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ANGEROUS PETS.

Doctor Gives His Opinion About Cats and Dogs.

A lethal chamber for all household pets—that is the suggestion of a prominent physician, who considers that on account of their germ-breeding propensities pet dogs, cats, rabbits, and birds, such as parrots, are the cause of an amazing amount of ill-health in families. And although most of us will probably consider the proposed remedy far too drastic, there is much food for reflection in his remarks.

In his opinion cats and dogs are real dangers to children's health. He contends that they convey diphtheria for one thing, not by germs in their fur, so much as in their throats, and other diseases as well.

"It makes me shudder," he says, "when I see babies cuddling cats, and perhaps inhaling their breath and holding them close to them. Many a case of disease that seems mysterious has been conveyed into a family by a pet dog or cat."

Pet animals, according to this physician, pick up all sorts of germs from the street or floor. They come into close contact with all sorts of filth and dirt, and no matter how often an animal may be washed the disease germs cling to it and are transmitted to any person who fondles it.

It is especially severe upon those women who, both at home and out of doors, are to be seen kissing and fondling pampered pets in a manner which is as much against good taste as it is against good health.

"No wonder," he says, "that so many of these women come to me complaining of throat troubles and eye afflictions, when they indulge in such habits."

With regards to birds, there is not so much danger if they are kept in cages or in their proper place and not allowed to come into close personal contact with their owners. "I know of one old lady, however," says this physician, "who thinks nothing of having her pet parrot walking about the dining table at meals, and this after the bird has probably been walking about the garden, for it is very tame, and follows its mistress wherever she goes. In such a case the bird is an absolute menace to health."

A City of Forty Mosques.
The city of Adrianople is very much scattered and contains somewhere about 80,000 inhabitants, half of whom are Turks and the others Armenians, Israelites and Greeks. The walls which formerly surrounded the city had been allowed to fall to ruins, and since the Russo-Turkish war the city has been in a state of decline. Much of its old splendor has disappeared, but many of its forty mosques are fine examples of eastern architecture. The city has had a very varied history since its foundation in the second century by the Roman Emperor Hadrian. A great victory was won there by the Goths in 378 and another by the Avar Huns in 586. Twice the Russians have occupied the city—first in 1829, when they forced Turkey to give independence to Greece, and again in 1878, when they occupied it without resistance.

Old Love and New Rug.
"Those people next door to us have been married a long time, haven't they?"
"Perhaps they have, but their honeymoon isn't over yet."
"How do you figure that out?"
"Well, it was awfully sloppy last night, but when he came home she made him step inside and kiss her before she told him to go back on the porch and wipe his feet."
"Well, honey, wouldn't you?"
"No, I wouldn't! We've got a new rug!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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An Arabian Legend.
The Arabians had a tradition that when the devil started forth from his

own place to the garden of Eden he was too lazy to walk and begged all the animals, one after another, to carry him. All refused except the serpent, which was then a quadruped and the most beautiful of all beasts. Yielding to the entreaties of Satan, the serpent took up the devil on its back and carried him the rest of the way, no one knows how far, and after the consequences of the devil's entry into the garden became apparent the angels were commanded to look up the serpent and punish it, so Michael cut off its legs, and it was doomed henceforth to travel about flat on the ground.

Great Change in Map.
An important change in the map of Asia has recently occurred. The vast region of Mongolia has ceased to be a part of China, and is now independent. The Mongols are chiefly famous in the world's history as invaders and conquerors in Asia and Eastern Europe. They were vassals of the late Manchu dynasty, but not of the Chinese Government, and their separation from China resulted automatically from the proclamation of a republic. Their secession from China was aided by Russia, which thus secures a "buffer state" on its Chinese frontier.

Not In Proportion.
"I'm a self made man," said the proud individual.
"Well, you're all right except as to your head," commented the other part of the conversation.
"How's that?"
"The part you talk with is out of proportion to the part you think with."

The Boss.
"All right," said Elsie; "we'll play theatre. I'll be the boss."
"No," replied Tommy; "I will. It takes a man to be manager."
"Of course, that's all right. I mean I'll be the leading lady."

Missionary Trains.
Wales has adopted the plan of sending agricultural missionary trains throughout the principality, teaching the farmers the best methods of raising poultry. Great gain has resulted.

Shoeing Horses.
The art of shoeing horses to protect their hoofs against the evils of hard usage was unknown to the Greeks and Romans, and is first mentioned in the history of the Celts as late as the fifth century.

Banknotes.
The cost of printing a banknote is 1-23 cents, and after it has been worn out it costs 2 mills to destroy it.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA BOTTLE BROKERS.

A Curious Branch of the Fiery Vodka Traffic in Russia.

Since the edict of June 6, 1894, the production and sale of vodka, that fiery drink in which most Russians delight, have been controlled by the government. Of the 50,000 places engaged in the vodka traffic in European Russia more than one-half are conducted by the state under the direct supervision of the ministry of finance.

Most of the employees in the government vodka shops are widows and orphans of deceased officials of the state. These shops are conducted in an orderly manner, and no drinking is permitted on the premises. The fact that a charge ranging from 1 cent to 9 cents is made for the bottle in which the vodka is sold has given rise to a strange business.

Bottle brokers, as they are called, haunt the neighborhood of the vodka shops, watching for some thirsty person who needs the loan of one or two kopecks (a half a cent or a cent) with which to make the purchase of a bottle of the desired beverage.

Perhaps the buyer has but six kopecks and he requires eight to get a bottle of vodka. The "broker" lends him the two kopecks to make up the desired amount, and, after the receptacle has been drained under the vigilant eye of the broker, the bottle is turned over to him. He takes it back to the shop and sells it for three kopecks, thus making a profit of one kopeck.

In Moscow and St. Petersburg hundreds of men are earning a living at this strange trade.—Harper's Weekly.

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