

SECRET OF LONG LIFE

CAN A HEALTHY PERSON PROLONG HIS LIFE TO 200 YEARS?

The Theory of "Retarding Vital Consumption"—Franklin and the Flies—Work the Heart Does—Recent Experiment in the Partial Vegetarian System.

Among the various fantastic theories for prolonging life one of the most popular at the end of the eighteenth century was what was called "retarding vital consumption." Maupertuis fancied that a complete suspension of vital activity, a sort of Rip Van Winkle sleep, might be produced so as to check self consumption. Bodies in this state could be laid away and then resuscitated after a lapse of two or three centuries.

Benjamin Franklin even, while living in France, seems to have had faith in this. One day he received some bottles of wine from Virginia. In one of them—only one—were a few dead flies, which the great philosopher resolved to utilize in an experiment.

The mouth was July, and these imported flies, which had been on a spree in Virginia, had fallen into the native wine and had been in this state shipped to France, where they were exposed to the heat of the French sun. Three hours passed, and the winged Virginians came to life after an apparent death of many weeks.

At first, they were not so much alarmed as to see their legs, walked around awhile, and seeming to be aware that they were in France immediately concluded to make their toilet by rubbing their eyes with their fore feet, using their hind legs to smooth out their wings.

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HUMOR

NO CAUSE.

She Felt It Was Not Wrong to Go Out Driving.

"I think you're the most jealous man that ever got engaged," said Mabel to Jack Hollingsworth, her intended. They had just been comparing notes as to their respective summers.

"I am not in the least jealous," replied Jack, "but I certainly do not think your conduct has been altogether right to me."

"But, you stupid fellow, I could not utterly ignore men who were introduced to me," pleaded Mabel. "Ignore them? No. But you were not compelled to encourage them," retorted Jack, with a frown.

"I never encouraged them," contradicted Mabel. "How about Charlie Dashington?" "Well, what about Charlie Dashington? I am quite sure I did not flirt with him."

"Nor encourage him in any way?" queried Jack. "Not in the least," was the positive rejoinder.

"And yet," argued Jack, "you frequently went driving with him." "Yes, I did go driving with him. Alone and in the evening?" "Yes," pouted Mabel, "I did. But what of it?"

"Isn't that encouraging a man? Driving with him constantly, alone and in the evening?" "No, it is not."

"Will you kindly explain to me," demanded Jack Hollingsworth icily as he rose to go, "why such conduct is not direct encouragement?"

"I will tell you why," replied Mabel as she took his hat and came from him. "It is perfectly true that I went out driving with Charlie Dashington a good deal, but never once did I take the reins from him and drive myself."

His Only Line. The applicant for work was sad, but firm. "I cannot," he insisted, "stoop to deceive people."



On a Port Tack. Jake Paid His Bet. Jake Levi took a party of strangers to the zoo last Thursday.

In their wanderings they finally got into the carnivora, and strolling along they reached the cage where about 50 guinea pigs are confined. They watched the antics of the little animals for awhile, when one of the gentlemen in the party turned to Jake and said: "It's a curious thing about those animals."

"What is?" inquired Jake. "Why, that when you pick them up by the tails their eyes drop out."

Jake looked at his friend for a moment to see whether he was serious, and turning around said, with an air of disgust: "What do you take me for? Do you think I'm a chump?"

"No," retorted the maker of this startling assertion. "But I'll bet you the supper for the crowd that what I say is true."

"I'll take you," exclaimed Jake, now thoroughly excited. A keeper was called, who was asked to pick out four or five of the guinea pigs from their cage.

When the pigs were produced, it suddenly dawned upon Jake that he had been sold. The guinea pigs had no tails. Amid the laughter of the party Jake paid his bet.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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