

MODERN DENTISTRY

Artistic and Intricate Gold Fillings a Thing of the Past.

"The modern dentist need not be nearly as skilled a workman as his father was," said one of the craft yesterday, as he merrily knitted up a foot or two of nerve with his little crochet hook, entirely disregarding his patient's moans. "You see, there are no beautiful and artistic gold fillings put in nowadays. As soon as a tooth gives an opportunity for showing skill in filling, presto! it is cut off and crowned or bridged with gold. A gold tooth is considered not unbecoming, it seems, but nowadays porcelain fillings are preferred to metal ones for conspicuous places. The porcelain comes in a powder, an impression of the cavity is taken, the filling made, baked hard, inserted, and secured by the cement with which the cavity has first been padded. As all shades of porcelain are to be had to match the different tints of teeth, these fillings are quite inconspicuous. There are a few people still who don't mind showing a gold mine when they open their mouths, and among these are colored people, who seem to think they gain a certain amount of distinction from such a display. Among the most curious requests that I have had in regard to work was one from an actress to extend a cavity she had in a front tooth so that it would form a J, and fill it with gold. She explained that she was going to marry a man named John, and that she thought it would be 'perfectly lovely' to have his initials in evidence whenever she talked. I finally dissuaded her from this original project by pointing out that it might be embarrassing in later years. If she should chance to marry a man named Thomas or Richard. She evidently saw the good sense of my remarks, but she relinquished her remarkable idea reluctantly. Women generally very sensibly want to make the fact that they have had to resort to art to preserve their teeth as imperceptible as possible, so as I said before, there's no really beautiful work done at present in the way of intricate fillings, and that's a fact."—Baltimore News.

Many a bright and happy household has been thrown into sadness and sorrow because of death of a loved one from a neglected cold. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is the great cure for coughs, colds and all pulmonary ailments. Price, 25 and 50 cents. P. C. Corrigan.

WOMEN IN TROUBLE.

The Approach of Motherhood is the Occasion of Much Anxiety to All.

Every woman dreads the ordeal through which she must pass in becoming a mother. The pain and suffering which is in store for her is a source of constant anxiety, fear and dread, to say nothing of the danger which the coming incident entails. The joyous anticipations with which she looks forward to baby's coming gives way to an indescribable dread of the ordeal when she fully realizes the critical and trying event which will soon approach and have to be endured.

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Spanish School System.

Private houses are now rented under the Spanish school system, which provided that the teachers, with their families, should live in such houses, the rent being part payment for their services. They also collected fees from children whose parents could pay. The balance of their compensation was often much in arrears, and many of the teachers have not been paid for their work for the past two and one-half years prior to American occupation. No one is allowed to live in the school-houses now. The salaries range from \$50 to \$75 per month, according to the size of the municipality. The principals receive \$10 extra per month. No certificates are required of the teachers this year, but will be after Aug. 1. The teachers are appointed by the local boards of education, which in turn are appointed by the mayors.

HE FOOLED THE SURGEONS.

All doctors told Benick Hamilton, of West Johnson, O., after suffering 18 months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed, but he cured himself with Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world. Surest Pile cure on Earth. 25c a box at P. C. Corrigan's Drug Store.

NO CAUCUS WAS NECESSARY.

Kansas Politician's Characteristic Proposal Accepted in Short Order.

A prominent politician of the Sunflower state who has been happily married for over a year sent the following unique proposal to the object of his adoration: "My Dear Miss: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for your hand, and I shall use all fair and honorable means to secure the nomination. I know there are many candidates in the field and I hesitated long before entering the race, but now I'm in it to stay. My views on love and matrimony have often been expressed in your hearing in an emphatic way. If you decide to confer upon me the honor I speak of please fix a date for a caucus with your mother. I have no objection to her acting as temporary chairman, provided it is clearly understood that I am to be chairman of the permanent organization. Should the results of the caucus prove satisfactory we can soon hold the primaries and select the date and place of convention. I never believed in long campaigns, so if you decide to honor me I will ask you to make the convention date as early as possible. Devotedly yours,

The following telegram answered: "Caucus unnecessary; nomination unanimous; come at once and fix the date of ratification."

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From Candles to Electricity.

Siberia has made the most wonderful leap in progress in the nineteenth century. The people of that country never have seen illuminating gas used. From candles they have jumped into the electric age. The towns are lighted by the arc light and the houses by incandescent lamps. The Siberians understand the handling and care of electric light apparatus so well that accidents are extremely rare. It has been suggested that perhaps their immunity from accidents may be explained by the fact that they wear heavy rubber overshoes.

A COAT WHICH GREW.

Story of a Clever Prisoner's Plan for Escape.

Green Casey, a convict at San Quentin, has won the admiration of all his fellow convicts at the prison for the novel contrivance he has invented in order to make his escape from the prison walls some time ago, and through Sheriff Langdon of Santa Clara county, the story has leaked out, says the San Francisco Call. Casey was a kind of trusty around the prison grounds, and while working in one of the grounds in the vicinity of the prison he took it into his head that he would like to escape, and was beginning to tax his mind as to the most advantageous way to suit his purpose. As he was strolling around on the green grass which grows in abundance around the prison, an idea struck him that if he could imitate the grass by some means he could elude the watchful sentries and make good his escape. Through the aid of his convict friends he procured some pieces of burlap, and with the aid of some rope made them into a long coat that would cover him completely when lying on the grass. He then secured some wheat from the prison stable and sowed it down carelessly at one end of the prison grounds, and watered it daily. In a few weeks the grass grew up through the sack coat, and before a great while the piece of burlap was conformed into a grassy lawn. He was now ready to carry out his plans, and patiently waited an opportunity. At last he succeeded in getting his new contrivance across to the northwest of the prison, and in a few minutes was under his grassy coat. Slowly he crept along with the cleverness of a worm, and from all appearances success would crown his efforts. But his progress was too rapid, and very soon he heard footsteps coming in his direction. The moving grass plat, which was slowly making its way up the hillside soon came to a sudden standstill as the eye of a guard had noticed the grass moving and came to investigate the phenomenon. A kick in the ribs apprised Casey that his plan had been discovered. The guard took Casey, and a red shirt now covers his breast.

REPUBLICS ONLY IN NAME.

Latin-American Countries Are Governed Upon Despotic Lines.

"Only in name does republicanism exist in the countries of South America," says a southern business man who recently returned from a tour of the Latin-American countries. "The Latin republics are the worst apologies for republics in the entire calendar of free states. Affairs in these republics are becoming better of late, but it is the simple thing in the world to provoke a revolution. We are all familiar with the changes of government that have taken place within the last decade. How I understand how easy it has been to still is in some of these republics to precipitate a rebellion, turn a ruler out of office, upset a government, and create general anarchy. I was in one of these republics some years ago, when a revolution, or rather an attempt at revolution, occurred, for it was not a genuine success. I was, with a friend, about to go to breakfast when a party of about twenty men appeared in the street along which we were passing. About the same number of men came into sight from an opposite direction and the fun began. Every man had a cloak over his shoulders, though the weather was oppressively warm, and when they sighted each other the cloaks were thrown aside and more brass medals, rainbow-tinted ribbons, red sashes and other gorgeous insignia of something or other I never saw. They began firing at each other, and soon the street was filled with a multitude of troops and about an equal number of revolutionists. The government troops dispersed the rebels on this occasion, and when we left in the afternoon for our respective locations, the same national flags that were flying at sunrise were still hanging at their staffs. It was on this occasion a bloodless and futile revolution, and people went about their business on the next day with the same composure and content for one party or the other as they had on the day before the open battle rebellion."

Many of the most useful novelties of the day are contrived by women. Silk weaving was invented by the wife of the Chinese emperor; bronze-work by a Japanese woman; the weaving of shawls by a woman of the Indian harem, and the lost secret of Venetian point lace was rediscovered by an Italian woman. Harriet Hosmer invented a way to make marble from limestone. Mrs. Strong, who began by inventing a corset, ended by taking out patents for dams and reservoirs. A woman invented a satchel bottom paper bag and was offered \$20,000 for her patent before leaving Washington. A Texas woman invented a digging machine; an English woman a horseshoe; a Florida woman a railroad car, and an Illinois woman a car heater.

Tertifying, Indeed.

An authority upon chemistry was lecturing before a well-known woman's club and illustrating his remarks with experiments. All went well until he paused a moment and then said: "I'm very sorry, but I must ask any of the ladies who use face powder containing bismuth to leave the room during this experiment, as the gases I am about to set free have a peculiar affinity for bismuth and turn it purple." Whereupon the entire audience save three courageous sisters rose and fled from the room.—St. Paul Globe.

Ruskin's Burial Place.

That the body of John Ruskin, the great English critic, does not rest in Westminster Abbey is not the fault of the Westminster committee. They had gone so far as to choose a spot at Westminster for the new grave, when they received from Ruskin's relatives a letter of thanks, declining the honor, as inconsistent with Mr. Ruskin's will. Some years before his death Ruskin had the following codicil added to his will: "If I die at Herne Hill I wish to rest beside my parents in Shirley cemetery; if I die at Brentwood I prefer to be buried at Coniston, but if I should by chance be killed during my Alpine excursions, I desire my body to be left where it may be found, and I ask no better tomb than the snow."

Dog a Real Wonder.

The smartest dog in Philadelphia, if not in the world, lives near Fortieth and Walnut streets. During a fire at the house he rushed into the seething flames and returned bearing between his teeth the unconscious form of an infant which the nurses had forgotten. In he dashed again and this time returned with a second babe. For a third time he dashed into the smoke and flames and the crowd wondered, for it was then known that there was not another living human being in the house. But a great cheer went up when the dog trotted out from the flames once more, this time carrying in his teeth the fire insurance policy.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Eggs as an American Food.

Since 1885 the egg traffic has become so large that in New York city alone it amounts to over \$9,000,000 annually. The reason for this increase lies in the fact that preserving eggs in cold storage has so lowered the price that everybody can buy them. In New York 2,160,000 eggs are eaten daily. They come principally from the west. The rest of the country eats eggs in same proportion, and though the United States produces 10,000,000,000 eggs yearly, it is necessary to import annually 15,000,000 dozen from Canada, Spain, Italy and even from far-away China.

Inventor of a War Shield.

Miss Sormont Murphy is one of the most successful women inventors. She is an English woman, and has just brought out a war shield for use in South Africa. It is made of aluminum and lined with sheepskin. It is claimed that it will divert the course of a bullet or sword. As it is only one pound in weight it can easily be worn under the uniform. Lord Roberts in accepting one of these shields just before leaving for the front, thanked Miss Sormont Murphy "very much for her kind gift and kind thought of him."

Efficient Cavalrymen.

"Speaking of cavalry," says a veteran officer, "probably the hardest and most effective cavalry forces the world ever saw were some of the confederate squadrons in the civil war. The English mounted forces are calling for more horses, and it is estimated each cavalryman will need four remounts during the year. Why, Forrest's troop, harassing Sherman to the sea, used up horses at the rate of eleven per man in a twelvemonth."—Indianapolis News.

Curiosities of Coal.

Australian soft bituminous coal produces twice as much gas as European or American coal. For this reason the Australian coal is imported into Europe, although it is very costly. Pennsylvania anthracite weighs twice as much as European anthracite and takes but half the space. This fact enables it to compete on favorable terms with the European product, because of the advantage in railroad freights.

Field for the Explorer.

Lake Tanganyika, in Africa, offers a unique field for scientific exploration. This region, like Australia, is one of the few localities where animals still live that have become extinct elsewhere, certain which like monkeys of this lake appearing to have been driven from the ocean and to be identical with fossil forms of old Jurassic times in Europe.

Mexico's Postal Drafts.

The first money-order drafts ever sent from Mexico addressed to persons in the United States have reached the postoffice department. In amount they aggregate \$5,000. They are issued by the Mexican postal department under the terms of an agreement with this country which went into effect Jan. 1.—Indianapolis Press.

Death Claimed the Bride.

While the minister was about to begin the marriage ceremony which was to unite John S. Blair and Miss Nannie Somerset at Perry, Okla., the other night, the bride reeled and was caught by the bridegroom and carried to a couch near by, where she soon died.

Preventive of Moths.

It is well to know that any strong, pungent smell will keep away moths. A mixture of cloves, cinnamon,orris root and other fragrant things may be substituted for camphor preparations with less disagreeable after effects.

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Twelve pounds only is the weight of the new automatic machine gun under experiment in the United States army. It fires 450 shots a minute and can be carried by one man.

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