

A CURE FOR COLD IN THE HEAD.
—It would seem as if the cure for those worst of small nuisances, colds in the head, which Dr. Ferrier, of King's college, suggested in *The Lancet*, might prove to be a remedy of very great value. It is a snuff, a white powder—composed of the following ingredients: Hydrochlorate of Morphia, two grains; acacia powder, two drachms; trisnitate of bismuth, six drachms—the whole making up a quantity of powder of which from one-quarter to one-half may be safely taken, if necessary, in the course of twenty-four hours.

Dr. Ferrier says that with his snuff he has twice cured himself of very violent colds, once, indeed, by taking trisnitate of bismuth alone, which is a very powerful remedy for catarrh of the mucous membrane, and is the most important ingredient in this snuff. Dr. Ferrier mentions two other persons who were cured of violent colds by the same snuff, and to these instances we may add that of the present writer, who, having a very violent cold coming on, with the sensation of weight in the temples and the usual disagreeable feeling in the throat, as well as ordinary catarrh, made trial of Dr. Ferrier's remedy one evening, and got up on the following morning completely free from cold, which has not since recurred. The snuff instead of increasing the tendency to sneeze, almost immediately begins to diminish it.—*London Spectator*.

A SPIDER EPIDEMIC.—Last Sunday Mr. Thomas Walsh, master mechanic at the Louisville Railroad shop at this point, was bitten by a spider. The wound inflamed, and last evening Mr. Walsh was in a critical condition on account of the poison injected into his system by the venomous insect. To-day he was much better, and is out of danger. This morning Mr. J. D. Danbury, a well known citizen, was bitten also by a spider, and he had to summon medical aid, as he was suffering intense pain from the apparently slight wound. It is reported that he also is seriously ill from the effects of the poison. On Saturday last a little daughter of Capt. S. S. Garret, while attending the Templars' picnic down the Mississippi and Tennessee Railroad, was bitten on the face by a black spider. Her face became terribly swollen, but no dangerous effects became apparent. The spider whose poison is so venomous is a small black one, which generally has red specks on its body. Its bite is exceedingly poisonous, and from it many persons have died on account of not attending to the wound in due time.—*Memphis Appeal*.

AZTEC RELICS IN ILLINOIS.—Capt. E. P. Ford, an enthusiastic student of history and habits of the ancient mound builders, and who has unearthed many valuable specimens of skulls, implements, etc., belonging to this little known people, has shown us what is evidently an ancient idol, taken from a mound in the neighborhood of Piasa. It is a representation of a human head, and in its general contour is undoubtedly of the Aztec mould. It is some six inches in diameter. The head is sandstone, and is so cut as to rest upon a flat base in place of shoulders. Upon the bottom of this base are cut representations of the rising sun, the moon, a human figure in the attitude of worship, a fish, and other devices. Mr. Ford should by all means report this case to the Smithsonian Institute, and send a photograph of the image.—*Bunker Hill Gazette*.

HIS SLEEPLESSNESS.—"I'm habbin a heap of o' trouble wid sleeplessness dese nights," remarked an old darkey at the suburban end of State street, the other day.

"Ho-ho, I reckon I knows all 'bout dat," said another African near by.

"Yo' know noffin—dat's what yo' knows," replied the old man.

"Sartin I do knows suthin'," chuckled the other; "I knows well 'nuff dat yo' can't sleep o' nights, an' sides, I knows dat yo' neighbors can't nuther, ef dey's got any chickens!"

The old darkey looked grieved at these words, and as he turned away he expressed his opinion of them by mumbling: "If dere's anything dat I hates it's to see two culled gemmen allus quairelin' wid each other—specially wen dey's bofe ob de same profession."—*Chicago Paper*.

A Fearful Bump.

They had a lecture on phrenology in Norristown a short time ago from a travelling professor of that science, and part of it was quite entertaining. He had on the stand several plaster heads mapped out in town lots, and after he explained what they meant he invited persons in the audience to come up and let him feel their bumps and explain their characters. Several times he hit it pretty accurately, and excited a considerable amount of applause; but after a while old D. stepped up for examination. He is an absent-minded man, and he wears a wig. While dressing himself, before coming to the lecture, he had placed his wig on the bureau, and accidentally tossed his plug of tobacco into it. When he put the wig on it was just like him not to notice the plug, and so when he mounted the platform he had a lump just over his bump of combativeness as big as half a hen's egg. The professor fingered about awhile over D.'s head, and then said:

"We have here a somewhat remarkable skull. The perceptive faculties strongly developed, reflective faculties quite good, ideality large, reverence so great as to be unusual, and benevolence very prominent. Secretiveness is small, and the subject, therefore, is a man of candor and frankness; he communicates what he knows freely. We have also," said the professor, still plowing his fingers through D.'s hair, "acquisitiveness not large; the subject is not a grasping, avaricious man, he gives liberally, he—he—he—Why, it can't be? Yes. Why, what in the—? Munificent Moses! that's the most awful development of combativeness I ever heard of! Are you a prize-fighter, eh?"

"Prize fighter!" exclaimed D. "Why, what do you mean?"

"Never been a soldier, or a pirate, or anything like that?"

"You certainly must be crazy."

"Ain't you fond of going into scrimmages and rows, and harming people?"

"Certainly not."

"Well, sir, then your untrue to your nature. The way your head's built qualifies you, I should say, in a special manner, as a knocker-down and dragger-out. If you want to fulfill your mission, you will devote the remainder of your life to battering-up your fellow-man and keeping yourself in one interminable and eternal muss. You've got the awfulest fighting bump that ever decorated a human skull. It's phenomenal. What'll you take for your head when you die? Gentlemen, this man is liable at any moment to commence raging around this community like a wild-cat, banging you with a club or anything that comes handy. It isn't safe for him to be at large."

Then D. put his hand up to feel the bump, and he noticed the tobacco. He pulled off his wig, and there was the plug, just sticking behind his left ear. Then the Professor, looking at it a moment in confusion, said:

"Ladies and gentlemen, we will now—the lecture is—that is, I have no more—Boy, turn out those lights!"

Then the audience laughed, and D. put on his wig, and the Professor started to catch the late train.

The science of phrenology is not as popular in Norristown as it was, and D. still remains peaceable.—*Philadelphia Bulletin*.

DIED.

In this City, 17th Ward, Thursday, June 15th, of general debility, JOHN WILLIAM, son of Sarah E. and George W. Huntington, born January 17th, 1876.

FAIRFOX GRAY, son of Susie T. and Andrew Benson, born November 28th, 1874, died June 19th, 1876.

At his residence, 3d Ward, of cramp, JOSEPH MCKAY. Deceased was born at Darvock, County of Antrim, Ireland, February 12th, 1799, and was consequently aged 77 years, 4 months and 4 days old. He emigrated to Scotland in 1843; and was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at Johnston, near Glasgow, in 1851. He emigrated to Utah in 1856, in Captain Willie's handcart company, and emigrated, with his means, eighteen of his family connections.

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