

VICTIMS OF BEANS.

A Boston Story Concerning the Truth of Which There Can Be No Doubt.

Quite a number of years ago a young German emigrated to Boston, and settled down here among the Yankees. He prospered, set up in business for himself, prospered some more, and after a time went back to Germany and brought over, from his native village, a young wife. The young couple, living and trading among the natives, became pretty thoroughly Americanized, but did not lose their romantic affection for their native land. Children were born to them; they still prospered in business, and after fifteen years the husband retired from trade. His heart still turning to Germany, he determined to take his family there, and place the children in school, leaving it to the future to determine whether he should remain the rest of his life in Germany, or return to Boston after the education of his six children had been well advanced.

The first day after the family had arrived at the parents' old home was Sunday, and the children with their father and mother, were grouped around their grandparents for breakfast. Instead of being served with the usual plates of Boston baked beans, the elder of the children was asked by the grandfather what he would like to have for breakfast.

"Some beans, if you please," said the boy in his best German.

The grandfather showed some surprise and said a little crustily that he was sorry that there were no beans. Then he turned to the next eldest, a girl, and asked her what she would like to have for her breakfast.

"I'd like some beans, please, grossvater," said the girl as a matter of course.

The grandfather appeared somewhat vexed, but asked the third child what he would have.

"Beans, please," said he.

The old gentleman here grew very angry. But he asked all the rest of the children in turn, down to the youngest tot, and all declared that they wanted some beans. And when they found that they could have none, the smallest children, overcome all at once by homesickness, began to cry, and the older ones looked very distressed and unhappy. Their grandparents rebuked the father and mother for not rearing their children with better manners. The parents protested that it was perfectly natural, and began to feel decidedly homesick themselves.

"It is no use," said the father to the mother, after the meal was over and they had retired to their chamber. "We have made a mistake, and neither we nor the children can be contented here. It isn't that we can't do without baked beans on Sunday morning, but that we shall be homesick here."

"I think you are right," said the wife, "and now that we have made up our minds to that, hadn't we better go back to Boston and educate our children there?"

"I think we had," said the husband. After a short stay, which nobody enjoyed, the family packed up their baggage and returned to Boston. And all because there were no baked beans on Sunday morning.—*Boston Transcript*.

LEARNING TO TALK.

The Process of Language Development in a Baby.

Exceedingly interesting is the process of language development in a babe. No study in anthropology is more fertile. The babe's first cries are purely instinctive and therefore purely animal. Its complaints are in and by pure labials and liquids—used with the open vowels. It does not use the genital tubercle; nor for many weeks the frontal brain. Its second list of sounds move farther back, and are g, go, gutturals of the simplest sort. This sound, with its natural associate i, becomes the well-known basis of all primitive languages—the clicking or glicking of Ainos and Hottentots. Next observe the babe as it watches your mouth and laughs at your cooing and your baby-talk. It finally sets its own articulating organs in motion and imitates you. The consequence soon is simple use of the frontal brain and the genital tubercle. The goo-goo is followed by eh-eh and eh-eh, and soon after by modulation. These are not only the first use of the human organs, but the first celebrated sounds, as distinct from instinctive and inherited utterances. The steps toward a highly complex celebrated language are thereafter rapidly taken.

We have to bear in mind that the babe organically follows historic evolution, and is an epitome of past progress. So also in his speech he moves on and over the pathway of the past, and reviews it all. An intelligent child expresses approbation and disapproval by the same sounds that are used by adult monkeys. The savage hardly uses celebrated sounds at all. The refinement of languages has ever consisted in eliminating the animal inheritance. He does not need to learn to use his hands; only to secure muscular strength to direct them. His play at first is surely animal frolic, rejoicing in shouts and shrieks that later he does not find necessary to his enjoyment. His laughing and crying can only be understood as a language, as they are surely also in adults. The evolution of laughter would be a delightful branch of our topic, but a theme too much by itself. It is enough to note in passing that not only do animals laugh, but they smile. Laughter is even not uncommon among fowls. I have owned a cock that had a most distinct call-note.—*Open Court*.

TROUBLE IN DENMARK.

Things in Hamlet's Kingdom That Are Decidedly Rotten.

King Christian, of Denmark, is a nice old gentleman in many respects. And he really ought to be, in common gratitude to Providence. He was a one-horse German Prince, with nobody to rule over, and hardly a nickel with which to buy a glass of cool, refreshing beer. All of a sudden he was given the Danish throne, and since his accession to sovereignty he has got good places for all his sons and daughters in the crown and scepter line of business. But, with all his good points, he is wrong-headed in some respects, and extremely pig-headed in his wrong-headedness. He not only wants to have his own way in every thing (in which regard he does not differ much from most of us); but he has strong ideas about the Divine rights of Kings—ideas that do not seem very unnatural when dropped from the altitude of a Hohenzollern Kaiser, but which certainly do appear ridiculous when puffed up from the low level of a pumpernickel kingling. The difficulty into which his royal self of Denmark has plunged himself by his mulish absolutism is thus explained:

The rejection of the Danish Ministry's budget and the consequent abrupt closing of the session of the Rigsdag by royal decree is only one more repetition of a performance that has been going on at intervals for several years. The Folkething, the popular body, regularly refuses to grant the appropriations demanded by the Estrup Ministry, which, alike by its arbitrary methods and by insisting on large military expenditures, is in great disfavor. The King as regularly thereupon dissolves the Rigsdag and votes himself a provisional budget by proclamation, as he may lawfully do under an exigency clause in the Danish constitution. Then when the Parliament reassembles it refuses to approve this resort to the exigency provision, and also rejects the regular annual budget. This performance has been of late frequent to the point of monotony. In the autumn of 1886, again during the first days of 1887, then in April of the same year, and once between that time and the present these parliamentary crises have occurred. It is a strange struggle that goes on in Denmark. King Christian persists in his methods; the Folkething holds to its own; the Landthing supports Prime Minister Estrup; the people regularly send an opposition majority to the lower house. The marvel is that the quarrel goes on so long without armed revolt.—*N. Y. Times*.

FAST YOUNG WOMEN.

Why Men Worth Having Never Think of Marrying Them.

There are girls who, instead of making themselves useful and calmly resting in their maiden dignity, think only of getting married, and use questionable means to achieve their purpose. Forgetting the proverb: "The more haste the less speed," this sort of girl not infrequently assumes a "fast" style of talk, manner and dress in order to make herself attractive to the opposite sex. Fish may nibble at her bait, but they will not allow themselves to be caught. A loud girl may attract attention and have half an hour of popularity, but she is a type of the short-sightedness of some of her sex. Men of the baser sort may amuse themselves with her, but no man worth having would think of marrying her. There is a liberty that makes us free, and a liberty that makes us slaves, and the girls who take liberties with modesty of speech and manner, and who cross over the boundary into masculine territory, are not more free but more enslaved than before. And the approbation of men, which is the end in view, is lost by the means to gain it. Whatever men may be themselves they like gentleness, modesty and purity in act and thought in women. They want their wives to be better than themselves. They think that women should be the conservators of all that is restrained, chivalrous and gentle.—*Lady Bellaire, in Blackwood's Magazine*.

NEVERTHELESS—ONE'S WIFE.

The farmer who employs a wood-chopper, has no intention of putting on style by having a back.

A woodman, like the play-writer, should be judged by his ax.—*Siftings*.

Men who are a great deal run after-fugitives from justice.—*Boston Courier*.

The average watering place is maintained by those who are trying to sea cure their wasted health.—*Duluth Paraphraser*.

Our cousin Solomon was the wisest man. A fellow with seven hundred wives has a chance to get instruction.—*Journal of Education*.

Four letters of the alphabet are always in love.

A fitting tribute—paying your tailor's bill.—*New Haven News*.

Can a blind man be held liable for a bill which he accepted payable at sight?—*Exchange*.

There is nothing that will warm up a man's tongue so much as dropping a chunk of ice down his back.—*Falling River Advertiser*.

The "rubber trust" must have organized for the purpose of furnishing consciences to the other trusts.—*Chicago Journal*.

Scrambles—those composed of paint and scenery on the stage.

Rough on rats—the kid glove manufacturer.—*Drake's Magazine*.

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"PNEUMONIA."

Why not Call this Terrible Scourge by its Rightful Name.

Many a strong, well-built man leaves home to-day; before night he will have a chill and in a few hours will be dead! This is the way the dreaded pneumonia takes people off.

The list of notable men who are its victims is appalling. It sweeps over the land like a scourge and destroys poor and rich alike. Every one dreads it. Its coming is sudden, its termination usually speedy.

What causes it? Pneumonia, we are told, is invited by a certain condition of the system, indicated if one has occasional chills and fevers, a tendency to cold in the throat and lungs, rheumatic and neuralgic pains, extreme nasal feelings, short breath and pleuritic stitches in the side, loss of appetite, back-ache, nervous unrest, scalding sensations, or scant and discolored fluids, heart fluttering, sour stomach, distressed look, puffing eyes, hot and dry skin, loss of strength and vitality.

These indications may not appear together, they may come, disappear and re-appear for years, the person not realizing that they are nature's warning of a coming calamity. In other words, if pneumonia does not claim as a victim the persons having such symptoms some less sudden but quite as fatal malady certainly will.

A celebrated New York physician told the Tribune that pneumonia was a secondary disorder, the exposure and cold being simply the agent which develops the disease, already dormant in the system, because the kidneys have been but partially doing their duty. In other words, pneumonia is but an early indication of a bright's diseased condition. This impaired action may exist for years without the patient suspecting it because no pain will be felt in the kidneys or their vicinity and often it can be detected only by chemical and microscopical observations.

Nearly 150 of the 740 deaths in New York city the first week in April (and in six weeks 781 deaths) were caused by pneumonia.

The disease is very obstinate, and if the accompanying kidney disorder is very far advanced, recovery is impossible, for the kidneys give out entirely, and the patient is literally suffocated by water. The only safeguard against pneumonia is to maintain a vigorous condition of the system, and thus prevent its attacks, by using whatever will radically and effectually restore full vitality to the kidneys. For if they are not sound, pneumonia cannot be prevented. For this purpose there is nothing so equal as Warner's safe cure, a remedy known to millions, used probably by hundreds of thousands and commended as a standard specific wherever known and used. It does not pretend to cure an attack of pneumonia, but it does remove the cause of and prevent that disease if taken in time. No reasonable man can doubt this if he regards the personal experience of thousands of honorable men.

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—Guest (at country tavern).—"Have you any cheese, landlord?" Landlord—"Not a bit in the house, sir." Guest—"Not even a little piece?" Landlord—"By gum, there is, come to think! Pete, run down in the cellar and fetch up that rat-trap."—*Golden Days*.

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