

THE RED CLOUD CHIEF

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A Peculiar People.

A correspondent gives some curious facts concerning the "jumpers" among the French-Canadians. He says: They attracted my attention as presenting some points of interest bearing upon the nervous system, showing to what a hyper-sensitive condition it may be brought by certain influences early begun and long continued.

I had from time to time heard lumbermen and others whose vocations led them to spend much time among the French camps speak of these "jumpers," but had given no credence to the, as I thought, absurd stories they related in regard to them, until one day, while attending to my duties in the waiting-room of my fumigating station, I incidentally let fall the window near my desk by turning the button suddenly, thus letting the frame fall a short distance, making a quick sharp noise, when three or four of the French-Canadians who were sitting near, awaiting their certificates of inspection, leaped into the air as if they had been shot, at the same time uttering a yell which would have done credit to a North American Indian.

Before speaking of this, perhaps it will be well to enumerate some of the manifestations which give them the characteristic name of "jumpers." One or two instances will be sufficient. Recently one of them, a French-Canadian of small stature, came out from an adjacent camp to the postoffice. Just as he was about to ask the postmaster for his mail, he being a total stranger to the official, a man of 65 years of age, someone knowing the fellow to be a "jumper" mischievously cried out: "Grab him by the throat!" The fellow sprang like a cat and grasped the old man by the throat, and held on until removed, the first postmaster repeating forth torrents of invectives on the poor fellow, who really was perfectly guiltless.

Another unfortunate woodchopper had just come into camp from two days' work, and was standing near the large campfire, in which was a very hot fire, when somebody cried: "Grab the furnace!" No sooner were the words said than the poor fellow obeyed the order, and as a result left a scorched pattern of each hand on the nearby red-hot pipe, thus rendering him unfit for his work in the woods for some time.

As stated above, I have endeavored, when possible to investigate as to the cause of this peculiar and distressing condition; and while I find, without doubt, that primarily it is due to an inherited nervousness, the immediate cause is in facting such persons, when small, and while firmly held tickling them until convulsive symptoms appear.

A Proud Celestial.

A Chinese baby, the first ever born in Philadelphia, has been added to the Chinese colony of this city, says the Times. It all happened on Sunday night, and Joe James, the prosperous Chinese merchant on Eleventh street, near Walnut, is the happy father. The baby is in many ways just like the usual every-day baby that intrudes its presence in almost every household. It cries and kicks and scratches with vigor. It weighs seven pounds and the neighbors say has strong lungs. Its little toes have already begun to work their way through its shoes of Southdown wool in the fashion of a healthy American child. It is a girl. This fact was a little disappointing to Mr. James at first, but he became reconciled and then happy, and now it is thought that he is the proudest father in Philadelphia.

He had an extra strong last night, and his smile was childlike and bland as he stood in his store door enjoying the fragrance of a fine cigar, to which he had treated himself in honor of the event. Overhead, in the elegantly-furnished second story front room, were the mother and child, with a well-trained nurse in attendance.

The baby was dressed in a slip of the softest silk, decorated with hand-painted roses of the most delicate tint and laces of the finest hand-work. The robe had been finished and laid away by Mrs. James many weeks before, but was used, as was a whole bureau full of little things for the expected arrival. The little one is of rich olive complexion, with bright little almond-shaped eyes, which peep out from the heavy face with which its dainty pillow is trimmed.

Yesterday Mr. James was the recipient of many congratulations from his low countrymen and the presents which were sent to the little heir were numerous, unique, and many of them costly. The news of the baby's arrival got out early yesterday among the Chinamen: in the city, and little else was talked of. M. James is very popular among his countrymen, and it is expected that the rejoicing over the birth of his child will be kept up for many days, as is the custom among the people of his nationality. As this is a girl, there was no feasting, as there would have been if the child had been a boy, but as it is the first Chinese baby born in this city the Chinamen think the occasion of sufficient importance for a general rejoicing. The name of the baby has not yet been decided on. Several names have been suggested, among which are Yum Yum and Rose Cleveland.

Meissonier, according to the Art Amateur, is heavily in debt to his agent, M. Petit, and will probably be unable to do so to the last day of his life. His studio is crowded with unfinished pictures, i. e., the masters so consider them—which if sold, even at auction, would make him rich "beyond the dreams of avarice." But he is extremely fastidious, and in more than one instance, after having received enormous payments in advance on commissions to be executed, he has failed to finish within a reasonable time the picture ordered and has had to pay back the money. His generosity also stands in the way of his success, as he will often, when in need of money, stop to paint pictures and give them to friends.

A Frenchman has, it is said, found means to restore the life-like expression to the eyes of dead persons. He places a few drops of glycerine and water on the corners; life-like expression is reproduced.

So strict are the election laws in England that to give a tin rattle to a voter's baby, with winning the man's favor in view, is to risk fine, imprisonment and disqualification for public office.

WHEN DOES OLD AGE BEGIN?

When does old age begin? At forty-five, it is said, the amount of combustion which keeps the furnace of the human body in blast commences to decrease and diminishes until three score years and ten, more or less, when the fires are drawn and the flickering flame dies out. That is the physiological way of looking at it. But some men are old before they are out of their teens, while others apparently never grow old, though they live to be centenarians. The poet's way of looking at it is the best:

"Call him not old whose visionary brain holds over the past its undivided reign. For him in vain the anxious seasons roll, Who bears eternal summer in his soul."

This at least seems to be the way in which David Littel, of Sumner, Ia., looks at life, for though now in his eightieth year he has taken a new lease on life and is apparently determined to hold on to it. Atholporos did it for him and he acknowledges his debt to it in terms of enthusiasm. Mr. Littel tells his own story:

"I was past seventy-seven and had been afflicted with rheumatism three years and eight months. I had lost one-third of my weight and could not walk, but shuffled along with crutches. Sleep had deserted me, my nerves were shattered, and there was no strength in my hands, wrists, knees or feet. I could not sit down or get up out of a chair without help, and all such pains, worse at night than in the day. There was neither sleep nor rest, and the outlook was painful in the extreme.

But thanks be to God and Brother Littel for sending me a paper containing a notice of the cures made by Atholporos, and thanks be to you for sending me a bottle. It appears to me the hand of God is in it all the way, and if you did not hear me about why then I did not shout loud enough, that is all. The medicine arrived one Saturday night after I had gone to bed. In the morning my son prepared me a dose of two teaspoonsful in milk. I took it and it hit it once all over. After that I took it as recommended at a time until I had finished the bottle. How did it act? Why, like a charm. On Monday morning I rose, dressed, and walked out into the kitchen without crutches or cane and wished them all a happy New Year.

"My pain is all gone and I rest well. My son, seeing such a great change in me, wrote for ten bottles in order, as he says, to make a permanent cure of it. It is all more like a dream than reality. I have written to four of my friends who are afflicted with rheumatism about the great medicine and I shall write to others, and in this way try to pay the debt of gratitude.

"Some fourteen months ago," says A. Hayward, of Burlington, Ia., "I was attacked with indomitable rheumatism. I tried a dozen different kinds of medicine, but to no purpose. Finally, I procured a bottle of Atholporos. After using the bottle I did me so much good that I bought another, but did not have to use more than a third of the second bottle before I was entirely cured. From that time up to the present I have never had anything like rheumatic pains, and I thank Atholporos for my cure."

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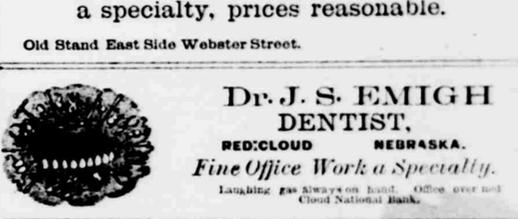
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