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FRANKLIN'S THEORY OF MATTER.

More than a hundred years have elapsed since Benjamin Franklin, employing a phraseology now superseded, put forth a theory of matter. It was pronounced "a delusion" by the physicians of the nineteenth century, but the scientists of the twentieth century, according to Sir Oliver Lodge, may be forced to issue from the labyrinth in which all physical study is now involved. Stripped of technical verbiage and put briefly, the Franklin theory is that electricity and matter in combination form a neutral substance, which is the atom of matter as we know it.

The most interesting part of the problem for ourselves, says Sir Oliver, is the explanation of matter in terms of electricity, the view that electricity is, as Franklin seems to have supposed, the fundamental "substance." What we men of today have been accustomed to regard as an indivisible atom of matter is thus built up out of electricity. All atoms—atoms of all sorts of "substances"—are built up of the same thing. In our day, to put it more clearly, the theoretical and proximate nature of what philosophers from Franklin to our time have always sought—a unification of matter—is offering itself to physical inquiry—Current Literature.

CAUSE OF STAMMERING.

"Stammering is often more the result of habit than from any defect of the vocal organs," says Professor B. L. Payer. "It is generally, if not always, caused by a spasm of the larynx, resulting from nervous contraction of the organs, thus refusing to permit a proper flow of the air current producing tone. It is a purely functional or never stammer when singing, for then the attention is divided between words and music, the nervousness is momentarily forgotten and the passage of the air current through the larynx is continuous and unobstructed."

"Stammering very often is the result of imitation, sometimes intentional, sometimes unconscious, and the affliction is much more general than might be supposed. In one comparatively small section of the city there are 35 stammerers, and every one of them is able to demonstrate to his own satisfaction not only that he does not stammer very badly, but that some other person he knows stammers a great deal worse than himself. Every stammerer is intensely sensitive about his infirmity, rarely forgives and never does forget any allusion to it which in his mind savors of ridicule."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

In a remote Yorkshire dale, a tourist recently met a lady of 90 who had not left her native vale for 70 years, and who had never seen a railway train, an automobile or a bicycle. Singing revivalist, is following his father's footsteps as a composer, and some of his hymns are very popular in New England revival meetings. I. Waltz is the name of a worthy singing evangelist who is helping the revivalists of all denominations down in Maine just now with their meetings.

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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Mr. W. J. Hurkett, of Minneapolis, Minn., is visiting his father, Mr. C. Hurkett.

—Dr. J. H. Tennent, jun., V. S., who has been ill for some time, is much improved today. He has been suffering from appendicitis.

—Miss Anna Clime, of Marthaville, and her cousin, Miss Tuer, left on Wednesday for Alisa, Craig, Lucan, and Clondeboye, where they will spend part of their holidays.

—In hunting through the debris at Reid's building yesterday, one of the searchers found a small, silver, open-faced watch (lady's) with the initials "B. I. W." on case. There were two photographs inclosed in the case.

Dr. Johnston is Coming.

Rev. R. Johnston, D. D., of Montreal, formerly pastor of St. Andrew's Church, London, will preach in St. Andrew's at the evening service on Sunday.

Glad To Be in London.

Mrs. E. M. Runyan, of Portland, Ore., daughter of W. P. Dark, is on a visit to her old home in this city. Mrs. Runyan is much pleased with London's improved appearance and enlarged condition, and thinks it a very clean city compared with many she has seen.

Barnes—Marriage.

The marriage took place on Wednesday at the residence of Mr. James H. Bell, 113 Rebecca street, Stratford, of Miss Beatrice Gray, of McKillop, formerly of Stratford. The ceremony was performed by Elder Smith, of the latter day Saints' Church. Miss Ruth Gray, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. Thomas Leeny, of Stratford, supported the groom.

Not Mr. Firstbrook.

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HATS AND FURS.

Mr. Joseph Firstbrook, manager of the Havana Cigar Company, was in the accident in which an auto was wrecked by a locomotive last Friday night. It was Mr. Firstbrook's machine which struck the engine, but Mr. Firstbrook was not in it. As a matter of fact, he was in Cobalt at the time.

PARK SIDEWALK WILL BE LAID

Board of Works Overrules Action Taken by Chairman Matthews Re Matter.

The question of the laying of a sidewalk along the west side of Victoria Park, from Dufferin avenue to Princess avenue, gave the board of works food for discussion for a long time last night.

City Engineer Graydon wanted to put down the walk, but Chairman Matthews, at the instigation of certain prominent citizens, stopped the work some days ago.

For years there has been a path along the park at the west side, and many people prefer this to a sidewalk, while others declare it has been a disgrace to the city, and that a cement walk should be laid.

After a lively debate, the committee overruled the action of its chairman, and instructed Engineer Graydon to put down the walk.

Ald. Gerry brought to the attention of the committee the fact that a valuable horse belonging to a citizen had stepped on a rusty nail on Dundas street bridge, and had died of lockjaw. The matter was referred to the engineer.

A communication from the county clerk, re certain repairs to the county buildings, was laid over until the board visits the buildings to see what repairs are required.

Parks Commissioner Pearce was empowered to spend \$29.75 for bulbs. Sewer contracts were awarded to Chris Leatherne as follows, his tenders being the lowest: Woodman avenue, \$983 and side drains 45c; Wortley road, \$1,075 and side drains 40c; King street, \$545, and side drains 28c.

ST. LUKE'S PICNIC

Enjoyable Time Spent by Church Congregation at Springbank Yesterday.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Broughdale, held its first picnic yesterday at Springbank. A large crowd took in the outing and a pleasant time was spent by all.

Archdeacon Richardson and an excellent staff of workers carried out the day's programme, while the sports were given special attention by Messrs. A. L. G. Clarke, Harold Richardson, C. Stockwell, Joseph Mitchell, jun., Simon Mitchell and Ed Lance.

The following were the results of the different events: Girls under 5 years—1 Anna Dawes, 2 Mary Weir.

Boys under 5 years—1 Selby Young, 2 Gordon Worrall, 3 Jack Cox.

Girls under 8 years—1 Annabel Blackwell, 2 Emma Hale, 3 Doris Ruthenburgh.

Boys under 8 years—1 Maurice Cox, 2 Claude Effinger, 3 Eddie Ball.

Girls under 11 years—1 Ross Blackwell, 2 Willie Hale, 3 George Willsee.

Girls under 14 years—1 Haroline McCorkandale, 2 Florence Irwin, 3 Vera Dawes.

Boys under 14 years—1 Cliff Blackall, 2 Chester Collar, 3 Bert McDonald.

Sack race—1 Willie Hale, 2 George Willsee, 3 Claude Effinger.

Needle and thread race—1 Miss McKimm, 2 Miss Reeves, 3 Miss Sylvia Irwin.

Egg and spoon race—1 Eva Berryhill, 2 Mrs. Wm. Wyatt, 3 Miss Reeves.

Three-legged race—1 Ross Blackall and Willie Hale, 2 Winnett Worrall and George Willsee.

Young women's contest—1 Mrs. Wm. Wyatt, 2 Sylvia Irwin.

Married women's race—1 Mrs. Wm. Wyatt, 2 Mrs. Weir, 3 Mrs. Ruthenburgh.

Boat and shoe row—1 Ross Blackall, 2 W. Worrall, 3 Chester Collar.

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NOTHING TO FIGHT OVER

Officials at Tokio Knew Fleet Was Going to Pacific Before the American Public Did.

Washington, D. C., July 18. — War between Japan and the United States has never been any nearer than it was before Japan astonished the world by opening fire on Russia. At no time, from that day to this, has the American Government wavered in its friendliness for the Government of the Mikado.

The jingoes in America and the jingoes in Japan have talked war, but their efforts have been futile. The Government at Tokio, with rare good sense, has relied upon the administration of President Roosevelt, and the reliance has not been misplaced in the slightest particular. The rights of the Japanese to fair treatment in the streets of San Francisco were first championed by President Roosevelt in a message to Congress, and on the other hand, the Tokio Government consented in advance to the present law, which practically excludes Japanese coolies from the United States. The relations between the two Governments have never been disturbed in the slightest degree.

Japan Told of Fleet.

These facts are worth knowing. It may surprise some people, but it should not, to learn that the intended movement of a large section of the Atlantic fleet to the American shores of the Pacific was communicated to the Japanese long before it was made public here. No objection has ever been made by Japan, and none could be made. The opposition party in Japan has seized upon the movement of the ships as a means of exciting popular hostility to the existing administration. Here in America unthinking newspapers, and some not ordinarily "yellow," have fallen into the trap laid for them by a professional Japanese agitator, who knows that war between the United States and Japan is an impossibility, but who has been permitted by liberal American laws to stir up trouble in a way which would have resulted in his arrest and deportation in any other country.

Admiral Yamamoto's visit to Gen. Fred D. Grant at Governor's Island was no accident. The Japanese admiral and the son of the greatest American general were intentionally photographed clasping hands. The Japanese carried both Japanese and American flags. Grant went down in person to the ferry dock to receive the Japanese admiral, and the luncheon which followed the inspection was peculiar for the cordiality of the friendship of all those who were present.

Not Signs of War.

These are not signs of war. On the contrary, they are the result of instructions sent from Oyster Bay that not only Admiral Yamamoto but every Japanese official, naval or diplomatic, should be treated by the representatives of the United States with the utmost courtesy.

It has been realized that the jingoes here and abroad, some of them politically interested, some of them only foolish, have begun to do harm. It is time the people knew there was an opposition party in Japan, which is bent on stirring up mischief for the administration of the Emperor's ministers. At the same time there are elements here which would be glad to see President Roosevelt embroiled with a foreign power. In each country these elements are alike in that they are unpatriotic, because they are quite willing to sacrifice national interests to secure personal political ends.

It can be said on authority that there has been no time when Japan has assumed the attitude of the absolute right of the United States to concentrate its own ships on its own Pacific coast. We might denude the Atlantic for all the harm that it would do in the Mediterranean, but as it is indisputable that the right of a navy to international commerce is a right of the United States, it would be impossible to deny it to any other country.

The right of a navy to international commerce is a right of the United States, it would be impossible to deny it to any other country. The presence of the German ships in Manila Bay is a domestic affair, but as it is a matter of international law, it is not a matter of domestic law. A tactless German commander came near making trouble, but it was the man, not the fleet, which was at fault.

Movements of a warship are directed by its home government, not by the convenience or fears of others. Most people do not stop to consider that a vessel of war is not intended to police its home territory. Its duty is almost always abroad. The dispatch of the battleships to the Pacific coast is a domestic affair, but as it is a matter of international law, it is not a matter of domestic law. The Japanese Government is not a despotism, and its movement except in a desecratory sort of way, if a Japanese naval officer, properly accredited, should like to go to a feast around Cape Horn, which is unlikely, he would be made welcome. Should a Japanese fleet choose to drop down to Hong Kong it would be received by honest English salutes. Should it proceed to the Philippines and anchor in Manila Bay, it would be received in the same way. If a heavy Japanese fleet should anchor inside of the Golden Gate, it would be a harbinger of peace, not a herald of war. If there were today the slightest indications of war between the United States and Japan, the armor facemasker and the navy yards would be smoking with work and alive with men.

It would take a bigger man than Count Okuma, one-legged prophet of the Japanese Opposition, to provoke a row between the United States and Japan. The row might as well be provoked at the United States and Japan are completely at accord. The Opposition party in the United States may understand each other in each hemisphere are not aware of the fact.

A Japanese officer has been that of a Japanese officer-honorary, but the representative element in Japanese politics.

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DEATH SENTENCE MAKES HIM GIGGLE

Murderer Condemned to Die Plays With Buttons on Guard's Coat.

Vienna, July 17.—A six days' murder trial at Salzburg, which has just been concluded with the verdict of guilty, is remarkable for the obstinate and consistent simulation of idiocy by the accused, a gardener of the Grand Duke of Tuscany, named Pluharz, who claimed to be the natural son of the Archduke Rainer.

To obtain money for the marriage with the daughter of the innkeeper with whom he lived, Pluharz enticed a young official of the post-office named Muhlberger to his room in the inn, stunned him with a hammer, strangled him with a cord, and concealed his body in a wardrobe. He afterward carried the body to a distant field, where it was ultimately found.

He was disappointed at not finding the keys to the postoffice on the body and gained nothing from the murder. When arrested a few days after the finding of the body, Pluharz at first endeavored to throw suspicion on the innkeeper's family, and then, during the preliminary examination at the end of last October, suddenly ceased speaking and began a silence which he kept unbroken for more than seven months.

At the same time he began to show symptoms of idiocy and paralysis, first dragging his left leg, then his arm appeared to become useless.

He collapsed on the floor of the dock unless he was supported, and passed time gnawing pieces of paper and playing with the buttons of the warder's uniform, remaining absolutely indifferent to the proceedings. The specialists who examined him declared that Pluharz was merely a malingerer, but Pluharz resisted all efforts to make him speak.

Dramatic scenes were witnessed in court, when his fiancée adjured him, if he had ever loved her, to speak and clear her family from the horrible suspicion that they were accomplices in the murder. The murdered man's father similarly called on Pluharz to speak, but to these appeals, as well as to the commands of the judge, Pluharz replied merely by uttering an idiotic giggle.

Counsel for the defense declared that the symptoms of Pluharz were genuine, and said that had his client been an American millionaire instead of a poor gardener he would have been able to retain specialists as strong as those retained by the prosecution to prove this.

The jury, however, found Pluharz guilty of the deliberate murder of Muhlberger, and he was thereupon sentenced to be hanged.

Pluharz paid not the least attention to the verdict or the sentence, and was taken out of court still playing with the warder's buttons and giggling to himself.

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Some teeth are valuable, when no longer useful. One of Sir Isaac Newton's teeth sold for \$3,400, and \$20,000 was offered for one of the teeth of Heloise at the time her body was exhumed. A