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WHILE it is true that the poise, as they are, should mount skyward toweight, age and heightof a person

has much to do at any particular and tone? time, with the capacity of the chest to muscular habits, have almost as much to do with the air-volume of the lungs.

Anyone may easily test his lung capacity by breathing out all of the air in his lungs, loosening all garments or standing almost nude, to take then a deep inspira-tion, thus filling the "lights" to their fullest capacity. If the chest is now measured and the contents of the lungs are expelled into the mouth piece of an instrument called a "lung tester" or spirometer, an arrow or indicator will mark off the number of cubic inches of air blown into the nozzle by the one explosive. expiratory effort.

In the erect posture an average person of five feet, nine inches in height, will yield a measure of 246 cubic inches. One of five feet, ten inches, otherwise the same, may yield evidence of 254 cubic inches.

Taller men often show 262 cubic inches of air in their lungs, or an increase of about 8 cubic inches to each additional inch of height and in good health.

In some doubtful conditions, a physiologist may form a judgment of the individubut is not earning as much as might be expected, a lung test may explain matters. If he is 5 feet 9 inches and registers a lung capacity of 160 instead of 246, some abomination to health may be justly suspected.

A gallon contains about 277 cubic inches or 8 pints, the amount of air expired by a vigorous six footer.

Obese persons have more or less interference with breathing, because of the adipose tissue around the ribs, diaphragm, bronchial tubes and lungs. It weighs down the respiratory machinery and prevents a complete expulsion of stale vapors and waste gases.

Similarly, since the amount of sunlit, fresh air inhaled depends upon the spaces left in the lungs after exhalation, it follows that persons inclined to rotundity and embonpoint sometimes receive less fresh air than the slender.

Indeed, the weight of fat in the abdomen and around other structures impedes the ascent and descent of the air tubes. The mechanism of respiration is ballasted and unbuoved.

Almost as mischievous, if not more so, than a deficient lung capacity is the puffing, asthmatic, broken-winded individual who thinks himself a near-Caruso. or who perpetrates his follies through a maladies of the over-stretched lung structures, I have often spoken.

Singing exercises under the best teachers, dumb bells, swimming and Indian club exercises all help to give elasticity and tone to the human lung apparatus. They maintain a good, average number of cubic inches of air space as well as they prevent undue, over-expansion of the delicate, pulmonary tissue.

Belts, laces and corsets when worn

short of full compression of the flesh, are eminently proper and in no wise harmful. Drawn in, however, to the degree of an hour-glass at the waist line, turning the form of Venus or Apollo into an egg-cup, spells disaster to the air-volume of the lungs, the mobility of the stomach, and the very freedom of the heart itself.

The circumference of the waist of a woman of medium height and weight, if not put in the vice of stays and corsets beyond reason, should be about 29 inches, not 20 inches or even less, so often encountered in the tightly laced.

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For those tainted with tuberculosis or hold air, health and vigor, no less than muscular habits, have almost as much to even when most loose, hamper the resiliency of the lungs. All allegiance to this modish custom must be put in abeyance or cut in twain, if every molecule of available oxygen is to be ensnared for health. Finally, carry out the practices and exercises suggested in these columns and do all things needed to aid the chest in its duty to re-establish its pristine physiology, its native splendor of beauty and form.

Not Her Pie

Hostess (at party) — "Does your mother allow you to have two pieces of pie when you are at home, Willie?" Willie (who has asked for a second piece)-"No, ma'am."

"Well, do you think she would like you to have two pieces here?"

"Oh" (confidently), "she wouldn't care. This isn't her pie!"—S. C. Clarke, Rhode Island.

A Possible Chance

A young man who last month received al's health. If the person seems to be well his diploma has been looking around successively for a position, employment and a job. Entering an office the other day, he asked to see the manager, and while waiting for that gentleman to become disengaged, he said to the office

"Do you suppose there is any opening here for a college graduate?"

"Well, dere will be," was the reply, "if de boss don't raise me salary to t'ree dollars a week by termorrer night."—S. C. Clarke, Rhode Island.

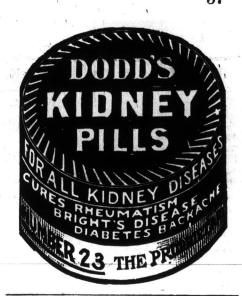
The Mel-O-Tone

The latest addition to Winnipeg's ever increasing array of industries is the Mel-O-Tone Company, manufacturers of high-class talking machines at popular prices. A representative of The Western Home Monthly recently had the pleasure of being conducted through the factory and was able to see the machines in all their different stages of manufacture, and a most interesting afternoon was spent by the group of newspapermen present. We have no hesitation in declaring the Mel-O-Tone to be the equal of any talking machine we have heard, while it enhances the appearance of any room. Several different types of machines are manufactured cornet, a French horn, a trombone, or but we were particularly interested in some of the various wind instruments. one finished in genuine oak, standing Of emphysema and bronchiectasis, two three feet high, which would have been good value at \$75, but which we were told is being put on the market for \$39.50. These machines play any make of disc record, and the reproducer will take either sapphire point or needles. The sound box is excellent, every detail of the orchestration being brought to the surface and beautifully modulated, we particularly remember a song from Rigoletto which enthralled us all as we listened to the angelic tones from the

golden-throated soprano. The Mel-O-Tone is going to be a name to conjure with in the musical world, or we miss our guess. The manager informs us that the reason the company is able to sell their machines at such very low prices is because everything is made in Winnipeg, and that no dealers or jobbers are employed, the machine being actually sold direct from the manufacturer to the consumer-no middleman at all—and that means a saving to the consumer of no less than \$35. We recommend the Mel-O-Tone as an excellent talking machine—admirably suited to the needs of the western farmer.



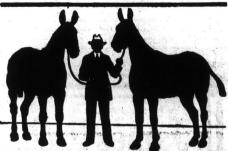




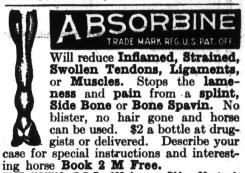
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