

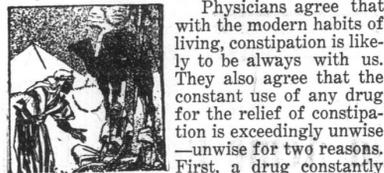
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A 22 PICTURE THAT FETCHED \$4,000. Mr. Renton, a well-known London art dealer recently bought for £18 a portrait of King Francis I. of France, and sold it to a client for £22. A crack right down the panel caused the purchaser to send the picture to be cleaned and restored. When the restorer began to clean the background there appeared another painting underneath by the famous artist, Albert Durer, and worth several thousands of pounds! In 1912 Mr. Petrie of Dundee bought a picture of that city for 9s. 6d. It was thick with dust, and he had it cleaned. The picture turned out to be by one of Rembrandt's pupils, and worth £2,000. One of Raphael's famous paintings, "La Belle Jardiniere," was sold a few years ago in a Paris second-hand shop for £2 to a lucky purchaser who was offered £4,000 for it within a few days. Some of those world-famous paintings have had remarkable histories before being brought into light. A beautiful Rubens was discovered lining the lid of an old travelling trunk offered at a second-hand sale in Brussels; the "Magdalena" by Correggio was found in a hay loft, frameless and filthy, while another Raphael was discovered in the loft of a Normandy church by some visitors who went to examine the roof.

\$1.60 a Dozen, Price of Eggs in France.

COAL IS \$80 A TON; BUTTER, \$140 A POUND. When you think of the high cost of living, consider what the people of France have to pay. Just look at these prices: Coal, \$80 a ton; eggs, \$1.60 a dozen; butter, \$140 a pound; beefsteak, \$1 a pound and up; milk, 20 cents a quart. "I know what things cost because I was running a hospital and had to buy them," says Capt. Anson Cameron, M.D., who has just returned from France. He spent about eight months in Neuchateau, in the Vosges in the northeastern part of France. He specialized in doctoring the French children. Body Heat Warms Homes. "The Red Cross had a lot of literature with good medical advice printed in France, and that literature is doing good work," he said. "I found the great lessons the French peasants needed dealt with fresh air and cleanliness. "Coal was so high nobody had any of it. People warmed their houses with the heat of their bodies. A family of a dozen living in two small rooms was common. They kept the windows always closed tight, and stuffed the cracks with cloth to keep every bit of air out. Both Makes Him Hero. Dr. Cameron declared the Red Cross literature has taught the French peasants much of sanitation and health, and the effect is being seen already. They have learned the use of the tooth brush and bath tub. "The taking of a bath was a momentous event among those poor and ignorant peasants," he continued. "There was only one place in the town, outside the hospital, where they had a bath tub. I went there once to take a bath. The family looked upon me with wonder. They lined up to watch me enter the bathroom, and when I came out they still were looking upon a hero."

Death-Music.

Tunes as an Aid to Murder. The other day in Paris a girl dweller in the underworld, known as Chichinette, was murdered by a gang of her associates, to one of whom she had confided that she had a considerable sum of money saved. A peculiar feature of the crime was that the signal for the murderers to attack their victim was given by an individual who, when the coast was clear, started whistling "Madelon," the popular marching song of the French police. When those two cosmopolitan desperadoes, Paul Koczula and George Scherfeld, planned together, in July, 1894, to murder Sophia Rasch, who kept a restaurant in Shaftesbury Avenue, the signal for the murder to be committed was to be two chords struck on the piano by Scherfeld, who remained on watch downstairs. He duly performed his part of the contract, then stopped. "Go on playing," called Koczula, "or the neighbours may hear her cry out." For sheer drama it would be hard to beat the murder of the tax-collector Gouffe, in Paris, in July, 1889. Gabrielle Bombard, a pretty grisette, and a certain Michel Eyraud, were the chief actors in the tragedy. The girl invited Gouffe, an aged man and wealthy, to her flat. The two were seated on a sofa, behind which was an alcove hidden by heavy curtains. Screened by these Eyraud lay in wait. Gabrielle pretended to be afraid that Gouffe, with whom she had long been on intimate terms, was about to desert her. The old man protested that nothing was farther from his thoughts. "If you did," exclaimed the girl, "I would strangle you, like this." So saying she unrolled the silken cord that fastened the tea-gown she was wearing and playfully slipped it over his head and round his throat. Then she commenced softly crooning an old French love-song. It was the agreed-on death signal. Eyraud thrust forth a pair of sinewy hands from between the curtains and choked the life out of the poor old man with Gabrielle's girdle. A mystery within a mystery is connected with the murder of Lieutenant Roper, of the Royal Engineers, who was shot dead by an unknown assassin in his quarters at Chatham Barracks some years ago. One evening, about eight o'clock, an unauthorised bugle-blast broke the stillness of the night. It was no ordinary "call," such as a skilled bugler would blow. Just a single, long-drawn-out, wailing "G."

War's Effect on Episcopal England.

These are terrible days for the cloth in England. The popular Bishop of London, Dr. Wainwright Ingram, unmarried, whose recreations are golf and cycling, finds himself taxed \$32,500 out of his \$50,000 annual income. He is leasing his London house, and is very doubtful if he can maintain Fulham Palace, with its beautiful garden, motor and ten servants. He puts it naively to the Diocesan Conference: "It can't be done. You ask your wives. The Bishop of Peterborough, Dr. Woods, who surrendered his palace at Great Bowden for a war hospital, possesses an income of \$22,500, out of which he gives his predecessor a pension of \$7,500. He finds that, after payment of income taxes, but a bare \$5,000 is now left, which is "quite insufficient" for the maintenance of his former hospitality. He announces his return to the palace as an experiment. Dean Weldon, of Durham, caught in the May Labor demonstration at Bradford, was heckled by a workman, who called attention to the fact that he got \$7,500 per annum, to which the Dean replied: "Well, I can earn it. I work longer hours than you." Another clergyman, signing himself "former Bishop's Chaplain," writes: "One never hears of a man when he has reached a high position in the Church or State complain of a superabundance of his official income"; all of which demonstrates the war's effect upon Episcopal England.

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Can We Talk to the Planets?

Marconi Thinks We May do so Soon. When a little boy was asked how it would be possible for us to communicate with the planets, he suggested that at a given moment on a certain day every human being in both hemispheres should raise a shout and wave a gigantic red flag, as big as Ireland, on a pole miles high. The idea is fantastic, but people who say that it is impossible to talk to the planets are equally ignorant of the possibilities of modern science. We are probably talking to some of the planets every day, although we get no reply from their inhabitants—always providing they are inhabited—because of their lack of means of communication. Thirty-five to two or three hundred million miles separate us from the planets of Mercury, Mars, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, and Neptune, and the thousand minor planets. But we have no idea how far wireless messages travel. We know that we can send a wireless message 2,000 miles—or half-way round the world—because someone is at the other end to receive it. But the message, so far as is at present understood, still goes on through the ether waves, travelling through space for anyone who has a sufficiently sensitive detector to pick up. The farther the message travels, of course, the less intelligible it becomes. The fact remains, however, that it could be picked up with a properly tuned receiver, millions of miles away. "Ether waves," says Signor Marconi, "are eternal, and communication with the planets will be rendered possible by the electrical scientists of the future. I have often pondered over strange signals which seem to come from the realms of space beyond this world." It is therefore quite within the bounds of possibility that Martians and the inhabitants of other planets are puzzling their brains over the happenings in this turbulent world of ours. "Always supposing," Signor Marconi continues, "that Mars and the other planets are inhabited by intelligent beings, there should not be much difficulty in finding a medium of communication, once signals between them have been picked up. When the

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great moment arrived, and we earth did get a sign that emanated from another planet, we should be able to establish an alphabet based on mathematics, the presumption being that mathematical truths remain the same throughout the physical universe. First of all a simple code such as two and two make four would be tried. This would be sent until a response which meant "yes" was received. So Signor Marconi awaits the day when he and his observers can interpret the strange signals which come from an unknown source, which may be a real Message from Mars.—Tit-Bits.

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LONDON, May 26, 1919. The Heir-Apparent's intention to me a Freemason has proved no rise to those who have known him since his Oxford days. In taking this he will be following the example of every Heir-Apparent except two, nearly every Prince of the Blood, since Frederick Prince of Wales, father of George III., was a Mason in 1737. Of the two exceptions, the present King is one, like his sailor uncle, the Duke of Edinburgh, he is said to have felt constant travel on shipboard in earlier years was a bar to his joining the craft. The Duke of Devonshire, Queen Victoria's father, was an Freemason, as were King Edward and his eldest son, the Duke of Clarence; while it is well known that the Duke of Connaught is King Edward's successor as Grand Master of the Order, of which Prince Arthur of Connaught is a member; and one of the King's first cousins, Prince Maurice of Battenburg, lost his life early in the war while Master of a Lodge. The Prince of Wales, when he became a member of the Household of the Duke of Devonshire, composed of Guardsmen like himself, will be the first Heir-Apparent to be initiated in England for considerably over a century. Illustrious grandfather, when Prince of Wales, having been brought to the craft in a Swedish Lodge, initiated therein by the King of Sweden. This was exactly fifty years when there were 1,300 lodges on the roll of the United Grand Lodge of England. To-day there are more than three times that number, and the promises before the end of the year to be four thousand.

THE SEASON.

This year there will be nearly all the events that marked the phases of the pre-war season, and some new ones. The chief remaining drawback to a complete return to the old pleasures is the high railway fares. The Board of Trade and the companies between them are not likely to give us any relief. The railwaymen have got increases all round, and as small the charges will be passed on to the public. The private view of the exhibition starts the peace season, and after that will come Coventry in a redecorated Coventry flower show will be more brilliant than ever through June, in its beautiful setting of the old Hospital garden at Chelsea. Racing for the first time since 1913 will be a social as well as a business affair. The Derby early summer should be a wonderful sight—the old pomp and color of the society once again filling the grand, redeemed from war uses, and the popular channels flowing back into its accustomed and military tournament will be revived, and will draw big crowds. The ritualistic smartness of pre-war displays will be less important now. We shall see an attempt by men who have been through the fire to show what fighting really is like. Dancing will soon become more popular with the resumption of half in many parts of the world. At the moment every floor is booked up for weeks ahead. The week of the year's festivities will be made to see to it that the processions are worthy in order of beauty of the great day. PRICE OF THE NOVEL. The future price of the novel is