

WATER A UNIVERSAL REMEDY.

Fluid Is Declared to Have Great Healing Properties.

There is no remedy of such general application and none so easily obtained as water, and yet nine persons out of ten will pass it by in an emergency to seek for something of less efficacy, says the National Magazine.

DREW UP CONNUBIAL TREATY.

French Wife Made a Strict Compact With Her Husband.

Mme. Derier, who rolls cigarettes in the State monopoly tobacco factories of France, having been badly treated by her husband, Alphonse, would consent to live with him only on condition that he sign the following compact:

Article I.—I shall keep all money, and I will no longer give you any account of my expenditure as I used to do, like a fool. It is the husband who must tell his wife what he spends.

HAVE FEW PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

Swiss People Pin Their Faith to Public Institutions.

One of the reasons why the Swiss fare well is that their public-school system is probably the best in the world, and with them public-school education is practically compulsory.

PROPER MANAGEMENT OF DOGS.

Some Things Lovers of the Animal Should Bear in Mind.

In managing your dogs there will not perhaps be much fun unless you can follow your individual notions on what constitutes enjoyment. There is not perhaps a single thrill in twisting your dog's tail, or peevishly which rasp against the grain.

Had to Justify Excitement.

A young woman who had her purse snatched from her hand recently by a thief while boarding a car, in relating her experience, said that she lost her voice for at least a second after the accident.

Explanation Simple.

"I have often been present at the birth of twins," said an old nurse. "Only once was I present, though, when the twins were born in different years."

Mistakes in Measuring Age.

Age is not a question of years but of experience and of the effect thereof on the body, brain or heart. A man may be "old" at 30 or young at 70. The fact of measuring age in years leads to dismal consequences.

About Women.

The Foreman—Here's an account of two women assaulting a policeman and taking his club away from him. What heading shall I put the item under?

LIVES ALONE IN HOUSE IN FLEE.

Novel Means of Man to Get Rid of Hay Fever.

Sydney, Cape Breton—Warren Carroll, a coal prospector, who has been operating in the vicinity of the Cheticamp river, south of Grande Etang, tells of meeting a man in the barren lands who has been living in a tree for three summers because he believes it will cure his hay fever.

BRUIES TAKE TO THE HIGHWAY.

She Bear, Two Cubs and Umbrella Give Workmen a Scare.

Stroudsburg, Pa.—"Look!" There comes a woman under an umbrella, with two kids, moseying down the track!" exclaimed Wilson Ebenberger, who was helping some other men load cars on the railroad near here.

Portrait of "Davy" Crockett.

Bought of John S. Wise and Hung in the Historic Alamo.

Austin, Tex.—It was recently ascertained by the officers of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas that John S. Wise, Jr., a native of Virginia, now living in New York, was the owner of an original portrait of David Crockett, who was prominent in the early history of Texas.

THIS AUTOMOBILE SAWS WOOD.

Owner Says the Machine Combines Business and Pleasure.

Indian Orchard, Mass.—Andre Laroche has shown inventive genius by devising a means whereby he can use his automobile both for travel and for a wood-sawing machine.

Telephones Installed at Play.

London.—To enable young married women, if they become anxious, to telephone home and inquire as to the condition of their children, telephones are fitted in every private box at the Coliseum.

ALCOHOL MADE FROM COFFEE.

Good Quality and Large Quantity Taken From Bulb of Bean.

E. H. Plumacher, consul at Maracaibo, adds another chapter to the utilization of waste products, says the New York Herald. He writes as follows concerning a valuable new method of securing a native illuminant and power producer in the tropics.

CATS GO BACK TO WILD LIFE.

Forsoke Environs of Civilization and Live in Woods.

An interesting study of animal nature is found by possum and coon hunters of this city in the 1,000 or more acres of dense timber of the Marmaton river bottoms, west of town. It is found that many once tame house cats are now inhabiting the timbers, as wild and more ferocious hunters when freed than any other species of animals which hunters are apt to encounter in these woods.

In Beautiful Spain.

Exploring Cadix is the threading of a labyrinth, much of it as intricate as the older part of Boston, and with streets so much narrower that few of them permit the passage of carriages in opposite directions.

Professional Secrecy.

The question of a medical man's obligation of secrecy has again arisen in the striking case at the Gironde (France) assizes. In 1868 two Janczac doctors called to attend a sick person, suspected it to be a case of criminal poisoning.

Bandanas Here Again.

Is the old-fashioned bandana coming in again? A few years ago, and well-dressed person would have dreamed of appearing with a colored handkerchief, but nowadays all the smart fellows are sporting them.

Lead Wool for Pipe Joints.

Lead wool is a material recently used to a considerable extent in Europe for the joints of gas and water mains. It consists of fine threads cut from virgin lead, and is sold in strands about three feet long and weighing about a pound.

HOUSEBOAT A JAPANESE IDEA.

For Centuries Such Craft Have Been in Use On Their Rivers.

It seems probable that the houseboat originated in Japan. Whatever the case, it is certain that for centuries the Japanese have had boats arranged for pleasure trips, wherein they might live at anchor or slowly float up and down the rivers.

MAMMOTH SALMON IN NORWAY.

Splendid Fish Taken from Preserved Rivers in Far North.

"It is fashionable," said a rich man, "to spend the summer in Norway. The Norwegian climate is superb, the scenery is grand and the living is cheap—\$1 a day at the hotels and carriages at half a dollar a day.

Curious Fear of Fresh Air.

People who were born and bred in the country and who still live there are as a rule curiously afraid of fresh air. From their living rooms, especially the "parlor," they rigidly exclude every approach of outdoor air except at housecleaning time, and they are more cautious still as to sleeping rooms.

Called.

The waning moon peeped through the old parlor window, but still he lingered. After a long silence his eyes roamed to the cuckoo clock above the sofa.

The Weary Girl Yawned.

"He will have a variation on the next call," she said, acidly. "And what will the variation be, my love?"

To Drive Away Mosquitoes.

Where there is great affliction from mosquitoes the following remedy may be appreciated: Put some insect powder on a coarse plate. Put the plate on an inverted tin pan in the center of the room.

The Stingy One.

Jenks—He's almost as wealthy as you are, isn't he?

Getting a Truthful Statement.

Bill—A man doesn't know who to believe nowadays. Jill—Oh, I don't know! Just ask the cashier at your bank how your account stands, and you're not likely to get an erroneous statement.

TELEPHONES IN THE COUNTRY.

Instruments Have Done Much to Remove Tedium of Farm Life.

The farmer's wife has a new resource. Her lot has been improved in many ways in the last ten years. The "separator" and the creamery have relieved her of the severest toil of the dairy. The rural free delivery brings magazines and newspapers to her door.

And His Comment by No Means Complimentary to Judges.

A youthful individual from a rural district, whose bucolic occupation and manner of life found visible reflection in his appearance and bearing, was a visitor the other day at the city hall.

Lessons Dangers of Navigation.

A Berlin scientific paper tells of a new device arranged by a Swedish scientist to reduce the danger of shallow water in navigation. It consists of a simple water kite, which is fastened to a wire cable and cast over the side of the ship.

The Short-Hose Girl.

There is one independent girl in town who has adopted a new way of trying to keep cool this summer, and all her feminine friends know it. Whether the knowledge will spread beyond her own sex is a matter of conjecture, as it would depend chiefly on the state of the wind and the girl's position at the critical moment.

Depth of the Ocean.

The deepest spots in the oceans are not far from equal to the height of the loftiest mountains, counting both from the sea level. It is probable that the extreme depth of the sea may slightly exceed the elevation of Mt. Everest.

Polite Sympathy.

Miss Ugly Girl—Was so embarrassed at the whole occurrence that I actually changed countenance. Miss Pert—Oh, not enough to notice.

Across the Tea-Table.

The Mistress—Berries seem unusually good this summer. The Master—Season's poor, I suppose.