

A Domestic Medicine Chest.

Very many persons are not aware that they have in their house a medicine chest in the shape of a set of well-filled cruets. The Salt, for example, is a decided cathartic, in the dose of half an ounce or an ounce; it is also a vermifuge in large doses, and its power is great in preventing, as well as killing worms. Many of our readers remember the popular remedy of "Brandy and Salt."

The Vinegar, again, is refrigerant and diaphoretic, and is moderately stimulant and astringent when applied externally. It formerly had great reputation in cases of poisoning by narcotics; but here it is of doubtful efficacy. It is certainly useful, however, when soda, potash or ammonia are taken in overdoses, as the acetic acid which it contains combines with and chemically neutralizes them. Vinegar and water is restorative of overworked eyes.

The Mustard comes next. In our time it has been the fashion to attribute every medicinal virtue to mustard seeds. More lately a mustard emetic was extolled as infallible in cholera, to be superseded by salt and water. A mustard poultice (two spoonfuls of bread crumbs, and one of mustard, mixed with vinegar and hot water) is no mean rival to a blister.

Olive Oil is demulcent and laxative. It is a good antidote to acid poisons, and seems to be obnoxious to worms. Lastly, Lord Bacon is of opinion that rubbing the skin with oil is very conducive to longevity.

Nor is our cruet-frame deficient in stimulants. First is pepper, black or white; the latter stronger. When infused in water it will cure a relaxed sore throat; and piperin, the alkaloid from pepper, has cured ague. Cayenne, the king of peppers, possesses similar virtues to the above, but in a very exalted degree; in stimulating ulcerated sore throat it is very efficacious as a gargle. Poultices of capsicum are used for the fevers of tropical climates; and in ophthalmia from relaxation the diluted infusion of capsicum is a good remedy.

A Rattlesnake Enchanted by A Man.

Mr. Sam Gentry, living over the line in adjacent county of Stewart, has in his possession a purse made of the tanned skin of a rattlesnake, which he caught and killed under the following extraordinary circumstances: In going along a path in a wheat-field he came across the snake lying at full length before him. Manifesting no disposition to retreat or attack, and apparently waiting for something to turn up, Mr. Gentry, who is a practical mesmerist, concluded to try his powers upon the dangerous reptile before him, reasoning that if a snake can magnetize a bird, why cannot man, endowed with greater mesmeric power, put a snake under the power of his will? Taking his position at the side of the dangerous but quiet subject, he made quick undulatory passes with both hands from the head to the tail, and in a few moments had the satisfaction of seeing the snake completely within his power—charmed, magnetized, mesmerized, whichever it may properly be called. Placing one of his hands in front of his subject he immediately crawled on his right arm, then over his neck to the left, Gentry in the meantime continuing the mesmeric passes. He then carried the rattlesnake home on his arm, when under his direction one of his sons opened its mouth and unfolded its fangs, the snake quietly submitting to the novel operation. After fully satisfying himself and a number of his neighbors, who were present, and witnessed the affair, of the truth of his theory, he cast the snake to the ground, killed it, stripped off the skin, tanned it, and made himself a purse, which he has ever since carried about his person.—Trigg County (Ky.) Democrat.

SLEEPING POSITION.—The food passes from the stomach at the right side, hence its passage is facilitated by going to sleep on the right side. Water and other fluids flow equally on a level, and it requires less power to propel them on a level than upward. The heart propels the blood to every part of the body at each successive beat, and it is easy to see that if the body

is in a horizontal position the blood will be sent to the various parts of the system with greater ease, with less expenditure of power, and more perfectly than could possibly be done if one portion of the body were elevated above a horizontal line. On the other hand, if one portion of the body is too low, the blood does not return as readily as it is carried thither; hence, there is an accumulation and distention, and pain soon follows. If a person goes to sleep with the head but a very little lower than the body, he will either soon wake up, or will die with apoplexy before the morning, simply because the blood could not get back from the brain as fast as it was carried to it. If a person lays himself down on a level floor for sleep, a portion of the head, at least, is lower than the heart, and discomfort is soon induced; hence, very properly, the world over, the head is elevated during sleep.—Hall's Journal of Health.

A RAID ON FORT LARAMIE.—A few days ago the military and civilians of Fort Laramie were astonished at the sight of a huge elk, which ran out of the underbrush in the Platte bottom and charged directly through the parade ground. The antlered monster was pursued by a pack of dogs of all sizes, and after clearing the buildings one canine, bolder than his fellows, nipped at his heel, when the elk whirled, threw down his antlers, impaled three or four of his pursuers, then, lifting his handsome head quickly he threw them many yards away. Two dogs were killed by the goring and fall; while two or three others were trampled to death. Not many minutes elapsed before a dozen officers, soldiers and civilians were mounted and in lively pursuit. Several hundred cartridges were expended, with no perceptible effect except to increase the speed of the forest monarch; and after wearing out their horses in a two hour's run the pursuers gave up the chase and returned to the fort, leaving the elk to seek some quiet grazing spot on the boundless plains.

WOOL CLIP.—The wool clip of the United States for 1875 was about 200,000,000 pounds; of England, Ireland and Scotland, about 162,000,000, mostly combing; of the Continent of Europe, about 463,000,000; of Australasia, about 35,000,000; of Buenos Ayres and River La Plata, about 207,000,000 pounds. These are the principal wool-growing countries of the world, and produce 1,882,000,000, out of the estimated 1,419,000,000, produced on the entire globe. The selling value of the entire clip would probably aggregate \$450,000,000. Out of 1,419,000,000 pounds of wool (the estimated clip) there would be fully a loss of 567,000,000 pounds in scouring, making the net yield of clean wool about \$52,000,000 pounds.—Scientific American.

The Evangelist tells a good story illustrating the innocence of childhood in the western wilds, where the name of the Deity and the Savior are oft heard, but the attitude of devotion is not customary, even on the occasion of their most fervid utterance. The new schoolmistress opened her school with prayer, which impressed her pupils as an amusing rather than a serious performance, and led to the belief on the part of some that she was "kind o' crazy." One of the youngsters, on reaching home, said, "Mother, you never see such a school-marm; she just got down on her knees to begin with, and swore like a trooper."

One great fault with coal oil lamps, is their liability to come apart in any place where there is a joint. The Scientific American publishes the following, which is likely to prove valuable to many housekeepers: "A cement particularly adapted for attaching the brass works to petroleum lamps is made by boiling three parts resin with one part of caustic soda and five of water. The composition is then mixed with half its weight of plaster of Paris. It sets firmly in half to three quarters of an hour. It is said to be of great adhesive power, not permeable to petroleum, a low conductor of heat, and but superficially attacked by hot water. Zinc white, white lead, or precipitated chalk may be substituted for plaster, but hardens more slowly."

VICTORIA'S MAIDS OF HONOR.—The Queen's maids of honor are all grand-daughters of peers, who are not below the rank of Earl, that being a *sine qua non* of eligibility for the position. They receive \$2,000 a year, and if they marry the Queen presents them with \$3,000. Each is on duty about two months in the year. Since the Prince Consort's death they have had a dreadfully dull time of it. Many of these ladies have remained until past 50, by which time they have probably become old maids of honor.

PROSPEROUS SEALING VOYAGE.—Newfoundland's sealing voyage this year has been uncommonly prosperous. Vessels of the fleet have already returned with full cargoes, the cargo of one of them being 27,000 furs. Her voyage lasted only fifteen days. All of the vessels were propelled by steam, steamers having been found more profitable than sailing vessels. Only half as many men as were formerly employed are now needed on the fleet.

WHAT THERE IS IN AN ONION.—The savory onion has at last fallen beneath the scrutiny of the analyst and the Scientific Farmer tells us what there is in it. By Messrs. Wellington & Bragg, under the direction of Prof. Goessman, at the Massachusetts Agricultural College chemical laboratory, being the first authentic analysis of this plant on record. One thousand parts, air dry, contain: Water \$92.000; organic matter, 103.638; nitrogen, 1.120; total ash, 4.362; potash, 1.680; soda, 0.082; lime, 0.354; magnesia, 0.159; iron (sesquioxide), 0.027; phosphoric acid, 0.688; sulphuric acid, 1.153; silica, 0.148.

A Remedy for Divorces.

Marry in your own religion. Never both be angry at once. Never taunt with a past mistake. Let a kiss be the prelude of a rebuke. Never allow a request to be repeated. Let self-abnegation be the habit of both. A good wife is the greatest earthly blessing.

"I forgot," is never an acceptable excuse. If you must criticize, let it be done lovingly.

Make a marriage a matter of moral judgment. Marry into a family which you have long known.

Never make a remark at the expense of the other.

Never talk at one another, either alone or in company.

Give your warmest sympathies for each other's trials.

If one is angry, let the other part the lips only for a kiss.

Neglect the whole world beside, rather than one another.

Never speak loud to one another unless the house is on fire.

Let each strive to yield oftenest to the wishes of the other.

Always leave home with loving words, for they may be the last.

Marry into different blood, and temperature from your own.

Never deceive, for the heart, once misled, can never trust wholly again.

It is the mother who moulds the character and fixes the destiny of the child.

Never find fault unless it is perfectly certain a fault has been committed.

Do not herald the sacrifices you make to each other's tastes, habits or preferences.

Let all your mutual accommodations be spontaneous, whole-souled and free as air.

The very felicity is in the mutual cultivation of usefulness.

Consult one another in all that comes within the experience, observation or sphere of the other.

A hesitating or grum yielding to the wishes of the other always grates upon a loving heart.

Never reflect on a past action which was done with a good motive, and with the best judgment at the time.

The beautiful in heart is a million times of more avail, as securing domestic happiness, than the beautiful in person.

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