11th, 1909, made Homestead Entry, No. 07267, for NW¼ NE¼, Sec. 7, S½ SE¼ and SE¼ SW¼, Sec. 6, Tp. 5 S., R. 27 E., and on Nov. 14, 1914, made Ad. H. E. No. 013929 for NE¼ SE¼, Sec. 6, NE¼ NE¼ Sec. 7, and W½ NW¼ Section 8, Township 5 South, Range 27 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make five-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. C. Paterson, United States Commissioner, at his office, at Heppner, Oregon, on the 2nd day of Jaunary, 1915.

Claimant names as witnesses:

Alonzo D. Reid, Arthur R. Reid, James W. Vaughn, and Walter L. Matteson, all of Parkers Mill, Oregon.

F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon executrix of the last will and testament of Lafayette Penland, deceased, and that all persons having claims against the estate of said Lafayette Penland, deceased, should present the same, fully verified according to law, to me at Heppner, Oregon, within six months from the date of first publication of this notice, which date is December 10, 1914.

REBECCA PENLAND, Executrix.

NOTICE OF CONTEST.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office. La Grande, Oregon, December 8th, 1914.

To Frank Haney of Galloway, Oregon, Contestee:

You are hereby notified that Austin P. Culbertson, who gives Heppner, Oregon, as his post-office address did on December 7th, 1914, file in his office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your Homestead Entry, Serial No. 012843, made February 12, 1914, for S½ NW¼ and S½ SE¼, Section 22, Township 1 North, Range 27 East, Willamette Meridian, and as grounds for his contest he alleges that said Frank Haney has not resided upon the Homestead for the past seven months, nor has he cultivated any of this land during this time or any way complied with the Homestead Laws.

You are, therefore, further notified that the said allegations will be taken as confessed, and your said entry will be canceled without further right to be heard, either before this office or on appeal, if you fail to file in this office within twenty days after the FOURTH publication of this notice, as shown below, your answer, under oath, specifically responding to these allegations of contest, together with due proof that you have served a copy of your answer on the said contestant either in person or by registered mail.

You should state in your answer the name of the postoffice to which you desire future notices to be sent to you.

F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.

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Date of second publication December 17th, 1914.
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Date of fourth publication December 31st, 1914.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION—
Public Land Sale.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, December 11th, 1914. Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act of Congress approved March 28, 1912 (37 Stat., 77), pursuant to the application of Mark W. Crawford, Serial No. 013285, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than $2.00 per acre, at 10 o'clock A. M., on the 5th day of February, 1915, at this office, the following tract of land: S½ SW¼, SW¼ SE¼, Sec. 33, T. 4 S., R. 24 E. Willamette Meridian.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.

H FRANK WOODCOCK, Register.
Dec. 17-Jan. 14.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, Dec. 30th, 1914. Notice is hereby given that Hugh C. Currin, of Heppner, Oregon, who, on June 12th, 1911, made Homestead Entry, No. 08864, for N½ NW¼, N½ NE¼, SE¼ NE¼ Sec. 34, W½ NW¼, Sec. 35, and SW¼ SW¼, Section 26 Township 1 South, Range 28 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year Proof to establish claim to the land above described, before C. C. Patterson, United States Commissioner, at his office at Heppner, Oregon, on the 20th day of February, 1915.

Claimant names as witnesses:

Michael Doherty, Arthur P. Hughes, and Fred Albert, all of Lena, Oregon; and Walter D. Gorder, of Heppner, Oregon.

F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR MORROW COUNTY.

In the Matter of the Estate of CHARLES D. TURNER, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that George W. Turner, administrator of the estate of Charles D. Turner, deceased, has filed his final account with the clerk of the above entitled Court and that Monday the 25th day of January, 1915 at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day and the court-room of said Court have been fixed as the time and place for the hearing and settlement of said account and all objections thereto.

Date of first publication 31st day of December, 1914.

Date of last publication 21st day of January, 1915.

GEORGE W. TURNER,
Administrator.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Heppner at its office on the second Thursday of January, 1915 between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 o'clock of said day, being January 12, 1915, for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

T. J. MAHONEY, Cashier.
December 3rd, 1914.

Notice For Sealed Proposals.

The County Court will receive sealed bids for work of County Physician for Morrow county for the year 1915, as per specifications on file with the County Clerk. All bids are to be filed before 1 o'clock p. m. January 6th, 1914. The county Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

W. O. HILL, County Clerk.

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