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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Observations of Passing Events.

THE "New York Press" recently published information concerning a discovery, made accidentally by two young women of the St. Louis fashionable set, which, if true, is destined, perhaps, to change somewhat the present construction and use of the telephone.

According to the "Press" it is not necessary to place the lips near the transmitter of a telephone to be heard at the other end, provided the transmitter be placed firmly against the chest and one speaks in a natural tone. Experiments developed the fact that conversation can be carried on with the transmitter placed on any part of the body even on the top of the head or the knee. The directions are simple—place the transmitter firmly against the chest and speak in a clear, conversational tone. The reason for this is quite simple. The sound vibrations in the lungs are communicated through the chest instead of the lips, and thence carried over the wire in the usual way. This "chest system" is well known to the physician through the use of the stethoscope. This will be a great relief to the man who is accustomed to yell into his telephone, as though he thought the volume should be in proportion to the distance.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL AINSWORTH in his recent report expressed the opinion that the United States will eventually be forced to resort to compulsory military service, unless other means are found to check the steady and rapid depletion of our army and to keep it up to the required strength.

We do not have to go to this report to realize the truth, for recruiting officers have been located in many places in North Carolina for the past year, and the government has held out bright possibilities for recruits. One of the strictest principles of our government has always been the absence of large standing armies in times of peace; nor did we hear of a dearth of soldiers before our government assumed its policy of expansion. Now we need soldiers, not for home troops, but to defend our island possessions, especially the Philippines. The Democratic party and the South generally opposed the acquisition of these islands, as a departure from fundamental principles, and their views are being forcibly justified by this suggestion of the Adjutant-General. Of course we can never have conscription in America, except for the defence of our native shores. It would be absurd to think of such a thing in "this land of the free." So, we must eventually relinquish those troublesome islands, hire troops, or leave them defenseless.

ON May 8, 1907, Mr. Louis Brennan amazed the world by exhibiting to the Royal Society in London a wonderful piece of mechanism. The invention consists of a car that runs on a single rail standing erect like a bicycle in motion, and remaining equally stable when at rest.

If a weight is placed on one side, instead of leaning that way, the car rises higher. If pushed on one side the resistance of the car can be actually felt. The car follows curves—even short ones—with ease and swiftness. Mr. Brennan, the inventor, is an Irishman by birth. As a youth he is said to have been a dreamer, and his fifty-five years have been largely spent in trying to materialize this idea of a one-rail train. Now it seems that his dream has been realized. If this proves true, in a few more years, our entire system of transportation will have been changed; for Mr. Brennan claims wonderful possibilities for this new system. Each car, he says, will be two hundred feet in length by thirty feet in width. Each train will consist of six cars, and weigh with its load about a thousand tons—all balanced on a single rail. Of its speed, the inventor, himself, says: "In speed we shall surpass all that the world has known; for with friction reduced to a minimum and side-thrusts practically eliminated, there is no reason why our monorail trains should not make one hundred and twenty, one hundred and fifty, or even two hundred miles an hour with absolute steadiness and far more safety than is possible on existing trains. I may add that ideal smooth running will be secured by having a continuous line of wheels under each car, a single line, of course, so that the whole train will rest on a single line of wheels." We will wonder still more when we think that this enormous rate the trip from New York to San Francisco can be made in a single day—and all this with less discomfort than that attendant upon a trip on an ocean steamer, and far less danger than that in present double-rail travel.

THE world has been slow to receive scientific truths, and incredulous about the success of their application to new inventions. Columbus was long treated as a fanatic and a fool, Harvey was almost persecuted, Fulton's steam-boat was ridiculed. So often had men been mistaken in their skepticisms, the latter half of the past century saw them throw their doubts to the winds and prepare to believe almost anything.

So, a few years ago, when Marconi announced the success of his wireless telegraph, men shook their heads and remained silent, believing the impossibility of flashing messages from one continent to another with no tangible medium, yet fearing to dispute it; to-day the principles of the wireless telegraph are as easily understood as those of the Morse system. Thus it will be with the one-rail car, when men have taken the time to look into a well-known principle of mechanics—the principle of the spinning top. Men found it in the motions of the earth and applied it to this toy of our childhood; they used it in the making of the bicycle; they later applied it to that curious toy, the gyroscope. Now, Brennan has applied it to the balancing of the one-rail car. To him who will study the gyroscope, Brennan's car is as simple as the turning of a full pail, at the end of a rope, without losing the contents. This balancing device consists in two parallel wheels revolving in opposite directions inside a vacuum. That principle, which tends to throw the revolutions of the wheel parallel with the greater circular motion of the car on a curve, is counteracted by the motion of another wheel moving in an opposite direction. But what is now so easily understood required years of constant thought on the part of our inventor. Great truths when once grasped become so simple that we wonder how one could have spent years in applying them to our needs, and Brennan has applied one more of God's laws to the machinery of man, and fifty years more will have made his invention a necessity of modern civilization.

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Jenny's Lesson.

(Exchange.)

"Jenny," said a very tired mother to her daughter one afternoon, "will you help me sew this braid on your sister's dress?"

"Oh, mother how can you ask me to help you when you know that it takes all my time to make those pictures?"

"What pictures?" inquired her mother.

"Why, a lot of us girls met yesterday at Kate Eaton's house, and formed a club—we call it the Busy Worker's because we are making pictures for the poor sick children in the New York Hospital. Do you not think it a good plan?"

"Perhaps it is," said her mother absently.

So Jenny, leaving her mother to sew on the braid, started upstairs to make pictures. She had not been up there very long when Katie Eaton came in.

"Well, Kate," said Jenny, "I thought you were never coming."

"I would have been here sooner, but we had company for dinner, and Chloe had so many dishes to wash that I stayed to help her."

"Well, Kate Eaton, you shock me! The very idea of your helping your servant," said Jenny, very much surprised.

"Now, look here, Jenny, didn't we girls form a club, and each promise that we would do all we could to help others?"

"Well, that hasn't anything to do with helping servants wash dishes," said Jenny.

"Yes it has, too. I couldn't go out trying to help other people, all the time knowing that mother or some of the servants would be glad for my help. Do you think you could?"

After a pleasant afternoon, at tea time Kate went home. As soon as she was gone, Jenny came downstairs, and went to find her mother.

"Mother," she said, "have you the braid sewed on Nettie's dress yet?"

"No," replied her mother, "I have not been able to get it done."

"Then I will help you, mother, and then work for any others I can help."

And after that Jenny always helped outsiders all she could.

Eat More Candy.

"Give children plenty of pure sugar, taffy and butterscotch and they'll have little need of cod-liver oil," says Dr. Woods Hutchinson in the Christmas Woman's Home Companion.

In short, sugar is, after meat, bread and butter, easily our next most important and necessary food. You can put the matter to a test very easily. Just leave off the pie, pudding or other desserts at your lunch or mid-day dinner. You'll be astonished to find how quickly you'll feel 'empty' again, and how 'unfinished' the meal will seem. You can't get any working man to accept a dinner pail without pie in it. And he's absolutely right. The only thing that can take the place of sugar here is beer or wine. It is a significant fact that the free-lunch counters run in connection with bars furnish every imaginable thing except sweets. Even the restaurants and lunch grills attached to saloons or bars often refuse to serve desserts of any sort. They know their business! The more sugar and sweets a man takes at a meal, the less alcohol he wants. Conversely, nearly every drinking man will tell you that he has lost his taste for sweets. The more candy a nation consumes, the less alcohol.

"The United States government buys pure candy by the ton and ships it to the Philippines to be sold at cost to the soldiers in the canteens. All men crave it in the tropics, and the more they get of it, the less 'vino' and whiskey they want."

"In fine, the prejudice against sugar is born of puritanism and stinginess, equal parts. Whatever children cry for MUST be bad for them, according to the pure doctrine of original sin; besides, it costs money. I know families in the rural districts yet where the head of the family groans over every dollar's worth of sugar that comes into the house as a sinful and 'unwholesome' luxury."

A DANGEROUS DEADLOCK, that sometimes terminates fatally, is the stoppage of liver and bowel functions. To quickly end this condition without disagreeable sensations, Dr. King's New Life Pills should always be your remedy. Guaranteed absolutely satisfactory in every case or money back, at E. T. Whitehead Co.'s drug store, 25c.

CANCER AND MEAT-EATING.

Chicago Investigations Appear to Establish Close Connection.

(Current Literature.)

Nothing could seem more definite than the connection between cancer and the practice of eating inferior meat traced by Dr. G. Cooke Adams in a series of statistical studies given out last month by the Chicago board of health. "There cannot be the slightest doubt," to employ the positive language of this expert British investigator, "that the great increase in cancer among the foreign-born in Chicago over the prevalence of that disease in their native country is due to the increased consumption of animal foods, particularly those derived from diseased animals." This conclusion substantiates the original deductions made by Dr. Adams from investigations conducted in Australia and London, and extended over a number of years. The foreign-born in Chicago are enabled through higher rates of wages to indulge in a meat diet denied them in Europe. They make use of the supplies derived from condemned animals and from the canned products or establishments handling tuberculosis and diseased cattle. This increase in cancer is accelerated by the influx of foreigners willing to eat even inferior grades of meat. So much may be demonstrated, insisted Dr. Adams, by a study of the vital statistics of any American city. The tables for Chicago give striking results. In that city, according to official figures, between 1856 and 1866 there was an increase in the death rate from cancer of 680 per cent., while from 1866 to 1905 the increase was 232 per cent. The mere percentages would be misleading did we not know that in 1856 but one in each 1,000 deaths was from cancer, whereas, in 1866 this had increased to one in each 164. In 1905 it was one in twenty-three deaths, while in 1906 one death in every 21.0 was due to this disease.

Ken. Claude Kitchin's Seat in the House.

A Washington reporter to the News and Observer has the following to say of Claude Kitchin's seat in the House of Representatives:

When the perfunctory organization of the House was over, the allotment of seats to members began. The drawing for seats, which was a game of chance, was followed with much interest. Representatives Claude Kitchin and Webb were the luckiest members of the delegation.

Mr. Kitchin's name was called soon after the drawing began and he had the choice of nearly all the desirable seats in the House. The representative from the Second selected an end seat in the middle aisle facing the speaker. He is immediately behind Minority Leader John Sharp Williams and directly across the aisle from Representative Burton, of Ohio. No North Carolinian has had such a well located seat in years. Representative Webb has an aisle seat excellently located.

On the Way.

On the way to meetin', Blossoms rainin' down, Love felt like he was goin' To halleluia town.

For I said the word to Sally, An' she didn't tell me no. An' then my heart sang "Praise the Lord, From whom all blessings flow!" —Atlanta Constitution.

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The Faithful One.

(Frank L. Stanton in Uncle Remus Magazine.)

In the storm and the strife, when lightnings of life Had blasted my deepest endeavor,

She crept to my side when the last hope had died, And whispered: "I love you forever!"

And the bitter unrest of a grief-stricken breast Saw a star through the black shadows living,

That is wounded, and yet is forgiving!

And sorrow now seems but a phantom of dreams, And Peace shall depart from me never;

O'er Life's Valley of Sighs, see! the light in the skies!— For she whispers: "I love you forever!"

To Hurt Your Town.

(Exchange.)

Fight on the street. Oppose improvement. Mistrust public men. Run the town down to strangers. Go to some other town to trade. Refuse to advertise in your paper.

Do not invest a cent; lay out your money elsewhere. Be particular to distrust the motives of public spirited men. Lengthen your face when a stranger speaks of locating in your town.

If a man wants to buy your property ask him two prices for it. If he wants anybody else's, interfere and discourage him.

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Congress may give relief, but it will be some time before we'll be relieved of Congress.—Atlanta Constitution.

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