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Why Coughing Is Weakening.
The amount of energy expended in coughing is very considerable. Indeed one of the patient statisticians for which Germany is renowned has calculated that a patient who coughs once every quarter of an hour for ten hours expends energy equivalent to 250 units of heat, which may be translated as equivalent to the nourishment contained in three eggs or two glasses of milk. In normal respiration the air is expelled from the chest at the rate of four feet per second, whereas in violent coughing it may attain a velocity of 300 feet.

Considerate.
Paterfamilias—See here! What does this mean? The parlor clock is stopped. Mr. Nicefellow was here last night, as usual, wasn't he?
Daughter—Yes, pa, and I told him what you said about the cost of coal and gas in the parlor every night, and we began to wonder how we could economize for you, and finally Mr. Nicefellow decided that we could at least stop the clock and save wear and tear on the works, you know.

Wholesale.
A Frenchman was teaching in a large school where he had a reputation for making some queer mistakes. One day he was taking a class which was rather disorderly. What with the heat and troublesome boys he was very snappish. Having punished several boys and sent one to the bottom of the class, he at last shouted out in a passion, "Ze whole class go to ze bottom!"

Relatively Speaking.
"He must be put out of the way," said the feudal king. "But, your majesty," protested the lord high executioner, "he is your first cousin." "I know; but I prefer to have him my 'cousin once removed.'"—Philadelphia Record

Good Advice.
"Help! Help!" came the cry of distress through the midnight stillness. The policeman in the neighboring doorway stirred uneasily. "Advertise in the want column," he muttered and resumed his nap.—Philadelphia Press.

A celebrated physician declares that the increase in height and weight of Britons and Americans during the last half century is chiefly due to the increased consumption of sugar.

Candles.
"I thought candles went with stage-coaches, but a good many people must use them yet," said a shopper who pointed to a collection of candlesticks, all of the utility sort, arrayed in a house furnishing department. There were big and little, ornamental and plain, practical and impractical ones. Some had broad trays, and others had none at all, and some had devices for lifting the candle, while others were made with deep necks. There still remain people who cling to the traditions of their ancestors and will have none of the modern lighting inventions for their sleeping rooms. Certain women prefer a light in their bedrooms until they are asleep, and for this purpose a candle is just the thing, for it will put itself out at the time proportioned by its length.—New York Tribune.

Saw No Reason For Swearing.
General Grant was asked why he never swore. He replied: "Well, when a boy I had an aversion to swearing. It seemed useless, an unnecessary habit, and besides I saw that swearing usually aroused a man's anger. I early had a desire to have complete command of myself. I noticed when a man got angry his opponent always got the better of him. On that account also I determined to refrain from swearing. Then the swearing men of my acquaintance when a boy were not the best men I knew. I never saw any reasons for swearing. All were against it."

Home Life in England and America.
The decay of the home life is to be attributed partially to the influence on society of the invasion of Americans. In the United States home life is almost unknown. The meaning of the word "home," as understood to Britishers, is a mystery to Yankees. To a certain extent we have always envied you your home life, and I certainly agree with some of your correspondents that it would be disastrous for your country to lose the elevating and refining influences of the home.—Anglo-American in London Mail.

To Improve the Horse.
If some owners of horses would spend more for feed and less for medicine they would have more spirited animals.—Acheson Globe.

Edward I. was 6 feet 2 inches high, and it is said that the thumb of his middle fingers extended below his knees.

Influenza.
It is very well known that the influenza is not an exclusively modern complaint, but I am not sure whether a curious reference to it by Bower, the continuator of Fordun's chronicle, has been noted. Writing of the year 1420 he says that among those who died in Scotland that year were Sir Henry St. Clair, earl of Orkney; Sir James Douglas of Dalkeith; Sir William de Abernethy; Sir William de St. Clair; Sir William Cockburn and many others, all by "that infirmity wherely not only great men, but innumerable quantity of the commonalty, perished, which was vulgarly termed le Qubew [le Qubew a vugaribus dicebatur]" (Bower, xv, 32.) Now, "qub" in Scottish texts usually represents the sound of "wh" (properly aspirated.) Therefore it seems that in the fifteenth century the influenza was known as "the whew," just as it is known in the twentieth century as "the flue."

I have refrained from quoting at length Bower's explanation of the cause of the epidemic, but there seems little doubt that the disease was identical with that with which we are so grievously familiar.—Notes and Queries.

Barometric Bees.
Whoever observes these interesting insects finds it easy enough to foretell exactly the kind of weather to be expected. At least this is the opinion of many raisers of bees.

Generally the bee stays at home when rain is in the air. When the sky is simply dark and cloudy, these busy workers do not leave their dwelling all at once. A few go out first, as though the queen had sent out messengers to study the state of the atmosphere. The greater number remain on observation until the clouds begin to dissipate, and it is only then that the battalions entire rush out in search of their nectar. A bee never goes out in a fog, because it is well aware that dampness and cold are two fearsome, redoubtable enemies. We do not mean, however, that the bee is a meteorologist in the absolute sense of the word. Its cleverness consists in never being taken unawares, for it possesses untiring vigilance. Often one may observe the sudden entrance of bees into the hive when a dense cloud hides the sun and even though the rain is not in evidence.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Changed Times.
Times have changed indeed from the time when Sydney Smith complacently observed that the United States had so much wilderness clearing to do that it might well take its literature, learning and luxury in the bulk from English factories.

"Why," he had asked, "should the Americans write books when a six weeks' passage brings them, in their own tongue, our sense, science and genius in bales and hogsheds? Prairies, steamboats, gristmills, are their natural objects for centuries to come."

We might almost reverse this and ask, "Why should the English feel ill at ease when a six days' passage brings them our sense, science and genius?"

For the time at least the Rev. Sydney Smith's chief notoriety seems to be that he was the author of certain observations whose truthfulness has proved as brief as it was bitter.—Harper's Weekly.

The Irishman's Request.
In the days when flogging was in vogue as a punishment in the British navy a Scotchman and an Irishman, on the arrival of their ship in harbor, obtained leave to go ashore for a couple of days, and they oversteald the period of leave granted them. When they did put in an appearance, they were ordered 50 lashes each. On the day of the punishment a parade was ordered to witness the infliction of the flogging.

When all was ready, the Scotchman asked as a favor to be allowed a piece of canvas on his back while he received his flogging. The captain granted his request and, turning to the Irishman, asked him if he required anything on his back while he was being flogged, to which he replied, "If ye please, yer honor, I'd loike to have the Scotchman on my back, if ye wouldn't mind."

It Was His Deal.
A mining engineer who has returned from Alaska brings, among other interesting things, evidence that the higher the latitude the greater the latitude. Watching a poker game in which the stakes were heavy he saw a player give himself four aces from the bottom of the pack.

Burning with indignation at such shameless cheating, he turned to a bystander and whispered, "Did you see that?"

"See what?"

"Why, that fellow dealt himself four aces!"

"Well, wasn't it his deal?"

Why We Bathe.
Professor Vivian Lewes, at the London Institution, recently furnished the following answer to the question, "Why do we bathe?" Twenty-eight miles of sweat glands in our skin are discharging 26 ounces of water per day and leaving upon the outer surface of the skin a full ounce of solid matter. These are aided by the oil glands of the hair, which facilitate the adherence of external dirt. Hence the refreshing character of the morning bath and the necessity for grease absorbing alkalies in soap.

Softening the Parting.
Twelve was on the point of striking. "To think," cried the fair girl in anguish "we will never see each other again till tomorrow night!"

"Bear up, sweet one!" was his encouraging remark. "Time will pass. Don't write to me when I get home and in the morning you will be a widow."

Farmers' Institute at Finley.
The farmers' institute will be held at Finley on Monday and Tuesday, January 19 and 20. The institute will be conducted by T. A. Hoverstad, assisted by Messrs. M. F. Greeley and E. G. Schollander, with papers by local farmers. Such practical subjects as stock raising, rotation of crops, wheat growing, corn culture, dairy husbandry, etc., will be discussed. Farmers, this is for your benefit. It costs you nothing but your time. Come and bring your wives. Ladies are especially invited, and their comfort will be a first consideration. The session will be held in the new opera house, where there will be plenty of room, with comfortable chairs and all conveniences. The people of Finley will welcome you and see that you enjoy the institute. The opera house will be open and warm all day both days, and you are invited to make it your headquarters while in town. Plenty of stable room will be furnished for teams. Everybody interested in agricultural pursuits are cordially invited to attend.

WANTED—Hungarian and Siberian Millet at the New York Store. W. C. JIMESON, Prop.

O. P. Feiring and Miss Julia experienced quite a time with a runaway team New Year's day, the same team that ran away with our county superintendent a few weeks ago. They were driving into town, when the horses started to run and nothing could stop them. They collided with T. Graf's house smashing the buggy all to pieces and throwing out the occupants with great force. Mr. Feiring sustained several fractured ribs while Miss Julia escaped with a severe shaking up and a black eye. Both of them considered that they escaped very luckily.

Strayed.
From my farm on Sunday, Dec. 28, 1 bay horse, about 7 years old, weighs from 1100 to 1200. Any one finding horse, please notify me.
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