

Proof Against Poison.

Some animals can absorb enough poison to kill a regiment of men without suffering any ill effects at all. Morphia, for instance. Of this deadly drug a goat can swallow with impunity enough to kill one thousand human beings.

Cats seem morphia proof. They can take quantities of the poison without being made in the least sleepy. On the contrary, morphia seems to excite these animals.

A pigeon has been known to eat 800 grains of morphia mixed with its food in a fortnight. Here again the bird was not in any way harmed.

Rabbits will eat belladonna to such an extent that their flesh becomes poisonous (while they themselves are not any the worse).

Cantharidin is not so deadly as the poison already mentioned, yet one grain has been known to kill a human being. You might, however, give a whole spoonful to a hedgehog without doing him the slightest harm.

Arsenic is one of the few poisons which kill all forms of life—insect, animal, and vegetable—and of the vegetable poisons there is one—namely, nicotine—which is even more deadly in its effects upon the lower animals than it is upon mankind.

Color Questions.

Nature is full of puzzles, and not the least of them is that of color. Why is it, for instance, that nearly all the birds with beautiful voices are so dull in plumage?

The nightingale is the most insignificant creature imaginable; the thrush's plumage is quiet; and the skylark has no bright coloring. The parrots and cockatoos, which are tinted like the rainbow, have harsh and discordant voices.

Many seaulls are white, or nearly so; yet white is the rarest color in land birds. Why is this so? Usually the very light-colored birds are the owls, which move by night and not by day.

There are plenty of blue butterflies, but I do not think that there is a single blue moth. True, some of the hawk moths have blue markings, but nevertheless, blue is a very rare color among moths. It is difficult to see why this should be so.

Some people seem to think that the intensity of color in Nature is due to sunlight. If this be so, why is it that the most glorious coors in the world, those of the ruby, sapphires, and other gems, are found buried deep in the earth?

M'Lady's Silk Hose.

The love of wearing silk stockings as displayed by the present-day young lady is by no means a modern fashion. Long years ago they were introduced into Court life, where they became extremely popular. So far back as 1560 the feminine mind was as susceptible to the allurements of fancy finery as m'Lady of to-day.

Queen Elizabeth was presented with "ane payre of blacke knit silke stockngs," as a New Year's gift, the which, after a few days' wearing, pleased her Highness so well that she sent for Mistress Montague, and asked where they came from, and if she could help her to any more.

The silk mistress, in reply, said: "I have made them very carefully of purpose only for your Majesty, and, seeing these please you so well, I will presently set more in hand."

"Do so," quoth the Queen, "for indeed I like silke stockngs so well, because they are pleasant, fine, and delicate, that henceforth I will wear no more cloth stockngs."

Discovery Due to Toothache.

A scientist's toothache once led to a wonderful discovery.

While conducting a research into the properties of nitrous oxide gas, toothache led the investigator, Sir Humphrey Davy, to the discovery of general anaesthesia, which he advised for the prevention of pain during surgical operations.

Though it was published all over the country for forty years, it remained neglected and unused, an illustration of many discoveries made by our own people which have fallen upon deaf ears until other nations have turned them to practical account.

Use Luminous Paint.

Paint over the monogram of your car with luminous paint. At night this shines out and you can avoid the mistake of entering another's car. There are other places about the car which will be easier to find if marked with a dab of luminous paint. The hands of the oil and gasoline gauges can be read almost instantly when this is applied and there is no need of lighting matches. A small vial of this paint can be bought for a modest sum and directions for applying are given with it. In using the paint do not apply it directly to the metal, as this shortens the effective life. Put a coat of varnish on first and the paint will last longer.

Broadcasting in England.

Radio broadcasting is expected to begin shortly in England. In order to avoid confusion the government, profiting by the American experience, has laid down definite requirements for the broadcasting stations. One provision of the British plan is that a part of the profits of instrument makers and a percentage of the licensing fees from receiving stations shall go toward paying the cost of broadcasting.

Worry never accomplished anything worth while.

THE HALF-SPEED MAN

What It Means When You Feel Run Down and Out of Sorts.

You know what it means to feel "all out of sorts." Most people have felt this way at some time. Nerves out of order, irritable, languid, depressed, an aching head, appetite bad and digestion weak. With some people this condition comes and goes; with others it is chronic—they can't shake it off. It interferes with business, spoils recreation and robs life of all its joys. These men and women are only able to work at half-speed. The trouble is caused by poor, watery blood. You can improve conditions to-day by taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. These pills enrich and stimulate the blood, strengthen the nerves and give you fresh vigor. Here is proof. Mr. William F. Bell, Bracebridge, Ont., says:—"I have been recommending Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for a number of years, because of the benefit I got from their use. I was in a terribly run down condition. I was scarcely able to do anything all winter. To make things worse I took the mumps and caught cold; and as a result was confined to bed for six weeks, part of the time in a terrible fever. Of course I was doctoring, but instead of getting better I was growing weaker. At this time my father-in-law urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, but I had lost faith in all medicine and refused. However, he had such faith in them that he bought me six boxes, and of course I could not refuse to take them. Now I am glad I did not. I had not taken them long before I began to have faith in the pills myself. There was no doubt I was improving. Day by day my strength came back and I gained in weight from 115 to 145 pounds. Therefore, I feel that I cannot speak too highly of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I hope my experience will convince some other sufferer of the value of this medicine."

You can get these pills through any dealer in medicine or by mail post-paid at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Canada leads a list of 13 nations in the per capita consumption of butter, according to a report of the United States Department of Agriculture. Each person in Canada is credited with consuming 27 pounds of butter a year, compared with 15 pounds in the United States. Sweden leads in the consumption of milk, and Switzerland leads in cheese eating, the average for each person being 26 pounds.

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Safeguarding the Widow's Estate

By Rev. Peter Bryce.

I am impressed again and again with the evident necessity of safeguarding, in some manner, the estate of the widow. It has been my privilege in the past two years to examine nearly 8,000 family records, and with the tragic frequency the record tells of small estates dissipated by foolish investments.

A few days ago I noted that a widow left with an insurance of \$2,000 had invested \$1,500 in gold mining stock of no value. Quite frequently the widow is induced to purchase oil stock with the promise of large interest returns. Every worthless form of stock figures in investments made by the widow. Unscrupulous men undoubtedly prey upon the widow and follow up all information given in announcements in the press respecting the probate of wills.

It is amazing to note, also, how the widow's money is loaned out to relatives and friends without security. One instance of many is that of a widow with \$3,000 from insurance. A brother-in-law borrowed \$600, a brother \$500, and a sister-in-law \$1,000 to

enable her to purchase a house. When the widow needed the money she could not obtain it. A father-in-law, in another case, borrowed \$1,000, and could not pay it back when it was needed. A brother, in another case, borrowed \$750 to help him in establishing a small business; the venture was unsuccessful and the money could not be recovered. Neighbors and friends have, again and again, united in relieving the widow of her cash assets, usually promising a good rate of interest, but unfortunately, in many instances, the security has been extremely doubtful.

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BROUGHT THE JOY OF LIFE TO MRS. COTE

Mrs. J. Cote, 58 St. Eustache St., Quebec, recently made the following grateful statement regarding Tanlac: "Tanlac has brought me perfect health and the joy of living and I am glad to tell everybody what a grand medicine it is. For over a year I was in such a weak condition on account of stomach and liver troubles that I could hardly move about the house. I could not eat a good meal without suffering the worst sort of pains afterwards. I woke up mornings with a fearful headache, and had such bad dizzy spells I had to leave my work and lie down. I felt tired and weary all the time and often had terrible sinking sensations."

"The way Tanlac built me up is simply wonderful. After taking four bottles my troubles are all gone. I am as well as I ever was in my life. I eat and sleep like a child and have strength to do my housework with ease."

Tanlac is sold by all good druggists.

"Wasn't It Providential?"

William Ufford burst into the kitchen where his mother was busy getting dinner. "Mr. Simonds ran into an automobile to-day and tipped over!" he exclaimed. "Ned was with him, and neither was hurt! Wasn't it providential, mother?"

When his mother had inquired more particularly about the accident she seemed suddenly to think of something else, and, laying down the knife and absent-mindedly holding the potato that she had been peeling, asked her son: "Wouldn't it have been providential, William, if Ned had been hurt or even killed?"

William looked at his mother in astonishment. "Why," he replied, "I thought that only good things were providential. Our Sunday-school teacher says that God cares even for the sparrows."

"She is right," his mother replied. "Jesus says, 'Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father's leave.' Jesus does not say that sparrows do not fall, but when they do fall they are still in the care of our heavenly Father. Sparrows often fall; their enemies capture them, and storms kill them; but they are a part of God's universe, and God rules wisely. He knows everything that happens, and He cares."

"I never thought of that," William replied. "It is a mistake," his mother continued, "to think that God cares for us only when He gives us what we like. There are many things, William, that we cannot explain, but whatever happens we are never beyond God's care; and very often things that we neither desire nor like are of more value to us and to others than things that we desire are. It is the sign of a strong character to trust God's providences always, whether we like them or not, and whether He is giving to us or is taking from us."

MONEY ORDERS.

The safe way to send money by mail is by Dominion Express Money Order.

Prolonged absence of sunlight tends to produce pale hair and colorless eyes.

"Cascarets" 10c

Best Bowel Laxative When Bilious, Constipated

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MOTHER!

Open Child's Bowels with "California Fig Syrup"



Hurry Mother! A teaspoonful of "California Fig Syrup" now will thoroughly clean the little bowels and in a few hours you have a well, playful child again. Even a cross, feverish, constipated child loves its "fruity" taste, and mothers can rest easy because it never fails to work all the sour bile and poisons right out of the stomach and bowels without griping or upsetting the child.

Tell your druggist you want only the genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has directions for babies and children of all ages printed on bottle. Mother, you must say "California." Refuse any imitation.

Now colds are in the air, this preventative will be welcome to many a mother: Boil half a pint of milk and half a pint of water together. Squeeze into a cup the juice of one lemon, add it to the other liquid and cook gently for three minutes. Now strain it off, add sugar to taste, and give to the patient piping hot.

Minard's Liniment for Distemper.

When buying nutmegs, choose small rather than large ones, as the former have a better flavor.

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