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THE FEAR OF DEATH

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Yet This Dread of Meeting the Inevitable Is So Universal That Our Entire Social Fabric Is Largely Built Upon It.

Do we dread death on the same principle that half a flock of sheep leap through a certain hole in a fencebecause the other half has done so? For unless the fear be traditionary and hereditary it is hard to account

Death is a change, occupying a moment, from one form of life to another. Whether it come in the course of nature or by accident or design, it is seldom painful; never probably so painful as a bout of the toothache. It brings us from a condition of bondage and uncertainty at best to one of freedom and security. But often it is a change from slavery, both physical and moral, to emancipation comparatively perfect, or, if we hold the materialist view, to everlasting unconsciousness. The spiritual state is emancipated from the inertia of matter and the tyranny of space: therefore thought will be presence, and a man's surroundings as to both thing and person will be inevitably such as are most desirable to The evil will be emancipated from the opposition of the good, and the good will not be grieved and hampered by the machinations of the evil. The whole chapter of accidents which here looms so large will there be eliminated. Time, which now makes us long for the arrival of an appointed hour and now dread its too speedy coming, will be no more. But we shall measure life by its intensity and by its opportunities. In other words, we shall be the makers of our own times and

Death takes us from a world of effects to one of causes. The soul is made of will and thought, and, as we may daily perceive, it is only the obstruction of material conditions that prevents us from immediately accomplishing our desires and beholding the realization of our thoughts. Again, death is inevitable to all and to any one who chooses is at any moment attainable. By what logic can our fear of it be defended?

Yet we fear it so much and so universally that our entire social fabric is built largely upon that fear. Our law makes death the supreme penalty. Our funerals are occasions of mourning. and the medical profession, one of the most numerous extant, spends its existence in combating death. We seek eagerly all nostrums or elixirs that promise us continuance of life. We ascribe supreme merit to the soldier who risks his life for his country or to the individual who sacrifices it for oth-We land the stoicism which affects to despise death, but which bases the virtue of that despising upon the acknowledged terror of the event. Our humanitarians spend sympathy and money in attempting to prolong the miserable condition of the poor and diseased. We shudder to hear of a vast natural calamity like that of Martinique or of avoidable accidents such as are furnished daily by railways and other instruments of civilization. And all the while it is the survivors who suffer, if any one does, though they, too, are soon comforted by time or the insurance companies. The dead man, the man who has entered upon the new and spiritual life, whom we absurdly pity, is free, and his troubles are over. Suicides, it is true, are said to increase with civilization. But few philosophical suicides occur. The majority are induced by dread of life overcoming dread of death. It may be doubted if suicide be ever the act of a man at once perfectly brave and thoroughly sane. The value of this lifeand it is a real value-is in the discipline and experience it gives, which it is our honest and sensible duty to improve to the utmost and to the last. Life may be interesting and arduous; it may be disappointing and irksome. It is very seldom if ever uniformly and positively agreeable. Fear, on the other hand, is one of the worst and basest of evils, and fear of death the most irrational. It must have originated in sheer ignorance and thoughtlessness. It ought to vanish before our modern enlightenment and sagacity, and with its disappearance will appear social

Dangerous Criminals. "Why," said a lady reproachfully to her husband, "you know when I say Denmark I always mean Holland!" Perhaps the city girl in the following story, told by the Philadelphia Telegraph, allowed herself a similar lati-

changes that cannot but be revolution-

ary and salutary.-Julian Hawthorne

in Brandur Magazine.

tude of expression: She was sitting on the porch, lazily rocking to and fro and watching the fireflies flitting about through the shrubbery. Suddenly she turned to her companions and said in a musing

"I wonder if it is true that fireflies do get into the haymows sometimes and set them afire." Everybody laughed at what was apparently a pleasantry, but the young

lady looked surprised. "Why," said she, "it was only yesterday that I saw in the paper an article headed 'Work of Firebugs.' It said they had set a barn on fire. Really."

Following Good Preaching. Vicar (severely, to his cook)-Mary, you had a soldier to supper last night. Cook-Yes, sir; he's my brother.

Vicer-But you told me you had no Cook-So I thought, sir, until you preached last Sunday and told us we were all brothers and sisters.-London



DOES THE CLIMATE CHANGE?

Some Observations Born of the Remarkable Summer Just Ended.

During several very hot summers recently past there was a theory not infrequently ventilated that the climate in American cities had radically changed, and that hereafter very hot summers would follow each other without break. There was no escape. The general use of electricity was doing the business. How electricity was doing it or why I do not recall hearing, but that was the all sufficient explanation. I venture the opinion that not one in ten of the men and women who talked this nonsense had more than the faintest idea of what electricity is, but they were cocksure of the soundness of the theory. The summer of 1902 has knocked all semblance of integrity out of these unbaked theories and left us wondering whether there ever was such weather before. Probably there has been, and possibly not. I do not pretend to know, and I am not old enough to remember the rigors of that famous 1816, when there was frost in every month in the year, but I should not be astonished to live long enough to experience such a summer and to hear my good neighbors attribute it to everything from a changed climate to the revenge of an angry Deity. As a matter of fact, I suspect that the climate has not changed, but is always changing, swinging like a pendulum back and forth, not, however, with the same simple regularity, but in some eccentric fashion which as yet we do not understand. These remarks do not mean that the climate and the weather are beyond the comprehension of men. Not at all. I believe that after these things have been under trained observation a sufficiently long time the present mysteries will be cleared away and that we will understand much better than now many of the things that baffle us. I believe it quite possible that we may not only be able to tell what the morrow will bring, but that to some degree at least we may be able to control it. At present, however, the old wife in the country, the wiseacre in town and the government observer are pretty nearly on

Pacific Light For Bad Eyes. One new reason why California's climate proves so beneficial to health

a par.-John Gilmer Speed in Brandur

has recently been set forth by a well known physician there. He says that the many tourists who visit the "land of sunshine" every year are suffering from nervous prostration and other disorders which have their origin in unsuspected errors of vision, and that the trip to the Pacific coast benefits them by disclosing to them the

cause of their trouble. The brilliant light of that sunny country immediately affects eyes which have distorted refraction, and the patient at once is moved to consult an oculist. He relieves the strain on the visual organs and in so doing causes the flight of a host of other evils which have been destroying peace and comfort-headache, melancholia, sleeplessness and incidentally a testy temper, which had been caused by these ills and others from which the invalid had been suffering.

How Bacteria Fly.

It is an extremely difficult matter to get away from bacteria if any are in your neighborhood. If you want to avoid danger from the disease giving growth, the only safety is in keeping your system in as healthy condition as possible, so that they cannot obtain a dangerous lodgment.

Though these micro organisms cannot fly, they are always ready to mount any vehicle that is going your way. The wings of the wind serve their purpose excellently well, as Professor E. J. McWeeney of Dublin recently dem-

He selected micro organisms not normally present in the Dublin air and scattered them with a spray over a refuse heap. He then placed culture dishes to windward, 800 feet away, and some of them sixty feet in the air. After three hours he found that bacteria had been carried to every one of the dishes.

How to Prove a Diamond's Worth. In detecting a false gem from a genuine the X ray can be relied on with absolute certainty. Diamonds, as is well known, are pure carbon, and carbon, which is opaque to ordinary light, is transparent to the Rostgen light, while glass, which is transparent to ordinary lights is opaque to the Roentgen ray. On an X ray photograph of a real diamond nothing will show but the shadow of the gold setting.

An interesting experiment was made recently in watching with the aid of ah X ray machine and a fluoroscope motions carried on inside of an opaque body. A goose was fed with food mixed with subnitrate of bismuth salt, which absorbs the X ray. The passage of the food down the long neck of the goose could be plainly traced by the moving shadow cast on the fluoroscope screen.-Leslie's.

Electric Pent Factories. A new industry in Norway is the manufacture of peat fuel as a substi-

tute for coal, the machinery being driven and the peat dried and pressed into briquettes by electric power derived from waterfalls. Peat in its natural condition contains 85 per cent of water. The heat needed to expel it is obtained from electricity. There is talk of introducing the system into Ireland

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Insalted Savages. The Darnaras, a tribe of southwest Africa, never eat salt.

An Ancient Pea. At a show organized in London by the Sweet Pea society a plant was in bloom which had been raised from a pea found in the hand of an Egyptian

Big Aqueducts. The aqueduct which conveys water from Thelmere to Manchester is the longest is the world. That from Lake Vrynwy to Liverpool (sixty-seven

miles) comes second, and the aqueduct

of Marseilles is third.

Flour Paste. Flour paste is better for boiling. Mix a cupful of flour with enough cold water to moisten it thoroughly and stir into a quart of boiling water. Continue to stir for ten minutes; run through a colander to get rid of lumps, add a teaspoonful of carbolic acid, should you wish to keep it for several days, and pour into a jar.

Weight and Height. A well proportioned man should weigh twenty-eight pounds for every foot of his height.

Cleaning Jewelry.

Jewelry can be cleaned by washing in soapsuds in which a few drops of spirits of ammonia are stirred, shaking off the water and laying in a box of dry sawdust. This method leaves no marks or scratches.

SENSATION

IN QUEBEC.

Wonderful Cures by Dodd's Kidney Pils Causing Much Talk.

Dame Joseph Millette, of St. Rosaire, Tells of Her Pains and How Easily She Got Rid of Them.

St. Rosaire, D'Arthabasca, Que. Nov. 17.—(Special).—Among the peo-ple of this neighborhood there has been much talk of late of the numerouc cures resulting from the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills. Sush diseases as Rheumatism, Backache, Heart Dis-ease and even Catarrh have yielded readily to this wonderful remedy, and people are fast learning how im-portant it is that the Kidneys should be kept in shape to perform their duty of removing impurities from the

One of those who speak out often and earnestly of the good Dodd's Kidney Pills have done is the good Dame Joseph Millette, She suffered from Kidney Complaint and Catarrh and is now completely cured. It is not to be wondered at that she speaks as follows: "I suffered much from malady of

the Kidneys. It settled in the loins and gave me great pain and discom-fort. I took two boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills and am perfectly well. "Dodd's Kidney Pills are a great remedy for me. I give Dodd's Kidney Pills my certificate from a big

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THE HIPPERPOTTYMUSS

Uncle Ebenezer Tells His Nephew All

"Yaas," said Uncle Ebenezer as he took his small nephew on his knee, 'an' I hev seen a hipperpottymuss tew. I reckon thet a hipperpottymuss is th' gol dingdest lookin' brute thet yew ever sot eyes on. It's erbout seven times es big es our ole sookey cow, yit its legs hain't half es long es her'n. When a hipperpottymuss opens its mouth, yew would think at th' least kalkilashun thet it cu'd swaller a house an' lot without chokin'. . I figger thet they's room enuf in th' mouth o' full sized hipperpottymuss fer a family tew set up housekeepin' hace I reckon thet it wu'dn't be a sat since tew liv'.

"Hipperpottymusses is four in Af-"Hipperpottymusses is four in Afriky, an' I'n durn glad o' I'd hate like sin tew find wun on the farm. Th' skin o' a hipperpottymus is so blame thick thet yew can't shot thru it with a durble bar'l shoten. Th' contents o' fourcement mets on th' back o' a hiperpottymus a ouldn't even wake brown from a nep Erbout th' only ing a hipperpottymuss is good fer is w go with a sirkuss Th' wun I seen in th' payrade wus inside o' a big cage an' hed a tank o' worter tew waller in. I ast th' feller thet was a-standin' next tew me what he reckoned a hipperpottymuss et fer a livin'; feller told me thet hipperpottymusses lived on cobblestones an' scrap iron. I kalkilate thet he wus either jokin' er else thet a hipperpottymuss has a powerful good digestshun. I wu'd o' went into th' show 'ceptin' fer th' admishun, which wus 50 cents, an' ennyways I hed tew leave town erbout 2 o'clock so es tew git home in time tew dew th' feedin'." Ohio State Journal.

They were good friends and in their early days of indifference to femininity had signed and sealed a contract which directed that the first one married was te pay \$25 to the other.

Cupid in a freakish mood turned their attention to the same girl, and in the end one of them captured the prize. The friendship that had stood the rivalry without a crack did not break when the announcement of the wedding came from a nearby city.

Nothing daunted, the friend and disappointed lover sent the following telegram to his successful rival: "I win and you lose, because you win and I lose."-Memphis News.

His Proposal.

They had been discussing paimistry, and she sought to test him. "Can you tell me the story of my life from that?" she asked as she gave him

her hand. "I can," he replied, "if you will permit me to make it a continued story."-Chicago Post.

Anticipated. "Don't you think we had better lay aside something for a rainy day?" said

Charley somewhat reproachfully. "Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "I am so glad you said that, While I was out shopping this morning I bought two lovely silk umbrellas, one for you and one for me."-Washington Star.

Whose Funeral? Tourist-Do these racing automobiles

give you farmers much trouble? Native--No end of it! It's got so now that when we see a dark, funeral shaped cloud approaching, we don't

know whether to run fer a gun or a

cyclone cellar!-Puck. Judged by Results.

"Uncle William, what is your opin ion of politics?" "I dunno, sah. De las' time I had dealin's wid it it only gimme a dollar fer two votes; so I wonders what pol-

stitution. They Come and Go. "She's been keeping boarders for sev-

itics' opinion is of me!"-Atlanta Con-

eral years, hasn't she?" "Oh, no; I never knew one to stay more than two or three weeks at the longest."-Philadelphia Bulletin.

A Safe Bet. Wife-Have you heard that Mrs. Gabb has lost her voice? Husband-Well, I'll bet that Gabb isn't offering any reward for the re-

turn of it.-New York Journal. Keeping Him Down. Young Lady-Why don't you dance, Mr. Henpeck? Henpeck-I can't. My wife's pinned me to the seat cushion .- New York

Herald. It's an Ill Wind, Etc.



Visitor-How can you stand her terrible pounding on the piano? Henpeck-Sh-h-h! I can stand anything that keeps her tongue quiet!-New York Journal.

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