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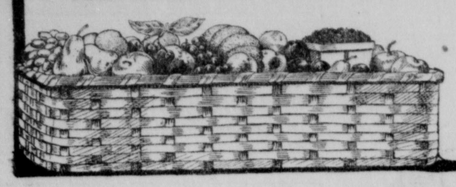
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A NEED, JUST LIKE SLEEP.

Is the Instinct of Natural Death Born in Mankind?

The most convincing fact in proof of the existence in man of an instinct of natural death seems to me that reported by Toxarsky in relation to an old woman. In the lifetime of Toxarsky I begged an acquaintance of his to obtain for me the details of this most interesting case, of which I had found but an incomplete statement. Toxarsky unfortunately could add nothing to what he had published in his article, I believe, however, that I have found the source from which his instance had been taken.

In his book upon the physiology of taste, which had its day of celebrity, Brillat-Savarin relates the following: "I had a great-aunt, ninety-three years old, who was dying. Although for some time confined to her bed, she had retained all her faculties, and her condition was only betrayed by her loss of appetite and the weakening of her voice. She had always shown a fondness for me, and I was near her bed, affectionately ready to wait on her, which did not prevent my watching her with the philosophical eye I have ever had for the things and events surrounding me. 'Are you there, nephew?' she asked, in a scarcely audible voice. 'Yes, aunt; I am here at your service, and I think you would do well to take a little good old wine.' 'Give, mon ami. One can always swallow liquid.' I hastened. Raising her gently, I made her take half a glass of my best wine. She brightened for a moment and, looking at me with eyes which had once been very fine, 'Thank you,' she said, 'for this last favor. If ever you reach my age you will find that death becomes a need, just like sleep.'

"These were her last words. Half an hour later she had fallen asleep forever. We unmistakably have here an instance of the instinct of natural death. The instinct was shown at a relatively early age in a person who had retained all her intellectual faculties."—Professor Elie Metchnikoff in Harper's.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Beat a boy out of a dime and the crime will never outlaw.

Comparison may not be a detraction, but it is certainly a half sister.

The truth with unselfish people is they are liable to brag about it.

There is only one way in this world to get your own way—insist upon it.

Almost any defense would be all right if you could make people believe it.

It is just as dangerous to tell some people a secret as it is to fool with a loaded gun.

When a man submits to a procession wedding the other men look at him the way boys look at a boy whose mother makes him wear long curls.

The man who has made a failure in any line of business never has a very good opinion of the man who started in the same line at the same time and made it a success.—Atchison Globe.

Too Deep.

The story is told of a lank, disconsolate looking farmer who one day during the progress of a political meeting in Cooper institute stood on the steps with the air of one who has been surfeited with a feast of some sort.

"Do you know who's talking in there now?" demanded a stranger briskly, pausing for a moment beside the disconsolate farmer, "or are you just going in?"

"No, sir. I've just come out," said the farmer decidedly. "Mr. Evarts is talking in there."

"What about?" asked the stranger.

"Well, he didn't say," the farmer answered, passing a knotted hand across his forehead.

A Pet Tiger.

Out of a river bed where it had tumbled when its dam was put to flight some hunters in India fished a tiger cub. In two days it was as tame as a kitten and grew up the playmate of the camp terriers. It was very fond of them and the terriers worshiped the tigress. To allay the fears of a woman visitor the tigress was one night chained up. Next morning the animal was found with a man under her. She had not hurt him. He was a thief and, not knowing of her existence, had come within the area which her length of chain enabled her to command. She sprang upon him, lay on him and kept him prisoner until guards came to release him.

A Famous Tenor.

Apart from its wide range, the natural beauty and sweetness of the voice of Sims Reeves held his audiences spellbound and fully entitled him to be termed the finest English tenor of his day. He especially excelled in oratorio parts, while in opera his success was scarcely less pronounced. Perhaps it was as a singer of English ballads that Sims Reeves appealed to the majority, and it will probably be many a long day before we shall hear a more exquisite rendering of "Sally In Our Alley" than that of which this great tenor was capable.—London Mail.

Neglected Ruins.

Visiting Britisher — But you have nothing to see over here—nothing, I mean, in the way of grand old things that have long since fallen into disuse. Gothamite — We haven't, eh? Wait till you get a copy of the city ordinances.—Life.

Comparing Notes.

Bleeker—My wife got the best of me in an argument this morning. Meeker—My wife never got the best of me but once. Bleeker—When was that? Meeker—When she married me.—Chicago News.

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EDMUND KEAN.

To See Him Act Was Like Reading Shakespeare by Lightning.

Before the third century after the birth of Shakespeare had reached its first quarter there was born in England to a stage carpenter and a strolling actress a child destined to grapple with the poet's highest thought and interpret it with a vividness that to this day stands unrivaled. Coleridge's terse comment, that to see him act was reading Shakespeare by lightning, reveals him with the fullness of a volume. Edmund Kean, along with most people early trained to an art, had little if any education of the schools. He was when a boy provided with instruction by some benevolent people whom his smartness and beauty attracted, but he rebelled against the tasks of study and went to sea. But life there was too rough for his fine nature. He returned to England and at the age of seven began the study of Shakespeare's characters with his Uncle Moses. This he continued with an actress named Tidswell, who taught him, besides, as well as she knew, the principles of her art.

At an early age he had the credit of originality so surprising as even then to challenge the supremacy of Philip Kemble. At fourteen he played Hamlet. King George had him recite at Windsor castle, and it is said this incident led some gentlemen to send him to Eton, but there is no record of it. At twenty he was in a provincial troop, a member of which he married, and for six years thereafter, until his glorious night at Drury Lane, his life was one of hardship, struggle, obscurity, but, thanks to the faith in himself, not hopeless. His London debut was made at twenty-eight. He had fought for it hard and long and would then have missed it but for the falling reputation of the theater. London debuts in first roles are not easy for provincial actors, and none knew better how hard they are to get than Henry Irving. Kean seems to have been at his full splendor and made a hit. After that his habits were altogether prejudicial to the refinement of taste or the acquisition of knowledge.

A TREE OF ILL REPUTE.

The Fresh Juice of the Upas Acts as a Deadly Poison.

An evil reputation has long been borne by the upas tree, Antiaris toxicaria, which grows in Borneo and other East Indian islands. It is still a common belief that birds flying within the influence of its poisonous vapors instantly perish and that it is fatal for animals or men to rest beneath its shade. It resembles certain rhus plants (like the poison ivy) in emitting a volatile substance which affects the skins of certain susceptible persons, though others are unaffected. The sap is very poisonous and is the chief substance used by the Dyaks of Borneo for poisoning the tips of their darts.

In this process an incision is made in the bark of the tree and the milky exudation collected on a palm leaf and dried first in the sun and then over a fire until a thick brown mass is left. In this state it can be kept without deteriorating, and when required for use it is made into a thin paste with the juice of "tuba" root, which is used to stupefy fish, or with tobacco or lemon juice, and the ends of the darts dipped into the mixture and dried. These darts are made from the middle stem of the palm leaf and are about six or eight inches in length and of about the thickness of a knitting needle.

They are used with a wooden sumpitan, or blowpipe, which is about seven or eight feet in length and has an internal diameter of about one-quarter inch. A bird struck by one of these little darts is instantly killed, and a pig dies in about twenty minutes. The fresh juice of the upas tree, whether swallowed or injected into the blood, acts as a violent poison, causing convulsions and death.—Chicago News.

Larvae Nests.

By breaking open rotton logs one can find in midwinter the grubs or larvæ of many of the wood boring beetles, and beneath logs and stones near the margins of ponds and brooks hordes of the maggots or larvæ of certain kinds of flies may often be found huddled together in great masses. The larvæ of a few butterflies also live over winter beneath chips or bunches of leaves near the roots of their food plant or in webs of their own construction, which are woven on the stems close to the buds whose expanding leaves will furnish them their first meal in spring.

He Didn't Hush.

"Mamma," querled little Willie, "what is 'hush?'"

"Why do you ask, dear?" said his mother.

"Because," explained the observing urchin, "when I asked sister what made her hair all mussed after her beau was here this afternoon she said, 'Hush, dear.'"—Chicago News.

The Caller.

"Mary, has any one called while I was out?"

"Yes, ma'am; Mr. Biggs was here."

"Mr. Biggs? I don't recall the name."

"No, ma'am; he called to see me, ma'am."—Strand Magazine.

Corrected.

Teacher—What are parallel lines? Micky Mulberry, what are you grinning at? Micky Mulberry—Scuse me, Miss Sharpe, but any loidy might make de same mistake. Yer means parallel bars, don't yer?—Puck.

The secret of being tiresome is in telling everything.—Voltaire.

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A number of tender handed English gallants joined a pioneer expedition to Virginia. The weather was cold and the work hard. When these soft muscled young men were set at chopping trees their hands were sorely blistered by the ax helves. With the cries of pain many oaths were heard.

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In colonial days hog stealing was considered one of the most serious of crimes. At the first offense the thief's ears were slit, at the second his ears were nailed to a pillory, and at the third he suffered death "without benefit of clergy."

Deceitful bakers and careless fish dealers had to "lose their ears," while he who spoke detracting words had his tongue bored by a bodkin.

A Frenchman, traveling in America in 1700, describes the ducking stool as a "pleasant mode" of punishing a scolding woman.

In 1635 Thomas Hartley of Virginia wrote of his witnessing the execution of a ducking stool sentence:

"Day before yesterday at 2 of ye Clock, I saw this punishment given to one Betsey Walker, who by ye violence of her tongue made her house and her neighborhood uncomfortable. They had a machine for ye purpose, yt belongs to ye Parish. It has already been used three times this summer.

"Ye Woman was allowed to go under ye water for ye space of ½ minute. Betsey had a stout stomache and would not yield until she had been under five times. Then she cried piteously. Then they drew back ye Machine, untied ye Ropes and let her walk home a hopefully penitent woman."—Youth's Companion.

BUSINESS PROVERBS.

Not the big earner, but the wise investor, is the future capitalist.

The wise man knows that wealth is not worth getting save for the purpose of using and so gets after it early.

Investment is putting money into chicken farming; speculation is counting the chickens before they are hatched.

The chap who does his work indifferently because he thinks he is above his job thereby proves his unfitness for the job that is above him.

The man who yields to honest persuasion slowly and imperceptibly, as rock to water, may make a loyal investor when won. But he who is quick to lay hold of a good investment makes the most money.

Multitudes of people sleep soundly nights, believing their savings to be protected in the banks, not dreaming that the banks have invested them in business enterprises that the depositors themselves declined to buy shares in because they thought their earnings were too large to be safe.—Cent Per Cent.

Willing to Chance It.

It is reported of the Earl of Mansfield that he once dismissed a servant, but wrote for him a "character," as follows: "The bearer, John ——, has served me for three years in the capacity of coachman. He is an able driver and a very sober man. I discharged him because he cheated me." A day or two later the man returned to thank his old master for the help he had afforded him in getting him a new birth. How had the testimonial helped him? The man explained that his new master had observed that ability to drive and sobriety were the qualities he required in a coachman. As for the cheating, his employer had said, "I'm a Yorkshireman, and I'll be hanged if you cheat me."

The English of It.

An English actor of some prominence was dining with some friends in this country. One of them asked him if he had found any American plays that he thought he could use in England. "Oh, yes," he replied, "I have seen one or two that I fawncy will be on the other side. In fact, I have entered into negotiations for several. One that appeals to me strongly is a play called 'Ten Evenings in a Public House,' where I shall play John Morgan, and another is named 'Uncle Thomas' Residence,' which has a fine part for me in Marks, the barrister."—Kansas City Star.

Papa's Fault.

Father—I have just heard that that incorrigible son of mine has just married a well known actress. Daughter—Well, you have yourself to blame, father. Father—How do you make that out? Daughter—Haven't you often told him to hitch his wagon to a star?—Young's Magazine.

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The elephant trumpeted loudly.

"What's the trouble?" asked the chimpanzee.

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