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DUE TO BODILY DISORDERS

Scientist Thus Explains the Striking Differences Between Various Races of Mankind.

Assuming that the various existing races of mankind are descended from a common stock, how are to be explained such striking differences as those that distinguish, for example, the Chinaman from the Anglo-Saxon, and the Anglo-Saxon from the negro? Prof. Arthur Keith recently discussed this question in an address before the anthropological section of the British association.

He believes that the key to this problem is to be found through studying the disturbances and disorders that occasionally affect the development and growth of the human body; especially those due to a functional derangement of one or more of the glands of internal secretion—the pituitary, thyroid, pineal, adrenal and other glands. In some manner not yet understood, the functions, carried on in their glands regulate not only the dimensions of the body, but also the shape and size of each individual part.

The racial features of the Mongolian type are initiated by growing Europeans who are affected by deficiency disorders of the thyroid gland. The features of the negro can best be accounted for by the nature of the growth-regulating mechanism centered in the thyroid and suprarenal glands. European features are connected with a dominance in the functions of the pituitary.

Scientists hope that a thorough study of the still obscure subject of the so-called "ductless" glands will provide the means of regulating to some extent, the future evolution of the human race.

LAI'D BY FOR THE WINTER

Housewives of Early New York Dissatisfied With Less Than a Six-Month's Supply.

The eleventh hour, or, rather, six o'clock rush to the delicatessen store that marks the approach of dinner in these days of frenzied housewifery would have seemed a strange modern phenomenon to the good housewives of old New York. They would have felt ill provided should they have had less than six months' provisions in the larder.

According to the memory of one small boy of seventy-five years ago the thrifty Dutch folk who lived along the west side of what is now downtown New York laid in stores in October and November to last until April or May. They bought a quarter of beef, a hog or a sheep to furnish the pieces de resistance of the winter's meals. The beef was corned or smoked. The pork and mutton was similarly cured and put away. The smoking was done in public smoke houses, maintained for profit.

A barrel of flour, two or three of apples and potatoes added the vegetable content to the menus. Other supplies to lend variety were laid in in lesser quantities. All sorts of farm products were purchasable in the fall at minimum prices, because at that time many sailing vessels and barges came down the river from upstate laden with stores. As winter and the closing of the river approached the farmers and merchants grew anxious to dispose of their stocks and the townfolk consequently bought at an advantage, which they were not slow to take.—New York Evening Sun.

CREED FOR EVERY AMERICAN

Undeniable "Good Thing" to Which All Citizens Should Subscribe and Pass Along.

Nearly every reader is familiar with the expression, "It's a good thing, pass it along." The other day attention was attracted by a "good thing" which is here passed along. It is a "financial creed" for every man, woman and child suggested by the savings directors of the 12 federal reserve districts. Read it carefully. It is as follows:

I believe in the United States of America.

My opportunity and hope depend upon her future.

I believe that her stability and progress rest upon the industry and thrift of her people.

Therefore, I will work hard and live simply.

I will spend less than I earn.

I will use my earnings with care.

I will save consistently.

I will invest thoughtfully.

To increase the financial strength of my country and myself, I will buy government securities.

I will hold above barter the obligations my country thus incurs.

I will do these things to insure the greatness of America's future.

Fish Nets, the First Lace.

Examine a piece of fine and costly lace. What is it fundamentally? It is a net. By origin it is a fish net. The first lacemaker was a fisherman, or perhaps his wife.

All of the beautiful laces we know today are developed from that clever invention, the fish net. They hark back, therefore, far into the prehistoric.

The first white men who came to America found no lacemakers on this continent, but they did find the Indians weaving fabrics of cotton, yucca and other fabrics, with elaborate pattern designs. They were particularly skillful at a certain sort of "draw-work."

The California Indians of today make cotton lace, but the art has been taught to them by white people. The pottery they make for sale is sometimes adorned with this lace.

Which suggests mention of the fact that the early Indians often decorated their pottery with textile patterns by impressing the latter upon the clay while soft.

Women Demand Grit.

If you have the grit you can command respect. The world doesn't want any fawning apologies. That may serve a purpose under some "weak sister" circumstances, but never under the greatest need. Some folks wonder why it is that "all the world loves a lover." The fact is a lover must have grit. Women want their heroes to be leaders, daring, irresistible. They want men who do things. They even like to be made do a few things they protest but enjoy just the same. Weaklings do not dare such audacity. They fear they will lose the maiden's smiles. As a matter of fact it's the daring and the assurance that wins. "Faint heart never won fair lady" we are told. Even in lovemaking you must have grit. And what's more the fellow that does not have grit doesn't deserve to win. Why should a woman waste herself on a molly-coddler? Be a man if you would win.—Grit.

Appeal to Shobbliness.

"That umbrella repairer has a flattering approach."

"What is it?"

"First asks the lady of the house if she has any golf clubs to mend."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Answer.

"Why do they try so much hot air pressure on witnesses?"

"I suppose it is because they want to pump them."

BETTER AS HAIR RESTORERS

Species of Insect That Has Peculiar Properties Found in Many Parts of Europe.

Of the thousands of people who use hair-restorers, few know that the hair-growing power of these preparations is, in most cases, obtained from beetles.

The particular beetles in question are called blister-beetles, and belong to the group known as Cantharides. These insects, which are abundant in France, Spain, Sicily and Russia, are collected in great numbers and killed by being plunged into strong vinegar. They are then dried and ground to a fine powder. This powder is soaked in chloroform and the mixture distilled. The result is cantharidin.

This cantharidin makes the hair grow by causing tiny, invisible blisters to form underneath the skin. These blisters contain blood-serum—the finest tonic in the world for worn-out hair cells. The blisters do not cause any pain. All that is felt is a pleasant tingling sensation.

The beetles themselves use this blistering juice as a protection against birds and animals which would otherwise make a meal of them.

Don't Neglect Your Play.

There are men in the world who feel that the whole works would stop if they took time enough to play a little. That's all bosh. The man who can play well is usually the fellow who can put the work across. Some have the play spirit so well in hand that they make sport of their work. It is real pleasure to them. They get both recreation and profit from their efforts. It's no wonder they stay young in their work.

And don't forget that if you would succeed you must carry your load. It's a mistake to get out from under responsibility. It's meeting responsibility that makes progress possible. Shirkers are not in demand. They may put things over occasionally, but they do it at the expense of personal discount. You can't afford to do it. Carry your load like a man.—Grit.

An Acre.

The word acre is derived from the old Anglo-Saxon word acer, and is identical with the Latin word acer, meaning a cultivated field. The English acre consists of 4,840 square yards, or 43,560 square feet. If your field is a rectangle, that is, having four sides and each angle a right angle or "square corner," its area is obtained by multiplying the length by the breadth. If your measurements are in rods, the result will be square rods; if in yards, square yards; and if in feet, square feet. A field 132 feet by 165 feet of rectangular shape contains 21,780 square feet. It is therefore, half an acre. But a rectangular field might be different length and width, and yet contain an acre. For example, if it is 330 feet long and 66 feet wide it will contain 21,780 square feet, or half an acre.

Bat's Great Value.

The value of the bat as an insect destroyer has been recognized in the United States by the erection of municipal bat roosts in San Antonio, Texas, and structures similar in bird houses have been set up to encourage bats to live in the vicinity of the city, where they serve as an important check to the mosquitoes. In Jamaica there is no need for such municipal roost, as there are numbers of old buildings, whose dark recesses furnish bats with suitable homes. In some very old churches great colonies of these insect-eating bats have taken up quarters, and it is not an uncommon sight to see them issuing forth shortly before dusk in streams of hundreds.

me you will find that business is certainly beginning to pick up in this neighborhood.—The Argonaut.

3,000-Year-Old Story.

Do you know which is the oldest work of fiction?

It is the "Tale of Two Brothers," written over three thousand years ago by the librarian to King Merneptah, the supposed Pharaoh of the Exodus. The story was written for the amusement of the king's son, who afterward reigned as Seti the Second. He has signed his name in two places on the manuscript, and these are probably the only surviving autographs of a king of Egypt.

The "Tale of Two Brothers" is written on nineteen sheets of papyrus in a bold hieratic hand. It was purchased in 1857 by the British museum from a Mme. d'Orbiney.

Their Business.

"I read about a meeting of deaf and dumb painters. How do you think they got along?"

"It ought to be easy for painters to get along with the sign language."

A "Burning Well."

Water and fire aren't usually considered good friends, but under certain circumstances they may unite to form an interesting and beautiful natural phenomenon. This is the case near Mobile, Ala., where for years a "burning well" has been the center of attraction for visitors and residents of the city. Bored originally for an artesian well, the product of the hole was a tremendous flow of salt water, heavily charged with chlorine gas.

How this gas first took fire is not known, but burn it does, and the deep orange flames, uninjured by the water, not only spurt high with the flow of the crystal stream and color its white foam, but they run along the circular pool about the well in continuous sweeps of bright color.

Celluloid Collar Swimming Aid.

The timid beginner can learn to swim in ten minutes, it is claimed, if he wears about his neck the new "swimming collar."

This collar, as described in Popular Mechanics Magazine, consists of a cylinder of transparent celluloid about eight inches high. Across the bottom is cemented a rubber sheet with a central aperture. The edges of the aperture fit snugly about the neck. Thus the new swimming aid holds the head above the water, and recommends itself to fair swimmers because it keeps the hair dry.

Let's Have the Sugar.

The insular government is trying to produce cheap sugar, and alcohol from the Philippine nipa palm, the island having more than 100,000 acres of the trees.

Ever since wireless communication was established there has been the possibility of speaking to other planets if there is anybody there to speak to.

A city of 100,000 and upwards "isn't so much" in the United States in these days. There are scores and scores of them, so we read in the census returns.

A new suit of clothes and a confident air may make a man look prosperous; and prosperity is rather necessary to enable one to exhibit either.

Vast bolshevist bribery funds, it said, are being used in every great country and many persons are seeking to verify the report—for one reason or another.

The new Franco-Belgian pact will require Belgium to maintain a larger army than before. But look at America, which is doing the same without being in any pact.

EXPRESSED WILL OF PEOPLE

"First American Constitution" Grew Out of Feeling of Dissatisfaction With Conditions.

The term "First American Constitution" is frequently applied by writers to what is fundamentally historically as the "Fundamental Orders of Connecticut." Many people in Massachusetts having become dissatisfied with a law that none but church members should vote or hold office, at length determined to form other settlements. Other town organizations migrated almost bodily from Massachusetts to what was then the wilderness. These were Newton, Watertown and Dorchester, which had their names changed, respectively, to Hartford, Wethersfield and Windsor. Along with them went their governing organizations and a general court for the three towns was afterward formed.

Jan. 14, 1639, this little community formed the first written American Constitution at Hartford. This Constitution springs directly from the will of the people, and neither English king nor parliament, nor Colonial council, nor governor had anything to do with it. The orders provided for two general representative assemblies each year, composed of delegates from each town, one for the election of governor and magistrates, the other for making the laws. These fundamental orders as they were called, were the beginnings of democratic government in America.

Largest Motor Ship.

The Africa, which was launched at Copenhagen, Denmark, Dec. 11, 1919, by the East Asiatic company, is said to be the largest motor ship in the world. Her dimensions are: Length over all, 464 feet 6 inches; beam on frames, 60 feet; depth from awning deck, 42 feet; displacement, 18,000 tons, deadweight, 13,250 tons. Her main engines are two six-cylinder, four-stroke cycle motors of ordinary type. Each engine develops 2,250 indicated horse-power at 115 revolutions per minute. The diameter and stroke of the cylinders are 740 millimeters and 1,150 millimeters respectively.

Women Expert Life Savers.

One man at least chooses woman life savers in preference to men for patrolling his beach. That is Mr. Gray, manager of the parks pools in St. Louis, Mo. According to Col. W. E. Longfellow, life saving expert of the Red Cross, Mr. Gray declares that since trying women at this job during the war when the bronzed heroes were abroad, he would rather have them than men. Many women are now qualifying as life savers and are getting the training for their tests in the Y. W. C. A. and school pools throughout the country.

Gifted Imagination.

"Mrs. Ayres has great gifts of imagination, hasn't she?"

"I don't know. Why do you think so?"

"I heard her speaking of the fact they live in as 'our town house.'"

—Boston Transcript.

Stirring Things Up.

Gertrude is 4 years of age. She faces the world fearlessly, looks it squarely in the eye, and if it doesn't track exactly to suit her she tells it things. Her mamma had gone away the other day and left Gertrude in the care of her grandma, and, after a clash of wills, Gertrude had been put into a room to remain for a specified length of time. "If you stir out of that room before I tell you may," cautioned grandma severely. "I am going to spank you." Gertrude stood with arms akimbo for a moment and then retorted in a tone of finality: "Well when you spank

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