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A little tear and a little smile Set out to run a race; We watched them closely all the while, Their course was baby's face. The little tear he got the start We really feared he'd win; He ran so fast, and made a dash Straight for her dimpled chin. But somehow—it was very queer, We watched them all the while—The little, shining, fretful tear Got beaten by the smile.

GIVE!

"Give as you would if an angel Awaited your gift at the door; Give as you would if to-morrow Found you where waiting was o'er; Give as you would to the Master If you met His searching look; Give as you would of your substance If His hand your offering took."

The Exploits of Diving Birds.

Engineers have often announced that submarine vessels would some day acquire a speed much greater than that of ordinary ships. The diving birds furnish us with a powerful argument in support of this opinion, for they move with surprising rapidity under water. The penguin, for example, can neither fly nor walk, but hops along as if its legs were tied together. Nor does it swim, for it literally flies under water. When, at the Zoological Garden of London, the keeper brings food to these birds, a sudden transformation is witnessed. The bird, which is heavy and awkward, suddenly becomes a superb and rapid creature, covered with globules of silver formed by the air imprisoned in its plumage, and flying in the depths of the placid water with a rapidity of evolution that is unknown in aerial flight. The motion of its wings is identical with that of ordinary flight, and its feet, extended in a line with its body, serve neither as oars nor as rudders. Steering is effected through the acceleration of the wings at the expense of the other. The fish thus chased is captured and swallowed without any retardation of the speed of the bird being visible. The cormorant, on the contrary swims with his feet, which act like the paddle boards of the wheel of a steamboat. Yet the conditions of the submarine medium are so exceptionally favorable that the speed obtained therein by the cormorant is three or four times greater than that which it makes upon the surface.

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Unwelcome Discoveries.

Modern science has made many a wonderful discovery, but unfortunately not all of its discoveries are welcome. It has revealed the beautiful processes of nature, but it has also revealed her destroying agencies. The more closely man has studied, the more complicated has he found conditions and the more dangers has he recognized. Where all is outwardly lovely, he has found inward harm. The microscope has disclosed minute horrors, none less horrible because minute. The telescope, as it sweeps the heavens with its farseeing eye, has foretold stupendous catastrophes. Much that was thought beneficial has been proved dangerous, and much that was thought harmless has been proved fatal. It has been demonstrated that hand in hand with benefits stalk injuries. Great good is always attended by satellites of little evils.

Years ago people lived in calm confidence that whatever is, is right. They had faith in all things. To-day people have faith in nothing. They are like pilgrims walking through the valley of the shadow of death, feeling thick about them their horrors they could not see. They have learned that the very air, once considered a life-giving nectar, is peopled with ferocious microbes seeking whom they may devour. They imagine their insidious enemies perched on restaurant chairs, sitting atill on the passing coin, flying from shoulder to shoulder in the jostling crowd. They have learned that the water they drink swarms with life and carries germs of dread disease. They have learned that one article of food is bad for the nerves, another heats the blood, another is hard to digest, and so on through all known menus. They have learned that imperfect sanitation and ventilation endanger health, and that proper conditions are, moreover, very rarely attained. Nor is it in every-day affairs alone that science has pointed out the dangers that await man.

Through all the realm of human interests it has conjured up evils. Its warning runs the gamut of calamities from the danger of not exercising enough up to the danger of the race multiplying too fast for the earth to support it and the equally dramatic danger of the earth flying from its orbit and rushing into the warm embrace of the sun. Sensitive souls are reduced to a state of abject terror when they think of the small chance man has of life, health, and prosperity, in the face of these orgies of science. What shall they eat, wherewithal shall they be clothed, what can they in safety do, when in all things lurk death and disaster? They dare not indulge their pet weakness for coffee. They eschew their favorite dainties. They fear to come in contact with their fellows or to touch the railing, counter, or ear-strap, touched alike by all sorts and conditions of men. They fear contagion in the doctor's office and blood poisoning from his knife. They fear a thousand things in daily life. Meanwhile they still live.

Certainly science has evolved much truth, and its warnings are worth the heeding. But the warnings of science, like all other advice, should be referred to a judicious committee on common sense. It should be remembered that doctors sometimes disagree, and the verdict of one of authority, or a half dozen, is not necessarily the verdict of science. Moreover, a truth may be too sweepingly applied. Circumstances and individuals differ, and what will hold good in one case needs modification in another. It seems to the hardened and incredulous that if life be really so beset with dangers, it is passing strange that generation after generation should have lived and thrived in their midst, and this also without a knowledge of their existence. If our ancestors, knowing nothing of these wonderful discoveries of hidden evil, managed to avoid the pitfalls, why not we? Does mere knowledge of danger make one more susceptible to its effects? Where is the wisdom that should accompany increasing knowledge? Natural living and confidence in nature are the best safeguards against such evils. Common sense is the best of disinfectants and work the best of remedies.

WE ARE DWINDLING AWAY.

By 4,000 A. D. Only Lilliputians Will Inhabit The Earth.

A French statistician who has been studying the military and other records, with a view of determining the height of men at different periods, has reached some wonderful results.

A Frenchman is naturally an artist even in figures. A German might content himself with a dry arithmetic compilation; but this artist carries his statistics into the realm of history and of poetry, and even of prophecy. He has not only solved some perplexing problems in regard to the past of the human race, but also is enabled to calculate its future, and to determine the exact period when man will disappear from the earth.

The recorded facts extend over nearly three centuries. It is found that in 1610 the average height of men was 1.75 metres, or say 5 feet 9 inches. In 1790 it was 5 feet 6 inches. In 1820 it was 5 feet 5 inches and a fraction.

At the present time it is 5 feet 3 3/4 inches. It is easy to deduce from these figures a rate of regular and gradual decline in human stature, and then apply this, working backwards and forwards, to the past and to the future, by this calculation it is determined that the stature of the first men attained the surprising average of 16 feet 9 inches.

The race had already deteriorated in the days of Og, while Goliath was a quite degenerate offspring of the giants. Coming down to later times we find that at the beginning of our era the average height of man was 9 feet and in the time of Charlemagne it was 8 feet 8 inches, a fact quite sufficient to account for the heroic deeds of the Paladins. But the most astonishing result of this scientific study comes from the application of the same inexorable law of diminution to the future.

The calculation shows that by the year 4,000 A. D., the stature of the average man will be reduced to fifteen inches. At that epoch there will be only Lilliputians.

What to Read and How.

A young man found that he could read with interest nothing but sensational stories. The best books were placed in his hands, but they were not interesting. One afternoon, as he was reading a foolish story, he overheard one say: "That boy is a great reader; does he read anything that is worth reading?"

"No," was the reply; "his mind will run out if he keeps on reading after present fashion. He used to be a sensible boy till he took to reading nonsense and nothing."

The boy sat still for a time; then arose, threw the book in the ditch, went up to the man who said that his mind would run out, and asked him if he would let him have a good book to read.

"Will you read a good book if I will let you have one?"

"Yes, sir."

"It will be hard work for you."

"I will do it."

"Well, come home with me, and I will lend you a good book."

He went with him, and received a volume of Franklin's works.

"There," said the man, "read that, and come and tell me what you have read."

The lad kept his promise. He found it hard work to read the simple and wise sentences of the philosopher, but he persevered. The more he read, and the more he talked with his friend about what he read, the more interested he became. Ere long he felt no desire to read the feeble and foolish books in which he had formerly delighted. He derived a great deal more pleasure from reading good books than he had ever derived from reading poor ones. Besides, his mind began to grow. He began to be spoken of as an intelligent, promising young man.

No Experiments.

A French lady, staying in America for some time, was wrestling with the English language. She had made very good progress, she thought, and one day accepted an invitation to dine.

As the dinner went on to her satisfaction a dish that was new to her. Not fancying its appearance, she declined it, saying:

"Ah! thanks, no, monsieur. I eat only acquaintances."

"You don't seem to admire young Lankins," said one girl.

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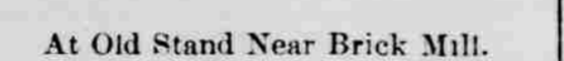
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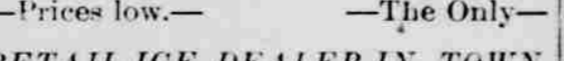
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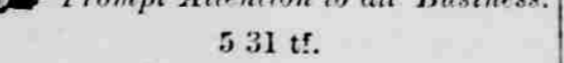
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