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How a Perfectly Made Man is Constituted—Why It is That Girls are Often More Healthy in Appearance Than Their Brothers—How to be Healthy.

She had been to church. As she walked home she looked up and saw Muldoon.

From the very beginning women have liked big men—men who are physically big—and when they by some accident do care for little men it's ten to one the brains are big.

The churchgoing young woman who met Mr. Muldoon was inquisitive, and she made up her mind that she was going to get some points on bigness and beauty from him.

"Mr. Muldoon, what constitutes a perfectly made man?"

"One whose neck, biceps and calves all measure the same."

It was a bit impertinent, but that is the prerogative of a woman and so she asked, "Do yours?"

And he quietly answered, "Yes." Then she inquired, "What is the reason that as one walks in New York one notices that the women are larger, look more healthy, walk better, and from a physical standpoint are better specimens than the men?"

"Well," said he, "the trouble begins with the care of the boy when he is a little chap; everything here is sacrificed to the cultivation of the intellect, and the small boy's physical condition isn't paid much attention to."

"I am thinking only of one thing, and that is where I can best get a hold of him and how I can best keep him where I want him to be."

"What do I think of women? To be quite honest, I am a little afraid of them, they are not so trustworthy as horses or dogs? What kind of a woman do I like? I like a womanly woman, a woman who is gentle and affectionate and who isn't loud."

"But do you want me to tell you what is killing half the population of this country?"

"The inquisitive one said she did—she was a seeker for knowledge."

"It is the vile air that is in the cars, boats, half the houses and hotels, and in all the places of amusement. You get in a parlor car, and there is one person in that car an invalid, or a woman, who insists on having all the ventilators closed, and you have got to sit, possibly sleep, in that foul air, breathing in the diseases that everybody else has."

"But about women?"

"I think there are 100 good women to one good man, and where a woman makes a mistake it usually is the fault of a man. It is perfect nonsense, however, shooting such creatures, as we have heard of lately. They ought to be caught by the nape of their necks and tossed out of a window and left to get along as best they can."

"Who is your favorite actor?"

"Mr. Booth."

"What are your favorite flowers?"

"Violets."

"What is your favorite color?"

"Pale blue."

And then, with a characteristic jump from flowers and colors, the inquisitive one asked, "At a prize fight do they spill much blood?"

"No," said Muldoon; "the amount of blood spilled is usually very much exaggerated. When Sullivan fought Kilrain, on July 8, 1889, the fight lasted two hours and eighteen minutes, and there wasn't enough blood shed to entirely stain a pocket handkerchief.—A Woman in New York Sun.

HE KNEW.

Hiram Was Not at All Scared by the Noises Down Stairs.

It was 3 o'clock in the morning when Mrs. Higinbotham shook her husband.

"Ugh," he responded unconsciously.

"Hiram! Hiram!" she exclaimed in a whisper.

"U-ugh," he answered.

She gave him another shake.

"Hiram," she whispered, "there's robbers down stairs."

"Ugh?" he ventured again, this time with a rising inflection indicating that he was gradually absorbing the idea that something was wrong.

She gave him a tremendous shake.

"Ugh," he almost shouted, sitting straight up, "what in thunder's the row, Maria?"

She clapped her hand over his mouth.

"Sh—sh!" she whispered, "there's burglars down stairs."

"Aw," he growled, "we ought to be thankful they are not up stairs. Go to sleep!" and he fell back to the pillow.

"Hiram, I tell you," she insisted, with another shake, "there's burglars down stairs. I heard them. You go down and see what they want."

"Maria," he protested, "I'll do nothing of the sort. If they don't see what they want they can ask for it. That's business."

"But you shall go down, Hiram, and see," she urged and pleaded at the same time.

"I won't, I tell you, Maria. Because your father owns a dry goods store is no sign that I believe it is no trouble to show goods, and I repeat, madam, if those burglars want anything they've got to wait on themselves. It's after business hours anyway. You must think we run an all night place. Go to sleep, I tell you."

Mrs. Higinbotham gave a sudden clutch at his arm.

"There," she nearly screamed, "I hear them coming up stairs now."

"Well, dear," he said soothingly, "you'd better jump up and put on a dress. It will never do in the world for you to receive strange gentlemen in your present attire."

"We'll be murdered in our beds," she wailed.

"Do you really think you will," he inquired with some interest.

"I'm sure of it, Hiram," she sobbed.

"Suppose you get out and lie on the floor, Maria, and then you won't be," he suggested heartlessly. "I'm willing to take mine right here in bed, where it's warm."

Mrs. H. began to cry.

"What's the matter, Maria?" Mr. H. asked, as if he had just that moment discovered her grief.

"You're a mean, horrid man, Hiram Higinbotham," she said in her natural voice, and she began to get out of bed.

"Where are you going, Maria?" he inquired unasily.

"Down stairs," she answered heroically. "As between you upstairs and the burglars down stairs, I prefer the burglars, and down stairs she went, and the black cat in the preserve closet upset four jars of her finest quinces in its mad effort to escape."

She screamed, but Hiram Higinbotham made no sign; he knew he had forgotten to put the cat in the cellar when he shut the house up for the night and reported to his wife that everything was all right. —Detroit Free Press.

Home of the Sea Serpent.

The question of the "great sea serpent" has of late come before us with an episcopal sanction; but whatever may be the explanation of the various appearances which have given a certain currency to a belief in the existence of an unknown marine monster of some kind, that small sea serpents exist is most certain.

They are all marine, and with the exception of one or two species never quit the water. As might be expected under such circumstances they bring forth their young alive, and these can swim as soon as they are born.

Mr. Bonlenger tells us that their home is essentially the coasts of the Indian ocean and the tropical parts of the western Pacific, from the Persian gulf to New Guinea and North Australia. One species, however, ranges from west and south Africa to the western coast of tropical America and extends northward to Japan and southward to New Zealand. —Quarterly Review.

Two Gaily Centuries.

A Danbury youth went trout fishing and ventured to drop a sly line into a posted brook. Soon the approaching figure of the owner loomed up in the distance, and the Danbury youth knew he had been seen.

He took inconspicuously to the bushes, where he spent a very miserable two hours in hiding and caught a cold that kept him two days in bed.

Meanwhile the terrible owner, who was not the owner at all, had sought a similar refuge at sight of the original culprit, and not until his teeth chattered like a typewriter did he venture to leave the friendly but damp shelter and slink away from the scene. He was an elderly man, and his share in the day's sport resulted in a four days' rheumatic limp. —Boston Transcript.

Ancient Sacrifices to the Sea.

The navigators of antiquity, to whose imaginative ignorance the ocean seemed peopled and beset with chimeras dire and supernatural agencies of all sorts, used often to sacrifice human lives to the mysterious water gods. It is regarded by tradition that Idomeneus, king of Crete, vowed to sacrifice to Neptune the first living thing he met after escaping from a storm, and this happening to be his son, he fulfilled his vow religiously. Medea nearly became a sacrifice during the return voyage of the Argonauts. —Washington Star.

No Reflection on His Character.

"That stylish looking gentleman was under police supervision in his younger days."

"Nonsense! You must be joking."

"Not a bit of it; his father was a constable." —Dorfbarbier.

Going to Africa.

Great interest is exhibited in the proposed East African expedition of Mr. William Astor Chanler. The Tama river, which he proposes to follow, is inhabited along the lower part principally by the Wa-Pokomo, a race which subsists by cultivation. The banks of the river being low, the country on both sides is annually inundated, and the river thus acts as a liberal fertilizer. Mr. Chanler has no easy task before him, as some of the tribes to be passed in reaching Mount Kenia have had their suspicions and hostility aroused by the harsh and barbarous course of the German explorer Dr. Peters.

He will start early in June in company with Lieutenant Hohmel, of the Austrian navy, and Count Tolaki, with the object of careful scientific research and observation in that region. They will travel along the Tama river, resting for some weeks at the snowcapped mountain of Kenia, where they will make astronomical observations. After exploring the mountain to its summit if possible they will plunge into the almost unknown regions of East Rudolph lake. It was there that Baron Vecken was murdered, and that Reviol, Respoli and Ferrendi failed in their efforts to accomplish their aims.

The region abounds in warlike tribes. Mr. Chanler intends to enter the region from the west, after leaving Lake Rudolph, and proceed along the Tuba river to the sea. He expects to be absent about eighteen months. He will take with him his young servant, George Galmin, who accompanied him through Mashonaland. Mr. Chanler is full of hope and will go fully equipped for his perilous enterprise, which is expected to have most interesting and valuable results. —Philadelphia Leader.

A Tame Duckling.

The extraordinary sight of a duckling that has just shed its shell following a young woman about the house with all the affection of a pet dog is a domestic wonder in the family of Mrs. Carr. Ever since Easter morn the neighbors have been dropping in to witness the spectacle, and the fame of the singular attachment has attracted attention among people who are interested in natural phenomena of every description.

The little duckling has been in the family since Easter Sunday, when it was brought as a gift to Mrs. Carr's baby daughter, Serena, aged four years, who was delighted with her new pet. The duck at once struck up a long friendship for the domestic, Mary McCullough, and has been the young woman's constant companion ever since. Whenever Mary speaks the duck responds with the piping salutation and waddles after the young woman wherever she goes. The most astonishing thing about this freak of nature is that if any other inmate of the household attempts to induce it to answer, the well-footed prodigy maintains a solemn silence, but Mary has only to utter a word when the quacking begins and is kept up until she has ceased speaking. —Philadelphia Times.

Mary's Claim.

A little girl is reported to have died near the imaginary line in Oklahoma which divided the recently opened reservations from the remainder of the territory just as the signal was given for the grand rush for lands. The child and her father were alone and unknown, but the beauty of the one and the still, deep grief of the other moved the strong men of the frontier to acts of admirable sympathy.

A runner on a swift horse located a homestead, and returning placed the father of the dead girl in possession of it. The body of the child was transported to the claim and buried upon it. Afterward it was discovered the remaining one of the unfortunate couple was absolutely penniless, and a purse of money was given him with the hope that the claim will prove a haven of rest to him and that the homestead shall always be known as "Mary's claim." —Duluth Tribune.

Death from Ingrowing Toe Nail.

Some time ago there was published the story of the death of a Long Island physician from blood poisoning resulting from an ingrowing toe nail. A well known surgeon chiropodist said the other day to the reporter: "The death of that Long Island doctor is not the first I have heard of from the same cause."

"The cause of the disease is common and painful and usually directly traceable to narrow foot shoes. It causes pain as severe as a toothache and not infrequently, when neglected, results in blood poisoning. I know of an operation for ingrowing toe nail in an English hospital where the patient suffered so much pain that they gave him a mixture of ether and chloroform. The operation was successful, but when it was finished the physicians found that their patient had died from the chloroform." —New York Sun.

To Preserve an Alpine Flower.

The diet of the Tyrol last week passed a bill imposing heavy fines upon persons found selling any sample of the beautiful but rare Alpine flower called edelweiss, which has been pulled up by the roots on the mountains. A similar act was passed seven years ago by the diet of Salzburg, with a view to the preservation of the edelweiss plant, which is threatened with extinction in the Austrian Alps. In the Salzburg district the success of this legislation is, unfortunately, not encouraging.

Great Season for Herrings.

The herring fishing season on the Susquehanna river is finished, and the catch has been unprecedented. The pack will amount to over 60,000 barrels of salted fish. The season open April 8 and closed May 10. One fisherman caught 100 barrels of the fish with a dipnet in the outlet lock of the canal. It has been no uncommon thing this season to take 200,000 herring at a haul of one of the large seines, which, when paid out, encircles three-quarters of a mile or more of water area. —Cor. Philadelphia Record.

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