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SHALL WE LIVE TO BE ONE HUNDRED YEARS OLD?

It is gratifying to know by the recent health reports that the rate of mortality in the city is so low. There is no reason except its numerous shade trees, why, in addition to its other advantages, Chatham should not be the healthiest city in Canada. It is merely a question of care and energy on the part of the corporation and citizens. The low death rate reminds us that the rate is gradually decreasing in all civilized countries, or what is the same thing, the average duration of life is gradually increasing. If we mistake not, it has gained almost ten years in England in a little more than a century. This gain, of course, is seen chiefly in the lessened mortality among children and the ability to cope with epidemics. It is impossible, also, to exaggerate the part that better sanitary relations have played in the prevention of disease. If the average longevity has increased in the past, will it go on increasing indefinitely in the future? Will men live to be one hundred years old, for example? This is the question which a good many students of vital statistics have asked themselves. Indeed, there are in the United States clubs called "Hundred Year Clubs." The members of these organizations, by the way, do not all expect to become centenarians, but, as one of them has said, "They have an interest in personal longevity of the race, and they believe that by right living man will develop the best that is in him, overcoming such tendencies as are handed down through generations, and which, by persistent effort, may be more or less eliminated. Two of the most prominent members are Dr. W. H. Wiley, Chief Chemist of the Department of Agriculture of Washington, and Dr. Carleton Simon, Director of the Bureau of Vital Statistics. The gentlemen, who certainly ought to know, whereof they speak, of course, lay great stress upon food as a chief factor in the problem. Not that they are vegetarians or teetotalers apparently. Dr. Wiley says: "I believe that a judiciously mixed diet will be found in the end most suitable for the average man. The extravagant claims made by vegetarians and teetotalers which to me seem to rest on no solid foundation, at least, however, cause men to think and investigate." It is purity of food upon which these gentlemen insist: pure food, pure water, pure air, and reasonable exercise. Dr. Simon gives some very interesting information in a recent interview. For example: There are at present in the United States 40,000 persons ninety years of age or more, while there are a million and a half seventy years of age or more. But, according to Pliny, there were in the reign of Vespasiana, 124 persons between the ages of 100 and 110 who had reached or passed the hundred year limit, three of them being 140 years old. To come to later days, the beautiful Countess of Desmond, according to Sir Walter Raleigh,

"Lived to much more than a hundred and ten
And died from the fall of a cherry tree then."

Francis Age, of Pennsylvania—what numberless puns must have been made upon his name, by the way—died to be 134. Gales himself, one of the fathers of medicine, although naturally weak, died at 140.

BRITAIN'S TREATMENT OF NAPOLEON.

Lord Roseberry, in his recent book, thinks Napoleon the first might have been treated more chivalrously by Great Britain. Strange as it may seem, the most prominent writer to take issue with him on this point is a Frenchman, M. Harduin. The latter in the *Matin* says:

"It is easy, after eighty-five years have passed, to display such generous sentiments as those expressed by Lord Roseberry. The tempest is far off. But he will never make us believe that if he had been at the head of the Government of his country in 1815 he would have acted differently from Custerhough. At most he would have shown more tact in his treatment of the prisoner. And even this is not too certain, for then it was the morrow of a terrible crisis, and Napoleon had inspired so much fear, that the question of his personal comfort and the respect due to him appeared to be of no importance. Besides, his foes had never made any pretensions to showing great magnanimity toward his enemies. Let us amuse ourselves for a moment by inverting the roles. Let us suppose that Napoleon had struggled for fifteen years against a formidable enemy that threatened his throne. He had begun by defeating this enemy, and, after exiling him to the Island of Elba, believed that he was entirely rid of him. Then suddenly he sees his enemy reappear, armed and more menacing than ever. Waterloo arrives, a Waterloo in which Napoleon is conqueror. His adversary is again in his hands. What would

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A FOND REMEMBRANCE.

Why, oh why, do we remember One day out of bleak December, And we think of all the year No day is to us so dear As it is for its warmth and sunshine, Is it not that some great message Wakes up in these hours of ours? Years ago, in bleak December, In a manger low and cold, Lay a form; ah, we remember, 'Twas the Saviour, we've been told. And his mother, bending o'er him, With her eyes filled with delight, Waited for the coming morning With its sunshine and its light. So should we, with songs of gladness, Look towards our Christmas day, In our hearts should be no sadness, And with faces like the May, Try and let us all remember That 'twas in old cold December In a manger for a way, Christ was born on that blest day. —Carrie E. Bowes. Wallaceburg, Dec. 7.

LOSES HIS JOB.

Lisbon, Dec. 7. — The Government has withdrawn the exequatur of Mr. Potts as Dutch Consul at Lorenzo Marques, and it recently did his Transvaal exequatur, on the ground that he used his Dutch official position to assist the Boers, thus exposing Portugal to a rupture with Great Britain.

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It may be for three.

A new mother, or about-to-be mother, should keep herself up to the highest possible level of health and supply, and begin far back. Live generously and carefully.

Whatever is good for her comfort and health, let her have it; whatever is bad for her comfort or health, avoid it.

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he have done with him? Would he have reserved him a second villegiature? He would have ordered out an execution party and have got rid of him on the spot, for he was a man of immediate, radical and definite solutions, and did not trouble himself about what people would say. The execution of the Duke of Enghien is a proof of this.

"Why, therefore, all this emotion over his memory and his captivity? Indeed, I consider that it is simple honesty to recognize that England in 1815 did the only practical thing, and that she then rendered not only to Europe, but to France herself, a real service. We are too apt to be inquisitive about the past, and to be too much concerned with the future. It is not everything to go into enthusiasm over Napoleon, and his glory now that, thanks to time, he has become a legendary hero. We must think a little of the reverse side of this glory. People no longer think that in France during the Hundred Days 2,000,000 peasants, refusing to recognize the imperial epic, were exchanging fire with the gendarmes in the woods. They do not remember that in the villages the women had to burn themselves to the plow because the ogre, as he was then called, had devoured everything—animals and men. Another recollection, too, comes to my mind. Napoleon, starting for the Russian campaign, has just reviewed his guard. He re-enters the Tuilleries. Clamors are raised by the hostile crowd who line the way. The women, excited and furious, exclaim, 'Monster! drinker of blood! give us back our children!' And the police, powerless to restrain this exasperated crowd, allow their Emperor to be insulted.

"Yes, it is very easy and pretty to-day, now that the century has ended, to display sentiment and fancy, but the people who lived at that terrible period had the right not to be sentimental. France, exhausted, was at heart with all Europe, and, like it, drew a breath of relief and delight when England, undertaking the necessary police operation, definitely placed Napoleon beyond the power of doing mischief. Men whom nature has endowed with the soul of a drummer now thrill when the memory of Napoleon is evoked, but I ask myself whether their enthusiasm would last long if a fresh Napoleon arose in France. Happily, it is an improbable hypothesis. Of men of such a stamp there do not spring up two in a thousand years, or if they spring up we have no suspicion even of their existence. The man, indeed, is not enough; there must be the environment and an extraordinary concurrence of circumstances before he can come to the front. Falling on the ground fifty years sooner or fifty years later, the grain which produced Napoleon would never have germinated."

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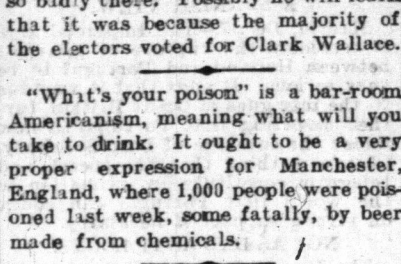
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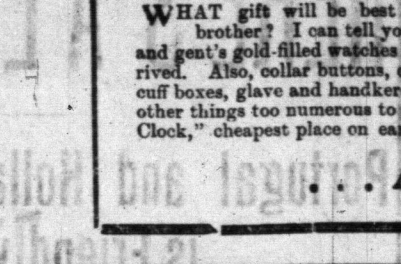
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