

### GREAT IS THE DOCTOR!

#### He Makes a Blessing of Science and a Benediction of Humberg.

Blocking out this letter in my mind, I find it will be chiefly devoted to doctors, although I have no ill will against them. They are of all blessings the greatest in time of need. They play the most benevolent and beautiful confidence game in the world, for they are supposed to know all about things which nobody knows anything about. Most of us know the glorious relief the doctor brings with him; for even when he cannot heal the body he brings comfort to the mind and takes responsibility which nobody else can assume. He is a ray of light in dense and dangerous darkness, a kindly guide in a trackless desert. A great power lifting away a pressing weight. When he says the danger is over or the patient is better, his voice is as sweet as any music chanted by a heavenly choir, and the heart sings jubilant in response to it. He is a splendid institution, a good providence, a present and potent help in the time of greatest trouble and fear the human life can know. Yet, like men of other trades, when he departs from the sure ground of common sense and goes to following theories, he is as likely as anybody else to develop himself into a most unreasonable and fantastic ass; and sometimes he becomes a fakir, consciously or unconsciously.

A very eminent specialist read a paper here a few days ago in which he laid it down as a fact that day dreaming—air castle building—is both a symptom and a cause of insanity. He knows more about brain cells and nerve structures than I do, of course; but when he gets into the abstract realms of the human mind we are on equal ground, for both of us must judge from our experience and observation in life. And I say he is an ass. Nine-tenths of the lunatics in the asylums are people without imagination. Show me one dreamer committed by the judge of probate, and I will show you 10 men and women who have confined themselves to the hard facts of life and have been driven mad by them. The truth is, day dreaming and castle building are reliefs for the mind. The capacity of dream in daylight is the capacity to rest; the castles in the air are castles of refuge in which the tired and oppressed mind may find hiding places, for the time at least, from swarms of besetting and wounding cares and unfortunate and relentless facts. I believe day dreaming and castle building have saved countless millions of people from lunacy. To get away from things as they are to things as we would have them is joy and strength. The day dream is a stimulant and a narcotic for the mind, and as useful and necessary as things having the same effect on the body. Of course it can be used to excess and can make minds effeminate and valueless. Of course that happens, as it happens that other good things are used to harmful excess. A man died in Bellevue hospital the other day from inordinate tea drinking; as a matter of fact there are doctors who will tell you tea is poison—they usually do not use it; just as others will tell you it is not only harmless but helpful—they usually do use it. But, however tolerant of the foibles of other doctors, I must insist that this alienist I have been talking of is an ass. I am sure he is.

Doctors follow fashions as obediently as the women they deride—that is, town doctors do. The country doctors plug along and everybody says they are behind the time; but I notice they pull through about as many of their patients as anybody else does—for people who can afford to pay for it. A well-to-do young married woman told me a few days ago that a young woman is not regarded as being in society now unless she has undergone a surgical operation. Nearly every married woman she knew had been cut into one way or another. She had been under the knife twice, and so far as she knew and believed, it was not necessary either time. She told me two stories. One was of a woman who was informed that she had appendicitis and that an operation was necessary to save her life. Being a very determined woman and having opinions of her own, she positively refused to allow a knife near her, and the whole shooting match of consulting M. D.'s abandoned her indignantly. She went to work just as if she had been a poor woman in the country and treated herself for an old-fashioned case of cramp colic with hot water and flannel and was well the next day. The doctors could not cut her with knives; but they cut her acquaintance, and two of them actually refused to speak to her because she wouldn't die when they said she must; and she laughed in their faces.

The other story illustrates the fact that it is not always the doctor's fault. A conscious man had a woman patient who insisted that she must undergo an operation. He tried and tried; but she would not respond to treatment or get better, and vowed she would die unless operated on. So he gave her chloroform and scratched her skin about a sixteenth of an inch and bandaged it up, and she immediately got better, and as soon as her suppositious wound healed recovered entirely. She believes until this day that the operation saved her life and goes around telling other women about it, persuading them to undergo the same. The doctor doesn't dare deceive her, and is trying to fight off patients she sends him. These stories not only tell something about doctors; but indicate that a woman will have her way—or keep on trying until she thinks she has it.

I have always been puzzled by hearing of "daring operations" performed by eminent surgeons—never have been able to see where the surgeon's "daring" comes in. He does not risk even censure, for as my friend House Mover Haynes remarked, the doctor's bad jobs are put six feet under ground and covered with flowers, while those of the carpenter are left in plain view and covered with ignominy and reproach.—A. B. Williams' New York letter in Greenville, (S. C.) News.

#### Bridging a Difficulty.

Women often find unique ways out of difficulties which would not at all suggest themselves to the masculine mind. This was demonstrated satisfactorily recently in arranging the details for the great white ribbon convalescence of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at Seattle, in October next. It was found that the eastern women could not reach their destination from Chicago, where they will assemble preliminarily for the western trip, without traveling on Sunday, and this they would not consent to do. How to get around the difficulty was a puzzle which troubled the brain of more than one feminine engineer. It was considered useless to think of sending the eastern delegates into Seattle three or four days before the convention began, and it would not do to get them in too late. "Finally," says Mrs. Helen M. Barker, "the difficulty was solved by deciding to sidetrack the train for the sacred hours of the day of rest. 'We do not know,'" she says, "where we will be when the clock strikes 12 October 14, but wherever we are there we will stop."

"We will sidetrack the train at Saturday midnight," said Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, the national president, "and the next day we will proceed to paint that part of the country white." It is not clear, however, that the long monotony of a quiet Sabbath on the sidetrack of the railroad in some desolate region of the far west will not dim the white appreciably. One may imagine things will look a little blue during the long wait. But the happy way has been found to avoid the dreadful deed of traveling on the Sabbath, and the end justifies the means of obtaining the object. The Sabbatharians will have the Sabbath all to themselves, and nobody to disturb them in their enjoyment of its absolute possession. The women are to be congratulated on the way the problem was solved.

#### Hard Times at Manila.

SIoux CITY, Ia., June 30.—P. S. Considine, a man exceptionally well informed concerning Philippine affairs, is a visitor in Sioux City. He was at Manila at the time of its capture by Admiral Dewey. Of existing conditions in the island, he said: "Of course, no one imagines that the boys have been having a play spell. But it is realized that there are whole regiments which can't line up to exceed twenty men to the company. Remember, most of the South Dakota, Kansas and Montana troops have been through fourteen hot fights under a broiling sun and in a murderous climate.

"It is a commonplace remark among the volunteers that their superiors' policy is to sacrifice them—kill them off, most of them call it—because they will not be long available, and the regulars' ranks must be kept unbroken in anticipation of the time they will be left alone.

"The volunteer officers generally feel differently from the men. Some of them are drawing better salaries than they ever got before, and have the additional incentive of prospective glory and promotion.

"Otis has made five separate and distinct campaigns, and each has absolutely failed of its avowed object—the destruction of Aguinaldo's army. The natives are as fresh and full of fight as ever, and Aguinaldo can get five times as many recruits as he can supply with arms."

#### How a Filipino Dies.

The general, in a white hat, was marching in advance of the firing line, when the discharge of a rifle was heard in the yard of a house next to the road. Several soldiers rushed into the yard, but not in time to prevent two more shots, which came whizzing in the direction of the general. At this moment I came to a break in the hedge where I could see what was going on. A young Filipino was about thirty yards off. He was turning this way and that like an animal at bay, thoroughly frightened. He had a rifle in his hand. It afterwards turned out that this rifle was choked. The soldiers were breaking down the high hedge to get in. Suddenly the Filipino made a run for life. He got through the hedge some way and dashed across an open field. Three shots followed, all of which took effect. The wounded man turned, ran sideways a few paces, lay down on the ground, and a second after was dead. I got a good sight of the whole incident, and so naturally did the Filipino stretch himself along the ground and rest his head upon his arm that I thought he was shamming. An examination a minute later proved that he was dead. There is this difference between the manner in which American and Filipino soldiers die—the American falls in a heap and dies hard; the Filipino stretches himself out, and when dead is always found in some easy attitude, generally with his head on his arms. They die the way a wild animal dies—in just such a position as one finds a deer or an antelope which one has shot in the woods.—John F. Bass, in Harper's Weekly.

#### What is a Spendthrift?

A Chicago court is just now engaged in seeking an answer to the question as to what constitutes a spendthrift.

The issue has arisen out of the Benedict will case, on trial in that city. Mrs. Benedict, who died in Paris, left an estate of \$600,000, to be held in trust for her son, out of which the young man received an annual income of \$20,000. He now sues for the whole estate, and the trustee resists, saying that Palmer is a spendthrift because he has spent \$100,000 in two years. The defense, in outlining the case, attempted to prove that the complainant lost \$50,000 in three months on the New York Stock Exchange.

Taken altogether, the question is a peculiar one. There are many men in Chicago who might give valuable information as to the spending of money. No doubt there would be a wide difference of opinion between the views of Joe Leiter, the great wheat plunger, and those of Mr. Dooly, who has become so famous through the writing of Mr. Dunn. Somewhere between the views of Leiter and Dooly we might find a safe line, beyond which the region of the spendthrift might be reached, and under which a character for thriftiness would be gained. There are millions of men throughout the United States today, who, in their anxiety to be counted conservative, are anxious to know if it would be safe for them to spend as much as \$50,000 a year. Of course there are those who would not pass the 50 cent limit; but these people are penurious.

#### A Cheap Trip to the Pacific Coast.

The National Education Association meeting at Los Angeles, Cal., is the occasion for the Southern Railway to put on the remarkably cheap rate of one fare for the round trip (plus \$2.00 Association Membership fee). This, in connection with the new palace tourist sleeping cars, operated over the Southern Railway and the Southern Pacific, a double berth in which costs only \$7.00, renders possible the cheapest and most enjoyable trip of the season. A particularly pleasant feature of this trip is that the tickets are good going one way and returning another; i. e., going via New Orleans and returning through Salt Lake City and Colorado; or by the payment of \$12.50 additional, the trip may be made returning through Portland, Ore.

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#### The Care of the Eyes.

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#### A Good Family Medicine.

W. Lee Wilmoth, Top of Alleghany, West Va., writes: "I have used Ramon's Liver Pills and Tonic Pellets for the past five years in my family. I do not hesitate to say that they are the best. They are mild in action, splendid in effect, besides being pleasant to take and requiring one only at a dose. To all who are unable to pay large doctor's bills I would say, always keep a box of Ramon's Liver Pills in the house to use in case of necessity. For sale by Howard Gardner.

#### An Apt Answer.

St. Mary's, W. Va., a little town, which has slumbered in a little valley for a century or so, has for fifty years had an unwritten law that no colored man should live within its boundaries. A negro cook located in the village a few days ago, and the populace have notified him to quit, besides attempting to mob him. The inhabitants of St. Mary's are evidently the same rugged old citizens who still vote for Andrew Jackson and have never heard that there had been a war.—Chicago Daily News.

It might be added that their views in regard to the colored brother are similar to those held in certain communities in Illinois, which now vote for McKinley and are fully aware of the fact that a war is in progress between the United States and a foreign people.—Charlotte Observer.

#### THE TORCH TO POWDER.

Touch a lighted torch to the contents of a powder mill and up it goes! But it isn't the torch that blows up the mill; it's the powder. The stuff is all ready to explode. It only needs one touch of fire to start it. When a man's blood is all ripe and ready for disease it only needs a little touch to start it going. Maybe he gets a slight cold, gets wet feet or sits in a draft; then off he goes into a galloping consumption. But it isn't the draft that does it; that only starts him. His blood was all ready for it in the first place. It was thick with bilious poisons; clogged with germs of disease all ready to be roused into fatal activity at the least touch.

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#### Notice by Publication.

NORTH CAROLINA. In the Superior Court, GUILFORD COUNTY. Action Concerning Real Estate. Domenica Luchi, Thomas Luchi, Raffaella Ravina and Bettina Francesco, vs. Giovanni Rossi, G. Emley Donnell, R. D. Patterson and wife Annie Patterson, W. H. Langon, J. F. Jordan and wife, Mary W. Jordan. In this action it appearing to the satisfaction of the court, by affidavit, that W. H. Langon, one of the defendants, cannot after due diligence be found in the state, but is a resident of the state of Pennsylvania; that said W. H. Langon is a proper and necessary party to said action; and that the nature of the action is real property, the purpose of the action being to determine the various interests of the parties thereto in two certain tracts of land situated in Guilford county, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of Ed. Lambeth, John Barker and others, and known as a part of the Donnell tract, containing 400 acres more or less; and to require the defendants to make and deliver to the plaintiffs good and sufficient titles to two hundred and twenty acres of said tract, in accordance with written agreements between the parties; and to exclude the said W. H. Langon from any interest or lien in the said 220 acres; It is ordered by the court that publication of this notice be made for six weeks in the GREENSBORO PATRIOT, a newspaper published in Guilford county, N. C., requiring the said W. H. Langon to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of Guilford county, to be held in the court house in Greensboro, on the 21st day of August, 1899, and then answer, answer or demur to the complaint herein to be filed, or the case will be proceeded with as if personal service of summons had been made upon the said W. H. Langon. Given under my hand at office at Greensboro in said county this 27th day of June, 1899. JNO. J. NELSON, C. S. C.

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