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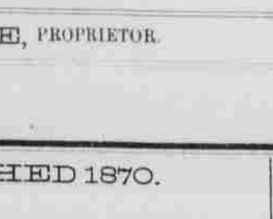

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THE SPAN OF LIFE.

IT IS GROWING LONGER.

Statistics Show Considerable Increase In Human Existence and Fifty Years is Now Considered As Middle Age.

From statistics and the result of certain changes in the methods of living we can safely affirm that the span of life is steadily lengthening. Three thousand years before the Christian era the average duration of life was said to be three score years and ten. This would make middle age come at thirty-five. Dante considered that year the middle of life's arch and Montaigne, speaking for himself at the same period of life, considered his real work practically ended and proved that he thought he was growing old by falling into the reminiscent age.

At the present time fifty years is considered as middle age. In the days of the Revolutionary War prominent men at that time were looked upon as old at fifty years. We are justified in supposing that the span of human life will be prolonged in the future because the possibility of living to an older age has been demonstrated by the great advances made in medicine and hygiene during the past ten years.

We have attained a vast amount of knowledge as to the causes of disease, and new remedies for their successful treatment have been discovered. We have no new diseases, at least, of any serious character, and we are better able to treat the old ones, which, like old foes, appear to us with new faces.

One of the most interesting and trustworthy statements in respect to old age is the report of the habits of centenarians, made some years ago by a commission appointed by the British Medical Association. Without going into particulars of the different cases, it is valuable to note, generally, the result of this investigation.

It seems that most of these old people were small or medium of stature and of spare habit of body. The voice was rarely feeble. Most of them had lost their teeth, but nearly all of them enjoyed good digestion, one old man of ninety-eight, a clergyman, placing his hand on the organ in question and saying that he never knew what it was to have a stomach. Nearly all of them had enjoyed uninterrupted good health, and many had never known what it was to be sick.

They were all very moderate in eating, most of them using little animal food. Few indulged at all in intoxicating drinks and those only in notable moderation. They took considerable outdoor exercise and nearly all possessed the good-natured, placid disposition.

Wonderful.

Norah, fresh from old Ireland, stared at the baby's toy balloon, which wavered at a place two or three inches higher than her head and was anchored to the back of a chair.

"Tis quare and wonderful entirely," she said, raising her hands, "to see it up and balancin its own self and it shtandin on a string!"—Youth's Companion.

In The Summer

Of life a woman may find herself fading and failing. She doesn't understand it. She goes to doctors, who treat her for this or for that, but she gets no better. She grows frail and pale. She can just "drag about the house," but has no pleasure in life. Many such women have taken advantage of Dr. Pierce's offer of *free consultation by letter*, and have been restored by Dr. Pierce's treatment to perfect health. There is no more wonderful medicine for women than Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Its action upon the womanly organs is at once apparent in the decrease of pain and the increase of strength. It cures female weakness and such diseases as take away the strength and beauty of women.

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NO SUCH THING AS A TIRED BRAIN.

When a Man Thinks His Brain Is Tired, It Is Really His Stomach That Is Overfed or Some Other Vital Point That Is Weakened.

Every man should have impressed upon him the fact that the human brain is capable of absolutely unlimited development. It can be developed more easily, more permanently than the muscles. Like the muscles, it is developed by exercise, but unlike them there is no limit to its possible development and there is no age limit to the growth of mental faculties.

If you go to a certain hotel in Chicago you will find at the door of the large dining room a colored gentleman who takes your hat, overcoat and umbrella. He gives you no ticket. When you walk out again, to your intense amazement he hands you your property, identifying you among hundreds of other guests and immediately associating you with the proper hat and coat.

In a big store in Twenty-third street, New York city, a small negro lad, 14 or 15 years old, works for a living. One day at that store this writer asked for a book apparently seldom purchased. Various dignified white men were asked about the book. They thought that they did not have it, but to make sure they asked the colored boy. Without a moment's hesitation he pointed out a certain balcony on the east side of the store and told exactly where the small volume could be found. Every one of the thousands of books in that store was located in a definite spot in that young negro's mind, despite the fact that he probably had seen the insides of very few of the volumes.

The two instances quoted are not unusual. They indicate merely the most superficial sort of development of one particular mental faculty, that of recollection. A more remarkable instance of such development was shown by Houdin, the French prestidigitator. He could pass a shop window containing perhaps scores of different articles, cast a glance at the window as he went by and enumerate without error everything in it from that one glance. Some men learn a score or more of languages.

Yet the greatest development of any human brain has never taxed even to the slightest degree the actual capacity of the mind.

No matter to what extent you may train your mental faculties, no matter how much you may use your brain, you will still be like the man who has spent 5 or 6 cents and has a million dollars in the bank.

We are justified in believing that we are destined to marvelous mental achievements in the future, when we consider the instrument of thought that has been given to us and which is so little used at present.

A scientist named Meinert calculates that the gray matter of the brain contains 600,000,000 cells.

This in itself seems quite complicated. If we only had one thought stored away in each cell, we would know quite a good deal.

But you must remember that each cell is divided into several thousand molecules separately divisible.

Every one of these molecules contains many millions of atoms. Unquestionably each separate atom plays its part in the working of the brain. Figuring on a very modest basis, you find that your brain contains 18,000,000,000,000,000,000 separate atoms.

The theory that the atom is an indivisible particle of matter, which is indicated by its name, meaning uncutible, is only a theory not by any means demonstrated. There is no reason to believe that there is any limit to the universe in the direction of bigness or littleness. What we call an atom may be in effect an invisible particle of matter or it may be a small universe in itself. However this may be, don't you think that with a brain organized as above you ought to be able to develop a good deal of mental energy and be quite free from any worry about overworking the machine which has been given to you to do your thinking.

When a man thinks his brain is tired, it is really his stomach that is overfed or some other vital point that is depleted or overloaded. Keep the rest of your body in good condition, and your brain will never feel any amount of work that you will be able to give.—New York Journal.

Quite Free.

"You sketch with a free hand, Miss Brownship," remarked the professor, who had been critically examining her portfolio.

"Entirely free," said the young lady as she cast down her eyes in soft confusion and waited for the professor to follow up the opening.

MAKING KISSES.

TOO METHODS SUGGESTED.

One Calls for Eggs, the Other Does Not—Take Your Choice.

In its "Hints to Housekeepers" department the Philadelphia Record gives the following receipe for making kisses:

"Kisses are made by beating the whites of three eggs until they are stiff and flaky; then sift over the eggs three quarters of a cup of powdered sugar. Mix the sugar in lightly with a knife. Cover a board with paper, drop the mixture on it by spoonfuls, and place in a hot closet or oven, with the door open, for half an hour. Then remove from the oven and let dry one hour. To make them successfully a moderate heat is required."

The individual who conducts "The Man on the Corner" column of the Germantown Independent-Gazette declares the above is wrong and submits the following:

A bachelor friend, after reading the above, rises to remark that in an experience of some years he has had no occasion to use eggs in the business or to mix in any sugar. There is, he says, no use for a knife and fork, the oven isn't in it, and the door should be shut rather than open, with the curtains down. In fact, he doesn't like the recipe, and offers one of his own, which he thinks is much more satisfactory. Now, then, listen:

"Take one girl. Plump, with a peachy complexion, tender straight nose, lips the color of a ripe watermelon's heart, big brown or delicate blue eyes, and a finely rounded chin. Entice your scarf pin to begin to come out of your necktie, or ostensibly make a mess of pinning a buttonhole bouquet on the lapel of your coat. When she offers to help you accept with a look of grateful surprise. Watch your chance, and when she strikes a snag in replacing the scarf pin, or her taper fingers tremble as she tries to adjust the boutonniere, when the watermelon lips are at a minimum distance, and the brown eyes are pleadingly and persistently looking below the level of yours as if trying not to be caught by your gaze——"

Well, if you don't know the rest, all the newspapers that ever were printed couldn't teach you.

LA GRIPPE QUICKLY CURED.

In the winter of 1898 and 1899 I was taken down with a severe attack of what is called La Grippe, says F. L. Hewett, a prominent druggist of Winfield, Ill. The only medicine I used was two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It broke up the cold and stopped the coughing like magic, and I have never since been troubled with Grippe. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy can always be depended upon to break up a severe cold and ward off any threatened attack of pneumonia. It is pleasant to take, too, which makes it the most desirable and one of the best preparations in use for these ailments. For sale by W. M. Cohen, druggist.

Willie—Pa, what's a fixed star? Pa (formerly an actor)—A fixed star, I suppose, is one who gets his salary regularly.

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This disease always results from a cold or an attack of the grip and may be prevented by the timely use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. That remedy was extensively used during the epidemics of La Grippe of the past few years, and not a single case has ever been reported that did not recover or that resulted in pneumonia, which shows it to be a certain preventive of that dangerous disease. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has gained a world wide reputation for its cure of colds and grip. For sale by W. M. Cohen, druggist.

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BEECHER TO HIS SON.

JUST STARTING IN LIFE.

The Great Preacher Lays Down Some Excellent Rules Which Ought To Be Read and Preserved by All Our Readers.

Here is a letter which the great preacher, Henry Ward Beecher, wrote to his son who had just gone from home to begin business for himself. It ought to be read, clipped out, and preserved by all our readers:

My Dear Herbert:—You are now for the first time really launched into life for yourself. You go from your father's house and from all family connections to make your own way into the world. It is a good time to make a new start, to cast out faults for whose evil you have had an experience, and to take on habits, the wants of which you have found to be so damaging.

1. You must not go into debt. Make it a fundamental rule—cash or nothing.

2. Make few promises. Religiously observe even the smallest promise. A man who means to keep his promise can not afford to make many.

3. Be scrupulously careful in all statements. Accuracy and perfect frankness, no guesswork. Either nothing or accurate truth.

4. When working for others sink yourself out of sight, seek their interest. Make yourself necessary to those who employ you by industry, fidelity and scrupulous integrity. Selfishness is fatal.

5. Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anybody else expects of you. Demand more of yourself than anybody else expects of you. Keep your personal standard high. Never excuse yourself to yourself; never pity yourself; be lenient to everybody else.

6. Concentrate your force on your proper business; do not turn off. Be constant, steadfast and persevering.

7. The art of making one's fortune is to spend nothing. In this country any intelligent and industrious young man may become rich if he stops all leaks and is not in a hurry. Do not make haste; be patient.

8. Do not speculate or gamble. You go to a city where everybody is excited and strives to make money suddenly, largely and without working for it. They blow soap bubbles. Steady, patient industry is both the surest and the safest way. Greediness and haste are two devils that destroy thousands every year.

9. I beseech you to correct one fault—severe speech of others. Never speak evil of any man, no matter what the facts may be. Hasty fault-finding and severe speech of absent people is not honorable, is apt to be unjust and cruel, makes enemies to yourself and is wicked.

10. If by integrity, industry and well earned success you deserve well of your fellow citizens, they may in years to come ask you to accept honors. Do not seek, do not receive them while you are young—wait; but when you are established you may make your father's name known with honor in halls of legislation.

Lastly, do not forget your father's and your mother's God. Because you will be largely deprived of church privileges you need all the nerve to keep your heart before God. But do not despise small churches and humble preachers. "Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate." Read often the Proverbs, the precepts and duties enjoined the New Testament. May your father's God go with you and protect you."

Mothers.

Mothers are the queerest things!
'Member when John went away,
All but mother cried and cried
When they said good-by that day.
She just talked and seemed to be
Not the slightest bit upset—
Was the only one who smiled!
Others' eyes were streaming wet,
But when John came back again
On a furlough safe and sound
With a medal for his deeds
And without a single wound,
While the rest of us hurrahed,
Laughed and joked and danced about
Mother kissed him, then she cried—
Cried and cried like all git out!

—E. L. Sabin, in The Century.

Nothing is more disgraceful than insincerity.

To those whose god is honor, disgrace alone is sin.

This is the parlor, eh? tentatively remarked the house agent, who was looking over the house. Yes, replied Jones, but I usually call it the courtroom; I've got seven daughters, you know.

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THE STAR IN THE EAST.

ONLY A FEW SAW IT.

And when the Star Stood Over where the Young Child was the Wise Men Rejoiced with Exceeding Great Joy.

"And when the wise men had heard King Herod they departed; and lo, the star which they saw in the east went before them, until it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."

We do not see the star.

We are too busy with our business; we are involved with other affairs; we do not look out of the window; we do not look forth unto God. It is not dark enough yet to turn our attention away from the world to the heavens with their shining lights. We are so anxious to recover from some temporary evil, or some little difficulty that is of no special account.

How few look up into the heavens. Not one out of a hundred can tell what now is the evening star or the morning star. People are just as indifferent in looking up at the religious heavens as they are in looking up to the stars above us.

We were crossing the desert years ago from Egypt, and on our way we lost the compass. I think we found it afterwards. But we went into camp because we could not tell where we were going, as the sky was cloudy. The guide said: "The clouds never remain over the skies at night in the desert. Then we will travel by the stars. When I can see the north star it is just as good to me as a compass." Instead of travelling by day, we travelled through the night and had the north star for our guide.

Did you ever think, in reading the story of Jesus Christ, that it was only a few wise men who saw the star. Only a few of us are wise enough now to see that the love of a child is worth more than a fortune. To have the family gathered around one's board is a boon more valuable than all fame or kingdoms. Only a very few wise men really see this star. The politician is too busy, the merchant is much engaged, the innkeeper is attending upon his earthly guests. Of the wise men there were only seven.—From a sermon by Russell H. Conwell.

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First Passenger—What book has helped you most in life?

Second Passenger—The city directory.

First Passenger—The city directory?

Second Passenger—Yes; I'm a bill collector.—Syracuse Herald.

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CATARRH

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