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The Cause of Many Sudden Deaths.

There is a common error in this world... Many sudden deaths are caused by the heart disease...

AFRICAN WITCH DOCTORS.

They Make Themselves, Like Their Idols, as Hideous as Possible. The most important period of the young African's life is that between youth and manhood...

OLD BLUE-BACK SPELLERS.

Can Kaseck Get a Whole Army of General School Spellers in Short Order. Not long ago, the Chronicle sent a graded school graduate to the State University with special instructions to buckle down to the art of spelling...

The North Carolina Appropriations.

Congress makes the following appropriations for North Carolina rivers and creeks: Manteo Bay (for maintenance) \$1,000. Beaufort Harbor, \$5,000. Beaufort Inlet, \$10,000. Morehead City Harbor, \$1,000. Approaches to Albemarle Canal, \$3,000. Scuppernon River, \$2,000. Fishing Creek, \$1,500. Bay River, \$1,000. Contentnea Creek, \$2,000. Neuse and Trent Rivers (consolidated) \$10,000. Swift Creek, \$500. Inland Waterway and Pamlico Sound to Beaufort Inlet \$2,000. New River, including waterway between Beaufort Harbor and New River and between New River and Swansboro, \$7,500. Cape Fear River, above Wilmington (open channel work) \$12,000. Cape Fear River, above Wilmington (locks and dams) \$50,000. A new project for Pamlico and Tar Rivers, which provides for a channel ten feet deep and 200 feet wide below Washington, and six feet deep and 75 feet wide from Washington to Greenville, \$97,500. Proposed waterway connecting Pamlico river through Goose creek to Jones Bay; Shelter river; New river; Jack-creeper to head of navigation; Bogue Sound, a new project to connect Morehead harbor with channel of Bogue Sound and for forming basin in front of Morehead City; Lumber river, as far as Lumberton; improving approaches to Cape Channel; Newbegin river; Belhaven harbor.

WITH THE GREENSBORO NORMAL GIRLS

On May-Day—The May—A May—A May Gosling—May Charms. (1) In England the white thorn, or hawthorn, is always called "the May." Spenser wrote: "O that I were there To help the ladies their May-bush braid!" Sir Phillip Sidney: "With merry a Maying go." Davies: "Enwreathing garlands of balmy May." "Come," says Herrick, "and coming mark How each field turns a street, and each street a park. Made green and trimmed with trees; see how Devotion gives each house a bough Or branch; each porch, each door, ere this, An ark, a tabernacle is Wade up of white thorn neatly inter-twerve." From an old carol: "We have been rambling all this night And almost all this day, And now returning back again, We have brought you a bunch of May. A branch of May we have brought you, And at your door it stands, It is but a sprout, but it's well budded out, By the work of our good Lord's hands." (2) In France "a May" was a little girl. Because May is the month of flowers and the month consecrated to the Virgin Mary—in Brazil to-day it is called the month of May—the young girls of each quarter united to celebrate its return. They chose a pretty child, dressed her beautifully in white, crowned her with flowers and placed her on a throne of foliage, with a sceptre in her hand. She was a May, a virgin of lovely days, flowers, and green branches, a goddess who neither distinguished nor recognized the profane crowd. Little English girls used to carry from house to house a doll dressed in white and adorned with garlands. They sang May-carols and called the doll their "May." Among older persons all the festival was sometimes referred to as the May. A royal household account shows this entry: "To the Maydens of Lambeth for a May, 10 s." The "Disbursements" of the Priory of St. Mary in Huntingdon: "Given to the wyves of Herford for the making of there May," etc. (3) In northern England all sorts of merry pranks were played on May 1st, just as we make April Fools. The person fooled was a May-gosling. "Merry time it is in May, The fable singeth her lay." "In time of May, the nightingale In woods maketh merry gale (melody) So doth the fables grete and small, Some on hulle, some on dale." (4) Scott's "Discovery of Witchcraft" says: "To be delivered of witches, they hang in their entires haythorn, otherwise white thorn, gathered on May-day." The Germans have a saying that on May eve the witches meet upon a mountain in the Harz Forest, "where they, together with the devils, doe dance and feast; and the common people doe, the night before the said day, fetch a certain thorn and stick it at their house-dore, believing the witches can not doe them no harm." Gay's "Shepherd's Week" contains a curious divination, beginning: "Last May-day fair, I searched to find a snail that might my secret lover's name reveal." The "Morning Post" (1771), announces: "Yesterday being the first of May, according to annual custom, a number of persons went into the fields and bathed their faces with the dew on the grass, under the idea that it would make them beautiful." In Northumberland divination was practised by fishing with a ladle for a wedding ring that had been dropped on May-day into syllabub made of milk warm from the cow, cake and wine. In the Scotch Highlands the boys of each hamlet met every May-day on a moor, boiled over fire a custard of eggs and milk, and, while eating the custard, baked in the embers an oatmeal cake. Breaking the cake into a many pieces as there were boys, they blackened one piece with charcoal, put all the pieces into a bonnet, and each boy, blindfolded, drew. The one drawing the black bit was the victim of Beal, the Gaelic sun-god. He had to leap three times through the fire, thus insuring food for man and beast through the year. The herdsman held a similar festival. Each person took an oatmeal cake, on which each of nine knots was dedicated to some deity who preserved, or to some animal that

Some Said Facts.

The Republican campaign fund in 1908 amounted to \$1,665,518 27. The Democratic fund was \$620,644-27. The Republicans had more than a million in excess of the Democrats. The number who contributed to the Republican fund was 12,239 and to the Democratic fund 74,000. In other words, the number of contributors to the Democratic fund was six times greater, and their contributions amounted to a million dollars less. The contributors to the Republican fund, as a rule, were interested in legislation, the money coming from such men as J. Pierpont Morgan, Charles P. Taft, Andrew Carnegie, Charles M. Schaub, John Jacob Astor and the heads of the various woolen mills who desired the passage of the Payne-Aldrich law, together with donations from the Wall street banks, railroad magnates and individuals representing the tariff trusts. The contributors to the Democratic fund were not personally interested in legislation. The contributions to the Republican fund ranged from \$110,000 downward, while contributions to the Democratic fund ranged from \$5,000 downward.—C. H. Tavenner.

Good at Arithmetic.

"For goodness' sake, John, how long did you boil these eggs?" "Just as long as you told me to, my dear." "Impossible! They're hard as bricks." "I boiled them just twelve minutes." "Twelve! Why, I told you that three minutes was long enough for an egg?" "Yes, dear, but I boiled four of them."—Toledo Blade.

In Musical Terms.

Chief Editor—Look here, Sharpe, here's a fiddler been hanged for murder. How shall I headline it? Musical Editor—How would "Efficient Execution on One String" do?—St. Louis Times.

An Example.

Knicker—They say that in 3,000 years Niagara will stop flowing. Mrs. Knicker—That makes me hope the plumber will get our leak fixed yet.—Harper's Bazar.

English as She Is Spoke.

"Must you go?" "Yes. The wife's sitting up for me, and if I miss the last train I shall catch it."—Lippincott's.

Why Few Men Do.

The desire to make good is only occasionally keen enough to make a man work overtime.

Keep Our Honey at Home.

Some days ago the figures were printed showing the amount of money sent out of Mecklenburg county for hay and feed stuff. It was astounding, and the same astounding condition exists in most other counties where cotton is the chief crop. The Asheville Gazette-News points the equally remarkable statement that during the past year \$25,000 worth of butter was shipped into Asheville from outside the State. And this in a county that ought to make even a hub for home consumption and for export abroad. North Carolina can never be a rich State as long as it sends money out of the State for feed stuff, meat and butter. We should not only raise enough of all for home consumption, but should send out enough to help supply the Northern cities. The motto of North Carolina for 1912 should be "Keep Our Money at Home" and the best way to carry this motto out is to raise all home supplies and have a surplus to sell to folks in other States.—News and Observer.

Where Cork Clinks.

Carly, in spite of its buoyancy, will not rise to the surface again from a depth of 200 feet below the ocean's surface, owing to the great pressure of water. At any depth short of that it will gradually work its way back to the surface.

AVOID HARSH DRUGS.

Many Catholics Tend to Cause Injury to the Bowels. If you are subject to constipation, you should avoid strong drugs and cathartics. They only give temporary relief and their reaction is harmful and sometimes more annoying than constipation. There is no way to cure and their tendency is to weaken the already weak organs with which they come in contact. We heartily believe that we have the best constipation treatment ever devised. Our faith in it is so strong that we set it on the positive guarantee that it shall not cost the user a cent if it does not give entire satisfaction and completely remedy constipation. This preparation is called Rexall Orderlies. They are prompt, soothing, and most effective in action. They are made of a recent chemical discovery. Their principal ingredients is odorless, tasteless, and colorless. Combined with other well known ingredients, long established for their usefulness in the treatment of constipation, it forms a tablet which is eaten just like candy. They may be taken at any time, either day or night, without fear of their causing any inconvenience whatever. They do not grip, purge, nor cause nausea. They act without causing any pain or excessive looseness of the bowels. They are suitable for children, weak, delicate persons, and aged people, as well as for the most hearty person. They contain three size packages, 12 tablets, 10 cents; 35 tablets, 25 cents; 60 tablets, 45 cents. Remember, you can obtain them only at our store, The Rexall Store. The E. T. Whitehead Co.

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Advertisement for Calomel Must Hurt Your Liver, featuring text: 'CALOMEL MUST HURT YOUR LIVER. Every Time You Take This Powerful Drug You are in Danger. Take Dodson's Liver Tonic Instead. Calomel is made from mercury, and while mercury has many uses, it is a dangerous thing to swallow. If calomel stays in the system very long it silitates. Even when it works naturally, its after-effects are often bad. E. T. Whitehead Company have a liver medicine called Dodson's Liver Tonic which is positively guaranteed to take the place of calomel. It stimulates the liver just enough to start it working, and does not make you sicker than ever. As calomel often does, Dodson's Liver Tonic won't force you to stop either working or taking it. It is as beneficial for children as for adults. Try a bottle to-day under E. T. Whitehead Company's guarantee. You know this store is reliable.'

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