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"Send for Mother."

Health Notes.

"Dear me! It wasn't enough for me to nurse and raise a family of my own, but now when I'm old and expect to take a little comfort here, it is all the time 'send for mother.' And the dear old soul growls and grumbles, but dresses herself as fast as she can, notwithstanding. After you have trotted her off and got her safely in your house and she flies around administering her remedies and rebukes by turns, you feel easier. It is right now, or soon will be—mother's come! In sickness, no matter who is there, or how many doctors quarrel over your case, everything goes wrong, somehow, till you send for mother. In trouble the first thing you think of is 'Send for mother.' But this has its ludicrous as well as its touching aspect. The verdant young couple, to whom baby's extraordinary grimaces and alarming yawns, which threaten the dislocation of its chin; its wonderful sleeps, which it accomplishes with its eyes half open, and no perceptible flutter of breath on its lips, causing the young mother to imagine it's dead this time, and to shriek out 'send for mother!' in tones of anguish—this young couple in the flight of experience which three or four babies bring, find they have been ridiculous and given mother a good many trots for nothing. Did any one ever send for mother and she fail to come? Never, unless sickness or the infirmities of age prevented her. As when, in your childhood, those willing feet responded to your call, so they still do, and will continue to do as long as they are able. And when the summons comes which none yet disregard, though it will be a happy day for her, it will be a dark, sad one for you, when God, too, will send for your mother."

The Work of Earth Worms.

Anglers have usually looked upon earth worms as chiefly valuable for fish bait, but Mr. Darwin tells us that they change the earth's surface, swallow and bury rocks, fill up valleys, and that they have buried ancient cities, and finally, that the upper crust of the earth has passed through their bodies. Further, that this low order of beings, although blind and deaf, possess some mental powers and much muscular strength. By extensive observations and many experiments, Mr. Darwin seeks to substantiate these claims.

It has been the custom of some religiousists to take the worm as the type of humility, and to call themselves "worms of the dust." If Mr. Darwin's estimate of the geological importance of these creatures be correct, perhaps it will be necessary to look a little lower in the scale of creation for a comparison, even to the Protosoa possibly.

Shakespeare seems to have anticipated the importance of the worm—he makes Hamlet say:

"Your worm is your own emperor for diet—we eat all creatures else to fat us, and we fat ourselves for maggots."

I believe it is a fact, well-known to anglers at least, that in North America there are no earth worms in the wilderness. Only in cultivated ground, like old fields and gardens, can they be found. I have searched for them in vain in the woods and on the prairies, in the Adirondack wilderness, and in Canada, in Maine and in Florida, in Georgia and in Colorado; and I have never found them except in long cultivated grounds.

In Chicago, in 1840, earth worms were only to be found in an old garden attached to the Fort.

When it is asserted "that long before man existed, the land was regularly ploughed by worms," this may be correct as regards England, but that is not the case here. A speck on the map of the globe, if, as we are to infer from this book, the business of earth worms is to fertilize the earth by passing it through their bodies, why do they only follow in man's footsteps? Why do they not operate in new soils, and prepare them for human occupation?

To criticize any theory of Darwin, may be considered by his disciples as great presumption, and to dissent from him rank heresy; but there seems to be a connection between earth worms and the dung heap, which has not been noticed in this volume of three hundred pages.—[Forest and Stream.

We are sorry to see that Mr. Wilkie, proprietor of the well known Osborne sewing machine manufactory, Guelph, has been compelled to compromise with his creditors. A few years ago the institution was a flourishing and prosperous one, and at least one member of the company ranked with a sum. While the Mackenzie Government was in power Mr. Wilkie turned protectionist and helped to turn out the Government because they would not impose a prohibitory duty on American sewing machines. The duty has since been imposed, but how has it helped Mr. Wilkie? The clamorous for protection are having their eyes opened.

Cataract, Asthma and Cough. From C. W. Thomas, of Battleboro', Vt. "For ten or twelve years past I have been troubled much of the time with Catarrh, which has kept up a continual irritation of the throat and lungs, attended with a severe cough. During this time I have tried man of the popular remedies of the day without the least benefit. The past winter I commenced the use of Dr. WINTER'S BALM OF WILD CHERRY, the beneficial effects of which have been very great, as after having used three bottles I find myself entirely cured of my disease. The Balm has also been used in a severe case of asthma and cough which came within my observation, which yielded at once to the remedy. I recommend its use to the afflicted generally. 50 cents and \$1 a bottle. Sold by all druggists."

How few faults is there seen by us which we have not ourselves committed

Don't sleep in a draught. Don't go to bed with cold feet. Don't stand over hot air registers. Don't eat what you do not need just to save it.

Don't try to get cool too quickly just after exercising. Don't sleep with insecure false teeth in your mouth.

Don't start the day's work without a good breakfast.

Don't sleep in a room without ventilation of some kind.

Don't try to get along without flannel under-clothing in the winter.

Don't try to get along without eight or nine hours sleep.

Don't use your voice for loud speaking or singing when you are hoarse.

Don't sleep in the same undergarment you wear during the day.

Don't toast your feet by the fire, but try sunlight or friction instead.

Don't eat snow to quench thirst, it brings on inflammation of the throat.

Don't try to keep up on coffee an alcoholics when you ought to go to bed.

Don't use the eyes for reading or fine work in the twilight of evening or early morning.

Don't strain your eyes in working or reading with insufficient or a flickering light.

Don't try to lengthen days by cutting short your night's rest; it is poor economy.

Don't wear coarse, heavy furs or rubber caps or hats if your hair is thin or falls out easily.

Don't eat anything between meals excepting fruit or a glass of hot milk if you feel faint.

Don't take some other person's medicine because you are troubled somewhat as they were.

The Number Seven.

On the 7th day God ended his work. On the 7th month Noah's ark touched the ground.

In 7 days a dove was sent. Abraham pleaded 7 times for Sodom. Jacob served 7 years for Rachel. Jacob mourned 7 days for Joseph. Jacob was pursued a 7 day's journey by Laban.

A plenty of 7 years and a famine of 7 years were foretold in Pharaoh's dream by 7 fat and 7 lean beasts, and 7 ears full and 7 ears of blasted corn.

On the 7th day of the 7th month the children of Israel fasted 7 days and remained 7 days in their tents.

Every 7th year the land rested.

Every 7th year the bondmen were set free.

The destruction of Jericho, 7 persons bore 7 trumpets 7 days; on the 7th day they surrounded the wall 7 times, and at the end of the 7th round the walls fell.

Solomon was 7 years building the temple, and fasted 7 days at its dedication. In the tabernacle were 7 lamps. The golden candlestick had 7 branches.

Naaman washed 7 times in the river Jordan.

Job's friends sat with him 7 days and 7 nights, and offered 7 bullocks and 7 rams for an atonement.

Our Saviour spoke 7 times from the cross, on which he hung 7 hours, and at his resurrection appeared 7 times.

In the Lord's Prayer are 7 petitions, 7 times 7 words.

In the Revelations we read of 7 churches, 7 candlesticks, 7 stars, 7 trumpets, 7 plagues, 7 thunders, 7 vials, 7 angels, and a 7 headed monster.

Reform Planks.

Mr. Charlton, the able member for North Norfolk, gave the foolish cry, "the Liberals have no policy," its quietest other day. At a meeting of his constituents he delivered one of his admirable speeches, brimful of information, in the course of which he enumerated among the other planks in the Liberal platform, "first the determination to make war upon monopoly; second, to secure the prudent management of public affairs; third, to lessen and equalize taxation; fourth, to check our rapidly swelling expenditure; fifth, to cease running into debt; sixth, to protect the several Provinces from Federal encroachment; seventh, to protect the settlers of the Northwest by discounting speculation and making settlement a condition of sale; eighth, to maintain a good and stable currency; ninth, to dismiss useless Civil Service employees."

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There are other figures in our books, also, which might very appropriately be adjusted before the end of this month.

"Owe no man anything," has been wisely enjoined upon all, and this injunction is especially binding upon all who do business with newspaper men.

A word to the wise is sufficient, and we will say no more at present, for we detest dunning.

Ferns.

Ferns belong to the order of flower less plants. Many of the species are magnificent, with trunks upwards of fifty feet high. Some are climbing some creeping, others bushy and dwarf; all are graceful and interesting. In the suburbs of Sarnia and through this section of Canada, we have some very beautiful and interesting ferns. In this immediate vicinity we have no less than twelve distinct varieties, and all worthy of cultivation. In nearly every garden there is some shady spot or corner in which ferns can be grown and made to look beautiful for years. For each year they will increase in beauty. Nothing can be better when making the bed than to dig out a few inches of soil, place in it all the chip rubbish, broken dishes, coal cinders, etc., etc., in short, clean up your yard and place all the rubbish in the bottom of the fern bed. They enjoy rotten wood. It is also necessary for drainage. When spring comes take a day; go to the woods and procure as many ferns as required, not forgetting to get as much natural soil as necessary to form a good top soil, place them in the bed, as fancy may dictate; when they are all planted cover the bed with moss, give them a good watering and don't neglect them during the season and in a short time the once old eyes will be a thing of beauty, lovely beyond description.

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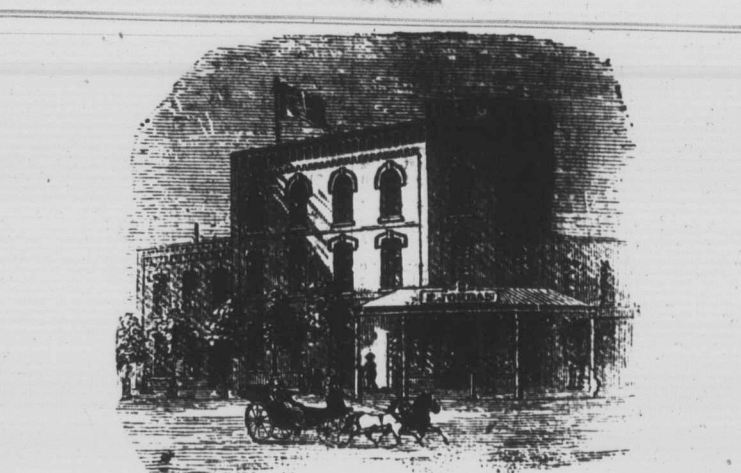
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