

ANCIENT BLEEDING CURE.

A RELIC OF THE MEDICAL METHODS OF A CENTURY AGO.

The Barbarous Practice of "Cupping" Suffering Humanity Still Has Its Adherents—The Operation a Somewhat Delicate One.

One hundred years ago the sovereign balm for every ill, from fainting to fever, was bleeding. The wonder is that a human race was left to admit the folly of the practice. It was the correct method of the day, recommended and employed by the best physicians of the time.

The cry comes, But that was a century ago! In sharp contrast stands the wonderful advances made by modern surgery. Thankfully it may be said that such is the truth.

In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries this grewsome form of treatment was the work of the barber. That guild has maintained its prerogative into the twentieth century.

The barber is a German. He was much surprised at the question asked. Everybody knew that cupping was a necessity, especially in the spring, he said.

"Ach, yes," said the barber, "it keeps me a busy man. How strange you say that you thought it no longer was practiced. People come here morning, noon and night every day, but mostly do they come here in the spring and fall.

"Twelve is the number of cups I draw at one sitting," the barber said. "It is a bad pain that will not be gone then. If you come again the next day with the pain, I draw off more until the ache has disappeared completely."

The cups look like sherry glasses with the stems removed. The knife, or lancet, is arranged like a name stamp. Pressure on a spring plunger drives the little blades, which are arranged in pairs or triplets, into the skin.

Upon the condition of the cup much depends. The air is exhausted by means of a tiny alcohol flame. This makes a vacuum. The cup is pressed on lightly, but firmly. The blood rushes under the skin beneath its rim; then, like a flash, the little knives are pushed down, and the bleeding begins.

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A traveling man who had been absent on a long trip just returned, and his 4-year-old daughter would not at first come near him. Every time he approached her she ran away.

"Oh, papa," replied the youngster, "I'm so shy."—Pittsburg Press.

A Neighborly Disturbance. First Neighbor—Well, my daughter doesn't play the piano any worse than your son writes poetry.

He Lifted the Ticker. A London detective visiting Glasgow met a Scotch police official on the street and in the talk that followed spoke contemptuously of the ability of Scotch thieves as compared with the English experts.

"Taking this as an aspersion cast on the astuteness of the Scottish police as well, the Glasgow detective was nettled and thirsted for revenge. Looking around, he espied a little fellow who had been dogging them and who was known as an expert pickpocket.

"I want you to lift his ticker. He says no one in Glasgow can relieve him of it."

"Ah, it's a' richt. See ony green?" "Honor bright, Tommy! I'll give you half a crown when you deliver up the watch to me."

"Ye will? An what else?" "Nothing else."

"Let's see, then. I'm to lift the ticker, an' you're to pay half a crown for't on the spot?" "Yes, that's it."

"An' wad ye ken it if ye seen it?" "I would amken a thousand."

"Is that it, then?" And the boy, diving into his trousers pocket, displayed the identical watch and explained that he had secured it "while the gent was chaffin about the prigs."

The heathen Chinese deems the desecration of graves one of the most unpardonable of crimes, and, according to law, any man finding another in the act of robbing a graveyard may legally kill the villain on the spot without fear of consequences.

If a Turkish baker palms off a loaf of bread on you that is proved to be of less weight than it is represented, you can instruct a policeman to nail the defaulter by one of his ears to the door of his shop so as to be in full view of the passersby.

In many of the oriental countries, where precious stones are looked upon as well nigh sacred objects, it is no uncommon thing for a jewel robber to be punished with death.

Thomas B. Reed at one time wore a mustache of a few straggling hairs, so often seen on the upper lip of extremely fleshy men. How Mr. Reed parted with his hirsute apology can best be told by a certain barber in the house of representatives who attended the gentleman's wants.

"One day the big man from Maine settled himself in the barber's chair and requested a shave. When the operation was completed, Mr. Reed straightened himself and asked, 'Have you any of that old-fashioned pomade to wax mustaches with?'"

"The barber hustled among his pots and jars and produced a French preparation in vogue a quarter of a century ago and then proceeded to wax the ends of the Maine statesman's few wirelike hairs.

"When the man of snapshot sentences arose and contemplated himself in the glass, he turned to the astonished barber and said, 'Cut this blanked blank mustache off, for you have made me look like a confounded catfish.'"—New England Home Magazine.

Old Teeth Bought. The following curious advertisement recently appeared in a London paper: "Old False Teeth Bought.—Many ladies and gentlemen have by them old or disused false teeth, which might as well be turned into money.

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FOR AMATEUR SCULPTORS

THEY NEED COOL HEADS AND FIRST CLASS PLASTER.

How Ornaments for the Home Can Be Made if the Beginner Has a Little Ingenuity and Patience—Cast of the Baby's Hand.

Few people realize the pleasure and instruction that can be gained from making plaster casts. It is inexpensive, and the utensils required are found in every household. A cast of the baby's chubby hand or foot or, in fact, a cast of any kind is not only a delight, but an ornament.

A few quarts of plaster should be sufficient for a first attempt. A bucket of water, a tin basin, a tin spoon, some oil or soapuds and, if possible, some common modeling clay and a bottle of ink are all the materials required.

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THE HEAD WAITER'S TIPS.

One of the most expensive restaurants in New York is conducted, so far as its observing patrons can tell, on a unique system of tips.

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Such unselfishness astonishes regular patrons of the restaurant, and one in particular undertook to discover the reason of this attitude of the waiters toward their chief.

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HER DAD UNDERSTOOD.

He Proved Himself a Worthy Ally of His Favorite Daughter.

When a girl is a favorite daughter and a sweet, winsome girl in addition, she is morally certain to capture the "blinky" paternal heart, no matter how the rest of the household may array itself in the controversy.

This Piety Hill family is rich, influential and free from the weaknesses of the parvenu. The daughter in question has an admirer who pleases her, and that is the main thing. But she is the only one in the whole domestic circle who is under the spell of his attraction.

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Every woman loves to think of the time when a soft little body, all her own, will result in her bosom, fully satisfying the yearning which lies in the heart of every good woman.

Mother's Friend

which makes childbirth as simple and easy as nature intended it. It is a strengthening, penetrating liniment, which the skin readily absorbs. It gives the muscles elasticity and vigor, prevents sore breasts, morning sickness and the loss of the girlish figure.

An intelligent mother in Butler, Pa., says: "With Mother's Friend, my friend agent, I would obtain 10 bottles if I had to pay \$5 per bottle for it."

THE BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO., Atlanta, Ga. Write for our free illustrated book, "Before Baby is Born."

Advertisement for "For 14 Cents" featuring a list of products and their prices, including various oils and medicines.

Advertisement for Missouri Pacific Railway, featuring the logo and text "The Direct Route FROM OMAHA TO Kansas City, St. Louis AND THE FAMOUS HOT SPRINGS OF ARKANSAS".

Fast Time and Superior Through Service. Reclining Chair Cars (seats free). Pullman Buffet Sleeping Cars.

For pamphlets and full information pertaining to above territory, call on or write J. O. PHILLIPPI, W. C. BARNES, A. G. F. and P. A., T. P. A., Southeast Cor. 14th and Douglas Sts. OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Advertisement for "Outward Acts Betray the Secret Intention." featuring an illustration of a man in a suit and a woman in a dress.

Placing an advertisement in a well circulated newspaper is an outward act that betrays an intention. It indicates that the advertiser is bound to be at the head of the procession, that he is up to date.

The merchant who has confidence in his goods and honestly and plainly states his case begets confidence in prospective buyers.

The place for such a statement is the advertising columns of the local newspaper. For this community these are the columns.

For some reason the man who has no money to buy food is never seized with a desire to acquire fame by breaking all records for fasting.—Atchison Globe.