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An Ingenious Merchant.

Recently a wealthy merchant in Paris, who does an extensive business with Japan, was informed that a prominent firm in Yokohama had failed, but the name of the firm he could not learn. He could have learned the truth by cabling, but to save expense, he went to a well-known banker, who had received the news, and requested him to reveal the name of the firm.

"That's a very delicate thing to do," replied the banker, "for the news is not official, and if I give you the name I might incur some responsibility."

The merchant argued, but in vain, and finally he made this proposition: "I will give you," he said, "a list of ten firms in Yokohama, and I will ask you to look through it and then to tell me, without mentioning any name, whether or not the name of the firm which has failed appears in it. Surely you will do that for me?"

"Yes," said the banker, "for if I do not mention any name I cannot be held responsible in any way."

The list was made, the banker looked through it, and, as he handed it back to the merchant, said:

"The name of the merchant who has failed is there."

"Then I've lost heavily," replied the merchant; "for that is the firm with which I did business, showing him a name on the list."

"But how do you know that is the firm which has failed?" asked the banker, in surprise.

"Very easily," replied the merchant. "Of the ten names on the list only one is genuine—that of the firm with which I did business; all the others are fictitious."

Congenital Dislocation of the Hip.

No one knows why a child should be born with the hip out of joint; yet, as has been strikingly shown during the recent visit to this country of Doctor Lorenz, the Vienna specialist in the treatment of that deformity, a great many are so born. One might suppose that it was the result of an accident to the tender frame of the infant, but that this cannot be the reason is shown by the curious fact that of every hundred children so afflicted, between eighty and ninety are girls. It seems to run in families sometimes, or it may be hereditary, and mother and daughter both be lamed by it. One hip only may be dislocated, or, less commonly, both are out of joint.

The hip is what is called a ball-and-socket joint, the round head of the thigh bone fitting in a socket hollowed out of the hip-bone, and still further deepened by a rim of cartilage. This arrangement gives a very strong joint, yet one that is capable of motion in every direction. There are also several strong fibrous ligaments that encompass the joint, which prevent extremes of movement and reduce the liability of dislocation from ordinary injuries.

In cases of congenital dislocation the head of the thigh-bone lies outside of the socket, usually in the flaring part of the hip-bone, while the socket itself is shallower than normal, and is partially filled up with a soft yet bony material.

A congenital dislocation of one or both hips is seldom detected until the child begins to walk. Then it is seen that the child has a sort of a lurching limp if one hip is out of joint, or a peculiar duck-like waddle if both joints are affected. An observant mother or nurse may have noticed that the baby's hips were too broad, or that there was a prominence above the usual place, but as there is no pain not much is thought of this.

The method of treatment pursued by Doctor Lorenz and by many American surgeons is to pull the thigh into place so that the head of it will rest in the shallow socket, and then to make very firm pressure while twisting the leg in the effort to bore out the cavity. The limb is then fixed, with the joint in place, by a plaster-of-paris splint, and the child is encouraged to go about so that the weight of the body will press the head of the bone farther into its socket.

When the child is young and the bones are not so mishapen as to defy all attempts at reposition, this method of treatment is quite successful; yet it not infrequently fails, and in children over five or six years of age it seldom wholly succeeds. The only hope then is in a more serious operation.

We are Not a Nation of Tanks.

No one who considers the history of the liquor question, and notes the failures of what were deemed the most promising experiments, can doubt that it is a question of great difficulty, and one which should be approached in a spirit of calm statesmanship, and not under the sway of an enthusiasm such as shuts its eyes to the lessons of experience. There are undoubtedly evils connected with saloons, bars, and the habit of treating which we all sincerely desire to abate, provided only we can be shown how it is to be done without making matters worse; a qualification surely not exorbitant in the face of so much legislative miscarriage. But there is no use in exaggerating the extent of the evil and traducing the country. One speaker tells us that there are annually three thousand deaths from alcohol in this Province that number being a large proportion of the total of male deaths. A lecturer some time ago put the number of alcoholic deaths in the Dominion at 14,000. Canada is not a scene of bacchanalian vice, calling urgently for extreme legislation. It is a temperate country.—Toronto Sun.

Fattening Geese.

The following method in fattening is adopted by the English goose farmer: Geese in good condition should be shut up in a quiet place, shaded from light, where they cannot see other geese at liberty, and should be kept there from twenty to twenty-five days. It is beneficial to let them out for about fifteen to thirty minutes the first thing in the morning and again in the evening before dusk. The meals they get should be nutritious, and a mixture of barley meal, wheat meal, a little cornmeal and boiled potatoes given warm twice a day is good. About the last ten or twelve days it is advisable to mix a little finely chopped rough fat with the meal. This has the effect of plumping them up, rendering their flesh much more palatable. A trough of clean water should be supplied the birds after the evening meal.

Why He Did It.

A party of negroes were fishing from a pier when one of their number, a boy of about ten, fell into the water. The lad was unable to swim, but although the tide was running strong an elderly negro leaped into the water, and after an exciting struggle, brought him safely to land. When the old man climbed on the pier again, a bystander rushed up and shook him by the hand, exclaiming: "My noble fellow, you have done a deed that puts us all to shame!" "Yes, boss," was the discourteous reply, "dat boy dere got all de bait in his pocket."

DIS MAN FOSTER.

A Good Story of the Political Campaign in North Ontario.

Some amusing stories are told in connection with the North Ontario campaign. A French-Canadian horse-buyer from Montreal, who is known from end to end of Canada, tells of this embarrassing experience at a Cannington hotel:

At ze table dere was a vair intelligent-looking man, and I tink I get some informations from him, so I say:

"Dere is going for be an election here soon; dis man Foster, it seem lak he going to have a bad tam for get in."

De man he no make any reply, so I go for mak frens wid him and I pass him de bread and de butter and den I say again:

"Dis man Foster, it seem lak he goin' to have a turble tam for get in."

Den he don't mak any reply again, and I go for mak frens wid him again an' I pass him de peckle and de bun and de cheese an' den I say: "Dis man Foster, it seem lak he goin' to have a deville of a tam for git in. Dat man he is—"

Den he stop me an' say, "You don't live in dose parts," and I say:

"No, I live in Moreal," and he say: "I tot you no live in dose parts; Foster, dat is my nam'."

Den by gar I look lak tirty cents.

Canals in Holland.

Holland has made its ship canals pay well. Amsterdam has the North Sea Canal, which is about fifteen miles long running across the country from Amsterdam to the ocean. It is thirty feet deep and has two enormous locks which protect it from the North Sea at high tide. I took a ride along it a week ago and inspected the breakwaters at its entrance. The work is well done, but the locks do not compare with those of the Sault Ste. Marie between Lake Superior and Lake Huron. The canal cost about \$16,000,000, of which one-fourth was paid by the sale of the reclaimed land, which brought an average price of almost \$500 an acre. Rotterdam is a city of canals and canalised rivers. The Maas has been so dredged that it now permits the largest of ocean ships to come into Rotterdam, and the connections with the Rhine and other parts of Europe are such that this city has become one of the chief ports of the continent. It is one of our principle gateways for northern Europe, surpassing Antwerp in its importations of American products.

Where Land is Below Sea Level.

Have you ever heard of Zealand? It is the south-eastern province of Holland, consisting of nine islands lying in the mouths of the Scheldt and the Maas, formed by the silt brought down by these rivers. The most of the province is below sea level, being protected against the ocean by mighty dykes. It was through this province that I came from Antwerp to Rotterdam on the little steamboat, Telegraf III. As I rode down the Scheldt I came in sight of the dykes. Near the Dutch boundary the river is walled with stone held between piles. We rode high above the rest of the country, and could see the roofs of the barns and the houses even with the tops of the dykes. On the opposite side the trees showed out like bushes over the wall which extended on and on up the river as far as the eyes could reach. We passed the great forts that guard this entrance to Europe, and went on through a flat country on the edge of the seas.

The Day of Rest.

Shall we lose our day of rest? somebody exclaims. We certainly shall if its preservation is entrusted to the good people who want to prevent a guest in a hotel from buying stamps for his letters on Sunday. In spite of the plain language of St. Paul and clear historical evidence, it seems we cannot get out of our heads the notion that our Sunday is the Jewish Sabbath, and that its observance is to be regulated by the commandment which, addressing itself to a simple people, says that the world was created in six days. The day of rest from labor and of opportunity for spiritual life is the part of the heritage of humanity which grows more precious as the struggle for subsistence, the whirl of business, and the pressure of care increase, and it is unquestionably in peril from encroaching greed and thirst for pleasure on one side and injudicious protection on the other. The judicious protection of the day of rest is a subject well worthy of the highest statesmanship; though unfortunately the highest statesmanship is not likely to be expended on a question which interests no party, but only humanity at large.

Prince Edward Island Farmer compelled to stop clearing up his farm.



Mr. Job Costain, Minnegash, P.E.I., writes: "In the Spring of 1900 I started to clear up a piece of land, but had not worked many days before I was taken with a very lame back, and was compelled to stop work. The trouble seemed to be down in the centre of my back and my right side and I could not stoop over. I got a box of Doan's Kidney Pills and before I had taken the whole box I was completely cured and able to proceed with my work. I take great pleasure in recommending them to all farmers who are troubled as I was."

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