

DOG MATISM OF PHYSICIANS.

The Assumption of Wisdom with the Satisfaction of Deceiving Does Not Always Proceed.

"A certain profession of dogmatism," says a great surgeon, in an address to medical students, reports American Medicine, "is essential in the treatment of the sick. The sick man will allow of no hesitancy in the inauguration of disease. He blindly demands that the appearance of knowledge shall be absolute, however shadowy and unsubstantial may be the basis of it."

HEE WARNING BORE FRUIT.

Charcoal Housewife Takes Precaution Against Bachelor Carelessness with Penny Receipt.

A woman noted among her friends for her punctilious devotion to household duties recently accompanied her husband out to town on a short business trip.

Over the stationary washstand in the bathroom: "This bowl is not for drinking purposes. You wash in it."

The Prefect Speaking. "Miss Gabberton spoke of you the other day in a manner that strikes me as being akin to slander," said the fair girl as she gazed at the clock and attempted to suppress a yawn.

Developed a Negative. Rita—Why is Mr. Kodak so glum looking? Rita—He and Eleanor have just come out of the dark room, where he had evidently developed a negative.—Princeton Tiger.

Clarence—I'm going to ask old Jones for his daughter's hand; what's a good way to begin? Algy—Oh! Spring a few other jokes on him first and see how he takes them!—Puck.

NOTES OF THE MODES.

Finery for Feminine Followers of the Fashion for the Season Now On.

Royal ermine garments and trimmings, higher in price and more attractive than ever in shape and effect, are in demand for the coming season, reports the New York Post.

The tendency towards the use of gimp, galloon and passementerie applique effects in various widths is becoming more and more prevalent.

Silk embroidered vests, and larger Louis XIV. waistcoats are introduced in the satin, velvet, cloth and other handsome wraps and costumes of the fall and winter.

THE GIRLS' TOILETTE. One of Her First Lessons Should Be the Importance of Neatness in Dress.

It takes considerably more time and trouble to send a girl out from home looking neat and attractive than it does to make a boy look as well.

Orange Tarts. Fill tart shells with fine puff paste and bake. When cold, fill with orange marmalade or jelly.

An Institution Repeated. "Do you believe in ghosts?" "No, sub," answered Mr. Rastus Pinkley. "I doesn't believe in 'em. Ef I could hab my way I'd do away wif 'em entirely."—Washington Star.

THE MONTHS OF DEATH.

March and April Are Favored for Adults, July and August for Children.

"Death months" are March and April for adults and July and August for children under five years of age, according to the statistics of the twelfth census.

In the children's class, known technically as the group "under five years of age," the largest percentage of deaths per 100,000 of population was in July, when the figures showed male 67.9, females 57.3, and in August males 53.7, females 51.4, and in October, males 38.6, females 30.4, and November, males 34.9, females 29.2.

Between 5 and 59 years the rates for both males and females were highest in March, males, 100.8; females, 85.8, and were lowest in June, males, 79.4, females 63.4, and in September, 73.5; females, 61.9.

Suicide is most prevalent during April, May, August and January. The proportion of suicides has been greatest during the first decade on the Pacific coast, where the deaths were 15.6 per 1,000 of population, with the South Atlantic coast, including New York, ranking fourth, with a percentage of 0.7.

The total number of deaths reported as due to suicide in the United States during the census year was 5,498, of which 4,313 were males and 1,185 were females.

Shooting was by far the most popular method of ending life, with poisoning and drowning in the order named. The percentage of suicides was highest among those whose mothers were born in France, with Germany and Russia-Poland second and third.

Suicide is on the increase, especially among the married males. The death rate of married males, from 15 to 44 years of age, was greater than in the unmarried males. After 45 years of age the rate was much greater among the unmarried males.

Males between the ages of 35 and 39 years were in the majority of those who committed suicide during the census year of 1900, while among women the greatest number who killed themselves were between 20 and 24 years old.

A PROLIFIC PHEASANT. Funny Antics of a Game Bird Which Had Become Very Fond of Its Keeper.

One season the keeper made a pet of a young cock, which became so completely tamed that even after taking up his abode in the cover he would, at the familiar call, cautiously emerge, compare the general appearance of the man with the voice, and, being satisfied as to his identity, walk quickly toward him, ready for the usual frolic.

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And they did. "Gracious, I don't mean that I mean writing stories!" "The man you marry will write for a living, if that's what you mean."

PALMIST KNEW HER BUSINESS

And Laid the World-By-Anthracite Fate Upon to Her as Plain as Print.

The girl in black hesitated. The sign was a very inviting one, and then she wanted to know—oh, several things.

For she was a girl who wrote—and wrote—and wrote. Mostly she got little printed slips: "The editors regret," etc. This time she was almost sure, and here was the sign, "Mms. Blank, scientific palmist. Futures forecast."

Besides, there was Harry, and he—well, he had sworn that proposal No. 5 was to be the limit. In her own mind she had quite decided that if this last—this bright post story—failed, she would give up all hope of the literary career that she had planned for herself, though, to tell the truth, it was a case of "I like candy, but candy doesn't like me."

"I'll do it," she said. "I'll go in and listen to the woman and abide by what she says." So she rang the bell and waited. The door was opened by a sweet-faced woman.

"Dear me," remonstrated the girl, "can't you see something else in my hand? Do you see anything about, eh—about writing, you know?"

"Excuse me," laughed said the girl, as she swept the hand away. "I've an appointment that I entirely forgot. How much? Fifty cents? Thank you; good-day."

"Horrid old thing!" she murmured, when she reached the street; then, in surprise, she exclaimed: "Why, Harry, where did you come from? You look particularly happy."

"I am," he returned. "I have been offered the editorship of one of the best magazines in New York. Congratulations, my dear, don't you see?"

"But, Harry, the answer to my story hasn't come, and, besides, who could get ready to go by that train?" She was weakening, says the New York Times.

"Yes, I'll do it, Harry. Only give me time to do my hair and put my hat on straight."

Pretty Trills That Go to Finish Off and Complete the Season's Costumes.

Quaint and handsome filigree buttons of antique silver adorn the new fur coats, noticeably those of the Siberian squirrel, says the Brooklyn Eagle.

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STUCK TO HIS LINES.

Proceeds Nearly Lost His Only Survival Times, But Managed to Hang On to the End.

The president of the Neighborhood Improvement association had dropped in at the meeting of the Political Purity league and had taken a back seat, hoping, perhaps, to escape the notice of the chairman, but the hope was destined to disappointment.

"Don't ask me to make a speech," he pleaded, in a whisper, as he was dragged down the aisle by the chairman. "I haven't the ghost of an idea in my head to-night."

"That will be all right," he was assured. "Just a word if you feel like it, and if you don't feel like it you needn't say anything."

But after a speech or two had been made, and the hunger of the audience for oratory found to be apparently unappeased, the presiding officer arose and said:

"Mr. President," he said, "and gentlemen of the Political Purity league, not having prepared myself to make a speech this evening, and not being expected to be called upon to do so, I find myself—er—unprepared."

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HOUSEHOLD DOCTORING.

Offers Suggestions and Remedies for the Treatment of Scalds and Burns.

When a child burns its finger, a way to give it immediate ease is to plunge the burnt limb (if the burn is only a surface one) into a basin of cold water.

An old-fashioned remedy used to be to hold the burnt finger close to the fire with a view to drawing out the fire. Never was a more foolish cure than this, which greatly increases pain, delays healing, makes the injury worse than at first.

If a child scalds its mouth badly by drinking tea or coffee too hot, or even sucking at the kettle spout as children will sometimes, see to the cure. The child must be given a small piece of ice to suck as long as the pain lasts.

Cold water with ice in it is the thing to use when an accidental burn from acids or alkalis is encountered. Nitric acid gets split at times, or even vitriol may. A limb burnt with acids must be plunged in cold water and kept there, so that the water may dilute the traces of the acid in the skin as much as possible.

Beautiful Designs in Wraps and Gowns for Late Fall and Winter Wear.

The fancy for ivory and oyster white cloth dresses and wraps continues unabated and strikingly beautiful are the designs evolved by the fashionable modistes for patrons who have the satisfaction of knowing that only those with heavy purses can afford to indulge in the luxury of white gowns and wraps for late fall and winter wear.

Exceedingly effective was a costume of white cloth seen recently with deep sailor cape collar and stole ends of Russian sable. The coat was three-quarter length, tight fitting at the back and lined with moire in opalescent coloring.

A scarf of Alencon lace, gold buttons and knot and ends of black velvet ribbon gave an additional finish and completed the effective ensemble.

For evening wear a beautiful frock of ivory crepe de chine was set off with frills of lace sprinkled with velvet petals and draped over chiffon.

Black velvet tiger lilies were applied on the lace bolero and passementerie to match headed each founce. The corsage draped with tulle was outlined with broad bands of ivory panne, which formed bretelles over the shoulders.

Orange Marmalade. Peel them, discarding the white inner skin and squeeze out the pulp carefully, removing every seed. Let the peels stand in cold salt water overnight; in the morning drain, rinse and boil in clear water, until tender.

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In folding delicate summer gowns for packing in the trunks, if tissue paper is crumpled and laid in the crease of the skirt in a rather large bunch, that part of the frock will be much less liable to become wrinkled in transit.—N. Y. Post.