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SLEEP NECESSARY.

An Italian's Futile Attempt at Going Three Weeks Without Sleeping.

The present epoch is one in which the mind of man seems to turn to the performance of impossibilities.

Whatever feats of endurance men may accomplish, they can not live long without sleeping.

No one knows just what sleep is. The prevailing theory as to its nature is that of the physiologist Preyer.

Grandma—"Johnny, I have discovered that you have taken more maple sugar than I gave you."

In an area of 106,103 square miles in the northwest provinces of India there are said to be 44,000,000 Hindus

A gentleman who has resided in the Yellowstone National Park for many years, and is well acquainted with its condition, says that "the game in the park is increasing, while the number of visitors increases."

Mrs. Catherine Keim applied to the police authorities at Washington for transportation to New York. She is a white woman, and, although a female, quite a celebrated tramp.

Ex-Mayor David Kinch, of Altoona, owns a watch one hundred years old. It is opened-faced, with cases and caps.

Prof. Hughes says a silk ribbon is a better lightning conductor than a metallic rod.

LOVE KNOWS.

How can a lover plan and work From early dawn to late at night; Miss all the joyous joys of youth.

How can a maid with beauty crown'd Heed not, though lovers round her throng; And sit and muse with her own heart.

How can a mother keep a watch Through tireless days of patient love; With hands unwearied in the work.

How can a father still forgive An erring son, again, again? Believe in every fresh regret.

So many secrets hath the heart; So much to do; so much to bear; And every heart the question solves

Little E. Barr, in N. Y. Ledger.

SPANISH LEGENDS

Current Among the Old Mines of Plateros.

The mining camp of Plateros is situated in the district of Fresnillo, in the State of Zacatecas, about a league distant from the town of Fresnillo.

"If only the Lord would bestow upon us money," one of them exclaimed, in a tone of melancholy.

"I know that well enough; still, I don't see how we are to become rich."

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and the one for the other among the rancheros. In short, this was a peddler. When he had arrived at a cliff in one of the hills, he unloaded the donkey and turned it loose to graze at will.

"Oh, my brother!" he cried; "have pity! If thou art a shade, if thou hast come hither from another world, have pity and forgive me!"

"What kind of a trick do you call that," demanded the other, "to go away and leave the beast and load unwatched and me alone and sleeping?"

"None the less, I hurled a great stone upon your head, and saw your blood gush forth and your brains spattered around."

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HOW TO SAVE MONEY.

Rules Whose Observance Would Add to the Happiness of Mankind.

Keep a cash account. A very trivial and secular suggestion, you may say, but simple as it is, it is one of the observances of which would add immensely to the present limited amount of practical righteousness and happiness.

I am aware that there is a large class of sensible and well-meaning persons who would say: "I receive so much and I try to save a little."

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THE SMOKING HABIT.

A Brief But Exhaustive Argument Against the Use of Tobacco.

An English journal recently offered a prize for the best argument against smoking. Following is the article for which the prize was awarded:

It is unphysiological because no animal in a state of nature uses it, and the first time a man smokes he is usually violently upset by it.

It is expensive because there is no need for it; it is not even a luxury that helps us to spend our superfluous cash harmlessly, because it causes more loss and injury than it does good.

It is a dirty habit. What smells worse than the breath of a smoker, than his tobacco-soaked clothes, and his rank pipe?

It is selfish, in that the person only who uses it gets pleasure from it, and that often at the expense of others.

It causes loss of appetite, helps on cancer of the stomach and is the active cause of most cases of cancer seen in the lower lip, which is rarely seen except among smokers.

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NOTES ON ETIQUETTE.

How You Can Make Yourself Popular with Friends and Strangers.

When you are invited to dine at the house of a friend or acquaintance, it is not considered good form to reply that you would enjoy it above all things;

On being asked to "take something," whatever that may mean, it is hardly proper to inform the inviter that your stomach has some rights which you are bound to respect, and if it is all the same to him, you will take as an equivalent the money which the "something" would cost.

As the generality of mankind stands in pressing need of exercise, it is a duty you owe to society to furnish others with all the exercise you can possibly vouchsafe to them.

It has been pointed out that the seats in a rail car are death-traps which have a fashion of shutting up and holding the occupant until the fire in the overturned stove has time to cremate him or her;

As it is very trying to one's eyes to read print in the cars, it is proper for you to prevent your neighbor from injuring his eyesight by reading his newspaper.

When you are enjoying your cigar alone, and a friend drops in to tell you you would ask him to smoke, but you fear that the smoke of two such cigars would suffocate both of you.

When one is telling you a long and dry story about the way his housemaid goes on, put on a melancholy look and put a stop to his story at the earliest convenient moment by asking him some irrelevant question, as, for example, what he thinks of the late strike.

When the shopman has given you too much money in change, say nothing, but put the money in your pocket. It is always mortifying to be told of one's errors.

These are only a few of the many nice points of etiquette that might be mentioned; but they will suffice to show that one who knows nothing about etiquette can write as well upon that subject as upon any other with which he is equally unacquainted.

Prince Dolgorouk, brother of the morganatic wife of the late Czar of Russia, is living at Tahlquah, J. T. He was a Nihilist, banished to the Siberian mines, whence he made his escape after five years, remaining in China nine years, and finally coming to the United States.

About a year ago it was announced that Annie O'Connor, an Irish servant girl in Toledo, had fallen heir to a large fortune in England.

Doctor—What a's you, sir? Patient—I don't know, doctor. I have such a buzzing sound in my ears all the time. We'd you like to look at my tongue? Doctor—No, never mind. Bring your wife a pound some day. I'd like to look at hers.

PERSIAN SHERBET.

The Various Dainty Substances Used in Its Preparation.

The beverage in Persia is sherbet, which is plentifully supplied, and of which there are many varieties—from the bowl of water with a squeeze of lemon to the clear concentrated juice of any sort of fruit to which water is added to dilute it.

Another sherbet is much drunk, which I must not omit to mention, called guzangoben, made from the honey of the tamarisk tree.

Miss Julia Malcolm, a school teacher of New Haven, Conn., has accepted an offer of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for land in Colorado, which was jokingly decided to her several years ago by a friend who considered it valueless.