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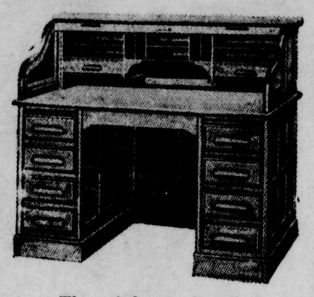
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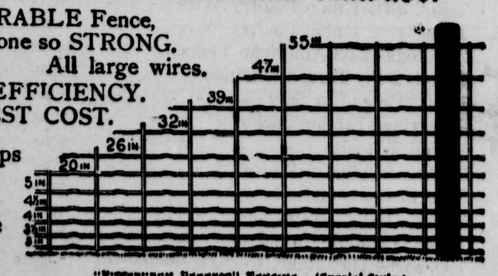
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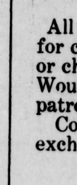
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OBESITY A DISEASE.

Vigorous Measures For Its Removal Should Be Taken.

At middle age certain organs lose functional activity and shrink and waste away, demanding less blood and nerve energy. This decreased need for nutrition, if not heeded, will result in taking into the body more food than can be oxidized and used either to build up tissue or for the generation of heat and energy. The result is kidneys, liver and other excretory organs are overworked in the effort to remove the body wastes and become diseased, says a writer in the Housekeeper. Then nature stores up this foul material in the form of fat in all the lymph spaces, between the fibers of the muscles and in every other odd corner in the body where it can be stowed away. In time this lifeless, useless structure of fat crowds out muscle, gland and other normal tissues and takes their place. This is what is known as fatty degeneration and always shortens life, ending often in sudden death from heart failure, apoplexy, diabetes or kidney disorders.

The prevention of obesity means regulation of diet, especially in middle life and when changing from an active out of door occupation to a sedentary indoor life. Often the amount of food should be cut down from one-fourth to one-half, especially avoiding fats and sweets, also soft foods, which tend to gormandizing from deficient mastication and too hasty eating. No wine, beer or alcoholic drink or tea or coffee should be used. At meals even the use of water should be restricted. Exercise should be taken in the open air and deep breathing practiced to increase the intake of oxygen and burn up and oxidize bodily toxic matter.

For those women who are overstout, yet retain a fair amount of physical vigor, the day should begin with a cold bath, plunge, spray, cold towel rub or sponge bath, after which should be taken active exercise in the form of work, either in the open air or in a well ventilated room, horseback riding, bicycling or a brisk walk for an hour or more. Exercise in a well ventilated gymnasium may be substituted for the out of door, but is not so effective and invigorating.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

A girl is never going to go very far wrong who is a good chum of her father and brothers.

There is a family in every neighborhood which furnishes amusement for the rest and doesn't know it.

Every one has had more happy days in his life than wretched ones, but how he lets the wretched ones stand out!

There are so many operations of late that a man can become distinguished by arriving in heaven all in one piece.

One great trouble in life is that the paths for going wrong are planted so prettily with flowers at the beginning.

Occasionally a disagreeable person will boast that at least he is sincere, but that is no excuse for being disagreeable.

Three things you never discover till there is death in the house: The goodness of the neighbors, the way time drags and how loud the clock ticks.—Atchison Globe.

Fresh Fruit.

"Gold in the morning, silver at noon and lead at night" is always used with reference to fruit. Most people think it means that the explanation of the proverb is that digestion is strongest in the morning and weakens as the day goes on. But you will note that the proverb refers to fruit alone. If it has to do with the digestive power only it should be applied to all foods. The real explanation is very different. It is that fruit freshly gathered is fitted for eating and lessens in value as the hours pass. That is true not of fruit only, but of all vegetables. That which comes direct from the garden to the table is the most palatable and in every way best fitted for consumption.

Deepest Haul Ever Made.

The deepest haul of a net ever made in the world was achieved by Americans off the Tonga islands, in the south Pacific. The trawl struck bottom 23,000 feet below the surface—that is considerably more than four miles down—but even at that depth animal life was found. Those strange beings lived in water whose temperature was constantly just above the freezing point and under a pressure of 9,000 pounds to the square inch. To sink that net and bring it back again took a whole day of steady labor.—St. Nicholas.

Not So Wonderful.

Tourist (in retired village)—So that's the oldest inhabitant? One hundred and four years old? No wonder you're proud of him. Native—I dunno. He ain't done nothin' in this yer place 'cept grow old, and it's took him a sight o' time to do that.

Both Sides of a Question.

"There are many things you can't do with money," said the man who affects philosophy.

"Yes," answered Dustin Stax, "but there are a whole lot more things you can't do without it."—Washington Star

One Advantage.

Green—This paper tells of a man who recently married his aunt. Brown—He's in luck. Green—How so? Brown—Being his own uncle now, he will be able to wear his watch regularly.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Getting Her Right.

Mrs. Housekeeper—Jane, are the eggs boiling? Jane (late of Boston)—Most assuredly not, madam. I may safely say, however, that the water is in which they are immersed.—Philadelphia Press.

THE MIRROR OF FATE

A VENETIAN LEGEND OF THE DAYS OF THE DOGES.

Story of the Beauty Who Was Intoxicated With the Vision of Her Own Loveliness and the Statue In the Church of San Giorgio Maggiore.

Here is a legend which I heard in Venice. I offer it to all among you who are fond of solitude and silence. I offer it to you as I would offer a flower which has blossomed amid somber shadows on a sleeping lagoon:

Ghita Gherardini was the niece of the doge. Poets whose names we have forgotten, but who were renowned at that time, had composed innumerable songs in her honor. They praised in them the tresses of the young girl, black as night, in which pearls gleamed like milk white stars. They also sang about the radiance of her dark violet eyes and about the two roses which formed her lips. In truth, Ghita Gherardini was very beautiful. She had, however, listened too earnestly to the passionate words of the singers, and an immense pride took possession of her young soul.

One night she heard beneath her window the yearning sob of a lute. Standing in a motionless gondola, a lovesick page was singing to her. Tender was the music, and the water and the darkness added something to the sweetness of the strains and to the passion in the voice of the singer. The young page was glorifying her as the most radiant among all women.

Ghita heard him, and a delightful tremor ran through her. Without waiting to light the torches, which had gone out, she took her mirror and ran to the window, through which the moonlight shone into her room. Thereupon in this mysterious light she saw that she was strangely beautiful; that her beauty was indeed almost supernatural. The moonlight revealed her pale and transparent, like the princess of a poem.

Intoxicated with her charms, she let the seductive mirror slip from her hand, and a sigh of admiration and of ecstasy escaped her as she cried:

"I am beautiful! I am beautiful!"

Thenceforth Ghita Gherardini spent all her time marveling at her own beauty. She did not desire to fall in love, for she fancied that there was no man living who was worthy of her. Those songs which had no words of praise for her eyes and her hair she treated with contempt, and to the mysteries of religion she never gave a thought.

She went to high mass solely for the purpose of being seen by the people and of being flattered by them as they whispered to one another about her. The restless eyes were never turned toward the altar.

She thought of nothing save her own triumphant beauty and of the jewels which set it off in sumptuous fashion.

One day Ghita Gherardini slipped a little mirror beside the first page of her mass book, which had been delicately illuminated by a pious artist. And while her attitude of devotion edified the multitude she studied her face enshrined in the book of prayer.

The doge's niece had forgotten that the Creator alone is worthy of worship and not any of his creatures. She had also forgotten that pride is an abominable sin—aye, perhaps the most perilous of all sins—since it was the cause of the rebellion of the archangels and the downfall of Lucifer.

One day Ghita Gherardini was intently studying her face in the little mirror between the holy leaves of her mass book, and suddenly she uttered a loud cry of terror. Through the large building it rang, drowning the solemn voice of the priest, the responses of the congregation and the sonorous murmur of the organ. And straightway the doge's niece fell to the ground in a faint. She had seen reflected in the guilty mirror, the sacrilegious mirror, not her own countenance, but that of Death.

There is today in the Church of San Giorgis Maggiore, where this miracle was accomplished, the statue of a woman, who is seated and looking at herself in a mirror. Very beautiful is this woman, as beautiful as Ghita Gherardini was formerly. The story goes that this statue is the work of a famous sculptor, but the people believe—and their legends contain a good deal of truth—that it was once Ghita Gherardini herself and that her body was turned into stone by the terrible vision.

To all those who love the silence of dead cities I offer this legend. I found it at Venice as one occasionally finds a flower which has blossomed amid somber shadows on a sleeping lagoon.—Helene de Zuylen de Nyevelt in European Edition New York Herald.

The Onion.

The value of the onion in the dietary has been made the subject of much doggerel verse. All agree that health and beauty wait on the fragrant vegetable.

Eat onions in May,
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runs one old verse, while another promises a good complexion to the onion eater thus:

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New skin in a week.

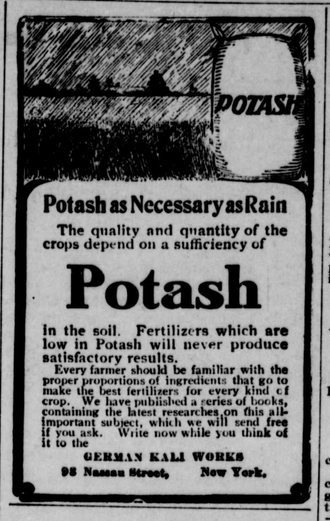
Hit It.

Teacher—Robert, what does a volcano do with its lava? Robert (the dullest boy in the class)—I—um—ah—give it up! Teacher—Correct! Very good indeed, Robert.

Suited Him.

She—Oh, I detest sofa pillows and tidies! If I ever keep house I'll never have such things ar— He—Will you be my wife?—Chicago Record-Herald.

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