

**Sparkles.**

A CANNIBAL is believed to be very fond of his fellow-men.

As soon as a man gets perfectly familiar with his own name he begins to write it so that nobody else can read it.

WHO should decide when doctors disagree? We don't know who should, but we know that the undertaker generally does.

THERE are many and various ways of becoming a man of mark; but the easiest and most effectual way is to lean up against some newly-painted railings.

"Do you work miracles here?" said an intruder who had come in to break up the meeting. "No," said the leader, as he collared the rascal. "But we cast out devils."

**THE CIVIL SERVICE REFORMERS** say their object is simply to retain good men in office when you find them. This theory may be safely applied to the treatment of the human system by means of medicine. Those who have once tried Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery" for scrofulous swellings and sores, loss of flesh and appetite, weak lungs, spitting of blood and consumption, will apply to it the real principle of Civil Service Reform and "hold fast to that which is good."

We have advanced since Goldsmith's day, and the soldier, instead of shouldering a crutch and showing how fields are won, draws a map, writes out his recollections and sells them to a magazine.

"Is your son a close student?" was asked of a man who had a boy at Yale College. "Clothes student!" exclaimed the father; "you'd think so if you had to pay his tailor bills."

HE was practical and had been making love on that basis. She was a little that way herself. "Can you cook?" he inquired. "Can you supply everything to be cooked?" she replied. It was a match.

**THE GREAT SOURCE** of Consumption and many wasting forms of disease is scrofula lurking in the system. The true specific for this condition is found in Burdock Blood Bitters; that medicine purifies the blood and builds up the enfeebled frame.

LITTLE Brown (a horrid bore): "Do you believe in a man's sighs, Miss Robinson?" Miss Robinson: "A man's size? Yes, certainly I do. I think no man ought to be less than six feet in height." (Collapse of little Brown.)

ARGUING from different premises.—Sydney Smith was once passing through a by-street behind St. Paul's, and heard two women abusing each other from opposite houses. "They will never agree," said the wit; "they argue from different premises."

A DISCIPLE of Blackstone, at Albany, Ga., was met carrying home a 'possum. He was asked: "Hello, I., what is that?" "Possum!" "What are you going to do with him?" "I'm going to have a big 'possum supper." "How many will be there?" "Two; me and the 'possum."

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DR. C. A. FERNALD, Boston, Mass., says: "I have used it in cases of impaired nerve function, with beneficial results, especially in cases where the system is affected by the toxic action of tobacco."

PRETTY cousin: "And what do you think of doing after leaving Harrow?" Tommy: "Oh, I shall go into the Indian civil service." Pretty cousin: "Do you think you'll like India, then?" Tommy: "Oh it's not that. But, you know, in the Indian civil service a fellow's widow gets such a good pension!"

MANY years ago a certain Rev. Dr. Stewart, famous for his long sermons, was in charge of a parish in Broughshane, four miles from Belfast. An old woman emerged from the church door before the service was over, and one of the livery servants in charge of one of the numerous vehicles outside addressed her in her County Antrim Scotch: "Well, Jinny, is the Doctor nearly din yet?" "He's in nae notion of havin' din. He's spinnin' awa' and spinnin' awa'; but the tow's din half an 'oor ago."

**CONSUMPTION CURED.**

An old physician, retired from practice, having placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. Noves, 140 Power's Block, Rochester, N. Y.

**SCIENTIFIC TRUTH!**

REGARDING THE FUNCTIONS OF AN IMPORTANT ORGAN.

OF WHICH THE PUBLIC KNOWS BUT LITTLE, WORTHY CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

To the Editor of the Scientific American:

Will you permit us to make known to the public the facts we have learned during the past eight years, concerning disorders of the human Kidneys and the organs which diseased Kidneys so easily break down? You are conducting a Scientific paper, and are unprejudiced except in favour of TRUTH. It is needless to say, no medical journal of "Code" standing would admit these facts, for very obvious reasons.

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That we may emphasize and clearly explain the relation the kidneys sustain to the general health, and how much is dependent upon them, we propose, metaphorically speaking, to take one from the human body, place in the wash-bowl before us, and examine it for the public benefit.

You will imagine that we have before us a body shaped like a bean, smooth and glistening, about four inches in length, two in width, and one in thickness. It ordinarily weighs, in the adult male, about five ounces, but is somewhat lighter in the female. A small organ? you say. But understand, the body of the average size man contains about ten quarts of blood, of which every drop passes through these filters or sewers, as they may be called, many times a day, as often as through the heart, making a complete revolution in three minutes. From the blood they separate the waste material, working away steadily, night and day, sleeping or waking, tireless as the heart itself, and fully of as much vital importance; removing impurities from 65 gallons of blood each hour, or about 49 barrels each day, or 9,125 hogsheds a year! What a wonder that the kidneys can last any length of time under this prodigious strain, treated and neglected as they are!

We slice this delicate organ open lengthwise with our knife, and will roughly describe its interior.

We find it to be of a reddish-brown colour, soft and easily torn; filled with hundreds of little tubes, short and thread-like, starting from the arteries, ending in a little tuft about midway from the outside opening into a cavity of considerable size, which is called the pelvis or, roughly speaking, a sac, which is for the purpose of holding the water to further undergo purification before it passes down from here into the ureters, and so on to the outside of the body. These little tubes are the filters which do their work automatically, and right here is where the disease of the kidney first begins.

Doing the vast amount of work which they are obliged to, from the slightest irregularity in our habits, from cold, from high living, from stimulants or a thousand and one other causes which occur every day, they become somewhat weakened in their nerve force.

What is the result? Congestion or stoppage of the current of blood in the small blood vessels surrounding them, which become blocked; these delicate membranes are irritated; inflammation is set up, then pus is formed, which collects in the pelvis or sac; the tubes are at first partially, and soon are totally, unable to do their work. The pelvic sac goes on distending with its corruption, pressing upon the blood vessels. All this time, remember, the blood, which is entering the kidneys to be filtered, is passing through this terrible, disgusting pus, for it cannot take any other route!

Stop and think of it for a moment. Do you realize the importance, nay the vital necessity, of having the kidneys in order? Can you expect when they are diseased or obstructed, no matter how little, that you can have pure blood and escape disease? It would be just as reasonable to expect, if a pest-house were set across Broadway and countless thousands were compelled to go through its pestilential doors, an escape from contagion and disease, as for one to expect the blood to escape pollution when constantly running through a diseased kidney.

Now, what is the result? Why, that the blood takes up and deposits this poison as it sweeps along into every organ, into every inch of muscle, tissue, flesh and bone, from your head to your feet. And whenever, from hereditary influence or otherwise, some part of the body is weaker than another, a countless train of diseases is established, such as consumption, in weak lungs, dyspepsia, where there is a delicate stomach; nervousness, insanity, paralysis or heart disease in those who have weak nerves.

The heart must soon feel the effects of the

poison, as it requires pure blood to keep it in right action. It increases its stroke in number and force to compensate for the natural stimulus wanting, in its endeavour to crowd the impure blood through this obstruction, causing pain, palpitation, or an out-of-breath feeling. Unnatural as this forced labour is, the heart must soon falter, becoming weaker and weaker until one day it suddenly stops, and death from apparent "heart disease" is the verdict!

But the medical profession, learned and dignified, call these diseases by high-sounding names, try at them alone, and patients die, for the arteries are carrying slow death to the affected part, constantly adding fuel brought from these suppurating, pus-laden kidneys which here in our wash-bowl are very putrefaction itself, and which should have been cured first.

But this is not all the kidneys have to do; for you must remember that each adult takes about seven pounds of nourishment every twenty-four hours to supply the waste of the body which is constantly going on, a waste equal to the quantity taken. This, too, the kidneys have to separate from the blood with all other decomposing matter.

But you say, "My kidneys are all right. I have no pain in the back." Mistaken man! People die of kidney disease of so bad a character that the organs are rotten, and yet they have never there had a pain nor an ache!

Why? Because the disease begins, as we have shown, in the interior of the kidney, where there are few nerves of feeling to convey the sensation of pain. Why this is so we may never know.

When you consider their great work, the delicacy of their structure, the ease with which they are deranged, can you wonder at the ill-health of our men and women? Health and long life cannot be expected when so vital an organ is impaired. No wonder some writers say we are degenerating. Don't you see the great, the extreme importance of keeping this machinery in working order? Could the finest engine do even a fractional part of this work without attention from the engineer? Don't you see how dangerous this hidden disease is? It is lurking about us constantly, without giving any indication of its presence.

The most skillful physicians cannot detect it at times, for the kidneys themselves cannot be examined by any means which we have at our command. Even an analysis of the water, chemically and microscopically, reveals nothing definite in many cases, even when the kidneys are fairly broken down.

Then look out for them, as disease, no matter where situated, to 93 per cent., as shown by after-death examinations, has its origin in the breaking down of these secreting tubes in the interior of the kidney.

As you value health, as you desire long life, free from sickness and suffering, give these organs some attention. Keep them in good condition and thus prevent (as is easily done) all disease.

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