

BROWN-SEQUARD'S ELIXIR.

French Doctors no Longer Disposed to Regard It as a Joke.

In this country not much has been heard of late about either Dr. Brown-Sequard or his remarkable liquid. Several years ago the papers were full of the wonderful things that were to be accomplished by the subcutaneous use of this queer organic solution, and the whole world's incredulous attention was turned to the experiments of the Parisian doctor. Marvelous promises were made. Old men were to become young, hitherto incurable diseases were to yield at last to science, and medicine was to be revolutionized. Somehow or other medicine refused to change its ways and men grow gray the same as ever. So Dr. Brown-Sequard's name, after living a while in print as a sort of joke, disappeared altogether from the American papers. Anticipation, abatingly overhigh, had produced its usual results, and the sensation was dead. The fact that there was something not miraculous but none the less real, in the doctor's discovery, that from the administration of his liquid the orchitis came results hitherto unobtainable, did not escape the notice of serious students of medicine. The popular uproar having ceased, they entered upon a long course of experiments with the new remedy, noting down its effects in hundreds of cases, perfecting methods of preparation and gradually sifting out from the maladies over which it had no control those in whose presence its action was manifest and undoubted. The outcome of these saner methods, according to reports made to the Academie des Sciences by Dr. Brown-Sequard and through him by the more than 1,200 other physicians to whom he furnished his liquid, has surpassed all sober expectations. They say they have found the solution efficacious, not only in the case of some of these diseases for whose cure the first experiments were made, but also in the treatment of others, not before suspected to be amenable to its influence. Among these may be mentioned locomotor ataxia, creeping paralysis, one of the most insidious and terrible diseases to which mankind is subject. Its cure has always been regarded as impossible, and the appearance of its first symptom was considered a death warrant. Once begun, the wasting away of the spinal cord went on, absolutely unimpeded by all that science could do. Yet in 324 verified cases of this malady Dr. Brown-Sequard reports 314 instances of cure or amelioration so marked that cures are hoped for a continuance of the treatment. Cancer is another disease in which the orchitis liquid is employed with good results. Of 300 cases everyone presents an improvement manifested by the disappearance of the characteristic yellow coloration, a suppression of hemorrhages and relief from pain. Attempts to cure tuberculosis by the use of "sequardine" have met with no further success than marked diminution of certain secondary symptoms, such as lack of strength, fever and profuse perspiration. Similar effects have resulted in cases of palsy, hysteria, chorea, paludal (malaria) fevers and neurasthenia. All these, especially the latter, showed notable changes for the better. In concluding Dr. Brown-Sequard says: "Its modifying power over the nutrition of the muscular tissues and the nervous system is undeniable. The organic juice does not cure, in the strict sense of that term, any malady; its use is to stimulate and supply immediately available nutritive matter. The results it produces depend upon its influence on the nerves and upon its supplying the elements necessary for the formation of new cells."

The Presidential Salute Is 21 Guns. I have often wondered why the recognized presidential salute is twenty-one guns, and thinking that an explanation of the same might interest readers, looked the matter up, with the following results, quotation from Hanson's "Facts and Fancies": "The United States national salute is a gun for each state; for the president twenty-one guns, seventeen for the vice president, fifteen for cabinet officers, governors, etc. Originally the president was saluted with as many guns as there were states in the Union. This idea was finally abandoned in the year 1819, when there were exactly twenty-one states, the commissioners deciding that hereafter twenty-one guns shall be the national presidential salute."—St. Louis Republic.

Edith Gets a Thrust in the Ribs. Edith took her grandmother, who has come on from Maine for a visit, into the parlor and showed her the head of a lion done in crayon. Edith made the picture and is proud of it. Grandma adjusted her spectacles and gazed admiringly at the drawing. "You don't know what it is, grandma," Edith said. "Don't know what it is!" responded the old lady, testily. "Lived on a farm sixty years and not know a calf's head when I see it. Guess you ain't got a very high opinion of your grandma, Edith."

A Death Valley Lizard. There is found on the edge of Death valley in California, a lizard somewhat similar to the Gila monster, although more agile. It is strictly vegetarian. This fellow is called the chuckawalla by the Cochilla Indians, who are said to be very fond of his flesh. The meat of this cousin of the dread monster is very white, tastes like chicken, and Americans who have eaten it are not reported to have turned up their noses at it.

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THE WAKULLA VOLCANO.

Cause of Spontaneous Fire and Clouds of Smoke From It in a Volcano.

In the tangled wildwood of that part of the great Florida swamp that borders on the territory of phosphate mining, a prospector has made an interesting discovery. He has solved the famous mystery of the Wakulla volcano. Learned men for a long time have held that an active volcano must exist in this hitherto inaccessible region. For many years scientists, adventurers and explorers have made spasmodic attempts to penetrate the swamp, lured on by the strange tales of the simple people who live in its vicinity, and by the wonderful phenomena which they themselves have observed from afar. The varying report of the country folk has been that out of this great swamp from the time of their fathers and grandfathers clouds of steam and smoke have risen in volumes, and that at certain periods flames of fire have been seen to belch forth as from the crater of a huge volcano, making at night a most weird display on the distant horizon. The swamp is located on the Gulf of Mexico, and is many square miles in extent. It is just south of Tallahassee, the state capital, and covers a part of Walkulla and Jefferson counties. It is most easily approached from the state of Georgia. During the civil war Union gunboats on the way to the siege of New Orleans anchored off the place and shelled the spot where the smoke was issuing in the belief that it was a camp of Confederate soldiers engaged in refining salt. Mr. Martin, a prospector for a firm of Georgia capitalists who have extensive interests in mining Florida phosphate, is the man that made the conclusive discovery, largely to gratify his own curiosity. He found the surface of the swamp honey-combed with holes made by the fire. They extended for miles and miles, showing that the fire had steadily burned for many years. The depth of the vast fissures was about five feet, and in the bottom of the deepest salt water was found, which proved that the surface of the swamp was but little higher than the level of the gulf, and underground channels were discovered which drain the swamp of its waters. As he approached the locality where the fire was active the air was filled with thick smoke, the stench of decaying fish became almost unbearable, and booming like that of distant cannon were heard. The earth of roots and coarse vegetable fibres, protected by a waterproof moss, like an immense peat bog, had fed the fire with a ceaseless supply of fuel. In such a soil the flames would smoulder for months during the rainy season to burst forth when the sun and the drought returned. The tall trees, to the very top of which the flames have climbed, account for the phenomena of the spouting fires at which people have stood aghast for generations. The success of the discovery is due to the fact that the approach was made from the north side, by which the pools and dense growth of canebrake, which have been hindrances to former explorers, were avoided. Plenty of time and abundance of provisions were available, and the work of hewing a path through the dense undergrowth and fallen trees was taken up systematically and patiently.

A Carpet With a History. A curious history is attached to a carpet used recently in the production at the Prince of Wales' theater of the comic opera "Poor Jonathan." When the star of Napoleon III. was at its zenith an Aubusson carpet of a magnificent description was ordered by General Fleury for the chateau at Compiègne, but when it was seen by the emperor directions were given that it should be transferred to the Tuilleries. In 1871, during the commune, the carpet was appropriated, and with the other artistic works dispatched to Austria. The carpet has since had several owners, but owing to its size has proved practically useless. To its present possessor it was sold for £150, believed to be about an eighth part of its original value. So much is thought of this carpet, which in "Poor Jonathan" will be laid down in the reception room of the millionaire Vandergold by the manager of the Prince of Wales, that he has had the dresses of the characters appearing in this scene made to harmonize with its colors. Such a circumstance is probably unique in theatrical annals.

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GOLD FOUND IN GEORGIA.

Resident of White County Declares That Territory Leads the World.

A representative of the Progress had a long and interesting talk a few days ago with J. R. Lumsden, one of the most successful gold miners in the country. The talk brought back memories of days when big "finds" were made in this country, says Cleveland (Ga.) Progress. It was in 1880 that Mr. Lumsden was working for gold on a branch on his place, seven miles above here. One afternoon he had two men at work when they discovered some small nuggets three feet under the ground. Mr. Lumsden had the dirt removed from a small place and had struck a layer of gravel. In two hours after he had struck it he had taken out 900 pennyweights of the precious metal. He mined on the same lot for two months, in a space not larger than 50x100, and in that time took out \$3,500 in nuggets. In one place, about 10x12, he got 1,200 pennyweights. Two big nuggets were found on this lot. One weighed 341 pennyweights and the other weighed 307. Talking of big nuggets, it was about five years ago that John Thurmond, while at work on what is known as the White & McGee property, dug up a nugget which weighed 504 pennyweights. "There are thousands of pennyweights in White county yet," said Mr. Lumsden, "and all that is needed is money to develop our gold property. Money is still to be made by placer mining, but the best gold and the most of it is in veins. People can brag, but I can tell you there is more gold in the ground in White county today than in any other county in the world."

AN INFERNAL MACHINE. It Is Sent to a Girl With the Evident Purpose of Injuring Her. An infernal machine was recently sent to Miss Gertie Spicer, of Guy, Wash., which came near ending that young lady's life. The machine was cleverly constructed of a cigar box, containing a block of wood bored full of holes, in which six tin tubes, in appearance not unlike shotgun shells, had been placed, the tubes being connected by a groove in the bottom of the box, and tubes and grooves being filled with gunpowder, the other spaces of the box being filled with cotton saturated with acid. To explode this cap was placed on the end of a nail, the trigger being arranged to spring on raising the lid, it first having been set through a small hole in the end of the box. The box also contained two 38-calibre pistol cartridges, but these failed to explode. The package was sent through the mails and when Miss Spicer got it from the postoffice at Pullman she was somewhat suspicious of its appearance, and thought that perhaps some would-be joker had enclosed in the box a toad with the intention of frightening her. Her suspicion of this probably saved her life, for she put the box down on the sidewalk and raised the cover with a stick. As soon as the cover was raised an inch or two an explosion occurred which shook the buildings, but Miss Spicer was not seriously hurt. A disappointed lover is thought to be responsible for the villainous attempt at murder.

TRAINS SPARROWS TO FIGHT. Diversion to Which John Chinaman Has Given Himself in Gotham. There is a use for English sparrows which the average American citizen of sporting proclivities has not so far discovered. It remains for the Chinese in the United States to direct attention to a novel purpose to which cock sparrows may be devoted somewhat in compensation for their otherwise useless existence. That John Chinaman somewhere from some source inherited considerable sporting blood, though he may not cut much of a shine himself in a street brawl with urchins and sandlotters, is pretty generally known. That he has a wholesome respect for American justice is also a familiar fact. Cock fighting is prohibited; dog fighting likewise. So, in order to have just as much fun as he would at a cock or a dog fight, John has made experiments with cock sparrows and the result is said completely to fill the measure of his happiness. The fighting sparrows are trained on the same principles as game cocks; their wings are clipped and their spurs fitted to gaffs as keen as the point of a needle. They can soon be trained to make as good fighters as two Spanish roosters, and those who have witnessed an exhibition of this sort declare that, next to a rat-killing, no Chinaman will admit that anything can surpass in interest a cocking main between two educated sparrows.—Commercial Advertiser.

FLIRTED WITH SANDOW'S WIFE. Way in Which the Man of Strength Fanned a Masher. Sandow, the man of muscle, had quite an odd adventure in a street car the other day. He was accompanied by his pretty wife, nee Blanche Brooke, of Manchester, England. A professional "masher" with a dyed mustache and artistically fashionable clothes began a violent flirtation with Mrs. Sandow, ogling her most impudently. Sandow let the fellow have his way for a time. Then he stepped up to him, grasped him violently by the hand, and greeted him cordially. "Let me introduce you to my wife," he said, smilingly, to the man, who was now pale as the pain inflicted by the iron grip of the athlete. "She will surely be glad to know you." The masher speedily realized that he had made one more mistake and beat an unlovely retreat. Sandow is very proud of this episode.—New York World.

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W. A. SAUNDERS, Attorney, Merchants National Bank. SHERIFF'S SALE.—By virtue of a writ of order of sale issued out of the district court for Douglas county, Nebraska, and to me directed, I will on the 25th day of January, A. D. 1898, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day, at the EAST front door of the county court house, in the city of Omaha, Douglas county, Nebraska, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said order of sale as follows, to-wit: Lots one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), five (5), six (6), seven (7), eight (8), nine (9) and ten (10) all in block eight (8) in Boyd's Addition to the city of Omaha, as surveyed, platted and recorded, all in Douglas county, state of Nebraska. Said property to be sold to satisfy James W. Dvorsky, plaintiff herein, the sum as follows, to-wit: On lot one, above described, the sum of \$24.46, and an attorney's fee of \$5.64; On lot two, above described, the sum of \$24.46, and an attorney's fee of \$5.64; On lot three, above described, the sum of \$24.46, and an attorney's fee of \$5.64; On lot four, above described, the sum of \$24.46, and an attorney's fee of \$5.64; On lot five, above described, the sum of \$24.46, and an attorney's fee of \$5.64; On lot six, above described, the sum of \$24.46, and an attorney's fee of \$5.64; On lot seven, above described, the sum of \$24.46, and an attorney's fee of \$5.64; On lot eight, above described, the sum of \$24.46, and an attorney's fee of \$5.64; On lot nine, above described, the sum of \$24.46, and an attorney's fee of \$5.64; On lot ten, above described, the sum of \$24.46, and an attorney's fee of \$5.64. All of which sums belong to the amount of the judgment against each of said lots, with interest thereon at the rate of ten (10) per cent per annum from May 4th, 1894, excepting attorney's fees thereon; all of which sums being a first valid and existing lien upon said property. To satisfy the further sum of One Hundred and forty-three and 32/100 (\$143.32) dollars costs herein together with accruing costs according to a judgment rendered by the district court of said Douglas county, at its May term, A. D. 1896, in a certain action then and there pending wherein James W. Dvorsky is plaintiff, and Mrs. E. Dvorsky and William A. Beatty, her husband, are defendants. Omaha, Nebraska, December 24th, 1897. Sheriff of Douglas County, Nebraska. W. A. Saunders, attorney. Dvorsky vs. Beatty et al. Dec. 25; No. 174. 12-24-5

H. E. BURNAM, Attorney, 615 New York Life Building. SHERIFF'S SALE.—By virtue of an alias order of sale issued out of the district court for Douglas county, Nebraska, and to me directed, I will on the 25th day of January, A. D. 1898, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the EAST front door of the county court house, in the city of Omaha, Douglas county, Nebraska, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said order of sale, as follows, to-wit: The east one-half (1/2) of lot one hundred and one (101) in Gise's addition to the city of Omaha, as surveyed, platted and recorded, according to a judgment rendered by the district court of said Douglas county, at its May term, A. D. 1897, in a certain action then and there pending, wherein John Woodford is plaintiff, and Scott Jackson, Mrs. Mary Jackson, Frank E. Moore, Albyn L. Frank, Clerk of the District Court of Douglas County, Nebraska, Joseph W. Cone, George Smith, The Mutual Investment Company of Omaha, Nebraska, and John L. Pierce, Receiver of The Mutual Investment Company of Omaha, Nebraska are defendants. Omaha, Nebraska, December 24th, 1897. Sheriff of Douglas County, Nebraska. H. E. Burnam, attorney. Woodford vs. Jackson et al. Dec. 25; No. 338. 12-24-5

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