Collodion's Origin

Collodion, used in medicine, surgery and photography, was first discovered by Dr. Josiah Curtis, who was born in Connecticut.

Maynard of Boston is believed to have first perfected the process for the manufacture of the fluid, but Doctor Curtis is said to have originated the idea and was the first to make use of collodion in surgery. It is made by dissolving guncotton and alcohol in a mixture of ether, other ingredients being added for the different uses of the substance.

Its chief surgical use is as a protection against inflamed surfaces.

Anniversary of Birth

The word "birthday" has two recognized meanings. It may mean the day on which a person is born, or it may mean the anniversary of his birth. It is equally correct to speak of February 22 as Washington's birthday or as the anniversary of his birth. This meaning of the word birthday was accepted already in the time of Shakespeare. The poet has Cassius say in "Julius Caesar": "This is my birthday; as this very day was Cassius born."—Exchange.

Ancient Millionaire

Croesus, asserts the Detroit News, really was rich—the gift presented by the king of Lydia to Delphi in the Sixth century B. C. would be valued at about $300,000,000 in modern currency. The gift included a pyramid surmounted by a lion, both constructed of precious metals; two bowls of solid gold with a capacity of 5,400 gallons each, and a present of $13 to every man in the city.

Phrase Became Famous

It is supposed that the German chancellor, Von Bethmann-Hollweg, used the phrase "a scrap of paper" in reference to England's entry into the World war, 1914. He is quoted as saying that England was going to war for Belgian neutrality, "just for a scrap of paper." His phrase was widely understood as expressing the German attitude toward the Belgian treaty and hence toward all treaties. —Washington Star

Wasted Effort

One of the darkies on the "Uncle Tom's Cabin" set was very sleepy. He yawned and yawned, to the great delight of little Mona Ray, playing the part of Topsy. Finally she approached the man and managing to get his attention said:

"Mister man, you is de mos' good-natured somebody I evah did see!"

"How come, little one, is you kiddin' me?"

"No, I'se not kiddin'. How come you-all open yo' mouth so wide an' don't swallow nobody?"—Los Angeles Times.

Musical Chords

Perfect musical chords are: The major chords, consisting of prime, major third and perfect fifth; the minor chords, consisting of prime, minor third and perfect fifth. All other chords are classed as imperfect. The one especially mentioned is the diminished triad, consisting of prime, minor third and diminished fifth, and is based on the seventh degree of the major scale or the second in the minor mode.

Ancient Palestine City

Caesarea was situated on the coast of Palestine, on the line of the great road from Tyre to Egypt, and about half way between Joppa, the modern Jaffa, and Dora. The distance from Jerusalem was about 70 miles. It became the political capital of Palestine under the Roman governors Caesarea continued to be a city of some importance even in the time of the Crusaders in the Middle ages.

Use of Green Foods Common in All Ages

Lettuce is one of the oldest vegetables known and was eaten fully 500 years before the Christian era. Aristotle praised it highly. Spinach was introduced into China from Persia about 100 B. C., but was new to Europe in the Sixteenth century. Botanically, one of the most interesting products of the garden is the cabbage family. Kale, brussels sprouts, savoy cabbage, red cabbage, collards, kohlrabi, cauliflower and broccoli are all varieties of one species. Carrots were eaten by the ancients, but they were not very popular. Watercress, growing naturally in all north temperate regions, has been eaten as a salad since the Greek and Roman ascendancy and has been cultivated since the Sixteenth century. Peas were used by ancient Egyptians and others, but were not common food in Europe until the Eighteenth century. It is believed they were grown in the earliest American settlements. Thomas Jefferson recorded the growing of tomatoes in Virginia in 1781, yet it is said than an Italian could not persuade the people of Salem, Mass., to taste them in 1802.—Kansas City Times.

Wise Man Cultivates Orderliness of Mind

Most of us have, at one time or another, gone into a shop to ask for an article and been kept waiting while the distracted shopkeeper searched high and low for the object asked for, often without success. He has such an accumulation of stock dumped here, there and everywhere, just as it was delivered, that he has no idea where anything is.

These disorderly little shops are typical of some people's minds. With their heads crammed full of all sorts of knowledge, they are unable to make use of their mental stock simply because it is so ill-arranged, and has been gathered with so little system or order that when a particular call is made on it the needed knowledge is not forthcoming.

Information to be of use must be capable of ready application. Unless we can arrange our knowledge in decent order, so as to be ready for service, our mind will be little better than a lumber room and our accumulation of mental stock a sheer waste of time.—Exchange.

A Whole Process

Education means much more than instruction. Education is a whole process, of which instruction is only a part. Education is the orderly development of lives, according to scientific principles, into the fullness of their powers, the realization of all their possibilities, the joy of their world, the utmost rendering in efficiency of their service. It includes the training of powers of thought, feeling, willing and doing; it includes the development of abilities to discern, discriminate, choose, determine, feel and do. It prepares the life for living with other lives; it prepares the whole of the life, developing the higher nature, the life of the spirit, for living in a spiritual universe.—Henry F. Cope, in "Religious Education in the Family."

Anglers' Patron Saint

Fishing has produced a tremendous literature. The most famous work on the subject is the "Compleat Angler" by Izaak Walton, which was first published in 1653. It has been read and enjoyed by thousands of persons not in the least interested in obtaining information of the piscatorial sort. The "Compleat Angler" is a delightful idyll.

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