

No Sanatoria "more judiciously . . . and economically" managed.

CANADIAN OPINION

DR. R. W. BRUCE SMITH, Inspector of Public Charities, Province of Ontario. Official Report:

"I was especially pleased with the attention paid to conduct the institution carefully and economically. The patients I found cheerful, happy and evidently well looked after by those in charge. I found particular attention is paid to provide nourishing dietary, carefully prepared, and the quality of the food served was excellent. This hospital depends for its maintenance largely upon the voluntary contributions of the public."

FOREIGN OPINION

DR. H. L. RUSSELL, President of the Advisory Board of the Wisconsin State Sanatorium:

"We have just recently returned from our eastern trip, in which we had an opportunity of inspecting practically all the sanatoria in the east that are designed for the treatment of tuberculosis. I am very glad to be able to write you that the very favorable impressions that we received at Gravenhurst have continued with us after this round trip. We have found no place in our travels in which money seems to have been expended more judiciously and economically than in connection with the two institutions that are under the control of the National Sanitarium Association."

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PATIENT UNDER EXAMINATION.

REPARTEE

Professor Stasr, the famous ethnologist, was in his humorous and whimsical way accusing woman of barbarism.

"And she is not only barbarous—she is illogical and inconsistent!" he exclaimed.

"I was walking in the country one day with a young woman. In a grove we came upon a boy about to shin up a tree. There was a nest in the tree, and from a certain angle it was possible to see in it three eggs.

"You wicked little boy," said my companion, "are you going up there to rob that nest?"

"I am," the boy replied coolly.

"How can you?" she exclaimed. "Think how the mother will grieve over the loss of her eggs?"

"Oh, she won't care," said the boy. "She's up there in your hat."—Chicago Chronicle.

NAGGING IS DANGEROUS

Disagreeable as the habit of "nagging" undoubtedly is, it originates in a virtue. It is not the slipshod, happy-go-lucky people that are annoyed by the faults of others—the shirking, the want of consideration, the total disregard of every plain duty. It is, on the contrary, the painstaking, conscientious souls who are sorely tried by the negligence of others, the waste of time and opportunity and substance it may be. And then the danger of acquiring the habit of nagging. It destroys confidence, the basis of all contentment. Better that the faults of the children should be lightly reproved than that they should learn to do without their mother's sympathy and love, which will most likely be the case if she pursues toward them a course of perpetual and persistent fault finding; better that the husband's petty failings be passed over in silence, than that he should learn to seek his happiness away from his own home.

AN ARCHITECTURAL PUZZLE

The famous monasteries of Meteora crown the summits of vast rock pinnacles rising from the plain of Thessaly. By what strange means the first cunning architects of these airy perches succeeded in reaching the scene of their labors is a matter wreathed in mystery. The cliffs are far too smooth and perpendicular for any man to climb by hand and foot, and history guards jealously the secret of the monasteries. All that is known about them is that the monks and wandering friars of the middle ages found sanctuary here when first the crescent and visitor ran red with Christian blood. Semitors to the monks' abode announce their presence by shouting until some one far above looks out and lets the net, which is worked by a windlass, come down. The sensation of the ascent is distinctly novel. Seated on the ground in the centre of the net, the meshes are one by one looped on to a large iron hook. As the ropes become taut the cords press uncomfortably hard upon various points of one's body, and with a strong wind blowing, it swings to and fro and bumps its human load against the cliff. The rope, as it slowly winds on the drum up in the monastery, kinks occasionally, and the jerk gives one the impression that the rickety concern is giving way. The journey, however, ends safely 170 feet above the ground, where the monks promptly extricate the visitor and give him a pleasant welcome.—The Catholic Citizen.

Social Opinion

Social opinion is like a sharp knife. There are foolish people who regard it only with terror, and dare not touch or meddle with it; there are more foolish people who, in rashness or defiance seize it by the blade and get cut and mangled for their pains, and there are wise people who grasp it discreetly and boldly by the handle and use it to carve out their own purposes.—Mrs. Jameson.

Taking No Chances

An old Pennsylvania farmer, was on a visit to Philadelphia lately with a violent toothache, and calling on a dentist was informed that the tooth must be taken out, but that he had better have gas for the operation.

He agreed to this and then started to count his money.

The dentist remarked: "Oh, you need not pay me until I have finished." "I reckon not," replied the farmer, "but if you're going to make me unconscious I'd just like to see how I stand." Philadelphia Ledger.

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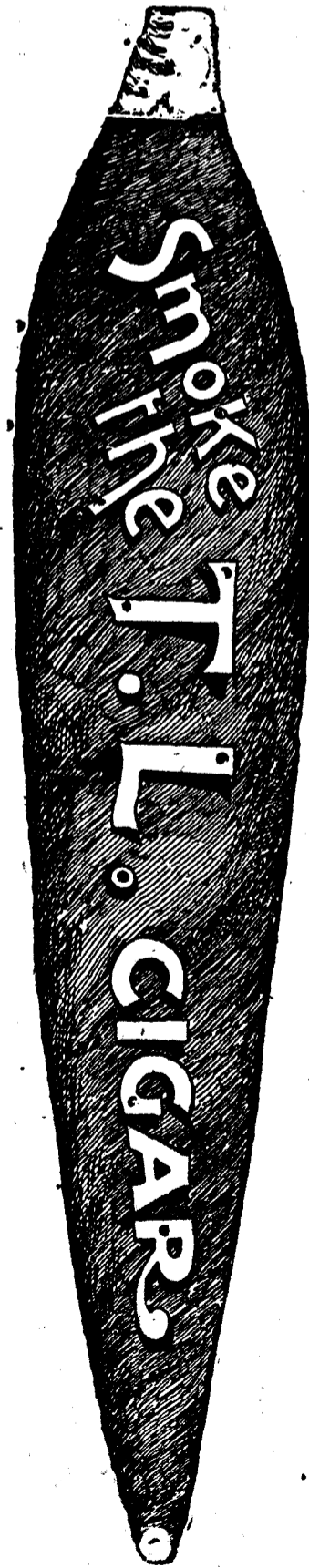
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A CURIOUS PROBLEM

The trembling Pillar at Rheims a Puzzle to Architects

The famous trembling pillar at Rheims presents a curious problem to architects. The church of St. Nicaise is surrounded by pillars constructed to prevent the walls from straining. At the entrance of the church is a bell tower. On one of the bells in this tower the phenomenon of the trembling pillar depends. When this bell is rung or even touched the top of this pillar sways.

It goes and returns about seven inches on each side, although the base of the pillar is immovable, and the stones are so firmly cemented that it seems like a solid piece of stone.

An authority who states that no satisfactory solution of this peculiarity has been given, writes: "What is very singular is that, although the four bells are about the same distance from the trembling pillar, only one of them has any effect on it. The others may be rung singly or all together without moving it."

In 1775 a little window was made in the roof of the church opposite the pillar. A board was placed on top of the pillar, and on it were put two glasses of water. Then the bell was rung. Immediately the pillar began to sway, and at the fifth stroke of the bell the two glasses were thrown off.

The ringing of this bell has no effect on the pillars between the phenomenal one and the tower, nor on any of the others, but formerly it was the first pillar which swayed, then it became immovable, and some years ago the one next to it became the eccentric one.

SANCHO PANZA'S PROVERBS

There is still sun on the wall.

It requires a long time to know any one.

All sorrows are bearable if there is bread.

He who does not rise with the sun does not enjoy the day.

Everyone is as God made him, and very often worse.

Until death, all is life.

Praying to God, and hammering away.

UP OR DOWN

On Mount Tom in Massachusetts there is a traction system operating two cars on a cable. As one car goes up the other comes down. The grade is an extraordinarily steep one, a fact that frequently calls forth anxious inquiries relative to the safety of the system from nervous tourists.

One afternoon a lady from Boston seated herself in the rear of the car that was about to make its ascent of the mountain, and it was at once observed by several that she was extremely anxious as to the outcome of her temerity.

"Is this car perfectly safe?" asked she of the conductor.

"It is considered to be madam," was the reply.

"Have there never been any accidents?"

"None to speak of, madam,—that is, no serious ones.

The lady sighed uneasily. "I was wondering," observed she, "what would become of me if the cable should break when we were just reaching the top of the mountain."

"That would depend upon how you had spent your past life, madam," quietly replied the conductor.—Harper's Weekly.

All over the country to-day young men are starting in business, and need all the assets they can muster. But the biggest asset is always the man's own character. Pluck, energy, scrupulous integrity—these are the negotiable securities, so to speak, of the business aspirant. Without the latter one, the other two are of little account. Time after time a man may have a fine business chance close at his hand, and yet a veteran in the financial field will shake his head and say: "He will not do. He has been in this or that questionable trade. He is tricky. We can not afford to back him." and the opportunity goes to a man, instead, whose character is an asset on the balance sheet. "Honesty is the best policy," is an ancient saying. It embodies the experience of the whole world. The young man who is too "smart" to be quite honest is on the way to loss of credit and of solid success.—Exchange.