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BEST TIME TO MARRY.

WHEN A REASONABLY COMFORTABLE HOME IS ASSURED.

Modern Young People Wait Until Too Late in Life—Nearly All "Self-Made" Men Wedded on $1,000 a Year or Less.

Why should lovers defer their marriage a day longer than the time when, as far as we mortals can discern the future, the prospect of a comfortable home is reasonably assured? asks Cyrus C. Adams in Ainslee's. It is senseless to wait for the coming of affluent days. Their lives should be united, and each in his way should help to bring about the advent of easier times if they are ever to come. It is as foolish to wait for a larger income than is really required as it is for parents to slave and drudge that their children may enjoy a degree of affluence they have never known. This is the rock upon which the French nation has split. They are a frugal and a thrifty people. It is interesting to know that many of the tasteful, artistic and costly products of France are made almost exclusively for the foreign trade. Two-thirds of the best chinaware of Limoges, for example comes to the United States. A well-to-do Frenchwoman is likely to use a preparation of rice flour as a cosmetic, leaving the delicate perfumes and other toilet articles of Paris for her American and British sisters who are willing to spend more money for such things. But the rich father, unfortunately conceives it to be his duty to leave his children richer than himself; if on the other hand, he be a poor tiller of the soil, it is disgraceful not to educate his son to a trade or a profession so that the family name may have a higher place in the social scale. This deplorable ambition fixes on the family a burden almost too great to be borne, and parents deliberately restrict the number of their children. In large districts, particularly in Northern France, families of more than two children are rare. Many of the young people, seeing the hard lives their parents lead, defer their own marriages in order to better their fortunes, till at last even the desire to marry is extinguished. Parents and children of all lands may well heed the lesson in sociology that France is now teaching.

Nearly all our self-made men, leaders in the professions and in business, married young and on very moderate incomes. Many assumed, without the slightest trepidation, the responsibility of supporting a wife on $1,000 a year or less. These men usually have very pronounced views on the inadequate knowledge of the value of money and how to take care of it possessed by the majority of young men and women. The views of these young persons as to the amount of income upon which they may prudently marry are, of course, according to the circumstances in which they have lived. Many an intelligent girl who works in New York kitchen has no doubt whatever that she and the steady industrious fellow she intends to marry will have a comfortable home on $12 to $14 a week. A penniless German school teacher who came to Philadelphia when a young man and who in his old age lives in New York on the rentals of apartment houses bought with $300,000 he earned slowly in manufacturing assorted the other day that $1,000 to $1,500 a year in New York would give to young married couples of refinement a comfortable home, books, music and amusements and everything they might need for the rational enjoyment of life. This gentleman has the German ideas of thrift. There is scarcely any doubt that any man and wife, gifted with an ability to disburse dollars to the very best advantage, would be able to realize his idea of comfortable married life on a small income.

LEFT AND RIGHT HANDEDNESS.

Explained by Anatomical Reasons for Same Quality in Eyes.

It is a well-known fact that the stronger activity of the nerves of the right half of the body (for not only the hand is concerned) must be ascribed to a preponderance of the left side of the brain, whose finer development, especially as the seat of the center of speech, is a matter of common knowledge, says the London Optician.

In a paper by Dr. Luddeckens in the Allgemeines Journal der Uhrmacherkunst valuable information regarding the causes of the unequal working of the two hemispheres of the brain is furnished. A sketch touching on the history of evolution leads from the original symmetry of the organism to a subsequent dissymmetrical arrangement of the heart and the large blood vessels, from which it follows quite naturally that the two halves of the head are not placed on an equal footing as regards the distribution of the blood and consequently of the blood pressure, and that, on the contrary, there must be, under normal conditions, a stronger pressure on the arteries of the left side of the head.

This theory is borne out by well-known experiences of anatomists and pathologists and a series of interesting observations. Of especial interest is the effect of the higher blood pressure upon the left eye. Dr. Luddeckens found in the latter, as compared with the right one, in a surprisingly large number of cases, a narrower pupil in consequence of a more filled-up condition of the vessels of the iris, and upon closer examination a shorter construction of the eyeball. This furnishes reason for the fact that in a large number of persons the left eye is the better one. Thus the finer development of the left half of the brain is explained very simply by the fact that it is better supplied with the blood, and the question why it is the seat of the center of speech, and why most people are right-handed is solved in the most natural manner.

It is striking how true a reflection of the conditions described is afforded by the examination of left-handed persons. In many cases a redder color was noticeable on the right side of the face, the right eye was built shorter, its pupil narrower; in short, everything points to a better blood supply on the right side of the brain, which, in consequence, imparts to the left side of the body the preponderance over the right one, a condition styled left-handedness. In close connection thereto is the habit of most left-handed persons to sleep on the left side in the unconscious endeavor to relieve the right half of their brain, which is more charged with blood during the day. For right-handed persons the position on the right side is the normal one for the same reason.

Science and Invention

Tyndall says 50,000 typhus germs will thrive in the small circumference of a pinhead or visible globule.

The most wonderful astronomical photograph in the world is that which has recently been prepared by London, Berlin and Parisian astronomers. It shows at least 68,000,000 stars.

Plants with white blossoms have a larger proportion of fragrant species than any others; next comes red, then yellow and blue, after which, and in the same order, may be reckoned violet, green, orange, brown and black.

Dr. G. L. Johnson, whose studies of the eyes of mammals have recently been published in the Philosophical Transactions, calls attention to the fact that men and monkeys alone possess parallel and convergent vision of the two eyes. On the other hand, the lower mammals possess divergent and consequently very widely extended vision. Squirrels, for instance, and probably hares and rabbits as well, are able to see an enemy approaching directly from behind without turning the head.

The Rev. John M. Bacon, the English balloon expert, insists that light houses should have warning bells under as well as above water, because in a storm sound travels farther under water than through the air, and experiments both in England and America have proved that a bell struck under water can be heard at a long distance in the hold of a ship. Mr. Bacon is exploring the air over London with balloons, and he has made some interesting observations on the best methods of signaling by sound. By applying a parabolic reflector to a speaking-trumpet he is able to send the waves of sound in a straight, compact beam, resembling in its directness a ray of light.

It is reported that an attempt is about to be made by the aid of Dr. Isaac Roberts' celebrated photographs to determine whether internal movements occur in the solid nebulæ. Miss Dorothea Klumpke, of the Paris Observatory, will conduct the examination of the photographs, her experience in the measurement of the plates for the international photographic chart of the heavens having given her special fitness for the work. Some of Dr. Roberts' photographs were made 10 or 12 years ago, and by comparing these with later pictures of the same objects, it is hoped that any changes that have occurred in the shapes of the nebulæ may be detected. The discovery of such changes would possess great interest and importance for astronomers.

The astronomical instruments that were seized and carried away by the Germans after the capture of Pekin by the allied European, Japanese and American forces ranked as great scientific curiosities. There were two sets of them, placed on and at the foot of the wall of the Tartar City. One set of Chinese manufacture, consisted of old armillary spheres, and other out of date instruments, of great size and strangely mounted on bronze dragons. The other set comprised a large azimuth, and other similar instruments together with a celestial globe of bronze covered with stars of gold. These last were made under the direction of the Dutch Jesuit Verbiest, who was official astonomer for the Chinese emperor in the seventeenth century. Some of the instruments were presents from Louis XIV.

Old Age Pensions in France.

The proposed law for old age pensions meets with much opposition in France on the ground that the age at which the pension falls due, 65, is far beyond the average life of the French workman. Many labor organizations have protested and all on the same ground, that their members have no mind to lay by from their wages money by which they personally are little likely to profit.

Sheer Nonsense.

Joakley—Queer thing about that tall man over there. All his intimate friends call him "Short."

Coakley—Just because he is so tall eh?

Joakley—No, because that's his name.—Philadelphia Press.

They Didn't Dare to Notice It.

Although the late ameer of Afghanistan was bow-legged, nobody dared to allude to the fact until after he was officially declared dead.

This shows what it is to be a successful autocrat.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

THE OLDEST MAN IN AMERICA

Tells How He Escaped the Terrors of Many Winters by Using Pe-ru-na.

MR. ISAAC BROCK, BORN IN BUNCOMBE CO., N. C., MARCH 1, 1788.

His age is 114 years, vouched for by authentic record. He says; "I attribute my extreme old age to the use of Pe-ru-na."

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Shod a horse when 99 years old.
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Witness in a land suit at age of 110 years.
Believes Pe-ru-na the greatest remedy of the age for catarrhal diseases.

ISAAC BROCK, a citizen of McLennan County, Texas, has lived for 114 years. For many years he resided at Bosque Falls, eighteen miles west of Waco, but now lives with his son-in-law at Valley Mills, Texas.

A short time ago, by request, Uncle Isaac came to Waco and sat for his picture. In his hand he held a stick cut from the grave of General Andrew Jackson, which has been carried by him ever since. Mr. Brock is a dignified old gentleman, showing few signs of decrepitude. His family Bible is still preserved, and it shows that the date of his birth was written 114 years ago.

Surely a few words from this remarkable old gentleman, who has had 114 years of experience to draw from, would be interesting as well as profitable. A lengthy biographical sketch is given of this remarkable old man in the Waco Times-Herald, Dec. 4, 1898. A still more pretentious biography of this, the oldest living man, illustrated with a double column portrait, was given the readers of the Dallas Morning News, dated Dec. 11, 1898, and also the Chicago Times-Herald of same date. This centenarian is an ardent friend of Peruna, having used it many years.

In speaking of his good health and extreme old age, Mr. Brock says:

"After a man has lived in the world as long as I have, he ought to have found out a great many things by experience. I think I have done so.

"One of the things I have found out to my entire satisfaction is the proper remedy for ailments that are due directly to the effects of the climate. For 114 years I have withstood the changeable climate of the United States.

"I have always been a very healthy man, but of course subject to the little affections which are due to sudden changes in the climate and temperature. During my long life I have known a great many remedies for coughs, colds and diarrhœa.

"I had always supposed these affections to be different diseases. For the last twenty or fifteen years I have been reading Dr. Hartman's writings. I have learned much from his books, one thing in particular, that these affections are the same and that they are properly called catarrh.

"As for Dr. Hartman's remedy, Peruna, I have found it to be the best, if not the only, reliable remedy for these affections. It has been my standby for many years, and I attribute my good health and extreme old age to this remedy.

"It exactly meets all my requirements. It protects me from the evil effects of sudden changes; it keeps me in good appetite; it gives me strength; it keeps my blood in good circulation; I have come to rely upon it almost entirely for the many little things for which I need medicine.

"I believe it to be valuable to old people, although I have not found it is just as good for the young. I would be glad if my sincere testimony could be made the means of other using this remedy, because I believe it is the greatest remedy of this age for catarrhal diseases.

"When epidemics of la grippe first began to make their appearance in this country I was a sufferer from this disease.

"I had several long sieges with the grip. At first I did not know that Peruna was a remedy for this disease. When I heard that la grippe was epidemic catarrh, I tried Pe-ru-na for la grippe and found it to be just the thing.

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Very truly yours,

Isaac Brock.

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Address Dr. Hartman, President of the Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

Unfriendly Comment.

In conversation, unfriendly comments regarding the absent should always be avoided. In social life it is well to shun ill-natured gossip. Make it a rule, and let it be strictly observed, not to say anything about the faults of another unless there is absolute necessity for you to do so. This necessity may arise, and your own judgment can guide you aright in the matter. It is always rash to talk about the faults or evil doings of others. Why, indeed, should you do so? You know yourself that you have faults, few or many, and that there are many things you may have done which you prefer should not be discussed. Well, then, exercise the same charity to others that you would have extended to yourself.

Another thing to bear in mind is that, if you talk of what is to the disadvantage of another, what you say will doubtless be repeated. Of course, you may preface your remarks by: "This is quite between ourselves," "Pray, do not repeat it," etc. But why should you imagine that the person to whom you are talking will be silent about that which you cannot keep to yourself? She may forget her promise, or not consider it very binding.

There are few horses over 17 hands high, but their is one in Doniphon county, Kansas, which measures 20 hands, and weighs 2,412 pounds. The owner is a farmer named Stout.

My Lungs

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Boston has fifteen churches which are maintained by colored people.

The undertaker makes coffins for a living when he makes them for the dead.

A British physician asserts that early baldness in men is largely due to the wearing of plug hats.

A process for making artificial horsehair has been invented by a chemist in Frankfort, Germany.

A strange hobby is pursued by Samuel Snell, of Holyoke, Mass. In his leisure hours he makes stone coffins and during the past twenty five years has sold over a hundred of them.

Typhoid fever in South Africa has been spread largely by means which sanitation could not cope with, the germs being conveyed into food and water by flies, and by the dust which pervades everything.

There are some astrologers in China, but not many, as astrology is a very perilous profession. When one of these so-called prophets predicts and event which does not occur, he loses his head.

There is trouble ahead for some of the married men of Minneapolis. Several of the old maids of that city have conceived an atrocious system of blackmail, by threatening to publish the names of all the men they jilted in their younger days.

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A Man of High Standing.

A young man who seems determined to rise in the world is Edward Beaupre, of Assiniboine, Canada. He is 20 years old, his height is seven feet 10½ inches, and he is still growing. He wears a No. 21 collar and a No. 21 shoe.

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