

DEAF IN LOSS OF EYE

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What actual disability is involved in the loss of one eye? Accident insurance companies usually estimate it at 50 per cent, but Sir Arthur Pearson told the British committee on the administration of soldiers' and sailors' pensions that this was absolutely absurd, and suggested 25 per cent as a more reasonable estimate.

It depends largely upon the time of life at which the eye is lost. By binocular vision, says the Lancet, we fuse two slightly dissimilar images of an object, which are focussed upon the two retinas, and this enables us to estimate correctly the relative position or distance of objects. This power, however, is not confined to those of us who possess two good eyes. The man who has been blind in one eye from infancy possesses it in almost equal perfection with the possession of two eyes. For many other factors unite to compensate for the absence of stereoscopic vision. These are atmospheric and shadow effects, parallax and, above all, memory of what the shape of objects really is, according to knowledge which has been acquired in early years, largely by the sense of touch.

On the other hand, if one who possesses this faculty is suddenly deprived of it he will be considerably handicapped, especially at first. A woman may find she cannot pour from a teapot into a cup without spilling the tea. A hammerman may take some time before he can hit the nail on the head with his former accuracy; indeed, whether or not he can ever attain it again is doubtful.

WASTE COUNTRY MADE RICH

Enormous Rubber Plantation in Sumatra Developed by American Industry in Ten Years.

Perhaps the most surprising thing about the enormous rubber plantation that covers nearly 100,000 acres in Sumatra, recently described by a writer in Commerce and Finance, is that less than ten years ago one could have traveled these acres without seeing a rubber tree. The land was acquired by an American company, and the rubber trees followed. Today they count up to something like 5,000,000, tended by an army of about 10,000 laborers, most of whom come from the neighboring island of Java. The land rises to a slight eminence overlooking the sea of rubber trees which stretches for miles in every direction, with here and there glimpses of the fine roads over which motor cars travel the plantation on business or carry passengers between the bungalows of the estate managers. Sixty-five miles of narrow-gauge railway run through this remarkable rubber forest, with every tree raised in response to the twentieth century commercial demand for rubber.

Newspaper Men "Struck." Probably the first "strike" ever called at a convention of the American Federation of Labor, and against that body, was called by the newspapermen assigned to cover the sessions. During the course of the convention one of the delegates made criticism of the way in which the convention news was handled. The newspaper men immediately filed out of the hall and sent word to the convention that they had gone on strike. While certain delegates were branding the newspapermen as "bol-sheviki," others insisted that they form a committee and present their demands. The demands were formulated and presented. The convention granted them by acclamation, and the reporters were given an ovation when they filed back to their desks. So it was settled.

Life's Master-Key. Life's master-key is a personal possession. It's yours to use. It's your estimate of yourself plus sufficient initiative to bring ideas to pass. You're bound to be questioned and discounted at every turn. Others have the same mental concept of their worth as you do. It's your job to show them who is most fit. No, you needn't begin that old quarrel about the survival of the fittest. Life knows mercy as literature more than it does of conflict. Nature's laws are just, impartial and irrevocable. They know neither sex nor social position. He who by instinct works with them wins, he who does the opposite fails. When opportunity steps into view you must grasp the forelock or join the great army of those who spend the time in regrets and those who sigh, "If I had only known."

Power of Imagination. A doctor, treating an old woman for typhoid fever, took her temperature on each visit by putting a thermometer under her tongue. One day, when she was nearly well, the doctor did not take her temperature. He had scarcely got 100 yards from the house when her son called him back. "Mother is worse," said the young man. "Come back at once!" The doctor returned. As he went into the sick room the old woman looked up at him reproachfully. "Doctor," she said, "why didn't you give me that tube under my tongue today? That always did me more good than all the rest of your trash!"

The Lucky Horseshoe. It was about the middle of the seventeenth century that the superstitious use of horseshoes as emblems of good luck originated in England. They were at first deemed a protection against witches and evil spirits, and were nailed on doors of houses, with the curve uppermost. It was the belief that no witch or evil spirit could enter a house thus guarded. The custom of nailing horseshoes to ships and other sailing craft is still in vogue in all English-speaking countries. To find a horseshoe with an odd number of nails attached to it is considered the forerunner of good luck, and the more nails the good fortune that is likely to attend the finder. A person about to be married who finds a horseshoe believes that a happy matrimonial career awaits him.

Tailoring Ancient Art. The art of tailoring, in the western hemisphere, appears to have originated in connection with skin garments rather than those of cloth. In the North throughout the reindeer and caribou were worn, completely covering the body. The Eskimos and the caribou-hunting Indians cut out pieces of skin and fitted them together in intricate patterns like a modern tailor. The tailoring art probably began in China, whence it spread to Europe, thence to the reindeer hunters in Siberia and across from Asia into the new world. Along the Pacific coast the aboriginal Indians were but scantily clad and the natives of Patagonia usually wore only a breechcloth, although sometimes a capelike robe hanging from the shoulders was used. In Mexico and the Andes region where the art of weaving reached its height, garments retained the angular form in which they came from the loom.

Lord John Russell. During the years of my uncle's retirement I was much more in his company than had been possible when I was a schoolboy and he was foreign secretary or prime minister. Pen-broke lodge became to me a second home; and I have no happier memory than of hours spent there by the side of one who had played bat, trap and ball with Charles Fox; had been traveling companion of Lord Holland; had corresponded with Tom Moore, debated with Francis Jeffrey, and dined with Doctor Parr; had visited Melrose abbey in the company of Sir Walter Scott, and criticized the acting of Mrs. Siddons; had conversed with Napoleon in his seclusion at Elba, and had ridden with the duke of Wellington along the lines of Torres Vedras. —G. W. E. Russell.

CITY HAS LONG BEEN DEAD

Tiahuanaco, in Bolivia, Collection of Ruins of Which Even the Incas Knew Nothing.

One of the numerous cities claiming the title "oldest city in the world," is Tiahuanaco, near Lake Titicaca in Bolivia. A thousand years ago, say

the scientists, Tiahuanaco was as old as it is today, and that is practically all that anybody knows of its history. Even the Incas, who held a record for antiquity in South America, admitted to their first Spanish visitors that they knew nothing about Tiahuanaco, except that it was very probable that the stone images scattered over the ruins were the people of the city turned into stone by some angry god. There would be nearly as much of the old city visible today as there was in the time of the Incas, had not the stones been so attractive to the Indians of nearby villages. As it is, beautifully carved idols have gone to decorate the door fronts of humble cottages, and polished stones to prop up chimneys and pave floors. The little modern village of Tiahuanaco, near the ruins, is full of stolen souvenirs. Whole houses and churches are built of them.

After several centuries of this plunder the government of Bolivia put a ban on removing stones from the ruins, but there was then little left of old Tiahuanaco. A few stone gods as huge and angular as any dolmens of Egypt, the sites of a fortress, a palace and many tombs, all vaguely marked by worn carved stones are scattered over a great desolate plain. Yet from these battered relics with their cryptic carvings the archaeologists hope some day to reconstruct the story of a mysterious people.

High Minded. The teacher was impressing upon her scholars the need of saying their prayers. To illustrate the lesson she showed the class a picture of an Arab, with head between his hands, and looking upward. "Now, Billy Cubba," she said to a boy who had not been paying close attention to her words, "what is that man doing?" "E—er—er—er, teacher, he's a—lookin' for—er—'planes"—Bilghty.

Practical Sympathy. James Shaffer of Uniontown, Pa., struck a foreigner who made disloyal remarks and was fined \$10, but the money was paid by ten members of the local Christian church, who on their way home happened to stop in the burgess' office. Each of the men plunked \$1 down on the desk of the official and the case was ended.

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