

## FRAUDS ON THE SENSES

It is wonderful how readily we are cheated by those five senses of ours, upon which we rely with such confidence. The case with which our eyes deceive us is notorious, and if "seeing is believing," we are surely victims of a confidence misplaced. But leaving optical illusions aside, there are deceptions of the other senses—taste, hearing, touch, and smell—which are not less interesting, and, comparatively speaking, uniform.

One illusion of touch that is comparatively well-known is the "pea of Aristotle," so called because that ancient sage and philosopher is supposed to have been first to make note of the phenomenon.

If you roll a pea (a pellet of bread) do as we do on a table between the ends of the forefinger and middle finger of your right hand it will feel, of course, like one pea. But if you cross the two fingers and do the same thing it will feel like two peas, and the illusion will be so perfect that you can hardly realize that there is not a second pea. The phenomenon affords a most interesting illustration of the sense of touch with which a sense impression may.

But the senses are the gayest of deceivers, and the things they tell us are not to be relied upon implicitly, by any means. You know, hot water, the second cold water, doubtless, that "menthol" is an oil derived from the peppermint plant. If you rub it on your forehead or on any other part of your body it produces a feeling of icy coldness.

Mislead the Judgment. This is attributable mainly to a very peculiar property of the substance, which stimulates the little "nerves of cold sensation" beneath the skin. All over the body are distributed nerves of cold and nerves of heat, the former can only feel coldness and the latter can only feel warmth. The menthol is not cold but it feels so for the reason above mentioned.

Each set of the nerves has its own particular kind of sensation. If you shut your eyelids in a dark room quickly and tightly, you will perceive something like a flash of light, which is due to irritation of the optic nerve. Any kind of shock to the auditory nerve will produce a loud sound.

Irritate, no matter by what means, any of the nerves and it responds by conveying its own peculiar sense impression to the brain. Thus it is that one is able to

Taste Electricity when the poles of a battery are applied to the tongue. The papillae on the surface of the tongue, each of which represents a tiny nerve ending, are stimulated and an illusion of flavor results. You may try an odd experiment in regard to taste sensations by placing simultaneously on different parts of the tongue two substances of markedly different flavors—say, sugar and salt. You will not taste them both at the same time, nor as a mixture, but they will alternate back and forth; you will first taste the sweet and then the salt, and the sweet again, and then the salt, as sense perception jumps back and forth between the two. It is really very curious and illustrates the fact that one cannot possibly taste more than one thing at any given moment.

Just as it is impossible to perceive two tastes at once, so likewise you cannot distinguish two different smells at the same instant. You may test this by making two cornucopias of letter-paper and placing the large end of each of them over some strong-scented substance—say, peppermint and a weak solution of ammonia, contained in a couple of wine-glasses. Then put the small ends of the cornucopias into your nostrils and notice the effect. You will smell, not both together, but the ammonia and peppermint alternately, fluctuating back and forth from one to the other.

Now for something in a different line. Plunge your right hand into a jar of water that is just a bit too hot to be bearable. You will withdraw it immediately, and say that

You cannot stand it. But if, thereupon, you put your left hand into another vessel containing moderately warm water, and gradually raise the temperature of the latter, you will find that you can endure it 10 or 15 degrees higher than the first water you tried. It is natural enough that this should be so; but now place your right hand again in jar No. 1, the temperature of which has not altered by a fraction of a degree, and the water which at first was unendurable will feel cool. The same hand that found the water unbearably hot in the first instance experiences a sensation of coolness at the same point of the thermometer five minutes later.

The same idea may be illustrated in an even more striking way by using three jars—the first containing and the third lukewarm water. If you put your left hand into the lukewarm water and your right hand into the hot water, the tepid water will feel cold. Transfer your right hand to the cold water, and the tepid water will feel hot. In other words, water at a given temperature feels hot or cold according to circumstances.

One of the simplest and most striking of

Illusions of Feeling

has to do with the relative weight of things. Two objects of the same shape and color, but of different

## Deceptions of Sight Matched by Those of Touch and Sound.

size (one being, say, eight or ten times as big as the other), weigh exactly the same number of ounces. When asked to judge which is the heavier, ninety-nine persons out of a hundred will say that the little one is superior in point of avoirdupois.

The first subconscious impression on picking them up is that the big one must weigh more, because of its greater size, but the instant discovery of its lightness in proportion to its dimensions causes the mental pendulum to swing too far the other way, and choice is made of the small object as the weightier.

The impressions our senses receive are, after all, to a great extent, relative. A handful of bricks emptied into a larger receptacle seems lighter. If you are seated in a room, two opposite walls of which are made (with the pictures on them) to shift up and down in opposite directions—the experiment has been illustrated at summer resorts for the amusement of the profane vulgar—you will find yourself readjusting yourself on your chair to hold an imaginary balance. But this, of course, is an effect merely optical, and directly related to a class of illusory phenomena no varied that there is no end to them.

Hold Your Forefinger a foot in front of your nose and look at it. You will find that more distinct objects in the line of vision are doubled. You can see two or three of them. It is an illusion depending upon an elementary principle of optics. Look at a distant object, holding your forefinger as before, and you will see two fingers. Seeing double is no great art, as you will admit when you have tried the experiment.

It is not the mind that is deceived in such cases as those described, but the eye, the ear, the nose, the taste, or the smell. They are merely erroneous sense impressions—frauds, as one might say, upon the nervous system. Behind the mechanism of the nervous system, of which the brain is the nervous centre (a magnificent ganglion), there sits in judgment the intelligence, which, acting as the final arbiter of fact, finds it rather amusing to detect such cheats and brand them as clever but unsuccessful impostures.—Boston Herald.

Cordite Courage. N. Y. Herald.

In pirate stories you read How, in the Bay of Biscay, The buccaners, for courage, drank Gunpowder in their whiskey; But now, when Tommy Atkins hears There's the prospect of a war fight, He loads his gun, and then himself, With cartridges of cordite.

'Tis known that doctors oft have tried, With patients who've been drinking, Injecting nitro-glycerine. To cure that inward sinking. But who had dreamed that Tommy Atkins had the brains and foresight, To stimulate his bravery With cocktails made of cordite?

The harder you cough the worse the cough gets.

## Shiloh's Consumption Cure

The Lung Tonic is a guaranteed cure. If it doesn't benefit you the druggist will give you your money back.

Prices 25c., 50c. and \$1.00 S. C. WELLS & CO. Toronto, Can. LeRoy, N.Y.

Mike Left Suddenly.

Two Irish soldiers stationed in the West Indies, accustomed to bathe in a little bay which was generally supposed to be free from sharks. Though on good terms with each other, they were not what might be called fast friends. One day, as they were swimming about a hundred yards from shore, Pat observed Mike suddenly making for the land as hard as he could, without saying a word. Wondering what was the matter, Pat struck out vigorously after him and landed at his companion's heels. "Is there anything wrong with you?" inquired Pat, feelingly. "Nothin'—nothin' at all," replied the other. "Thin what did you make such a suddint retreat for an 'lavin' me?" continued Pat. "Bedad," answered Mike, coolly, "I spied the fin of a big shark about 20 feet ahead, an' I thought while he was playin' wid you it would give me time to reach the shore!" —Exchange.

## GOOD NEWS FOR HIS OLD HOME

Vernon Bromley Cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills

For Years he was Crippled by Rheumatism and Sciatica—Dodd's Kidney Pills made a New Man.

Morrisstown, N. Y., Oct. 26.—(Special.)—Vernon Bromley, now of this place, but formerly of Trenton, Ont., relates an experience that will prove of great interest to his old friends in Canada.

"I have been a great sufferer from Rheumatism and Sciatica for years," Mr. Bromley states. "The citizens of Trenton will remember what a crippled I was. I could neither work nor lie down, the pain was so great. "Reading of Dodd's Kidney Pills, finally led me to try them, and from the second box I began to feel relief. I continued to use them till I had taken twelve boxes, when I was completely cured."

"Dodd's Kidney Pills have made a new man of me."

Rheumatism and kindred diseases are caused by uric acid in the blood. If the kidneys are sound they will take all the uric acid out of the blood. Dodd's Kidney Pills make sound kidneys.

Adding Insult to Injury. Toronto Globe.

It is to be hoped that no Canadian will accept a title as a result of this surrender.

Never Worry.—Take them and go about your business—they do their work whilst you are doing yours. Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills are system renovators, blood purifiers and builders; every gland tissue of the whole anatomy is benefited and stimulated in the use of them. 40 doses in a vial, 10 cents.—21

The Eternal Feminine. When mid-Victorian fashions failed To tempt the laggard lover, Our Grandmother, who was walled Their weakness to discover; And modes arrived, and altered fast, Until at length was seen, In all its glory wide and vast, The Crinoline!

But fickle man was never yet Content with present blisses, And women's wit new was set To reinforce her kisses; While Cupid simply stood apart And watched the mental strife, Until in Fashion's shifting mart Appeared the Bustle!

Alas! the struggle even then, Was only just beginning, For still the ranks of single men Are far too slowly thinning. And now, to match the low-cut wear That eve to Eve allows, Behold by day the open-air Pneumonia Blouse! —Punch.

## Don't Become An Object

Of Aversion and Pity. Cure Your Cold and Catarrh Purify Your Blood and Stop the Offensive Discharge. Rev. Dr. Bochor, of Buffalo, says: "My wife and I were both suffering from Catarrh, but we have enjoyed freedom from this aggravating malady since the day we first used Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Pills. His action was instantaneous, giving the most gratifying relief within ten minutes after first application."

Use Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills. 40 Doses 10 cents.

New English Ware.

Altogether rich and distinguished is a new English ware with the most fetching decorations. The pottery itself is of a rich apple green, and the decoration is confined to the band or margin. A tall jug shows a band of yellow around the upper part, and some charming feminine heads exquisitely decorated with posies are upon this band. This piece is called the Flower Maiden, and the artist is Spencer Edge. A jardiniere is just as admirable. The pieces cost \$3 to \$8, and include vases, tobacco and cracker jars, in addition to those described. The shade of green is a happy hit, and the shapes are admirable, the jug being charmingly graceful. The mellow tones of the decorations go beautifully with the ground color.

Stannard Junction, P.Q., 12th Aug., 1903 MESSRS. C. C. RICHARDS & CO.

Gentlemen,—I fell from the bridge leading from a platform to a loaded car while assisting my men in unloading a load of grain. The bridge was down as well as the load on my back and I struck on the ends of the sleepers, causing a serious injury to my leg. Only for its being very fleshy would have broken it. In an hour could not walk a step. Commenced using MINARD'S LINIMENT and the third day went to Montreal on business and got about well by the use of a cane. In ten days was nearly well. I can sincerely recommend it as the best Liniment that I know of in use.

Yours truly, C. H. GORDON.

Thrills and Frills.

Straws in Scotch plaid design are novel.

The tailed sunflower rosette is a pretty under-brim trimming.

Only the plainest hats require veils by way of trimming.

Shirred ribbon frills laid flat on a hat are very smart.

A three-quarter wreath of violets trims a golden Neapolitan run with violet strands to perfection.

Ribbon wreaths add the color much better than flowers formed by muslin.

Some of the plaid straws are trimmed with green ribbon and deep blue velvet.

Easter Than They Thought. Toronto Telegram.

Uncle Sam would have filed his claim to all the "land that lies his own" if he had only known that Lord Alfreton was as easy as he proved to be.

In Going to New York. Be sure that your ticket read via Grand Trunk and Lehigh Valley route of the Diamond Express. This is the direct and best route from all Canadian points. By this route baggage is now checked from Canadian points. The Lehigh Valley has three stations in New York, up town near all first-class hotels, and down town near all European steamship docks, saving passengers for Europe a long and expensive transfer. Secure your tickets of Grand Trunk Agents, Robert S. Lewis, Canadian Passenger Agent, 383 Yonge street, Toronto, Ont.

A Great Lounger. Chicago Chronicle.

Mr. Balfour, the British Premier, has been described as "a statesman of the Ouida school," because he can lounge so magnificently. Sir Wilfrid Laurier once summed up Balfour's attitude toward the House of Commons by saying, with a chuckle: "Arthur thinks we are a vulgar lot."

## CEMENT BRIDGES.

Their Good Points Illustrated by One Near Tavistock.

Tavistock Gazette: Time was when very crude log bridges served the early settlers. Then came those of heavy timber, followed again by bridges of iron. These are passing out and the up-to-date bridge—for short spans at least—is made of cement. Cement bridges are not common by any means, but there is one complete a mile east of the village and one nearly finished at Nau's, between Tavistock and Shakespeare.

The one on the town line was built by the Counties of Oxford and Perth, under the supervision of Commissioner P. Berold. There is a span of 31 feet, the cost being \$800. So far as one can see there is absolutely nothing but cement used in the construction, but we are informed that some woves wire was laid in when building the arch. We doubt that it is needed, for the bridge is a strong structure, and even when a traction engine passes over there isn't a tremor. In appearance it is neat, but we offer a suggestion that if carried out will make cement bridges look much better. The suggestion is this: Plant a few roots of Boston Ivy beside the abutments. In a few years the whole structure would be covered closely with a mass of beautiful green. A cement bridge would become an object of beauty on the King's highway. The ivy would do the bridge more good than harm, for cement that is kept somewhat damp will last longer than if it becomes intensely dry at times.

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A little Sunlight Soap will clean out glass and other articles until they shine and sparkle. Sunlight Soap will wash other things than clothes.

John Bull's Vast Merchant Marine

Official statistics for 1903 show that the British have 386 steamships of over 500 tons, against 59 German, 34 American, 23 French, 16 Japanese and 10 Russian. Of steamers of over 7,000 tons, 119 are British, 15 Russian, 10 of huge ships exceeding 10,000 tons, 49 are British, 26 German, 7 American, 4 French and 4 Dutch. Nearly half of the 17,761 steamships and 12,182 sailing vessels in the world are British.

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