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It is said that in the Cornell library of 40,000 volumes there is not a single work of fiction.

An Iowa woman gave her husband morphine to cure him of chewing tobacco. It cured him, but she is doing her own plowing.

There have died of yellow fever at Memphis this year 494 persons. Last year, 8,067 persons died of the disease during the same time.

David Stanton, a Welshman, is the originator of long distance bicycle riding. He astonished the Englishmen with 1,000 miles in six days.

The old-fashioned well sweep still finds favor in New Hampshire, where all the women are left-handed and all the pumps are made the other way.

After smoking all her life, Miss Ruth Richmore of Brownington, Vt., gives up her pipe, believing it is injuring her health. She is 94 years old.

The strike of the Brooklyn, N. Y. longshoremen has virtually ended. Messrs. Woodruff & McLearn, the largest employing firm, have agreed to pay the men at the rate of twenty-five cents per hour.

Henry Wells, the founder of Wells College, at Aurora, N. Y., died in straitened circumstances, and his fine residence and rare collection of paintings and statuary are soon to be sold.

A curious cave is discovered at Mineral King, Nevada. The door is covered with stalactites of iron, formed by droppings of ferruginous water. They bear resemblance to branching plants; when touched they crumble.

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James Dobbins's way home, at Kansas River Bottom, took him past Micheal Burnes's house. Burnes emerged with a cocked revolver in his hand, and said, "Jim, I want that \$80 you owe me." Dobbins replied, "I can't pay you, but I'll lick you if you'll throw down that shooter." Burnes would not disarm himself, so Dobbins hurriedly procured a revolver from a neighbor, and the duel was begun without delay. Seven bullets were quickly lodged in the two men, and then, although mortally wounded, they fought with fists and clubs until too weak to stir. Both died soon afterward.

The discovery of silk is attributed to one of the wives of the celebrated Emperor of China, Hoangti, who reigned about two thousand years before the Christian era, and since that time a special spot has always been allotted in the garden of the Chinese royal palace to the cultivation of the mulberry tree—called in Chinese the "golden tree"—and to the keeping of silk worms. The first silk dress mentioned in history was made not for a sovereign nor a pretty woman, but for the monster in human shape, Hellgobalus. Persian monks who came to Constantinople revealed to the Emperor Justinian the secret of the production of silk, and gave him some silkworms. From

Greece the art passed into Italy at the end of the thirteenth century. When the Popes left Rome to settle at Avignon, France, they introduced into that country the secret which had been kept by the Italians; and then Louis XI., established at Tours a manufactory of silk fabrics. Francis I. founded the Lyons silk works, which to this day have kept the first rank. Henry II., of France, wore the first pair of silk hose ever made, at the wedding of his sister.

There is a little cotton mill in Westminster, Ga., which takes the cotton from the pod on the plantation where it grows and converts it by a simple and inexpensive process into yarn. By this transformation the cotton is increased in value from three to seventeen cents a pound. This is not the only advance, as the cotton, if not made into yarn, must be taxed for ginning, compressing, bagging, tying, weighing, storage, wharfage, and other transportation charges. The advantage of the new process is so apparent that the cotton planters seriously propose to establish just such mills among their plantations as a preparatory step to the establishment of cotton cloth manufactories, to compete with those of New England. This method is certainly great improvement over those that prevailed fifty years ago, before the railroad era. Then there was a mill of 400 spindles at Mill Springs, Ky. The planters of that day would haul their cotton from as far south as Huntsville, Ala., to the mill. After it was spun into yarn it was again hauled to Louisville and exchanged for goods, which were conveyed in wagons to the spot where the cotton grew.

WONDERFUL SURGERY.

The Manner in Which a Texas Girl is Kept Alive.

The San Antonio correspondent of the Galveston News tells the following story of a wonderful surgical operation recently performed in that city. About two years ago Mr. S. T. Lumley, at that time living in Pennsylvania had the misfortune to have his little daughter Jessie drink a solution of lye, which a negro woman had carelessly left on the table. A large quantity of the corrosive liquid was swallowed. Death is the certain result in such cases. There have been quite a number of cases in San Antonio, where children drink concentrated lye, and none have survived except in that instance. The lye destroys the mucous membrane, and a stricture of the œsophagus is formed, which means that the throat, or at least the channel through which the food goes into the stomach, is drawn together or contracted to such a degree that only liquids, and not much of them, can pass through.

Such was the condition of the little girl, Jessie Lumley, when she was brought to San Antonio for treatment. The girl was very much emaciated, could not swallow even liquid for four days at a time. As it was the only chance she had for life, her parents consented that the operation of making an opening in the stomach should be attempted. An incision four inches long was made a few inches to the left of the pit of the stomach, much stitching being required. Through this incision the stomach is reached. The next part of the operation required the most delicate handling imaginable. It consisted in sewing the stomach to the walls of the abdomen, but the greatest care had to be taken not to penetrate the stomach itself. The needle and stitches only penetrated the skin of the stomach. The result is that the stomach as the wound gradually healed, grew to the walls of the abdomen.

The patient was put under the influence of chloroform, and the operation successfully performed. Unfortunately the child had an attack of chills and fever, which had to be cured, which gave it a setback. The operation described took place three weeks

ago—The stomach grew on the sides of the abdomen, and eight days ago the first operation of making a small incision into the stomach, through which the food was to pass, was performed, and twice a day during the past week a beef-steak cut up fine has been passed with the forceps into the stomach, and the child is steadily gaining strength.

The following additional facts may be of interest to the medical fraternity and others interested: No particle of solid food has passed through the child's throat since the accident. A grain of rice nearly strangles her. Milk is also injected into the stomach through the opening. The only possible danger is from the wound closing up hence it is kept open with cotton. At first a plug of expansive cotton was used. There is no reason why the child should not become stout and healthy. The food digests readily, just as if chewed and swallowed. To the inquiry if this mode of taking nourishment would have to be kept up through life a definite answer was given, as it depends on the possibility of reducing the stricture of the throat.

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