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"TOOK THE WRONG MEDICINE."

Why This Headline So Often Appears in the Daily Newspapers.

It is an odd trait in human nature that a man who has been ordered by his physician to take paregoric will never take it if there is any carbolic acid or prussic acid in the house that he can absorb in preference.

Statisticians who have studied the thing declare that an invalid will search the whole house for a poisonous drug and drink it rather than the medicine ordered by the doctor. The death notices in the newspapers in cases of that kind are generally headed, "Took the Wrong Medicine."

A man arrived at his home the other evening, and glancing on the bureau saw a bottle of liquid that he had been ordered by the doctor to take.

"That looks like the stuff," said he, "but I'm not sure. As I was looking up the cellar I saw behind an old shelf a blue bottle that looked as if it hadn't been touched for years. It said on it, 'Sulphuric Acid.' Now that bottle on the table looks exactly like the one I drank out of last night, but still I have an idea that the stuff down in the cellar is what the doctor means for me. I don't know how the dickens it got down there when it's meant for me to take, or how this bottle that isn't meant for me to take got on this bureau. But I'm not going to take any chances. I'll just go down into the cellar and make sure, and I'll throw this stuff out of the window."

Then he cautiously went down stairs and took the sulphuric acid, and he was buried in due form after an ambulance surgeon had done his best and the coroner's physician had made a complete investigation and autopsy.

It isn't only children who make these blunders. Doctors will tell you that they have only to label a bottle "Lotion, For External Application Only," to make sure of its being drunk. If a patient gets a bottle of corrosive sublimate to put on a felon on his great toe and doesn't use it all, he will carefully save it. Ten years afterward a doctor gives some cough mixture to him, and then he goes and hunts up the corrosive sublimate bottle, plays three card monte with it and the cough mixture, gets them thoroughly mixed up so that he can't tell one from the other, and then when he feels that tightness across the chest that the doctor told him about he swallows a part of the corrosive sublimate and leaves his widow to collect the life insurance. By no accident is the cough mixture ever taken—it is always the corrosive sublimate.—New York Herald.

Metal Railroad Ties.

A protest against the denudation of forests in order to secure material for railroad ties is made in a report issued by the agricultural department at Washington on the use of metal railroad ties and preservative processes and metal tie plates for wooden ties. It shows that about 20 per cent of the railroad mileage of the world, outside of the United States and Canada, is laid on metal. In the United States little practical progress in metal ties is reported. The proportion of track laid with metal ties to the total length of railways throughout the world has increased from 7 per cent in 1890 to 10 per cent in 1894.—Railway Review.

CHAMPIONSHIP.

In all the out door sports of the season the weather is playing champion to knock out and close up games. A change will come, of course, and with hot weather will come the fiercer struggle to make up for lost time. All this means a greater amount of wear and tear to the body, to its muscles, nerves and bones. What the damage in all will be from sprains, bruises, wounds, hurts, inflammations, contusions and the like, no one can tell, but there is a championship to be won, important to all, to which few give sufficient consideration, and that is the triumph over all these pains and mishaps in the surest, promptest way. St. Jacobs Oil is the champion remedy for all such ailments; it does not disappoint and never postpones a cure for any cause whatever.

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Foul breath is a discourager of affection. It is always an indication of poor health—bad digestion. To bad digestion is traceable almost all human ills. It is the starting point of many very serious maladies. Upon the healthy action of the digestive organs, the blood depends for its richness and purity. If digestion stops, poisonous matter accumulates and is forced into the blood—there is no place else for it to go. The bad breath is a danger signal. Look out for it! If you have it, or any other symptom of indigestion, take a bottle or two of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It will straighten out the trouble, make your blood pure and healthy and full of nutriment for the tissues.

ENGLISH STATE TELEGRAPHS.

Messages Cost 12 1-2 Cents Each, and All Must Be Prepaid.

The telegraph service of Great Britain is undoubtedly quicker, more reliable and cheaper than that of the United States. I make this statement after proper allowance of the differences in distances. It costs 12 1/2 cents for 12 words and 1 cent for every additional word. This for Great Britain and Ireland—a uniform rate.

It works admirably, as nearly all the postoffices are also telegraph offices. As a rule, the people are civil and obliging, and the delivery of messages more prompt than with us.

These postoffices, which include, as a rule, news stands and stationers' shops, are scattered all over the city, especially in London, and one has no such trouble in getting postoffice orders, postal notes, stamps, etc., as is too often the case in New York.

Another great advantage of the British system is that there is no such thing as sending messages "collect." You can prepay an answer to a telegram, and the boy brings up a blank with the telegram when an answer has been paid for.

Again, if you write to any one and want a telegraphic reply, merely inclose a blank with sixpenny postage stamps affixed. This saves the trouble of transmitting money or imposing on a friend for reply.

At one of the big city dinners a few weeks ago I sat opposite W. H. Prece, C. B., the engineer in chief and electrician of British Telegraphic Wonder-land. He was greatly interested in the fact that we counted the population by the means of electricity, and of course knew exactly how it was done.

The increase in 25 years of messages alone from 6,500,000, when three private companies controlled the business, to 70,000,000 messages in 1894, tells its own story. That the number of offices has increased threefold, now numbering 9,000, and the miles of wire have increased from 80,000 to 200,000—surely this indicates that the public are well and cheaply served.

Financially the telegraph department is today paying expenses, but not the interest on the money invested. It is claimed, however, that the division of expenses between the postoffice branch and the telegraph branch was of such an artificial character that the two services should be looked at together financially. This would show a net annual surplus of \$13,750,000 to \$15,000,000—a very handsome addition to the public revenues.

A uniform telegraph service, say, of 25 cents per message, is no more, in this advanced day of electrical appliances, than a uniform 2 cent letter rate was when adopted.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

CURIOUS WEDDING CUSTOMS.

Some Odd Phases of Social Life in Northern Michigan.

Many curious customs are in vogue among the foreign population of northern Michigan, especially in social matters. When a French couple get married, a carriage or a sleigh ride is inevitable, according to the season of the year. The couples are not packed together in one wagon or sleigh, but each fellow and his girl have an individual rig, the bride and groom taking the lead and the others following like a funeral procession, but there is nothing funeral about it, especially the pace set. After the procession has been riding for hours, a dance ends the festivities.

The Poles have a curious wedding custom that is very ingenious as a money getter, and takes the place of wedding presents. After the wedding feast follows a dance that sometimes lasts 12 to 14 hours, and even longer. The chief honor is to dance with the bride, and this is decided in a curious manner. The mother of the bride takes her place in one corner with a plate in her lap, which she takes very good care shall be built after the plan of an eating house coffee cup. The gallant who wants to dance with the bride, and all are in honor bound to do so at least once, must pull out a piece of silver and endeavor to chip or break the plate by throwing their money upon it, and only those who succeed in chipping or breaking the plate are allowed the coveted honor. Let those who think it easy to break an ironstone plate try it. Few succeed in doing it for less than 50 cents, and it is not an unusual thing for the bride's money to amount up to \$75 or \$100, even where the crowd is apparently as poor as a church mouse, and it may go even higher when the bride is pretty and popular. All the money goes to the bride, and in a backwoods country \$50 to \$75 will start a happy couple nicely in housekeeping.—Detroit Free Press.

A Japanese Test For the Aspiring Bride.

In Japan it appears that one factor entering into the choice of a daughter-in-law is her skill in raising silkworms. There is more to this than appears on the surface of the statement, for it seems that the thread spun by a silkworm is regular and even in proportion as the worm has been regularly and carefully fed. The prospective mother-in-law carefully and minutely examines the garments of the aspiring bride, judging of her qualifications by their condition. This seems even more absurd than the woman who said her son should never marry a woman who could not keep her top bureau drawer in order.—New York Times.

LUCK, PLUCK, BRAINS

THE COMBINATION THAT ACCOUNTS FOR SETH LOW'S SUCCESS.

Made President of Columbia College When but Forty Years of Age—Donates \$1,000,000 For a Library—His Career in Politics and Business.

In many respects the Hon. Seth Low, president of Columbia college, stands alone among educators. He is undoubtedly the richest college president in the world. When he was chosen president of Columbia, he was the youngest chief executive of any great educational institution, for he was then barely 40. His career throughout has been remarkable.

He was born in 1850, and his father was a Brooklyn merchant. In 1870, at 20, he was graduated from Columbia college. He quickly mastered all the details of his father's extensive business, and when 24 took the management thereof. A year later, when he was 25, during the hard times of 1875, he originated a plan by which any man in Brooklyn who wanted work could get it. During the Garfield campaign in 1880, when Seth Low was 30 years old, he was the foremost Republican in Brooklyn, and a year later, at the age of 31, he was elected mayor of his native city, in spite of the political bosses. He was elected presi-



PRESIDENT SETH LOW.

dent of Columbia in 1890, and now, at 45, he has given \$1,000,000 to be expended in the erection of a library for his college.

Some one has said of Seth Low that his success is the result of a combination of luck, pluck and brains. Lucky he certainly was in his birth, for his father transmitted to the son not only money, but a sound mental, moral, and physical constitution. Plucky he has been, for he has never hesitated in the slightest to battle with all his might against what he thinks to be wrong and for what he thinks to be right, and if he were not a brainy man he surely would not have been able, with all his luck and pluck, to do what he has done in business, in politics and in the field of education.

The selection of Mr. Low as Columbia's president five years ago was somewhat of a departure from the ordinary course in making choice of the head of a great educational institution. He had always been understood to be a man of culture and of wide information, but he had never been regarded as a scholar or a student in the strict acceptance of these terms. He had rather been looked upon chiefly as a business man, a man of affairs, who, in addition to his exceptional executive ability, possessed political genius of an ordinary sort, and when he was elected mayor of Brooklyn it was confidently predicted by his friends and feared by his enemies that he would be the next governor of the Empire State. There is reason to believe that he, too, thought that sequel a not unlikely one, but in 1888, when, as is claimed by his principal supporters, he might have secured the Republican nomination for the office of New York's chief magistrate, he declared, on the ground that he did not agree with the party's national platform, that he could accept no such nomination. For a couple of years after that he was comparatively lost sight of, but since his election as president of Columbia he has been very much in evidence, and his performance of the duties he then assumed has more than satisfied the authorities of the college that they chose wisely in calling a thorough man of affairs to the place.

When President Low assumed the chair, he announced that in future he should devote himself heart and soul and without reservation to the conduct of Columbia's affairs. One does not need to be well informed to understand that perfect fulfillment of the duties involved would require most of the time and energy of any man, no matter how liberally endowed with mental ability or what is known as genius for hard work. In the main President Low has carried out his expressed intention. Society has seen little of him. To the public at large he has not often been visible, and he kept out of politics until the opening of last fall's campaign for the reelection of New York's municipal government. Then he was made a member of the committee of seventy, and as such did excellent service. There was some talk about making him the reform candidate for mayor, but he frowned it down, although during the campaign he devoted much time to the furtherance of the election of Mayor Strong.

Personally Seth Low is a pleasant man to meet. He is of medium height, rather stout, with sincere dark eyes and dark thick hair and mustache. His features are not regular, but rather inclined to what may be termed the aggressive type, the contour of his face being such as at first to suggest that he might be somewhat unpleasantly so. He is, however, an exceedingly polite man, and while he can undoubtedly make himself extremely unpleasant to one who deserves unpleasant treatment his aggressiveness is of the sort that men generally applaud. His address is winning. On the platform he speaks in a forcible, convincing and earnest manner. He has not the torrential vocabulary of Bourke Cockran, the cold and classic eloquence that was Roscoe Conkling's, the fiery intensity that was James G. Blaine's or the peculiar charm of Colonel Bob Ingersoll, but he always knows what he wishes to express when he speaks, and he always expresses it in a fashion that is simple, direct and extremely lucid without in any sense being dull or commonplace.

As an educator he is an advocate of the methods of today. It is not his notion that a young man may properly be fitted for a successful life by loading his mind up with certain kinds of information without reference to any special bent the young man may possess. His plan is to discover, so far as is possible for a teacher to do so, what is the young man's bent, and then furnish him with the training and information that will best enable him to do himself full justice in the battle of life after leaving the precincts of the college.

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