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**EFFECTS OF THE IMAGINATION.**

Some of the Principles Involved in "Faith Cures."

[St. Louis Globe-Democrat.]

Any one can test for himself the effect of concentrating the attention upon a limb or organ. If one will think steadfastly for from three to five minutes of his great toe, or one of the fingers, he will find that sensations not before perceived will make themselves felt in the part to which attention has been directed. If an attempt is made to count the acts of breathing, the number of respirations in the minute will be found to be either increased or diminished from the number natural to the person.

In every class of medical students there are to be found individuals who suffer from disease of the heart when from the lecturer is portraying the symptoms of affections of that organ, but whose cardiac affections pass off as soon as another range of disease is taken up for description.

The influence of the emotions upon the circulation of the blood and the secretions of the different organs are well known. The blush of shame, the pallor of fear, the cold sweat of horror, fainting from fright or on hearing good or bad news, the dryness of the mouth from anxiety or trepidation, the palpitations of the lover, the tears of grief, the "watering of the mouth" at the thought of food in the sufferer from hunger; all these demonstrate the enormous influence the feelings exert over the functions of different parts even during health. That the same emotions would have as great an effect when the body is weakened by disease is as certain as any fact in human nature. That they have a great effect is proven by the experience of mankind.

No one can, with absolute accuracy, foretell "the curative power of nature" in every case of disease. Instances are numberless of the doctor having "given up" his patient, who straightway began to improve. More than one cemetery certificate has been written by the attending physician, in this city, for patients who recovered. These events add still more to the proof of the fallibility of human judgment. The ability to predict the outcome of any given case rests, of course, on the experience and acumen of the practitioner. Such errors as those just alluded to are no basis for reflection on the uncertainty of science, but are evidences of unexpected strength of the patient's constitution or of want of knowledge or experience on the part of the attendant. If a teaspoonful of sugared water or a dose of some secret nostrum has been administered at the critical moment, of course this gets the credit of curing the patient. If despairing friends offer up their passionate prayers, instead of trusting further to the powerless agencies of the apothecary, then faith has succeeded when everything else has failed.

In case a rheumatic patient falls into the hands of a "magnetic healer," or one who cures by "the laying on of hands" (which generally involves a vigorous rubbing), he is very sure to be benefited if not entirely relieved. To be sure, the same amount of force applied by a person having no sort of reputation as a "healer" would do as well, but the fears of the patient are frequently sufficient to prevent the proper amount of passive exercise if they are not counterbalanced by a good amount of faith in the supposed powers of the manipulator. The efficacy of most liniments, embrocations, "wizard oils" and the like, depend upon the amount of force expended in the application to the skin, not by anything taken up by the surface—the latter being practically impenetrable so long as it remains unbroken.

**The Unknown Constituency.**

[Argonaut "Bubbles."]

There are two or three weekly papers in New York devoted to the diffusion of literary disinformation, whose circulation reaches a half million. Two or three weeklies of the same sort, published in London, circulate their one million copies. Who the deuce are the readers who guzzle down these brimming floods of wash and scum from the culinary department of letters? In the absence of any accurate knowledge of the facts, it used to be thought a sufficient answer to say: The sewing-girls and other young women of about their mental equipment; the unknown constituency will be found less in the lower middle than in the upper lower classes.

This answer served till it occurred to one of those nosing Englishmen who want to know, you know, that he would run the subject to earth. He did so, and found that the papers in question were nearly unknown to the whole lower class, and that their enormous constituency lay in the middle class—most of it, of course, in the lower half of that class, but an astonishingly large proportion above the median line.

**Machinery for China.**

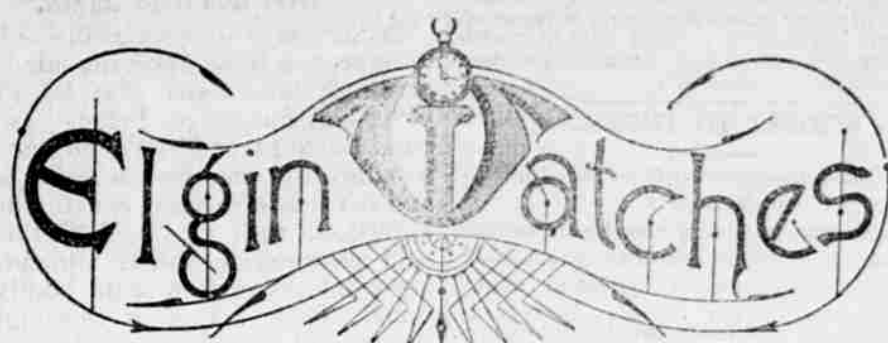
[Chicago Herald.]

The secretary of the Chinese embassy says there are many articles made by machinery in America that would find a good market in China. He mentions petroleum, cotton goods, carpenters' and other tools, sewing and tin machines and silver-plated ware. Chopsticks (Chinese knife and fork) are consumed by millions, yet each is made by hand. Some machine similar to that which makes matches could be easily invented, and would reap a fortune for its inventor. In such industries as those of the potter, the carver, metal-worker, glass-maker, forge and foundry man, and cobbler, the methods of to-day are those of twenty centuries ago. The introduction of machinery would revolutionize all this and increase the productiveness of Chinese labor five-fold.

**Naval Mistakes.**

[Chicago Journal.]

It is some slight comfort to know that other nations besides ourselves sometimes blunder in the construction of war vessels. The Ajax and Agamemnon of the British navy, which took nearly eight years to construct, and cost about \$5,500,000, are pronounced to be failures. Per contra, a private firm on the Thames built an ironclad of 6,000 tons for a foreign government in two years, which not alone embodied all the latest improvements, but cost only a quarter of the amount which has been squandered on the Ajax and Agamemnon.



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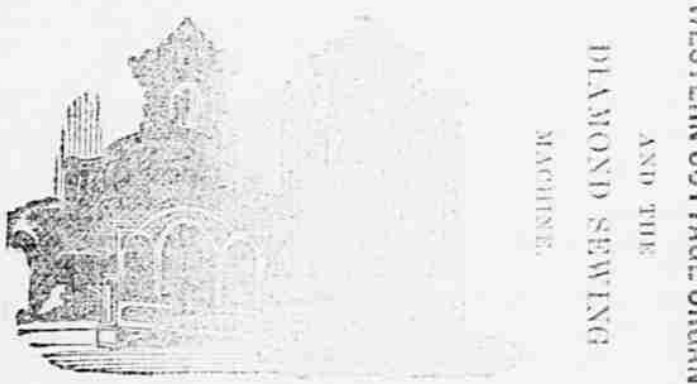
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**Queer Countenances.**

[J. M. Orley in The Current.]

We have it on the authority of Dr. Karl Muller that in his boyhood he knew a man who, Janus-like, had two totally different faces, one side laughing and the other crying. "Naturally," he says, "I dreaded this strange, double-face, with its one side smooth, plump and comely, like a girl's cheek; while the other was all scarred by the small-pox. This side of the face denoted churlishness, and, while the other bore a smile, this looked mischief."

The same authority is also responsible for the following story: "I was once sitting in a cool underground saloon at Leipzig, while without people were ready to die from the heat, when a new guest entered and took a seat opposite to me. The sweat rolled in great drops down his face, and he was kept busy with his handkerchief, until at last he found relief in the exclamation: 'Fearful hot!' I watched him attentively as he called for a cool drink, for I expected every moment he would fall from his chair in a fit of apoplexy."

The man must have noticed that I was observing him, for he turned toward me suddenly, saying: 'I am a curious sort of person, am I not?' 'Why?' I asked. 'Because I perspire only on my right side,' he responded. And so it was. His right cheek and the right half of his forehead were as hot as fire, while the left side of his face bore not a trace of perspiration. I had never seen the like and in my astonishment was about to enter into conversation with him regarding this physiological phenomenon, when his neighbor on the left broke in with the remark: 'Then we are opposites and counterparts of each other, for I perspire only on the left side.' This, too, was the fact. So the pair took seats opposite each other, and shook hands like two men who had just found each other half."

**How a Pension Is Paid.**

[Chicago Herald.]

The pension must first be found to be all right by the appropriate evidence, which is compared with the muster rolls and the records in the war department. It goes through a number of hands, and if found all right a requisition is made upon the treasury for it. This requisition for its payment must go through thirteen bureaus before it can be paid.

In the first place there must be a fund appropriated by congress for the payment of the class to which it belongs, and the appropriation must be available before the requisition will be made. Then it must be drawn up and signed by the commissioner of pensions. From him it goes to the secretary of the interior, who signs it and sends it to the comptroller of the treasury. The second comptroller signs it and sends to the third auditor, who looks it over and passes it on to the warrant division. From here it goes to the register of the treasury, who in turn examines it and hands it over to the division of accounts.

If it passes here all right it is then presented to the United States treasurer for his signature. Having been signed it goes back to the division of accounts to be registered, then to the register of the treasury for his signature, and then to the division of accounts for mailing to the depository of the pension agent who is to pay the claim, and another note must be sent informing the agent that money is placed to his credit here for its payment. This is the modus operandi for every pension claim that is granted, whether it be for \$100 a week, as in the case of the wives of dead presidents, or \$1 a month for the end of a finger.

**Mohammedan Theology.**

[Monseur D. Conway's Letter.]

In the course of a conversation on theology with Arabi, when in Ceylon, I asked him why he and his friends so constantly spoke of Christ as to appear instead of Mohammed, and why the prophet was assigned no function in the approaching consummation. "Mohammed cannot appear," he said, "because he is dead." In answer to my further inquiry he said: "Christ is not dead. It was a mere obliquity of him that the Jews crucified. There are two men who never died—Elias and Jesus." He did not say that Elias was to be "he that should come" in form of a Mahdi, being rather reticent on that point, but he was clear in his belief that Christ still lives and that he will "appear" to judge the world and reign over it. So much, indeed, was warranted by the Koran and other musliman books, but I did not before realize that it had been formed into so consistent an eschatology.

Afterwards I took some pains to converse on such subjects with other Mohammedans, and found that these ideas of Christ were held by most of them with a fervor of faith rarely known among those generally called Christians. The Mohammedan also believes, with uncompromising fidelity, that Jesus was miraculously conceived by the Virgin Mary; that He alone of all the human race performed miracles, and when He shall again be heralded and again appear, will convert European Christians from their error—their belief in the Trinity—and gather them with Jews and Moslems into one divine kingdom, of which He shall be king.

**Amateur Cyclones.**

[Chicago Times.]

Professor Douglas, of the Michigan State university, it is said, produces amateur cyclones at will. He does it by suspending a large copper plate by silken cords. This plate is charged heavily with electricity, which hangs down like a bag underneath, and is rendered visible by the use of arsenious acid gas, which gives it a green color. The formation is a miniature cyclone as perfect as any started in the clouds. It is funnel-shaped and whirls around rapidly. Passing the plate over a table the cyclone snatches up copper cents, pens, pin balls, and other objects and scatters them on all sides.

**The Reason Why.**

[Burlington Hawkeye.]

The saloons in Philadelphia were closed last Sunday. We always said the Philadelphia saloons would have to close one Sunday; don't carry half enough stock.

Pretzel's Weekly: By the use of a new instrument, just invented, one can hear the fall of the year.

Whitehall Times: Riches will fly away unless frugality clips its wing.