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CANCER OF THE LARYNX.

A Remarkable Surgical Operation Performed Recently in Boston.

Carney hospital, Boston, was the scene a few days ago of a remarkable surgical operation. Five weeks ago a man giving the name of John Strong entered the out patient department suffering from a severe bronchial trouble. His voice was almost gone, and when talking he experienced considerable pain. An examination revealed the fact that Strong had cancer in the larynx. This cancerous growth had filled one-half of the larynx, implicating the right vocal cord, and was fast eating its way to the left side. If it remained unchecked total loss of voice would have been the result, and death would have followed from inability to breathe.

After several local remedies had been applied, the operation of excision of the larynx was decided upon. An incision was made through the skin from the top of the thyroid cartilage, extending about six inches in length along the median line of thyroid crycoid cartilages and trachæ. The skin and muscles were then cut away and turned aside, laying bare the cartilages and windpipe. The larynx was then separated from the esophagus, an incision was made in the posterior wall of the larynx and a packing of iodoform gauze was inserted to prevent the flow of blood to the lungs.

The operation known as tracheotomy was then performed. This consists in inserting a tube, which answers the purpose of mouth and nose to the patient—that is, at least as far as breathing is concerned. A deep incision was then made in the median line of the larynx and the right half of laryngeal cartilages was completely cut away, together with the right vocal cord, and then the cancerous growth that had caused the trouble was removed. After the right half of the larynx was removed an obstacle presented itself. On the top of the larynx there is the epiglottis, a piece of cartilage, whose office is to close the air passage while food is being swallowed, thus preventing foreign particles from entering the lungs.

With one-half of the larynx cut away the epiglottis for the time being could not close the passage. To obviate this obstacle an incision was made in the anterior wall of the food passage and a second tube was inserted. This completed the operation.

The void made by the removal of part of the larynx will gradually be covered by natural processes with a membraneous growth, which will take the place of the lost vocal chord. The tubes will be withdrawn and the cavities remaining will be assisted in healing by means of plaster bandages. The patient will be enabled to breathe and take nourishment in the ordinary way.—Boston Herald.

Freaks of Walking Sticks.

Walking sticks have their eccentricities, as they have their human companions. Sometimes, when the summer is but newly ended and the garrison in vase and hatrack has been heavily reenforced, the entire colony will come crashing and rattling down in the night and there follows a general eviction the next day. Weeks afterward I spend my days as a tale that is told a great many times, seeking to discover and collect the scattered remnant that is left. I once had an alder stick so crooked that every time one walked across the floor, even in a distant room, this stick would rock and tremble and fidget uneasily in its place. This, happening at all hours of the night and day, drove the whole family into a nervous fever, until at length I labeled the stick and presented it to a college museum. Some of the sticks come home all right, but in the process of domestication slowly shed their bark, so that the hall carpet is reduced to a state of chronic woodyard chippiness.

Others, as they dry out, develop a malodorous odor that leads to the unanimous diagnostication that they were picked before they were ripe, and are straightway ordered forth to cremation. Some wait until they have been carefully scraped, painted with three or four coats and varnished with infinite painstaking, and then calmly split from end to end, curling up at the edges of the split. Others take kindly to steaming and straighten out until a straight edge cannot find a fault in them, and as soon as staining and polishing is complete, and an expensive head fitted on, suddenly develop inflammatory rheumatism and curvature of the spine, legacies of the marsh whence they were taken, doubtless, and hump themselves into more misshapen shapes than a wet clothesline, hastily coiled in the dark by an inexperienced man, can imitate.—Robert J. Burdette in Ladies' Home Journal.

The Ancient Jews Were Great Boxers.

A pugilistic ring was a favorite game with the ancient Hebrews. If that ring was ruled by the rules of our modern "code of pugilism," I hardly can tell. The first trace of that game we find in the narrative of the Scripture is when Abner, the commander in chief to Saul, met David's general, Joab, and the former asked the latter, "Let the boys rise and play before us." This amicable boxing, the Scripture informs us, turned out a regular slaughter, so that Abner was obliged to beg Joab in these words to stop it:

"Shall the sword eat human flesh forever?" From this plain narrative we can see how favorite the boxing game was among them. We can [illegible]

ancient Hebrews the well known proverb in a modified form, "When Jews met Jews there was a tug of war." It seems that a Jewish greeting was a box on the ear. By the advance of a cultured humanity the roughness of the "ring" has also been humanized.—Boston Transcript.

A Bad, Wicked Man.

Visitor—What became of that dog you used to have?

Little Girl—A bad, wicked man shot him.

"Dear me! What for?"

"For bitin th' bad, wicked man's baby."—Good News.

Where Was Adam Buried?

Was Adam, "the first man," the husband of Eve and the victim of the serpent's wiles, buried in Missouri? The Talmud says: "The remains of Adam were taken by Noah into the ark, and when the ark rested on Mount Ararat Noah and his sons removed the body from it, and they followed an angel, who led them to the place where the first father was to lie. Shem being consecrated by God to the priesthood performed the religious rites and buried Adam at the center of the earth." Others relate that Noah on leaving the ark distributed the bones of Adam among his (Noah's) sons; that Shem was given the skull, and that he buried it at Golgotha, which, by a strange coincidence, you will remember, was known as the place of a skull. S. Basil says: "According to Jewish tradition, the skull of Adam was found in Golgotha. Solomon, by his great wisdom, knew that Adam's skull was buried there."

Golgotha was also known as Mount Calvary, because Adam's calvaria, or skull, was interred at that place.

But Joseph Smith, the Mormon prophet, who was a most remarkable man, was of the opinion that a place near Gallatin, Mo., was the center of the earth, and that Adam's remains were buried there. A mound near that place "Prophet" Smith always designated as "Adam-on-Di-Amon," which he interpreted as meaning "the grave of the first Adam." Of course no one but he and his followers ever seriously believed that our first parent was buried at the spot indicated, but it is passingly queer at least that welldiggers should find all sorts of relics there at a depth of eighty feet, as they did in January, 1891.—St. Louis Republic.

Misers with Good Motives.

Occasionally men have become miserly from good motives, as did an Italian physician, who denied himself the common necessaries of life, and when he died was mourned by none until his will was read, when it was found that he had left his entire fortune to be expended in bringing water from the mountains to his native village. So also when Bethlehem hospital was built an east end miser gave a donation of £100. When a collector called for the amount he was found scolding a servant for throwing away a match which had not been burned at both ends.—Cassell's Journal.

A quarryman at West Rutland, Vt., fell a distance of sixty feet to the bottom of a quarry, but, strange to say, no bones were broken.

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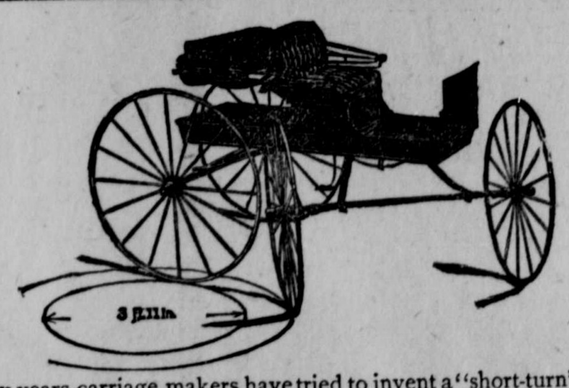
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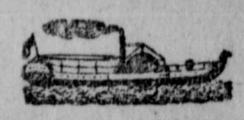
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