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EXCESS IN CYCLING.

Sound Advice Given by the World's Leading Medical Journal.

Those who believe in the necessity of physical exercise, and we belong to their number, have need also to remember that even so good a thing as this is in excess an evil. The use of the cycle is a form of bodily recreation in itself doubtless wholesome; none the less is it open to the mischievous effects of undue indulgence. Tempted by the ease of movement, combined as a rule with attractive scenery, everyone tries it. Everyone too finds he can do something with it, and considerations of weather, constitution, age and health are apt to be dismissed with summary imprudence. One fruitful source of injury is competition. In this matter not even the strongest rider can afford to ignore his limit of endurance. The record breaker, who sinks exhausted at his journey's end, has gone a point beyond this. The septuagenarian who tries to rival his juniors by doing and repeating his twenty or thirty miles, perhaps against time, is even less wise. Lady cyclists, too, may bear in mind that their sex is somewhat the weaker. So likewise among men the power of endurance varies greatly, and it is better for some to admit this and be moderate than to labor after the achievements of far more muscular neighbors. In short, whenever prostration beyond mere transient fatigue follows the exercise, or when digestion suffers and weight is markedly lessened, and a pastime which ought to exhilarate becomes an anxious labor, we may be sure that it is being overdone. He that would reap its best results must content himself with much less than this; but unless he can observe such moderation, he had better abstain from it altogether —London Lancet.

MICROBES AND CARPETS.

Maxims Which Good Housewives Should Lay to Their Hearts.

In our endeavor to be comfortable in this vale of tears there is a tendency to overlook the elementary laws of hygiene, and in no respect, perhaps, more so than in the superabundance of curtains and carpets—those non-patented contrivances for hindering the free circulation of fresh air and stultifying nature's automatic arrangements for the deodorization and disinfection of our homes. Carpets are always objectionable when they are not designed to permit of easy removal for cleansing purposes without the necessity of turning a room topsy-turvy. In most houses the carpet only comes up once a year, by which time it is as full of microbes and accumulated filth as its interstices will allow. No wonder, then, if our rooms preserve a musty smell in spite of periodical opening of windows and vigorous sweepings, which only displace a portion of the dust to settle promptly elsewhere in some less accessible spot. Fixed carpets are even more objectionable and unwholesome in bedrooms, for there they absorb the fetid emanations of the night, and soak up various decomposable materials for future use. The ideal would be a polished wooden floor garnished with rugs in sufficient number to give an aspect and feeling of comfort, while admitting of easy exposure to the salutary influence of air and light. Rugs, carpets and curtains ought to be frequently shaken and hung up in the fresh air if they are to remain sweet, not once a month or year, but two or three times a week, if not oftener. At this price only can we hope to deprive confined spaces of their native unwholesomeness, and the sooner housewives lay this maxim to their hearts and act upon it, the better.—Hospital Gazette.

A Bright Coin Makes Bright Eyes.

A simple and excellent plan to preserve and strengthen the eyes is this: Every morning pour some cold water into your washing bowl; at the bottom of the bowl place a silver coin or some other bright object; then put your face in the water with your eyes open and fixed upon the object at the bottom, move your head from side to side gently, and you will find that this morning bath will make your eyes brighter and stronger, and preserve them beyond the ordinarily alloted time.

Now Destroy Your Moths.

A good way to discover the presence of moths, and also destroy them, is to place a lighted candle in a basin of water. The moths will be attracted by the flame, and will drop into the water

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I feel the old, soft goldness of her hair!
Kind Heaven! if but for one dear time, I might
Again press trembling lips upon her cheek—
Her slim, pale throat—her whiter brow—her hair—
Her tender eyes wherein the love-light shone!
But once—but once—to hear those sweet lips speak!
I should be glad that she is free from care—
But oh, this first and awful ni... alone!
—Ella Higginson in Overland Monthly.

Coffee in the East.

How long coffee was in use among eastern nations before being introduced into Europe is not known. Aljeziri Alhambali, a noted Arabic author, states that it was first made known about 870 of the Hegira, and so quickly did coffee houses and booths multiply throughout Arabia that the government several times made strenuous attempts to suppress them, fearing they would lead the people into idleness.

Notwithstanding these efforts, the "coffee habit" took such a firm hold on the people that the beverage was made and drank in secret. They even went long distances into the desert and there prepared the seductive concoction without fear of molestation.

Some pious Mohammedans thought it might be included among the intoxicating beverages forbidden by the Koran, but Alhambali, in an able pamphlet entitled "The Support of Innocence," proved that it was not in the prohibitory section of that book. As a consequence the followers of the prophet once more returned to the delights of coffee.—Detroit Free Press.

One Woman's Bedtime Hours.

A lovely woman who was talking with a friend one day about the enjoyments, disappointments and heartaches of childhood, said: "The sufferings I endured when a child were more acute than any I have known in later years, and the pleasantest remembrances I have of those far away times are of the bedtime hours, when my mother sat by our beds in that low roofed chamber and taught us the songs she sung as a child, told stories, some of which were of her childhood, while others were conjured up in her own head. Some of the sweetest hymns and sacred stories I learned then, and there ever comes to me when I close my eyes a faint picture of my devoted mother sitting there in the twilight. I think the only reason that the darkness had no terrors for me was that it nearly always came while she was with us. The sound of her voice dispelled all fear; it was associated with tenderest words, sweetest lullabys, softest good nights."—Anna P. Payne in New England Homestead.

Art in Telling Lies.

Telling the truth is an art, but not nearly so difficult an art as telling lies. It is within reach of any man's power, if he will take time and pains, to relate the thing that is. It takes a man of imagination and strong memory to bring forth the thing that is not. Besides, the liar cannot carry his lie all over the world and back to the creation; at some point or other he must piece it on to the universal truth, and to do that neatly he must be a good workman, but this is only part of the greater question as to vice and virtue generally. Virtue is for all who love it; in order to become an accomplished villain a man must have natural aptitude, careful training and immense powers of application, and at any time the villian may be ruined, as a villain, by the unexpected coming to life of conscience.—All the Year Round.

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The Uses of the Sword.

The uses to which the sword has been put seem to have been almost as varied as its appearance, when we recall the anecdote told of Charlemagne, who said, as he used the pommel of his sword to put his stamp on treaties, "I sign them with this end, and with the other I will take care that they are kept."—Kate Field's Washington.

Her Hubby's Teachings.

Friend—Why do you get married so soon after the death of your husband?

Widow—My dear, if there was any one thing that my poor dead and gone husband insisted upon, in season and out, it was that I should never put off till tomorrow what I could do today.—New York Weekly.

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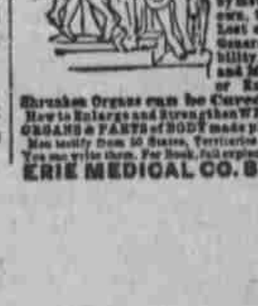

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