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MEDICAL SUPERSTITION.

Outlandish Practices Still Prevail in Parts of Germany.

All sorts of outlandish medical ideas and practices are to be found office over Bank of A la- in active prevalence in the marsh lands of the Weser, north of Bre-| merhaven, and in the Luneburg heath, a barren region between the Elbe and Aller, in Germany. In both of these districts the

touch of a corpse's hand is still regarded as a curative of many local ills. In the Wesermarsch the practice is to steal secretly into the room where the dead person is laid out and with the dead hand stroke the afflicted part. In the Luneburg heath the application is especially used as a cure for warts and for cramps in the stomach.

Less grewsome is the remedy for hernia still applied in the marsh country. On the night of St. John the Baptist's day, June 24, the patient must be dragged through the split of a cleft ash tree. Three men bearing the first name of John must perform the operation, and it so far away indeed that he was must be conducted in dead silence. contrary, upon verbal formulas. For

marsh lands with their many drain- Maxime du Camp. age ditches. As he crosses he must repeat the nursery rhyme: Snip-op un ik gungen ober dat steg Snik-op fult herin un ik gung weg.

This bit of dialectic German may be translated:

Hiccough and I went over the bridge; I went on, Hiccough fell in the ditch. For erysipelas a fire is lighted and a pinch of ashes from it is rubbed on the skin to the accompaniment of a saying to the effect that the ashes and the sore went over the Red sea together, the ash came back, but the sore never again. Numerous other sayings supposed to have the force of charms, usually when uttered simultaneously with some action, are quoted. The Luneburger, for instance, who has warts makes the sign of the cross on the warts while gazing at the crescent moon, saying, "What I see, that I win; what I wash, that disappears.'

It rhymes in the German dialect. Sometimes the formula is not spoken. The Wesermarsch folk have a saying which they write on slip of paper when any one has Then they burn the paper. The Luneburgers have no formula, but they write the name, year of in that state.

birth and birthplace of the sick person in a lonely place three nights running. Other remedies for fever consist in swallowing spiders or dust filed from a church bell.

When a tooth comes out the loser must throw it backward over his head. Hair combings must not be thrown out of the window, because the birds might get them and fly away with them. In that case the person who was separated from them would speedily become bald.— Allgemeine Zeitung.

Theophile Gautier.

spite of his exceptional strength and the magnitude of his desires, Gautier was a dreamer, strayed into the midst of a restless, implacable eivilization which rushed past him and over him and trod him under foot, while he, unconscious of the fact, made no complaint. "Poor Theo!" he sometimes exclaimed, and we, his friends, knew what depths of unspoken suffering were compressed into that cry. He lived in a world of dreams far away, aware the fantastic existence he had Some of the cures depend, on the imagined was not to be realized upon our earth and therefore made hiccough the sufferer must cross the best of the indifferent circuma little wooden footbridge over a stances in which he was forced to stream-an easy matter in the live. - "Literary Recollections,"

Beauty Everywhere. The remotest corner of the globe is full of wonder and beauty. The laziest bank in the world, away from towns, where no artists do congregate, upon which no farm laps, where no vines hang their cooling clusters, nor flowers spring, nor grass invites the browsing herd, is yet spotted and patched with moss of such exquisite beauty that the produce one such thing, would be fame, and it has the hair of 10,000 reeds combed over its brow, and its shining sand and insect tribes might win the student's lifetime. God's least thought is more prolific than man's greatest abundance.-Henry Ward Beecher.

Road Exhibit at Jamestown Fair. At the Jamestown exposition the state of Connecticut, through its highway commissioner, J. H. MacDonald, proposes to have a complete exhibit showing the Connecticut plan of highway improvement, including a display of the material used in road building

JOHNSON GRASS.

Tertiary Root Stocks Boro Down to a Great Depth. The difficulty of eradicating Johnson grass on some farms is that on corn or cotton land poorly cultivated during the early growing season, particularly on corn land, which is never cultivated

so carefully as cotton land, the grass is not killed, but is allowed to grow up luxuriantly after cultivation has ceased. In this soft soil after cultivation has stopped a large top is soon produced, the plant flowers and matures seed, and these tertiary rootstocks bore down to a great depth and develop to a large diameter.

Experimental Results. An experiment was conducted on the farm of J. J. Harrison, Columbus, Tex., which illustrates clearly the greater ease with which Johnson grass can be killed where it has attained but slight rootstock development as compared with cases where the rootstocks penetrate deeply. A large body of land was thoroughly infested with Johnson grass. A fence was run across one section of this land in the spring of 1903, and the worst part of the field was turned into a meadow. Hay was mown on this meadow for three years, and in the latter part of the season of 1906 the land was pastured. On the other side of the fence cotton was grown for two years, and in 1905 it was planted

Field Planted to Cotton. In the spring of 1906 the fence was removed, and the whole field was roken in a body again and planted to otton. This whole section was thickly set in Johnson grass. In the part which had been cultivated to corn the rootstocks had penetrated very deeply, while in the part which had been pas tured they were very near the surface. The rows were run at right angles to the old fence line, and both portions of the field were cultivated the same number of times. On the land which had been previously in meadow the Johnson grass was completely killed out and had disappeared long before the painter, who in all his life should cultivation ceased. On the land which was in corn in 1905 little or no headmaster in art, an immortal in way was made in destroying the grass. -J. S. Cates.

> Facts About Asparagus. grown from seed in any good ordinary soil if well enriched and thoroughly prepared by plowing or spading. They, however, succeed best in deep, sandy

> and germination somewhat slow, it is thought advisable to cover seeds with own, says a writer in Gardening. Owing to the slow germination of seeds and slow growth of young plants

> hot (not boiling) water and leave them to sook until cool, repeating this once or twice, when they should at once be

As the shell of the seed is very hard

ter are not choked with weeds, and aside from this danger the growth of these or of any young plants is greatly assisted by frequent shallow cultiva-

It is generally advised by writers that plants should be thinned to two or three inches, but I do not do this unless by accident the drill has sown more seed than I intended, nor do I think it is now customary with large

growers. One ounce of seed will sow about ixty feet of drill and produce from 200 to 300 plants.

The Boll Weevil.

We are naturally apprehensive less the boll weevil destroy a large part of the cotton planted in Texas and Louisiana this summer. From all parts of the infested district reports come of the hibernating weevil appearing in unusual numbers and finding plenty of young cotton leaves to feed on. Egg laying will not begin until squares form, but we know that the pests can wait long for this.-Texas Farm and

Marketing Swine.

As one swine grower puts it, it is thoroughly advisable to market swine at any early age, because the first hundred pounds is procured at an exceptionally low cost. But the second hun dred pounds is 30 per cent higher and the third nearly double that of the

Among Her Favorites. At a reception given to a musica celebrity in New York a rather flashily woman elbowed her way through the throng surrounding him

and claimed his attention. "Professor," she said, "do tell me the name of some good piece of classical music for the piano. I am so tired of bearing my daughters play what everybody else plays."

"Well, madam," responded the "lion" of the evening, slightly taken aback but retaining his good humor, "suppose you try-let me see-Rolfe's 'Opu

"I am glad you mentioned that, professor," she rejoined, with enthusiasm. "If there is anything in the world I am

Our Friends' Friends. Nothing astonishes us, as a rule, more than the friends of our friends. We invariably look upon them with ruspicion and wonder, especially when we have heard a great deal about sibly consist.—London Ladles' Field.

Able For the Rest. "William, were you ever whipped at school?" queried the visitor. "Only by the teacher," was the rath er significant reply.-Chicago News,

The population of the world averages 109 women to every 100 men. great care should be taken that the lat-

The only province in Spain where peanuts are produced is Valencia. taining two puts-probably known in America as Spanish pennuts-and the other containing three or four nuts, known in England as "giants." The first class is by far the most common and cheapest.

Solar eclipses were noted by the Egyptians as far back as 661 B. C. The first eclipse recorded in history was of the moon by Ptolemy, who gives it as taking place March 19, 721 B. C.

The Thanksgiving proclamation was originated by Sir Francis Bernard, captain general and governor in chief in and over his majesty's province of Massachusetta Bay. It was issued Nov. 4. 1767, and the form then used has Eight is a marriageable age, and twelve been substantially adhered to ever tricts.

pervious to the cold that any one cloth ed in such a dress, with the addition of a bianket of the same material, may bear the intensest rigors of an arctic winter's night.

stones in the Banlbec walls thirty feet above the level, several of which are sixty feet long, twenty-four feet thick and sixteen broad, each stone weighing over 2,500 tons, all cut, dressed and brought from distant quarries.

Deaf Mute Instruction. The first mention of the instruction of a deaf mute is in the writings of Bede, about 685. A Spanish Benedic deaf and dumb about 1580,

Coccanut Trees.

The coconnut tree is the most valua ble of plants. Its wood furnished beams, rafters and planks; its leaves umbrellas and clothing; its fruit, food oil, intoxicants and sugar; its shells domestic utensils; its fibers, ropes, sails

Mustard is the pearest approach to miversal cure-all. Few pains will no wide range of internal inflammations from colds and other causes may be oneumonia, congestion of the lungs of determined colds on the chest.

The termites, or white ants, steal and

Eclipses.

Thanksgiving.

Reindeer Skin.

The skin of the reindeer is so im-

Cyclopean Building.

The best examples of cyclopean building are at Baalbec. There are

and matting.

Mustard Cures.

give way before a mustard plaster, and stopped by its timely application. It is the first and best resort in threatened

store grain. As much as five bushels of grain have been taken from a single

It is certain that ants intentionally sanction the residence of certain insects in their nests. This is the case, for Instance, with the curious blind beetle, claviger, which is absolutely dependent upon ants. It even seems to have lost the power of feeding itself. At any rate, it is habitually fed by the ants, who supply it with nourishment, as they do one another.

"Trivial" is derived from the Latin for three ways and means the petty

gossip of the crossroads.

Every Hindoo girl is a wife or a widow at fourteen. Girls have actually been married before they were a year old, and from four to six years they very commonly cease to be single is the maximum, except in a few dis-

Two tablespoonfuls of pure olive oil s said to contain more nourishment han a pound of meat or a cupful of butter and, being in a stage of natural ing blood, fat and weight.

Women In Burma. It is a remarkable fact that Burms differs from almost all other oriental countries in the freedom accorded to its women. They stand in every way alost on an equality with men, share equally with boys in all inherit-

An Old Marriage Notice. There were some very candid perons in the time of George II. In 1731 the Gentleman's Magazine announced, 'Married, the Rev. Mr. Roger Waina of York, about twenty-six years of age to a Lincolnshire lady upward of eighty, with whom he is to have £8,-000 in money, £300 per annum and coach and four during his life only."

Fasting Animals. Animals are often able to bear very protracted fasting. In the Italian earthquakes of 1795 two hogs were buried in the ruins of a building. They were taken out alive forty-two days later, but very lean and weak.

Public Horse Baths. In Guadalajara, Mexico, there are public horse baths, where the animals boroughly enjoy swimming after the day's heat and dust. After the bath the horses are given a thorough scrubbing and rubdown in the shallow, shady part of the pool,

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