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An Examination by Col. Vollum, Retired Medical Officer of the Armyparience Shows-Suggestions of Their Adoption by This Country.

I read in The Advertiser an interesting interview with Dr. George F. Shrady upon the dangers of premature burial, which he, however, did not regard as very serious, but rather imagnary, and on a par with ghost stories. Dectors, especially in English-speakng countries, do not always agree upon he importance or even the reality of hese dangers, because the mysterious states of suspended animation and the numerous forms of death counterfeit, which are the causes of these dangers, are very hidden in their nature, and are but little explained in the light of science; consequently medical men sometimes hold different views upon the subject of the interview.

While stories on this subject are often of a sensational character, there is, unfortunately, a very real and tragic side to the matter, which demands our most earnest and serious attention. Let me, therefore, go briefly over some ground which shows how the matter is regarded on this side of the water, especially in Germany and Austria.

The dangers of premature burial have been guarded against from the earliest times. The oldest writings show that apparent death has always been frequent enough to require that before persons who appeared to be dead were interred examinations and tests should be employed to prove whether they were dead or not. Humanity has not changed in this particular from what it was in the more simple conditions of ancient times, excepting it has become more susceptible to falling into the state of apparent death, on account of the greater number of depressing and exhausting influences connected with the life of these days-such as worry, strain and excitement, and the consequent greater indulgence of stimulants, anodynes and narcotics.

The Greeks and Romans, from their experiments with cases where the flames of the funeral pile brought back putrefaction had not set in, to keep every detail is strictly observed. those supposed to be dead from seven body was washed with boiling water of which is assign ears to arouse the mind and suspended undertaker's woman (Leichenfrau), torch was applied, as a final test, a examination, and she has a male as-finger was cut off to see if circulation, sistant. There are six cemeteries, each a contrast with the hasty burial pro-

ceedings of modern times! Skeptics and others who have not given any attention to this subject, sometimes cry out: "Give us facts, facts, proof. proof!" To these I would point out the extensive literature of the subject, for the most part from the pens of eminent men in medicine and other branches of science, running along from early in the sixteenth century to the present day. These writings are in the languages of all civiliz- cate, which he alone is authorized to ed countries, and are numerous enough give." The body practically becomes to form quite a library by themselves. I have a list of treatises and essays upon this subject before me that fills with and its probation in the mortuary more than 25 closely-printed octavo pages. To presume that all this enlightened and anxious labor has been expended upon imaginary dangers is about as unreasonable as to declare that all other medical writings are fanciful, and that the diseases and infirmities they are intended to combat and remove have no actual existence.

The lesson that is uniformly and emphatically taught by the authorities on this subject is that all the signs and appearances of death excepting decomposition are uncertain, and may deceive even experienced physicians; that tion, there may be ceremonies and vispremature burials will continue to take its in the residence, the body is taken place until this state is allowed ample to the waiting mortuary, and there time to develop as proof that life has kept for 72 hours longer, more or less, kept under expert official medical ob- the nature of the disease as to infec- pers. sanitary conditions, until death has put dant connected with the mortuary, The medical profession, aided by the clergy, struggled for many years for the time for the funeral, and this the establishment of a system of this kind. The earliest movement to this end originated in France with Dr.

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sinewy grip with which he live to a green old age like the great states-man of England. It is simply a matter of a little daily thought and regard for health.

If, when a man feels that he is a little out sorts, he will resort to the right remedy, he will never have to submit to the more serious ills of life. Most men, when they have a headache, feel drowsy during the day and are restless during the night, and find their appetite falling off, pay little or no beed to these warnings. The inevitable result is some dangerous and possibly fatal malady. The doctor may call it consumption, malaria or biliousness, or perhaps blood or skin disease. It makes but little difference. These troubles all have their inception in the same cause—improper and insufficient nourishment. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery corrects that cause. that cause. It makes the appetite keen and hearty, the digestion perfect, the liver active and the blood pure and rich. It is the great blood-maker and flesh-builder. It facilitates the assimilation of the lifegiving elements of the food, filling the blood with the nutriment that makes. od with the nutriment that makes new

and healthy flesh and nerve tissue. Medi-cine dealers sell it. "Last summer," writes Miss Laura Piersel, of East Bethlehem, Washington Co., Pa., "I was going into consumption. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery completely cured me."

twice laid out for dead and narrowly escaped being buried alive. He was followed by Count Berchshold, who, in 1792, submitted a practicable plan to the National Assembly. Later, in the first French Republic (1801), a project Necessity for Precautions-What Ex- for the erection of six "temples funeraires" in Paris failed from the opposition of the funeral companies. soon thereafter the system of death

verification by official medical inspectors, called medicins verificateurs, with a delay before burial of 24 hours, was legalized, and it has remained in force ever since. Similar systems were provided for by law not long after in Belgium, Holland and in Scandinavia. Russia followed with the same system with a delay of three or four days be-

fore burial, but not required by law. But to Germany belongs the credit of recognizing the fact that the state of suspended vital activity, or apparent death, is a natural attribute of the human organization, somewhat like hibernation in the lower creatures, that should be guarded against by strict expert inspections of bodies supposed to be dead and their detention in waiting mortuaries until death was known to have taken place, regardless of the length of time. Hufeland was the first to put this conception into practical form, and it was incorporated into reforms in sepulture adopted by Frankfort-on-the-Maine in 1823. Soon after it was employed by many other German states, and also by Austria, where it was further provided that if the survivors requested it, the heart would be pierced through by the medical officials in order to prevent a possible revival the coffin

Wherever these systems have once been established they have never been abolished. This is a strong argument for their adoption elsewhere; and it can easily be done now if desired, for all the medical, legal, sanitary and social problems connected with the matter have been satisfactorily solved in the thorough German manner, and formulates into clear, wise and practical laws, whose beneficent operation for over 50 years has given great satisfaction to the authorities, and protection and consolation to the people Copies of these laws would constitute valuable additions to the records of the board of health and other medical bodies in the United States, and they are cheerfully supplied, with other data

on the subject, to applicants through diplomatic channels. It may interest some of your readers to learn the particulars of the German consciousness to victims who were be- system, upon which its safety depends, lieved from their appearance to be from a description of the manner in dead, made it an invariable rule, when which it is carried out in Munich, where to nine days, during which time the divided into 22 burial districts, each e torpid sensibilities of pos- tor of the dead (Leichenschauer), with cases of trance, and there was an alternate, both of whom are specishouting and blowing of horns in the ally qualified for their duties, and an vital activities, and just before the who is likewise qualified by a technical the evidence of life, still existed. What of which has a waiting mortuary (Leichenhaus). The procedure is as follows: As soon as an attending physician announces a death the family sends for the undertaker's woman, who has charge of all the funeral preparations. She, in turn, informs the medical inspector, but does nothing before he appears, for, in the words of the "No corpse must be interfered with before the arrival of the inspector, who is expected to pay several visits before granting the death certifithe property of the city until the ex-

aminations of the inspector are over Ordinarily in cases that have passed through a course of disease of sufficient duration and severity to cause death by organic changes, the inspector, after his examinations have confirmed the diagnosis of death, obtains the data for completing the certificate of death from the attending physician, who appends his signature to it; the undertaker's woman makes the toilet of the body-generally puts on a complete suit of clothes-and after a delay, not longer than twelve hours, during which, in the absence of infection, etc. Finally, the medical attenafter frequent examinations, grants

Thus it will be seen that the system consists essentially of expert medical inspection of the body—first, while it is still in bed by the official inspector and finally by the mortuary physicianfour inspections, all dependent on each other. All this is believed to be necessary, as a rule, in order to be on the safe side before any steps are taken toward embalming, autopsy, burial or cremation. This is only a reasonable safeguard all in civilized countries

are entitled to. The waiting mortuaries have fronts of glass, through which the public can see the bodies of all classes dressed according to their station in life, embowered by plants and flowers, amid light, warmth, and ventilation. This rule applies to all, high and low, except the royal family, which has its own place of the kind. There are apartments for cases of accident and infectious diseases, a post-mortem room, laboratory quarters for the administra-tion, watchmen, attendants and a chapel. The bodies are connected by

the hands through a wire to a bell, so that the slightest move would call an attendant. This contrivance pleases the people, but it is not valued by those in charge of the mortuary as a safeguard. Returning vital activity consists of a scarcely perceptible movement of the mouth or eyelids, a change of complexion, a slight moisture on the face, a faint action of the heart, or a warmth in that region, or a feeble thoracic movement, all of which could be saily assume observation and fail to easily escape observation and fail to set off any device however delicate

in construction. Doubts are sometimes expressed as to the utility of these mortuaries by persons ignorant of the examinations the bodies receive in them and before

they are sent there.

Many high authorities may be quoted who hold that such a system as we are considering is necessary to prevent living burials; but it may be sufficient in this place to give the opinion of one whose knowledge of the subject no one will question, namely, the mayor of A man or woman who neglects constipation suffers from slow poisoning. Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. One little "Pellet" is a gentle laxative, and two a mild cathartic.

Munich. In the report of the municipal council of Paris for 1880, No. 174, page 84, is a letter from Herr Ehrhart, mayor of Munich, dated May 2, 1880, saying: "The lengthy period during which these establishments have been worked wond new man of Morrisburg, which these establishments have been worked wond new man of Morrisburg, which these establishments have been and tested.

utilized, the manner in which the remains are dispose and adorned, the resuscitation of some who were believed ed and was dedicated with imposing used to visit her, "I can't tell you what the corresponding to the corres

tablishments. Although this system as it is operated at present is in high favor with all classes, it is not regarded as above further improvement. Therefore, the authorities of Munich have lately sent out a commission to investigate the way the matter is conducted in some of the large cities of Austria, and the city has planned a mortuary for the Southern Cemetery upon a costly scale, surpassing anything of the kind before

attempted in Germany. A considerable amount of interest is manifest at present in England, France, Germany and Italy upon the subject. A number of treatises and pamphlets upon it have of late been published. The last to appear were "La Mort Reele et la Mort Apparente," Paris, 1897, and "Premature Burial and How It May Be Prevented," London, 1896.

The London Association for the Prevention of Premature Burials was organized two years ago for the purpose of securing protective legislation in this matter similar to that which is in force in the German states. Its investigations into this subject have been extensive and in many countries, and they show that the victims of death counterfelts are mostly among women to excesses and persons whose strength has been reduced by mental and physical strain; and that there are thirty diseases, happenings, conditions, and indulgencies that induce these states. There is at present a medical commission at Turin, Italy, convened to investigate the means for distinguishing apparent from real death with the view of protective legislation, and it offers a prize for the best work on the of the problem. Reports are expected from all over the world. The experiences and opinions of medical men and the action of the legal

authorities in Europe in this matter may interest their confreres in America, when, in time, they also take it up for consideration. They will, however, find it a more difficult question to deal with than it has been on this side of the water, for they will have not only to inquire into what legal provisions are necessary to prevent premature burials, but also to consider what precautions are necessary to render it certain that bodies are actually dead before they are embalmed. This branch of the subject will require a separate consideration. EDW. P. VOLLUM. M.D.

Gossip From Every Land Summarized for Busy Readers.

A SLOTH bear attacked and killed a Polar bear in a London menagerie. THE London county council has published a statement showing that

there are now 8,826 licensed houses in London, which is more than 2,000 in excess of the number ten years ago. WHEN the steamship Great Western made the run from Bristol, England, to New York from April 8 to 23, 1838, it was believed the problem of transatlantic steamship travel was

ALL efforts to obtain anything like correct information regarding the output of gold in Siberia have so far proved unavailing. No one outside a few Russian officials are permitted to

THE Blantyre peerage will soon years of age and has no male heir. and upon being ejected brought an

LORD ROSEBERY'S two daugh- had left upon it sufficient indication ters have been attending the School of of prior possession, and was thus en-Cookery at Atholl Crescent, Edin- titled to use reasonable force to regain

PITLOCHRY, Scotland, magnates have been discussing the best means has been held to consider the proposal of popularizing their village, and have to acquire the Crystal Palace and decided to hire a bagpipe player next grounds as a national memorial of the summer, buy a water cart, and adver-Diamond Jubilee. The purchase price tise in the Scottish and English pa-AN enterprising German map-maker,

inserted the name Kiao Chou Bay on Council. The new lord mayor is said his map of China, and has placed un- to be anxious to signalize his year of LORD MALCOLM, of Postalloch, who

has just married Mrs. Leslie, of New after the attending physician has given | York, is six feet six inches in his stockings and is physicaly the finest specimen of Highland Chiefs in Scotland. He is chief of the great Mc-

CAPTAIN JAMES BROWN, commander of the Windward, lately presented to Lieut. Peary by Mr. Harmsworth, has spent 39 years and made 30 voyages in Arctic waters. His father and grandfather were engaged in Arctic work before him.

THE elephant which the Prince of Wales rode in India no sooner arrived in Britain than it escaped from a circus in the night. Smelling bread as it passed a baker's shop it tore down the shutters, demolished the plate-glass, and then proceeded to devour the

SIXTY years ago the first Roman Catholic church was organized in Melbourne, Australia. In 1858 the foundation stone of the large cathedral,

SOUTH AMERICAN NERVINE IS THE

RAINBOW OF PROMISE. Emaciated-weary-gloomy. No one can adequately describe the abject misery of the sufferer from Dyspepsia and Indiges- to be stopped. The branch line to Mantion. South American Nervine is the churia is being pushed on with great for the cure of all chronic stomach have been removed to Zizikar. Traveltroubles. It acts directly through the ers who have been along the new line the first dose.

COMMENTING upon a remark made at a dinner that Sir Wilfrid Lawson, the British M. P., was an unfortunate read to her. It was, she averred, hension. I must state that I never had dyspepsia, and so far from having lived in a narrow circle all my life, I have "trivial" and "frivolous," reminding lived for many years in a square in

FOR THE purpose of encouraging the women in the district of Balmoral to learn spinning, the Queen has given Mr. Forbes, her commissioner, orders to buy up a number of small spinning wheels. Her majesty says that she at one time was very fond of spinning, Paris, and spun a good deal. Now, however, through frequent attacks of rheumatism, she is unable to work the treadle. On account of so much oil being used in preparing wool for spinning, the Queen preferred to spin flax, as it is

so much cleaner. IT IS seventeen years since the shipbuilding industry at Aberdeen was in as satisfactory a condition as it is at present. The tonnage launched during the past year-5,340-was above the and children, the neurotic, those given average of the past decade, but the orders in hand represent twice that amount, being equal to about 11,000 tons. There has been no total approaching this since 1880 and 1881, when the totals in hand were 11,290 and 10,740 respectively. The increase is largely due to the number of steam fishing vessels which the Aberdeen yards are turning out so satisfactorily, not only for local

owners, but for distant ports. IN THE death of Rev. George Peter, of Kemnay, there has been removed one of the oldest ministers of the Church of Scotland, and one of the most venerable and respected residents of Aberdeenshire. Mr. Peter was ordained to his first and only charge so long ago as 1839, two years after her majesty's accession; and of the parish ministers who remain the ordinations of two or three only are of earlier date. Rev. James Smith, D.D., of Cathcart, the father of the church, was ordained in 1828; Rev. James Chrystal, D.D., LL.D., of Auchinleck, in 1833; and Rev.

John Duncan, of Aldie, in 1839. WHILE the negotiations for union between the Free and United Presbyterian Churches of Scotland are moving through official channels, congregations are taking the questions into That in its place there should appear their own hands. Four unions between congregations in Aberdeenshire are about to be consummated, and one, between two congregations in mid-Scotland, is in progress. These unions are hailed with satisfaction by all concerned as indicating the popular feeling with respect to the larger question of union all along the line, which, while progressing with cautious steps, is be regarded as a certainty in the near

LADY HENRY SOMERSET, who has been advised by her medical attendants to take a long holiday, has retired to her seat, Eastnor Castle, near Malvern, for the winter. Although Eastnor is one of these meretricious pseudo-Gothic castles which were so much in fashion in the early part of the century, it presents at a distance an imposing appearance. Internally it is magnificent. The lection of Italian furniture made by the late Lord Somers is unique and absolutely priceless. There is also a fair-sized gallery of pictures, including Sebastiano del Piambo's fine portrait of Lucretia Borgia.

A PASSENGER traveling from Lonthe railway carriage at Tunbridge Wells, leaving on his seat a magazine pay him, can he make me pay the baland an umbrella, besides a bag on the ance out of other property owned by pecome extinct. Lord Blantyre is 80 priated and refused to vacate the seat, withstanding, another passenger appro-His estates, rental £25,000 a year, will go to his daughter Lady Baird, of Newbyth.

action for 10 guineas damages, the first passenger bringing a counter-claim for the same sum. The judge held that the passenger who quitted the seat Lady Sybil is quite an ac- the same. The second passenger was complished cook, and Lady Margaret a accordingly non-suited, judgment being given for the counter-claim.

A CONFERENCE of London vestries Diamond Jubilee. The purchase price was said to be £750,000, and this, it was explained, would only add the after frequent examinations, grants who has just issued a new edition of posal was adopted. The matter will the time for the funeral and this pocket atlas, has for the first time be brought before the London County office by doing something for the Crystal Palace. It does not look as if the palace is in danger of closing. Reflooring is going on, and arrangements are being made for the return of Wulff's circus, which will be one of the

PECULIAR accidents in England: A little girl fell at Plaistow on a knitting needle she was holding. It penetrated her head and caused death. A prisoner, while being conveyed from Yarmouth to Norwich, sprang from the train, which was traveling at the rate of 30 miles an hour, and was much injured. A gentleman of independent means, while staying at Ramsgate in charge of his medical attendant, fell over a cliff and was killed. A woman was killed by a ram at Barnoldstock. Two deaths occurred in London through attempting to enter moving trains. A gentleman suddenly expired after singing a song at a concert in Margate. An ex-mayor of Poole lost his life through striking his forehead while entering a shed by a low door

THE difficulties with which the Russian engineers have to contend in the construction of the great Siberian Railway would seem to be well-nigh insurmountable. A few days ago a tremendous thunder-storm visited the region east of the Baikal Lake, and did fearful damage, washing away embankments, bridges and railway works for a distance of over one hundred The damage is estimated at haif a million pounds sterling. The waters of the Shilka, a tributary of the Amur, rose over 30 feet, and work on vigor, and the engineer's headquarters nerves—the seat of all disease. Thous- and have visited the workmen's camps speak of the drunkenness and immorality prevalent among the men and of

she's done for me and my children; she's been a reg'lar fallen angel to me, dyspeptic, who had lived in a narrow "som'at about roast weal and very circle all his life, the honorable baronet comfortin." She referred to the parremarks: "Just to prevent misappre- able of the Prodigal Son. On one ocone of the pastor who, thinking of "symbols" and "emblems" at the same time, astonished his congregation by referring to "those symblems." once at a marriage ceremony the ex-

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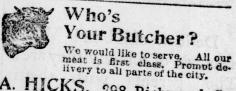
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