MEASURING MEDICINE.

Places Where They Still Take a Dimeful as a Dose.

A man went into a New York drug store and asked the clerk for a remedy for indigestion. The clerk sifted a pink powder into the scales.

"Take a heaping dimeful of this," he said. "It will bring you around all right."

The man's astonishment was almost powerful enough to drive away the indigestion without the aid of the powder.

"A dimeful?" he ejaculated. "What kind of a newfangled system of measurement is that you have here?"

"It isn't new," replied the clerk. "And it is very simple. Just take a dime and pile as much of this powder on it as will stick. That will be the proper dose. You couldn't get it any more exact if you measured for half an hour with scales and spoons."

"Well," said the customer, "this is a new one on me." Then he proceeded to measure out a dose of the pink powder. As he did so a man standing close beside him sighed reminiscently.

"It makes me feel young to see you do that," he said. "They used to measure medicine that way when I was a kid. I supposed modern appliances had driven all those old methods of measurement out of the market."

"Not at all," said the clerk. "There are lots of places where they still take medicine by the dimeful."

MANAGEMENT OF WIVES.

What the Tactful Husband Does When His Helpmeet Weeps.

One thing the tactful husband does is to let his wife cry. I don't mean that he drives her to crying or that he lets her weep while he stands unsympathetically by with his hands in his trousers pockets, his feet apart and grinning sardonically. I mean that when an emotional woman needs a good cry he realizes that it will relieve the tension. He does not get up and rage about and kick footstools out of the way and say, "Oh, for heaven's sake, stop crying or you'll drive me to drink!"

No. He goes and pats her shoulder soothingly and says:

"There, little woman! I'm sorry the cook has left and your new gown hooks up crookedly, but cheer up. Let's go out and have a jolly little dinner, and tomorrow I'll write that tailor a letter that will make his hair curl."

Then she looks up through her tears and thinks how handsome and big and strong and glorious he is, and before the dinner is over she has thought up two ways in which to economize and so pay for the extravagance of his order to the waiter, for the common purse is not elastic, and she knows it. —Lilian Bell in Harper's Bazar.

THE ANCIENT DRAGON.

Its Nearest Representative Now Is the East Indian Tree Lizard.

The pterodactyl, whose fossil remains have been found in the chalk at Cambridge, England, and elsewhere, with a very varied spread of wings, which in the largest specimens must have reached twenty-five feet, is almost identical with the dragon of fable.

A bat-like creature, with an elevated body and long neck ending in an absurdly small head with a portentous beak, it could run very swiftly, was a fish eater, and could swim, or it flew by means of huge membranous wings, which connected its long fore quarters with its hind legs.

The nearest representative now of the ancient dragon is the tree lizard of the East Indies, which resembles its fossil ancestors in form, but is infinitely smaller in size. The pterodactyl itself, however, evidently existed down to a comparatively recent geological period, and it is not at all improbable that the traditional dragon is described from the last living specimens, as met with by primitive man. —London Telegraph.

The Wisdom of Babes.

A lady and her little daughter were walking through Grosvenor square when they came to a portion of the road strewn with straw. "What's that for, ma?" said the child, to which the mother replied, "The lady who lives in that house, my dear, has had a little baby girl sent to her." The child walked along for a few yards and then, turning and nodding at the straw, said, "Awfully well packed, ma!"—St. James' Gazette.

Sympathetic or Otherwise.

"Oh, just listen to me," finally exclaimed Mrs. Chatters self reproachfully, "annoying you with all this talk about Mrs. Nexdore's shameful treatment of me and all my other troubles!"

"Not at all, my dear," replied the man rather ambiguously. "I'm glad to hear it."—Philadelphia Press.

Imposing.

"I'll have you know that I belong to Chicago," said the stranger.

"'Deed, an' wha'd hae thocht it?" quoth the skeptic Scot. "Frae the wey ye've been speaking I thocht Chicago belonged tae you."—Glasgow Times.

Putting Him Right.

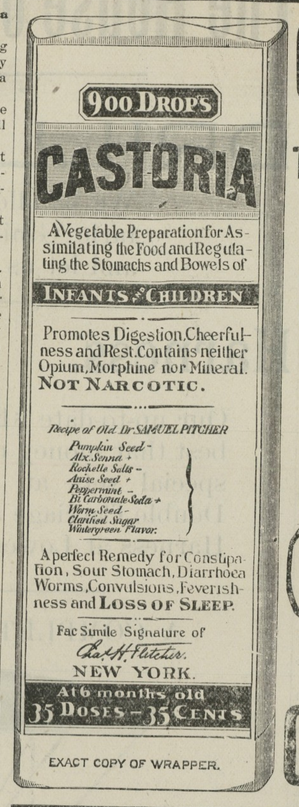
"Next time I marry," said the widower, "I'll get a wife I can make shut up."

"You don't want a wife," replied his friend. "What you want is a folding bed."—Houston Post.

Offering Her a Hand.

The Poet—When would you consider is the best time to offer a girl your hand? Practical Cuss—When she's getting out of a bus, I should say.—New Yorker.

Titles of honor add not to his worth who is an honor to his title.—Ford.



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OLD BAVARIAN TOWNS.

Many of the Smaller Ones Are Merely Walled Farm Villages.

In old Bavarian districts many of the smaller towns are merely walled farm villages. These settlements of agriculturists reproduce the ancient lager for all. Each is built in the form of a parallelogram, the shorter sides having each a gateway, with double gates, over which rise central square watch-towers capped with conical red roofs. A narrow road or street runs from gate to gate, with old half timber houses set back close to the inclosing wall. The ground floor of these houses affords stabling for cattle, and from these stables the cows are driven out through the town gates in the morning and brought in at night. Townships like this are merely clusters of houses intimately connected with the farm lands that lie beyond their gates. The peasantry, whether peasant proprietors or allotment leaseholders, go in and out to their work.

In eastern Bavaria, toward the Danube, where the better class farms are to be seen, one finds farmhouses of wood, a great shingled roof covering—as in Holland—not only the large living apartment, with many bedrooms, but also the stables for the horses and cattle. On such farms much of the farm work is done by girls, who usually wear short petticoats, tight bodices and kerchiefs on their heads. Most of the men are either in the army or working at trades.

SMOKING A CIGAR.

Some Things That Every User of Tobacco Does Not Know.

"It's really remarkable, considering the 12,000,000,000 cigars smoked in the United States every year, how few men really know how to smoke," said a prominent tobacco dealer. "There is one mistake in particular that even experienced smokers sometimes make—that is in not keeping the tobacco burning properly.

"About 90 per cent, I should say, of all the cigars sold are better on the outside than the inside. This isn't wholly to deceive the prospective buyer. It requires a good quality of leaf to shape the outside of a cigar, while the filler may be more readily composed of inferior tobacco. The smoker who permits his cigar to burn inside the wrapper loses the best part of it. Practically any cigar is rank when smoked through the center. The aroma is lost and the smoke is bitter and acrid.

"Puffing on a cigar that is not burning properly only increases the difficulty. The smoker gets more of the smoke of the inside leaves, and the whole cigar becomes hot from the effects of the increased combustion in the center of it. The proper thing—the only thing—to do under the circumstances is to light the cigar again, taking care that wrapper and all are included in the lighting. If this plan were followed a good many smokers wouldn't change their brand of cigars so often."

Looming Mirages.

In what are called "looming mirages" distant objects show an apparent extravagant increase in height without alteration in breadth. Distant pinnacles of ice are thus magnified into immense towers or tall, jagged mountains, and a ship thus reflected from far out at sea may appear to be twelve or fifteen times as tall as it is long. Rocks and trees are also shown in abnormal shapes and positions, while houses, animal and human beings appear in like exaggerated shapes. Before the sandy plains of our southwestern states and territories were converted into verdant fields by the ingenuity and tireless energy of man mirages were very common in those regions, the Indians regarding the phenomenon as being the work of evil spirits.

Reflecting Lighthouses' Origin.

Accident, not necessity, was the parent of the invention of reflecting lighthouses. During a meeting of a mathematical society at Liverpool some years ago one of the members laid a wager that he could read a newspaper paragraph at ten yards distance by the light of a farthing candle. This he succeeded in doing by covering the inside of an earthen dish with putty and sticking bits of looking glass on it and then placing his reflector behind the candle. Captain Hutchinson, a dock master, was present, and from this experiment gained the idea from which he evolved the reflecting lighthouse as built in Liverpool.

Cheaping.

In parts of Switzerland the baker's wife carries round the bread in a sort of hamper, and she has not a fixed, immutable charge, but chaffers for a price with the customers. The old English word for this process was "cheaping," which in many places in England has been corrupted into chipping. Chipping Norton, for instance, is really Cheaping Norton, or the place where goods were cheapened—that is, sold by chaffer.

A Sad Predicament.

Mabel—I was so mortified at the Pouch mansion the other night. Flo—What happened? Mabel—I wanted to laugh in my sleeve, but I had on my decolette gown and had to hide the laugh in my glove.

Nothing Free.

Bacon—Do they give you prunes often at your boarding house? Egbert—They give us nothing! We have to pay for prunes, and we get 'em six times a week!—Yonkers Statesman.

A Remarkable Feat.

Old Salt—Oh, the ocean's a big place, dearie! Why, many's the time I've stood for three days on one tack, and—"My sakes, grandpa! I hope you had your shoes on!"—Brooklyn Life.

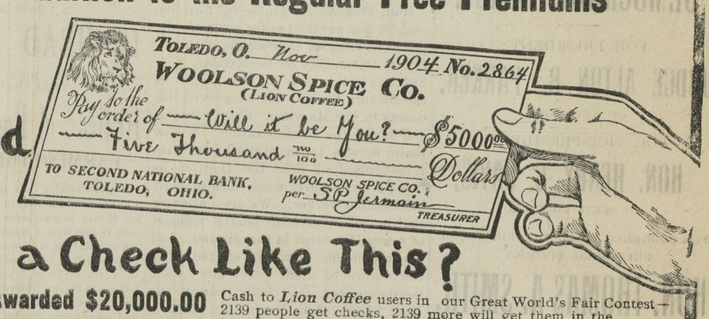
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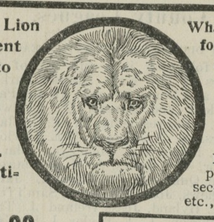
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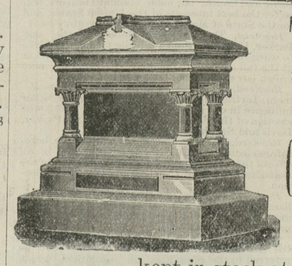
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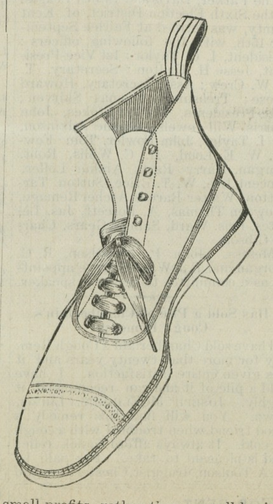


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