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**LIVING WITHOUT A STOMACH**

Only Two Cases of Total Extirpation on Record.

The total extirpation of the stomach is an operation that has been performed only twice in the annals of surgery. Prof. Kocher, the celebrated surgeon, performed the second operation last Friday, in his hospital here. The first case was accomplished in San Francisco. Prof. Kocher's operation was upon a woman 40 years old, who had been suffering from cancer, or hard cancer of the stomach for some time. On opening the abdominal cavity, it was found that the case was favorable for a complete removal of the stomach, because of the slight extent to which the lymphatic system was involved. The entire stomach from the oesophagus to the duodenum was then removed and an anastomosis, or uniting, was made between them. Great care was taken not to interfere with the circulation of the intestines. The operation was completed without accident. Until the fourth day after the operation the patient seemed well, when, without any apparent cause, she died.

The autopsy was held yesterday. It was found that in spite of the fact that the intestines there was a small area of necrosis in the transverse colon. In lay terms, dead tissue in the large intestine. That was enough to set up a mild peritonitis, which, in the extremely weak and emaciated condition of the woman, caused her death. It was also found, however, that the oesophagus and duodenum, which had been united, were almost entirely healed. Dr. Chlatter, of Zurich, has performed an operation, involving the partial removal of the stomach, his patient being a woman, who lived a year and a half after the treatment.

**Hold Your Breath and You'll Sleep**

A prominent New York physician, himself a sufferer from insomnia for many years, has discovered a brand new way of putting one's self to sleep almost instantaneously. It has worked well in his own case, and never failed in the many trials he has made upon his patients.

After taking a deep inspiration the breath is held until positive discomfort is felt. It is then let gently out. The process is repeated a second and a third time, and this is a rule sufficient to obtain sleep. The mind must be fixed upon the experiment and one's thoughts must not be allowed to wander.

**Insomnia is produced by two kinds of cerebral activity directly opposite in nature, a too active cerebral circulation and an insufficient one to send circulation.**

The former can easily be recognized from the throbbing and pulsating of the arteries. The self-excitation of the patient causes a flow of nervous blood to the brain and an increase of the carbonic acid and waste products of decomposition. These products, carried to the brain by the blood, overwhelm its centres and so produce sleep.

**Dr. Johann Meyli-Hiltz, a German physician, writes enthusiastically about the effect of sleeping with the head low as a means of obtaining the most refreshing slumber.**

He says that the sleep thus obtained is more beneficial than one awakens with a clear head, a wider horizon. He asserts that the influence upon the lungs is so great that it can lessen the tendency to consumption. He recommends that the lowering of the head be done gradually, and says that insomnia is often caused by sleeping with the head too high.

**President Sam of Haiti.**

It is far less easy to get to the president of Haiti than to Mr. McKinley, of the White House. The pavilion-like palace in the Champ de Mars, surrounded by its little park, enclosed by a tall iron grating, with lookout boxes at the angles, a large and strong military barracks in the rear, and field cannon posted here and there, could stand a considerable siege, and with a faithful garrison would be proof against almost any mob attack.

**There is no end of etiquette involved in the approach to a Executive, yet I was faced with fortunate opportunities for seeing Mr. Simon Sam.**

He is a man of massive, with an immense paunch, and features and hue that are typically African, as you gaze at him in his sumptuous uniform, gorgeous with gold lace and a brilliant silk scarf, you cannot help picturing to your mind's eye his hypothetical appearance as a mid 'frican chief, with huge feathers in his topknot, only a rattle-stuffed war club in one hand, and about him a band of dmsky savages more paked than himself. Instead of these strutting gentlemen in tall hats and European dress and these other prancing gentlemen in gaudy trappings, with tinkling spurs and jingling swords.

**President Sam, however, is not, as it appears thus far, a man to be personally feared. His selection was a compromise, and he is only the figure-head of the present oligarchy, posing as a moderate statesman, while in truth he is only a rather dense-brained slow-witted and -thargic old soldier.**

It is understood that in state affairs he is almost wholly guided by his ministers, of whom Brutus St. Victor, in charge of the foreign department, and Tancredi Auguste, of the department of the interior, are probably the most influential.

**In trying on her brother's clothes a Montana woman pulled the necktie too tight and was strangled.**

**A COLLOQUY.**

"What's the matter with you?" asked Benson.

"I've got dyspepsia," said Jensen.

"Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets," said Benson.

"Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets," repeated Jensen, "what about them?"

"They'll cure you," said Benson.

"Are you sure?" asked Jensen.

"Certain," said Benson.

"Think Dodd's—what do you call em?"

"Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets," said Benson.

"Think Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets would cure me?" asked Jensen.

"No doubt about it. Finest thing in the world for dyspepsia," said Benson.

"You don't say. Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets?"

"Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets," said Jensen.

"What are they, anyhow?" asked Jensen.

"Dyspepsia, diastase, and sugar, principally," said Benson.

"No secret about 'em, eh?" said Jensen.

"You know just what you're taking when you use Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets," said Benson.

"Ever try 'em?" asked Jensen.

"What? Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets?" exclaimed Benson.

"Yes," said Jensen.

"I should say I did," replied Benson.

"What for?" asked Jensen.

"Dyspepsia," said Benson.

"I know, but what form of dyspepsia?"

"Oh, I had 'em all," said Benson.

"Indigestion, sour stomach, gas, heartburn, headache, poor appetite, nervousness, and all the rest of 'em."

"And did you cure all that by Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets?" asked Jensen.

"By Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets, only," replied Benson.

"Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets must be all right," said Jensen.

"If you've got dyspepsia, you want to try 'em—try 'em, that's all," said Benson.

"Yes, I will," said Jensen.

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