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Doctors Said He Had Dropsy.

Some time ago I had an attack of dropsy which finally settled in my kidneys and bladder. I doctored with the doctors and they claimed I had dropsy. I tried other remedies and got no relief from any of them. My condition was such that I was unable to work for about two months and the annoying symptoms caused a great deal of pain. I was hard-ly able to get over in bed. Seeing that I was unable to do any work, I decided to give Dr. Kilmor's Swamp Root a trial and after taking several bottles I was able to resume my work again. I cannot say too much in praise of Dr. Kilmor's Swamp Root as the results in my case were truly wonderful.

Yours very truly,
ROBERT BALLARD,
Mansfield, Pa.

MONSTER MIRRORED AIRSHIP.

Baron Roenne Plans to Outdo Zeppelin's Dirigibles.

A monster airship, with a mirror surface of polished metal that will make it a dazzling sight in the sky, was proposed recently to the British Institute of Naval Architects by Baron A. Roenne, who assured the engineers that he intends to build it at his own expense. The mirror surface is intended to prevent the heating of the gas by the sun's rays, for the sunlight, reflected from the metal, would be shot back into the air instead of being absorbed as heat.

He plans a ship 853 feet long and 72 feet wide, shaped much like a Zeppelin, though considerably larger than any German dirigible so far planned. The gas envelope he intends to make of thin chrome aluminum plates welded together, braced by rings of chrome aluminum going completely round the envelope, a few feet apart.

Further bracing could be supplied by aluminum wires inside the envelope from a central hub to the rings, so that on the inside each ring would look like a great bicycle wheel.

The gas would not be free inside the big metal envelope, but confined in twenty-eight balloons, after the standard system of all big airships. Ten gasolene engines, developing a total of 2,000 horsepower, would drive the propellers and give a speed in still air of from forty-five to fifty-five miles an hour. The inventor's calculations show that such a metal airship, completely outfitted, would weigh 104 tons, but would have a lifting capacity of 135 tons, giving a margin of thirty-one tons for passengers, fuel and supplies.

The naval architects, in the discussion that followed the reading of Baron Roenne's paper, expressed doubt as to the strength of his metal gas envelope lengthwise, in spite of his confidence that he had planned enough stays to prevent it from buckling in the middle.—Saturday Evening Post.

A Mystery of India

By GROVER J. GRIFFIN

This story was told me by a retired colonel of the British army. I do not vouch for it, but there are certain features about it that assure me that it is not altogether improbable.

Edgar Oldershaw, a lieutenant in an Irish regiment, went out to India with his command. He was a great favorite with the Indian people and mingled with them as much as if not more than with his own countrymen. So great was his influence upon them that before he was twenty-five he was given a command of a native battalion.

Oldershaw fell in love with a Eurasian girl, the daughter of an English woman and an Indian nabob. She had been brought up under Indian influences; but, being of two races, it was easy for her to incline to either. Nevertheless she was more Indian than European. One thing was certain—that she was a very handsome girl, a fascinating creature, combining European manners with that peculiar mysticism pervading all India.

Oldershaw married the girl, but within a few weeks after the marriage began to look pale and thin. The surgeon of the British army could not make out what was the matter with him. He was a man of excellent constitution, temperate in his habits, and so far as could be detected, each one of his organs was in a healthy condition. Nevertheless he seemed to be under the influence of some disease.

Some of his European friends were inclined to believe that his wife was holding him under a spell. But there was no evidence of this. Indeed, Mrs. Oldershaw seemed to be very much attached to her husband and greatly troubled about his condition. The only reason that his friends had for considering her to be a possible cause for this condition was that her English mother had died a few months after the daughter's birth, and her death had never been satisfactorily explained. This was no reason at all. It merely indicated that Europeans had no faith in Indians.

Oldershaw was a long while ailing. Some one noticed that whenever he was ordered off on some service where his wife would not go with him he gradually recovered his health and that when he returned to her he relapsed into his former condition. This was talked about among Oldershaw's army associates, or, rather, their wives, but no one had the courage to speak of it to the colonel. A friend suggested to the invalid's medical adviser to bring the matter before him, but the surgeon politely declined.

Colonel Oldershaw lived a year after his marriage, then died, having gradually succumbed to some influence, weakness or mental trouble. No one could give any definite cause for his death. An autopsy was ordered, and tests were made for poison, but without throwing any light as to the cause of his death. This exonerated his wife, if indeed she needed exonerating, for every one who knew her intimately declared that she sincerely mourned her husband and was especially anxious that the cause of his strange illness should be determined.

Two years after this the widow Oldershaw married an American, one Edmond Baxter, a business man of Calcutta. No one expected that she would long remain single, for she was only twenty-one at the time of Oldershaw's death, and besides being beautiful she was rich.

A month after his marriage Baxter went to America on important business. It was said, leaving his wife in Calcutta. He never returned. Of course after a while tongues began to wag, people wondering if he might not have discovered the secret of his predecessor's death. Be this as it may, he remained in America, while his wife lived in India. No one ever heard of any divorce between the two, but Mrs. Baxter did not take another husband till news came from America, nine years after her second marriage, that her husband had died of an ordinary disease.

The widow was still a handsome woman, not much over thirty and rich. Time had somewhat erased the early reports of some malign influence upon the men she married. She took a third husband, this time an Indian. He lived six years, when he died a perfectly natural death—at least, so read the certificate.

It seems that a young assistant surgeon of a British regiment, hearing of the case of Colonel Oldershaw, resolved to hunt up an explanation of the mystery. How he learned what he did would take too long to tell. When a little girl, her mother having died, the subject of this story fell to the care of a woman who made a poison girl of her—that is, she gave the child small doses of poison, increasing them till she could bear to take a large quantity and her breath was poisonous to another. The outrage had been discovered and stopped, but not before the child had partially become infected.

Each of the cases pertaining to her husbands was then accounted for. When she became the wife of Colonel Oldershaw the poison she had taken was effective. When she married a second time it had largely passed away. Quite likely, by the time she married the Indian it had died out altogether.

That there are persons in India who have become poison proof by taking small and increasing doses is a fact, but whether they can infect others I do not know.

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Local committees at each of the 60 points on the railroad will arrange for five to ten automobiles to carry the speakers in all directions into the country to farm homes, school houses and inland towns within a radius of from four to ten miles, where alfalfa lectures will be given.

During the campaign over 600 alfalfa lectures will be delivered by the party to as many audiences, and from 600 to 700 automobiles will be brought into the service of this great educational movement.

These campaigns are conducted on a strictly co-operative basis.

The people will provide:

- 1st. A guarantee of at least five to ten automobiles at each railroad stop to carry the speakers to the points in the country where meetings are to be held.
- 2nd. Halls suitable for the central meeting in towns where train stops.
- 3rd. Any community desiring a campaign must send in a request to the railroad, agricultural college co-operating, or to the Agricultural Extension Department, signed by a representative number of farmers and business men.

The railroad will provide:

- Sleeping cars and dining service for the alfalfa campaign party, and baggage and exhibit cars, literature, etc.

The Agricultural Extension Dept. will provide:

- 1st. Speakers.
- 2nd. Assistance in organizing and advertising campaign.
- 3rd. Educational charts and other equipment for lecture purposes, bulletins, literature, etc.
- 4th. Follow-up men, when possible, to assist the farmers in getting a start with alfalfa.

Heartly co-operation on the part of the people is absolutely necessary to make these campaigns successful.

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Mental Medicines.

"Imagination," says a doctor, "must always be reckoned with in medicine—sometimes as a friend, sometimes as a foe. I know a doctor who treated an old woman for typhoid, and on each visit he took her temperature by holding a thermometer under her tongue. One day when she had nearly recovered the doctor did not bother to take her temperature, and he had hardly got 100 yards from the house when her son called him back.

"Mother is worse," said the man. "Come back at once."

"The doctor returned. On his entry into the sickroom the old woman looked up at him with angry and reproachful eyes.

"Doctor," she said, "why didn't you give me the flegger under me tongue today? That always done me more good than all the rest of your trash."—New York Tribune.

Sharpening a Pencil.

An expert manual training man talked with the writer about so simple a thing as sharpening a lead pencil. In the first place, he says, the knife should not be oversharp, but should be a little dull, as if too sharp it will cut quickly through the wood and cut away the lead. Then, again, he says, it is best to hold the pencil in the left hand with the end to be sharpened pointing away from you and to cut away with a pushing cut rather than toward you with a drawing cut, as then the point of the pencil is rested against the side of the thumb and is sharpened by a draw cut stroke of the knife blade.—Scientific American.

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INGENUOUS DIVING DEVICE.

If Successful It May Eliminate Accidents and Loss of Life.

Here for conducting air from the surface to the diver under the water has heretofore been considered indispensable. An elaborate outfit of pumps operated either on land or in boats was necessary to force fresh air continuously through a great length of hose to the man below the surface. Now the inventive brain of a German has conceived and put into successful operation an ingenious device which will probably do away with the old apparatus for diving.

By this method the diver carries on his back two steel bottles containing highly compressed oxygen. Another cylinder contains chemicals for absorbing the carbonic acid gas exhaled from the lungs. A system of piping carries all the impure air breathed out in a chamber containing the absorbing chemical. In this compartment the deadly carbonic acid gas is entirely eliminated. A small amount of oxygen, just enough to renew the air, is added to the chamber and regenerated exhalations and passed on to a compartment in the helmet, where it can be inhaled through the nose or mouth. By this system the vitiated air is continually being made over into new.

It is thought this device will do away with the accidents and sometimes loss of life which have occasionally happened through defects in the diving hose or pumping apparatus so long in use. But, while the diver may carry his atmosphere as one does his wardrobe along with him, he cannot yet quite disconnect himself from the outer world, as the signal line is still necessary for means of communication.—Harper's Weekly.

His Ground.

He—Why are you going to marry that old fossil? She—I love the very ground he walks on. He—I know, but isn't there any other way of getting it?—London Opinion.

SHORN AND DYED.

"Then you weren't always a black sheep?"

"No, mum; I started my career as a Wall street lamb."—Washington Herald.

SAVE THE ALFALFA LEAVES.

Sixty Per Cent. of the Feeding Value of Alfalfa in the Leaves—May Should be Cut at Right Time and Cured so as to Preserve the Leaves.

Of the entire alfalfa plant, according to Kansas bulletin 155, the stalk comprises 60 per cent. and the leaf 40 per cent., whereas the quantity of the protein in the stalk is only 40 per cent., while the protein in the leaf is 60 per cent. Moreover only 20 per cent. of the fat is to be found in the stalk, while 80 per cent. is in the leaf. It is, therefore, very important that alfalfa be harvested at the proper time, and carefully handled so that all the leaves will be saved.

When possible to do so it is best to cut alfalfa late in the afternoon or evening. Dew or rain on the freshly cut alfalfa will not injure it. Where a tedder is used, it should be started in the morning as soon as most of the dew is off and before there is any danger of knocking off the leaves. It is often advisable to go over it more than once.

Alfalfa hay is harvested and cured in much the same way as clover, ex-

Save the Alfalfa Leaves

Proportion	%
Stalk	60
Leaf	40
Protein	
Stalk	40
Leaf	60
Fat	
Stalk	20
Leaf	80

cept that it should be cut as soon as the young sprouts or shoots start to grow at the base of the plant.

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