

My Most Peculiar Patient.

By DR. CYRUS EDSON.

It is not unusual for a physician to have a patient who has a fixed idea that he or she is going to die.

I was rather startled one afternoon recently when a young woman walked into my office and calmly announced that she was going to die.

There was one peculiarity about her illusion. While she could not tell for certain the exact day of her demise, she felt that it would be the day of her wedding.

She was engaged to a young man of good family, a thoroughly desirable husband in every respect, and she loved him passionately.

I made a thorough examination of her, and outside of a little shortness of breath could detect nothing wrong.

In this way she kept on, delaying her marriage, and the end of six months after the original date set for the ceremony found her still without a husband.

The day before the ceremony was to occur came. Contrary to her expectations, she was in an unusually cheerful mood.

No one could explain how the plug formed there, and it was an impossibility to ascertain any symptoms while it was forming.

In a recent number of Power, a singular calculation is presented by J. A. Renie. It would require, according to Mr. Renie's figures, the power of a ten thousand-horse power engine about 70,000,000,000 years to lift the earth one foot in height, and to do this work, allowing thirteen pounds of water per horse power per hour, would require

some 10,000,000,000,000 gallons of water, or more than would be discharged at the mouth of the Mississippi in 60,000 years.

A CARPENTER'S STORY.

STRICKEN WITH LA GRIPPE, FOLLOVED BY RHEUMATISM.

SUFFERED A GREAT DEAL AND FOR TWO MONTHS WAS UNABLE TO WORK—DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS RESTORED HIS HEALTH.

From the Reporter, Palmerston, Ont. There is not a better known man in Palmerston than Mr. James Skea, who for the past twenty-four years has followed the trade of carpentry in the town.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure by going to the root of the disease. They renew and build up the blood, and strengthen the nerves, thus driving disease from the system.

THE LAWYER AND THE FARMER.

How the Wily Agriculturist was Forced to Pay for Legal Advice.

There are a great many stories told regarding the exorbitant charges of lawyers, but the following account, of how a skinkint of the rural district was made to pay for advice, which we clip from the Northwest Review, is fairly entitled to rank amongst the most humorous.

A close-fisted old farmer thought there was a good chance to get some legal advice from the young man, gratis, so he dropped into his office, told him how glad he was that he had come into town, because the old judge was getting superannuated, and contrived in the course of his talk to get the legal information he wanted, and then bidding him good morning was about to leave when the young man asked for his fee.

The farmer declared he would never pay it, and the young lawyer told him if he didn't he would sue him. So the farmer trotted down to see the old judge, whom he found hoeing in his garden, and said 'Judge, I went in this morning just simply to make a neighborly call on that young scamp of a lawyer who has just come into town, and he charged me five dollars. "Served you right," said the judge, "you had no business to go to him?"

The camel is a beast of great strength and endurance. Nothing hurts it until the proverbial "last straw" is added to its burden. The human digestive system is very much like a camel. It is really astonishing how much abuse it will stand. Sometimes, however, something worse than usual will be eaten, and will go through the stomach into the bowels, and there it will stick—that's constipation. Some of the simplest symptoms are coated tongue and foul breath, dizziness, heartburn, flatulence, sallowiness, distress after eating, headaches and lassitude.

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Advertisement for Surprise Soap, featuring the text 'EASY QUICK WORK SNOWY WHITE CLOTHES.' and 'SURPRISE SOAP MAKES CHILD'S PLAY OF WASH DAY'.

IRISH PRISONS REPORT.

Some of the Changes Being Made in the Administration of Prisons.

The Decrease of Crime - Statistics that Show the Number of Prisoners now Undergoing Sentences.

The report of the General Prisons Board of Ireland, which has just been laid on the table of the House of Commons, gives an excellent picture of the absence of crime in Ireland last year.

Mountjoy Prison in the future will be mainly a local prison. It is proposed to add a new block to Maryborough Jail, while for its future purposes an adjoining farm of thirty-four acres has been acquired.

This change has been largely brought about by the fact that for some years it has been felt that the existence of the principal convict prison in the immediate vicinity of a great city is undesirable.

There has been a slight increase in the number of juveniles, under twelve years of age, committed to prison and convicted in 1897 as compared with 1896.

The average number of prisoners in custody during the year was 2,312, and the total number of deaths was 7, a death rate of 2.99 per thousand.

Turning from the local prisoners to the convict establishments the statistics furnished show very satisfactory results.

The Board alls that the members are glad to be able to state that non-productive mechanical employments, such as the treadmill or crank, are in use in Irish prisons and that for the year 1897 work was produced to the value of £2,305 0s. 3d., which, as compared with the previous year, shows an increase of £226 5s. 5d.—United Ireland.

Not with paint on the outside that is easily washed off. Put the color on from within. Scott's Emulsion fills the cheeks with rich, red blood. It is a color that stays too.

There are so many more things in the world to be laughed at when a girl is with a young man than when she is with her father and mother.

Toothache Stopped in Two Minutes with Dr. Adams' Toothache Gum. 10c.

Indifference! Indifference in the place of love? That means nothing in the place of something. Wherefore, prattling courtier, learn from a woman that in-

pleasant a process as chewing pills. Nevertheless, this is the real touchstone of brotherly love. The best way of practicing it is to put ourselves in the place of him who tries us, and to see how we would wish him to treat us if we had his defects.

PATENT REPORT.

Below will be found the only complete report of patents granted last week by the American Government to Canadian inventors.

- 607,832—Joseph Choquette & al., St Hyacinthe. Fiber treating machine.
608,107—Joseph H. Coleman, Tottenham, P. Q. Fare box.
607,984—Gerald J. Crean, Montreal. Magnet core or separator.
607,924—Edwin T. Freeman, Halifax, Can. Nailing machine.
608,056—Hermengilde Loiselle, Winnipeg, Can. Car coupling.
608,006—Charles F. Pym, Windsor, Can. Lat.
608,014—David M. Thom, Watford, Can. Combined feed cutter and blower.
607,864—Fred Lacey, Valleyfield. Stop motion for spinning machines.

Business Cards.

Advertisement for Thomas O'Connell, Dealer in general Household Hardware, Paints and Oils, 137 McCord Street, Cor. Ottawa.

Advertisement for J. P. Conroy, Practical Plumber, Gas and Steam Fitter, 228 Centre Street.

Advertisement for Carroll Bros., Registered Practical Sanitarians, Plumbers, Steam Fitters, Metal and Slate Roofers, 795 Craig Street.

Advertisement for M. Hicks & Co. Auctioneers and Commission Merchants, 1821 & 1823 Notre Dame St., Montreal.

Advertisement for C. O'Brien, House, Sign and Decorative Painter, Plain and Decorative Paper Hanger, White Wash and Tinting.

Advertisement for Lorge & Co., Hatter and Furrier, 31 St. Lawrence Street, Montreal.

Advertisement for Surgeon-Dentists, 09. Brosseau, L.D.S., No. 75 St. Lawrence Street, Montreal.

Advertisement for Grand Ronc, The Quickest, Most Direct and Popular Route to the Klondyke.

Advertisement for Klondyke, Yukon Gold Fields, Choice of several routes, and impartial information given.

Advertisement for City Ticket Office, 137 St. James Street, And Bonaventure Station.

Society Meetings.

Young Men's Societies. Young Irishmen's L. & B. Association. Organized April 17th. Incorporated, Dec. 1875.

St. Ann's Young Men's Society. Organized 1855. Meets in the hall, 101 St. Ann's Street, on the first Monday of each month.

Ancient Order of Hibernians. Division No. 2. Meets in the hall, 101 St. Ann's Street, on the first Monday of each month.

C.O.H.—Division No. 3. Meets on the 1st and 4th Mondays of each month, at the hall, 101 St. Ann's Street.

C.M.B.A. of Canada. President, H. J. Evans, 242 Deloraine Avenue.

C.M.B.A. of Canada, Branch 74. Meets on the 1st Monday of each month, at the hall, 101 St. Ann's Street.

C.M.B.A. of Canada, Branch 26. Meets on the 1st Monday of each month, at the hall, 101 St. Ann's Street.

Catholic Benevolent Legion. Meets on the 1st Monday of each month, at the hall, 101 St. Ann's Street.

Shamrock Council, No. 320, C.B.L. Meets on the 1st Monday of each month, at the hall, 101 St. Ann's Street.

Catholic Order of Foresters. Meets on the 1st Monday of each month, at the hall, 101 St. Ann's Street.

St. Gabriel's Court, 185. Meets on the 1st Monday of each month, at the hall, 101 St. Ann's Street.

St. Patrick's Court, No. 95, C.O.F. Meets on the 1st Monday of each month, at the hall, 101 St. Ann's Street.

Total Abstinence Societies. St. Patrick's T.A.A.B. Society, Established 1841.

St. Ann's T.A.A.B. Society. Established 1856. Meets on the 1st Monday of each month.

Professional Cards. J. Alcide Chasse, Architect, 153-157 Shaw St., Montreal.

C. A. McDonnell, Accountant and Trustee, 180 St. James Street, Montreal.

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