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EXERCISE FOR GIRLS.

THE APPLICATION OF CALISTHENICS COMMENTED UPON.

Physicians and Members of the Board of Education and Philadelphia Express a Diversity of Opinion—All Agree, However, That Some Exercise is Necessary.

A number of prominent men, who are in a position to know, expressed their ideas in regard to the effect produced by the use of calisthenics. The subject, which was discussed by the Homoeopathic Medical society, is thoroughly familiar to them, and their opinions varied to a considerable degree. The men who gave their ideas so freely included several members of the board of education and Drs. Korndorfer, Mohr, Van Baun and Betts.

Superintendent MacAlister said: "Judicious exercise is essential to every body. The lady who teaches calisthenics in the Girls' Normal school understands her business. There may be some pupils to whom the use of these exercises is injurious, and in that case the fault lies with the parents. Calisthenics as practiced at the Normal school are not violent, and are not injurious as far as I know."

THE DOCTORS ARE GRANNIES.

A. S. Jenks, of the Normal school committee: "The doctors who made such a statement are old grannies. After a child has been sitting in a school room for five hours a little exercise is needed. Calisthenics have been practiced in the Normal school for fifteen years that I know of, and I never heard of a single case of sickness or bad health resulting. The weights used are light ones, and would not harm an infant. They are a great benefit and should be used more extensively than they are. The chest is expanded and the muscles given full play. I'll wager that none of the physicians ever saw the pupils at exercise."

Dr. Mohr: "I have been misunderstood on this question. I never intended to say that calisthenics were generally injurious. With some scholars they are, but with the majority the pupil's health is benefited. They are not nearly so hurtful as the long sessions which a scholar is obliged to sit out and not get their regular midday meal."

Dr. Korndorfer: "I do not wish it to be understood that I am finding fault with the board of education. I am not. I only desire to point out an error and show how it can be remedied. The present system of calisthenics is a bad one. They should use Lewis' system. At present the exercise is entirely too violent. The arms are thrown out and upwards with great force. Why, it's enough to tear the child's chest to pieces. Then, again, the children are told to bend their bodies backward. They do so, and, as a result, the child comes home and complains of a sore back. I advocate the use of light weights, slow movements, increasing in motion only as the muscles and joints become accustomed to the rapid movement. The practice should be repeated daily, and not left for a week at a time, as it is now."

THE METHOD NOT PROPERLY APPLIED.

Dr. Van Baun: "I indorse calisthenics when they are properly applied to the individual pupil. I consider the method at the Girls' Normal school open to criticism. The suits cause the removal of the ordinary skirts and are much shorter and of lighter material. The selection and length of time devoted to the exercise is often injudicious, frequently causing fatigue. I know that Class C, No. 8, is exercised every other Friday for two consecutive hours, while a number of B classes had an hour daily for two weeks. An ordinary pupil cannot stand such work as this."

Dr. Betts: "I consider the requirements of the Girls' Normal school, together with the long hours, as too great a strain on the health of many of the pupils. I have frequently noticed that girls began their work in the fall with ruddy faces and all the evidences of good health, and by the following June they looked wan and tired and complained of poor health."

Simon Gratz: "The doctors who object to calisthenics in the Normal school don't know what they are talking about. The weights are of light wood and the motion is not violent or jerky. The dresses are of heavy woolen material and are much warmer than their ordinary street dresses. I have never known of a girl complaining since the method has been in use. We use Dio Lewis' system and that proves that the physicians don't know what they

are talking about. The scholars at the Normal school and the School of Practice scholars, little 6-year-old tots, are especially delighted."

A girl in Class B: "It's absurd to say that the exercises are too violent. The force of the movement is not sufficient to injure a baby. As to the scholars looking 'wan and tired,' that is rather due to the overcrowded condition of the classes and the lack of proper ventilation, which we often experience. The exercises do not continue for two hours on any occasion, and our teacher is very considerate of our comfort."—Philadelphia Times.

It Costs Five Cents a Drop.

"It's oil of roses," said the drug clerk. "Look out!" and he made a dive with the stopple and it struck the reporter's palm. Half an hour later the writer had occasion to remember the incident, for the scent of the roses kept lingering. Ablutions were no good, for the sickening odor pervaded everything. It created a headache and an aversion for attar of roses that will last forever. "It comes high," said the drug clerk, "and you ought not to kick. It's five cents a drop for folks who care to pay for it. I had been putting some of it into a bottle of smelling salts when I daubed it at you. Curious, though, how tastes differ. At a ball in Lewiston this winter I dropped ten drops of oil of roses on a young fellow's vest. It cost him half a dollar, and when he went out of the store he left a trail of roses behind him. I wouldn't have had it on my clothing for a hundred dollars and have been compelled to wear it. I'll bet that he made his partner weary in the waltz."—Lewiston Journal.

A Strange Man.

One hardly expects a minister of religion to be a scoffer, but Isaac Vossius, the eccentric Dutch scholar, who died on Feb. 10, 1689, furnished a strange exception to accepted usage. Charles II had made him canon of Windsor in 1664, soon after his arrival in England. Never was a clerical office undertaken by a man who was so entirely unfit for it. Although a canon of Windsor, he did not believe in the divine origin of the Christian religion, and he treated religious matters with contempt, although in other things he was exceedingly credulous. Charles II once said of him: "This learned divine is a strange man; he will believe anything but the Bible." When he attended divine service in the chapel of Windsor he used to read the poems of Ovid instead of the prayer book. Vossius knew all the European languages without being able to speak one of them correctly. On his death bed he refused the sacrament and was only prevailed upon to take it by the remark of one of his colleagues that if he would not do so for the love of God, he ought to do it for the honor of the chapter to which he belonged. Vossius took an odd delight in having his hair combed in a measure or rhythmical manner, and he would have it done only by barbers or other persons skilled in the rules of prosody.—Philadelphia Times.

In China.

Contrary to the general belief, the lower classes in China get enough to eat, such as it is. Rice is the great staple, and the poor eat little else. The amount consumed by each person where rice is the sole article of food is placed at about one pint daily. When vegetables and pork are obtainable the quantity of rice is reduced. The consul at Hankow, in an interesting report on rice culture, says that a family of six persons, subsisting almost exclusively upon rice, can live at a cost of 20 cents per day. Good field hands in the district named may be had for from \$7.50 to \$10.50 in gold a year.—Chicago Times.

A New Fabric.

A new textile has been discovered in Russia on the borders of the Caspian sea. The plant is called kanaff by the native and attains a height of ten feet. From it a chemist has obtained a textile matter which is soft, elastic and silky, gives a thread which is very tough and can be bleached without injury. The stuffs manufactured out of kanaff can be successfully dyed in every shade of color, and would compete with any of the ordinary furnishing materials now in use. But it is particularly for making sacks, tarpaulin, ropes, etc., that this new textile, from its cheapness and its extraordinary resisting power, might defy all competition.—New York Telegram.

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No. 5.—7:47 a. m.	No. 6.—7:13 p. m.
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No. 9.—6:17 p. m.	

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