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A WONDERFUL FACTORY.

The Sleepless and Busy Workmen of the Human Body.

Andrew Wilson, the English scientist, says the human body is a workshop. "The manufacturers are the 'cells' which form the essential parts of every gland. Indeed cells appear before us as the veritable workmen of the whole body, ranging from nerve cells, which rule us, to the cells that build up and produce our bones. Now, in the glands of the body these workmen, each a microscopic unit of protoplasm or living matter, discharge the function of making from the blood whatever product a gland may offer as its contribution to life's processes. The cells which compose our liver are bile makers in addition to their performing certain other curious works representing the liver's duties. Other cells in the glands of our eyes manufacture our tears. Others again secrete the gastric juice by which the food is acted upon in the stomach. A fourth set of cells produces pancreatic juice in the sweetbread, and a fifth set supplies the saliva.

"Tears, saliva and bile and so forth are all employed directly through their being poured outward on the food or into various organs. Even the oil that lubricates our joints represents a secretion which is perpetually being produced and insinuated between the surfaces that move one upon the other. When, however, we come to consider 'internal secretions' a very different state of matters falls to be noted. Here we meet with substances that are not poured outwardly, but inwardly. The work of internal secretion is performed by certain glands. The thyroid gland in the neck is one of them. This is a gland which grows very large in goiter or 'Derbyshire neck,' an ailment of hard water districts. If the secretion of this gland is not duly added to the blood disease of a very distinct type appears, and it is cured when the physician administers to the patient the thyroid gland substance of the sheep.

"Even the sweetbread itself, though it does make a definite fluid of use in digestion, seems also to supply a something necessary to the blood, for we find that diabetes is always of more serious type where the sweetbread is involved. Such discoveries bring us to the very limit of present day research into living functions. Their most gratifying feature in addition to their throwing light on life's workings is that which places in the hands of the physician knowledge both of the cause of disease and of its cure."

He Liked to Preach.

A Scotch minister tells of an old fashioned brother of the church who insisted on preaching two long sermons every Sunday. This feature in his character he exhibited in the winter months to a very trying extent. During the rest of the year there were two services, at 11 and 2 o'clock, separated by an interval of an hour or more, but when the days were short, as many of his congregation came from considerable distances, it was desirable that they should be able to reach their homes before it was dark. But it was not only desirable, but imperative, that they should have two sermons. This was accomplished by having only one meeting, beginning at 12 o'clock, and doing away with the interval. There were then two sermons separated by the singing of a short psalm.

Why Japs Admire the Carp.

The carp, which plays so prominent a part in Japanese decorations, is also the principal dish at a high class Japanese dinner. It is deemed to be the dish above all others upon which young men who desire a martial career should be fed, as its eaters are supposed to imbibe the courage of the fish. It is the bravest of all the Japanese fish and the only one that can swim up a waterfall. Yet when finally caught it will lie perfectly still while waiting to be killed. These qualities of bravery, strength and resignation are much desired by Japanese young men, and happy is the family on whose table the carp appears at frequent intervals.

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Woman's emancipation depends upon her ability to seize the right moment.—Chicago Tribune.

A Good Scheme.

Husband—Why do you scold the butcher? It isn't his fault that the meat comes to the table all dried up. Scold the cook. Wife—I don't dare to, but I'm in hopes that if I keep on scolding the butcher he'll get mad and come around and scold the cook.—New York Weekly.

Justifiable Suspicion.

Mistress (to pretty housemaid)—By the way, Mary, should my husband ever attempt to kiss you just box his ears soundly. Maid—Shure, ma'am, he's felt the weight of me hand twice already.—Minneapolis Times.

Struck In.

Mr. Stubbs—Look here, Maria, why is our daughter's head so full of nonsense these days? Mrs. Stubbs—Why, John, she's been putting her curls up in comic papers.—Philadelphia Record.

A French professor is the owner of a collection of 920 human heads, representing every known race of people on the globe.



THE MARRIAGE QUESTION.

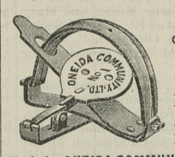
The professor who announced that "love and romance die out with the sound of the wedding-bells," was the first to start the ball rolling. It would seem a brave woman who marries with this echo in her ears, yet we have not heard that there were fewer marriages during the year. There are unhappy married lives, but a large precentage of these unhappy homes are due to the illness of the wife, mother or daughter.

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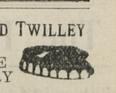
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