Human Emotion Based on Electric Current

Is love simply the result of electrical attraction? Is the human body an electric battery and our life, energy, and vitality dependent on how strong a current we create?

A doctor has stirred up tremendous discussion by declaring that chemical activity in the cells of the human body produces electricity, that this electricity maintains the life process, and that lack of it finally causes death.

He believes the human current has a great influence over all our emotions, including love, and thinks this may explain why certain people are atracted to one another, or vice versa.

A famous electrical expert says: "We have never isolated this current, and the laws of electrophysiology are not well known, but we have many proofs that this current exists. The body produces electricity in a score of different ways. At every muscular contraction or irritation of a nervous center there are vibrations that liberate this mysterious power.

"The least movement of a muscle produces electricity. For every heartbeat there is a corresponding oscillation of the galvanometer needle."

Swastika Always Held Emblem of Good Luck

The swastika, which is the figure made by crossing two letter "Z's has been the symbol of good luck for so long back that no reliable evidence has been preserved to indicate just why this particular ideograph should have its present significance. We do know that from time out of mind it has had this significance, and among peoples in all parts of the world excepting Africa, Polynesia, Australia and the polar regions.

The swastika as the good-luck symbol is found in China, Korea, Japan and India. As far back as in ancient Troy the swastika was used in this sense by the Myceneeans. It is found in relics of such widely separated peoples as those who inhabited Europe during the Bronze age, the Etruscans, the Indians of our own Colorado and Mexico, and among others of North American natives who antedated Columbus by at least ten centuries.

Another curiously significant fact is that in the Indian language the word "swastika" means good luck; while in ancient Sanscrit "swasti" means "hail" or "be well."—Kansas City Times.

Wizard of Electricity on Starvation's Verge

A story is told about Charles P. Steinmetz that, true or not, illustrates his peculiar temperament, writes Jonathan Norton Leonard in World's Work. A friend who had known him at Yonkers came to see him soon after he had gone to Lynn, Mass., with the General Electric. He found him in a sad state. His clothes showed frantic signals of distress, his face looked pinched and thin. It wasn't easy to get at the root of the trouble, but at last the friend induced Steinmetz to talk.

By some clerical mistake Steinmetz's name had not been entered on the pay roll and he had received no money at all in the four weeks he had been at Lynn. His own meager savings had nearly run out and he was too proud to complain. There were men at Lynn who were working for nothing, glad of the experience which the job gave them, and Steinmetz concluded he was in this classification.

Fairs Long Employed as Places of Trading

"The fair has its origin written in the dim pages of the past, and as an institution, although not the same as it is today, has long existed."

"Although it is not known where the first fair was held, evidence points to the existence of fairs in western civilization as early as the dawn of the Christian era. There is evidence of fairs in eastern countries long before this, some historians pointing out that King Ahasuerus held a six months fair in the year 500 B. C., at which he showed the riches of his glorious kingdom.' This is the first fair recorded in history. Others probably preceded this, however, as the Scriptures record certain activities as fairs. In the Book of Ezekiel, twenty-seventh chapter, there are references to numerous fairs that were in existence at that time.

"There is only one thing of which we are certain concerning these early fairs, that they were commercial in character. Merchants came from distant countries with their native wares for trade with other merchants."

Peculiar State of Mind

"It may be a complex, a phobia, or a neurosis," said the street-car rider, "but there's just one thing on my mind when I take an open car. I usually sit on the back seat, or on an inside end seat. In either place I have a good view at the slot which protects the live wire in the street below. I've been tossing my cigarette butts at the slot, wondering if they'd ever go in. It's really become an obsession, since they never seem quite to make it. I'm meditating getting off and pushing one in some time, so I'll be able to get my mind on other matters while I ride."—New York Sun.

Nation's Fur-Bearers

Among the states producing the most fur-bearing animals it is probable that Louisiana ranks highest on account of its large muskrat catch. Martens appear most plentiful in Northwestern states. Minks are plentiful throughout the wooded areas of this country where trapping has not been carried on extensively. Blue foxes do not occur wild in the United States. Red foxes are common throughout the greater portion of this country, most of them being in the Northern wooded regions. Fishers are found almost exclusively in the Northern states where civilization has not disturbed their haunts.

No Easy Task

English is one of the most difficult languages in the world to master, according to a young Frenchman, who is studying auto mechanics in a Detroit factory. "American tourists abroad protest against the 'unreasonableness' of the French language but consider your own," he said. Ordinarily you pronounce the suffix 'ough' with a long 'o' sound. But when you place an 'r' before it, getting 'rough,' you say 'ruf.' Then when you make it 'through' you say 'thru.' It's almost too much for me."

Money's Real Meaning

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Mr. and Mrs. John Duyer and Mr. H. E. Cooper visited Mr. and Mrs. George Ashley, of Rock Hall, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Rouse and daughter, Ann, of Aberdeen, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Rasin.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Duyer entertained Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duyer, of Lynch, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Dodson, Jr., visited relatives at Rock Hall Sunday.

Mr. George Diblin and Mr. George Williams, Jr., of Philadelphia, spent theweek end with Mr. and Mrs. George Williams.

Mrs. Elizabeth Crossley and Mr. and Mrs. George Stevens, of Baltimore, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Loller.

Mr. Frank Burris, of Wilmington, visited Mr. and Mrs. Barney Cooper last week end.

KENNEDYVILLE

Miss Nola Hill spent the week end with friends at Fairlee.

Service in Grace Presbyterian church next Sunday evening at 7.30, preaching by Dr. John Humphreys. All invited.

Miss Bailey and friend, of Baltimore, are spending sometime with the Miss Pennington.

The P. T. A. held their monthly meeting in the school house on Friday; it was decided to hold their supper on the 19th of October. All patrons and friends are asked to help with it.

Mrs. James Caldwell is visiting in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rollison spent Sunday with relatives near Millington.

Mrs. Walls is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Copper, in Baltimore.

Dr. William Urie, of Philadelphia, was a week end guest of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Urie.

Miss Harriett Bacon, of Wilmington, spent a part of the week with Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston.

Mrs. Annie Redmile, of Chester, is visiting her granddaughter, Mrs. Norman Hopkins, near town.

Mrs. George Johnston visited Baltimore last week.

Miss Harriett Walls is on the sick list.

Mrs. Minta Weer, of Baltimore, spent the week end with relatives here.

Mrs. Mary Spry spent Sunday with relatives in Church Hill.

The Cottage Prayer meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Ida Scotten on Wednesday evening.

The Cheerful Worker class of the M. P. Church held their monthly meeting at their teachers home, Mrs. George Glenn, on Friday evening, after the business meeting. They had their bible study which was on the book of Esther and the bible verses on song. The class Prayer was by Edna Comegys. At the close of the Bible study the following programme was given: Instrumental music, by Rebecca Groves and Bernice Scotten; Exercise, The Precious Book, by the class; Solo by Kathryn Atwell. Then refreshments were served and a couple of games played. Juanita Boyles and Edna Comegys were on the entertaining committee this month.

Great-Uncle to Mary Louise

By H. LOUIS RAYBOLD

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"AND so, after all these years, I am trying to make up for my indifference by this method of reparation. The money is yours to do with as you desire. When you receive it I shall be dead and beyond the reach of thanks.

"Your belatedly penitent great-uncle.

"Jonathan Benjamin Cowles."

This was the conclusion of the letter which Jimmy Stiles several days ago had signed with a flourishing signature and then re-read with grinning satisfaction. Cleverly worded, that's what it was. And a darn bright idea. How tickled Mary Louise would be! And how unlikely ever to discover the hoax!

Now he sat at his desk and wondered whether Mary Louise had yet cashed the inclosed certificate of deposit.

Years before Mary Louise had come to visit her aunt, who was matron of the County home, where Jimmy was one of many lonely, blue overalled and aproned orphans. Bashful, she had hung back until he, Jimmy, had offered her his end of the see-saw and had stood by to see that no one played the mean trick of jumping off and letting her to the ground with a thud.

Mary Louise's mother, because of whose illness she had been sent away, died during her absence and she stayed on with her aunt. And when matrimony with a widower of small means and considerable family claimed the estimable matron, Mary Louise still lingered, merging with the rest of the orphans until her origin became as blurred as theirs.

When the boy was fifteen the rector of the church near the home found in Jimmy evidence of an unusual intellect and left no stone unturned until the boy was given an opportunity for unlimited schooling, with sufficient outside work to keep him independent.

Jimmy rose rapidly—graduated brilliantly from high school—went into a lawyer's office daytimes and continued study at evening school. Ultimately he entered the bar and became an attorney with a reputation before he was thirty.

Meanwhile Mary Louise had been "bound out" to a lonely farmer's wife. Growing attached to her, the woman had done more than the stipulated clothing and feeding of the child—had taught her what she could of grammar, geography and similar rudiments of learning, and there was implanted in Mary Louise the yearning to acquire knowledge.

These changes had meant separation for the boy and girl, during which the memory of each grew dim to the other but did not utterly fade. And at Drift Harbor their paths converged again.

Mary Louise sometimes filled in at the hotel, which stood a mile or two from her adopted home, in various capacities from that of clerk to waitress. And it was a Mary Louise who had grown so bewitchingly pretty with the years that Jimmy was hardly to be blamed for passing up the feminine guests at the hotel and spending whatever of his leisure moments coincided with hers in the company of Mary Louise.

"Are you happy, Mary Louise?" he asked one day.

Mary Louise threw him a questioning glance from beneath her curly lashes. "Just now," she said ingeniously. "But winters—oh, Jimmy, it is very lonely. And—and I see no future. If only I could afford to go to the city and have a couple of years at a normal school. Then—oh, just think, I might be able to teach!"

She sighed blissfully, as though teaching were an achievement too heavenly to contemplate. "I dream nights of what I would do with a thousand dollars. That's my favorite air castle in Spain."

That winter Jimmy unexpectedly won a case which netted him an even thousand and the sight of the check brought back to him the words of Mary Louise.

Suddenly the idea of creating a fictitious great-uncle occurred to him—a great-uncle who would exist but for a moment on a sheet of paper, but

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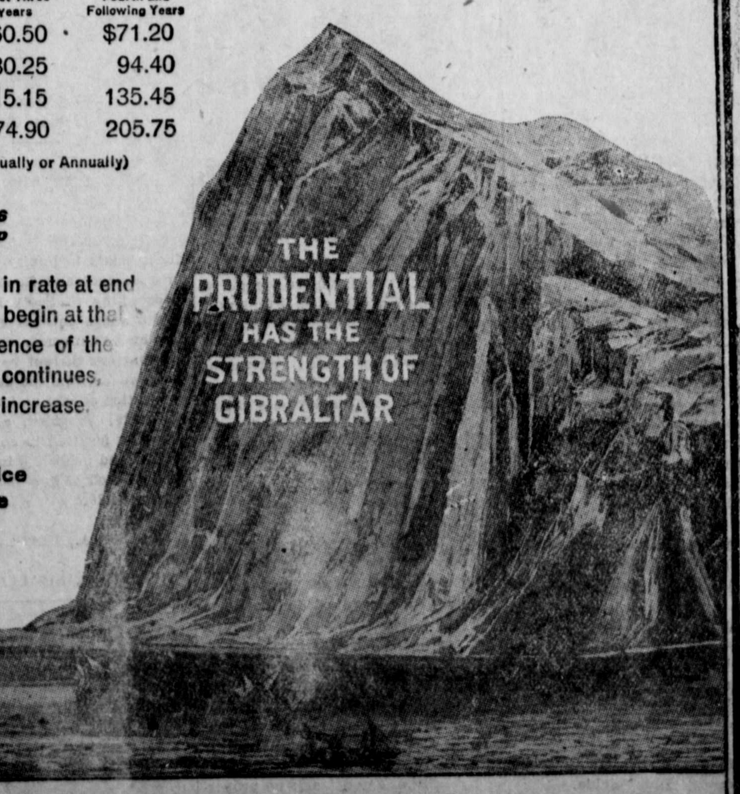
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