

FIRST AID TO THE FOOLISH

What to Do for the Patient While Awaiting the Arrival of the Doctor.

For acute desire to speculate—One weak out drop (mild to medium) in half a glass of water every morning between breakfast and lunch. Repeat in half an hour if patient is still restless. Dose need not be administered on Sunday, as on that day the exchange is closed.

PROMINENT IN SOCIETY.

Local Celebrities Figuring in the Columns of a Sioux Indian Newspaper.

The peculiarity of the names borne by Sioux Indians is aptly shown by the following items quoted verbatim from the current issue of a little weekly newspaper published at Rosebud Indian agency, the correspondents of the paper at various points on the reservation being for the most part full-blood Sioux Indians.

FIGHTING IN PHILIPPINES.

Experience of American Soldiers Under Fire in Battle with Natives.

There are some graphic touches in the report of Lieut. Fred S. Young in which he tells of a battle in Mindanao last summer. "About 4:30 this morning," he writes, "the enemy attacked us from across the river at our camp, just below the outpost near the Moro camp. The command turned out promptly and drove them off in less than 15 minutes. As soon as the men could obtain breakfast I took 30 across the river to follow the trail, if possible. We left camp at 6:30 and arrived in front of the enemy at about 10:30. As we approached the enemy's position the trail opened into one more distinct in appearance, through a slough 800 feet from the enemy's position. This is the trail we were in during the fight which followed. We had gone some 750 yards on this trail, and were, I found later within 50 yards of the river, when the guide stopped and held up his hand. Gampon, the Moro interpreter, who was with him, said to me: 'Mucho helito.' I kept the command quiet and sent the interpreter forward to reconnoiter. Our position was on a small piece of ground on the edge of the river, and I could not find more than 20 feet of firm ground to operate on. Although I had the high grass broken on either side of our line nothing but water was found.

VAST LOSS OF LIFE IN FIRE.

More Than Five Hundred Sacrificed Each Month in Last Census Year.

So remote do most of us regard the life hazard of fire that the following statistical excerpts and comparisons will come as a surprise, says the Fire-proof Magazine. The calculations themselves are based upon insurance year books, vital statistics and the twelfth federal census. They are taken from the last general statistical period of 12 months covering life loss by this cause throughout the entire country.

SPREAD OF PLANT LIFE.

Various Odd Ways in Which Seeds Are Transported from One Place to Another.

Weeds migrate as well as men. According to the recent statement of a professor of botany, there are already 500 varieties of weeds in New England which were not to be found there when the country was first settled. Within less than 25 years after the landing of the Pilgrims, says Youth's Companion, one observer counted more than 40 new weeds which the Europeans had brought with them, to say nothing of the human varieties. Nature employs all sorts of methods for spreading life about the planet, and does not seem to care whether the life be that of a weed or of a plant fit for human use. Indeed it uses such unromantic materials as old rubber overhoes for seed-carriers, as many new weeds have appeared in a river valley in Connecticut since a factory was established there that utilizes such cast-off things. The overhoes come from all parts of the world. The loth line is torn out before the rubber is used, and from the seeds that have found lodgment in such an apparently unpromising place plants have grown on the dump-heaps, and their seeds have found fertile soil, multiplied and flourished. What a romance there is in the life of such a seed: ripened, perchance in Asia, trodden in the mud and carried on boardship on the feet of a passenger, thence taken to Europe, where it was picked up by the boot of an American, was finally dislodged in the overhoe, and found its germinating place in Connecticut.

ALL HORSES HATE CAMELS.

Circus Man Tells About the Singular Antipathies of Certain Animals.

Smoking a clay pipe, the circus actor sat in the winter quarters. Under his supervision a thin boy was learning to ride erect on a quiet horse with a broad, flat back, says the Philadelphia Bulletin.

NEWTON'S SCALE OF HEAT.

The Great Philosopher Invented a Thermometer Before the Fahrenheit.

According to Sir Samuel Wilkes, Fahrenheit constructed his thermometer from one made many years before by Sir Isaac Newton.

PRESIDENT AS POLICEMAN.

An Illustrative Instance of the Active Temperament of Mr. Roosevelt.

"I was once impressed in a rather interesting way," said Julien T. Davies, the prominent New York lawyer, relates Stevens, "with President Roosevelt's readiness to sacrifice pleasure for business. When he was police commissioner of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Martin gave their famous ball.

WHAT MAKES SKY BLUE?

Various Scientific Theories Are Advanced to Account for the Phenomenon.

The sky has long been a puzzle to physicists. There are two mysteries to explain about it—the retention of light and its color, says the Success Magazine.

AUTOMOBILES IN GERMANY.

Machine Must Be Noiseless and Free from Smoke and Unpleasant Smell.

In Germany no automobile may emit smoke or smell. They must be noiseless, even to the exhaust and "ching-clang," and the drivers must first obtain a license, which is to be had only after a rigid examination.

JAPAN'S CIVILIZATION.

Formerly Called Barbarians, But the People Have Won a Different Title.

When the war began, whatever was the opinion of travelers, and those specially informed, the world in general regarded the Japanese as oriental barbarians. The judgment was based on plausible reasoning, says the New York Globe.

PASSES UP THE ESKIMO.

This Man from Alaska Says There Is No Such Thing as a Sweet One.

"The fellows who write popular songs have a good idea about things," said the man who had been in Alaska, according to the Chicago Tribune.

THEY PREFER COLD WEATHER.

Hold-Up Men Can Work Uninterrupted When the Mercury Is Low.

"This is the kind of weather for the hold-up men," said an old detective at headquarters one cold night, recently, says the Kansas City Journal.

RIGHT THOUGHT BARS AGE.

There Is Longevity in Cheerfulness, Says a Writer—Forget Trouble.

Bitter memories of a sinful life which has all gone wrong make premature wrinkles in the face, cause brightness from the eyes, and the elasticity from the step, says a writer in Essence, and make one's life sapless and uninteresting.

TENNESSEE TOWNS' NAMES.

The Good Book Was Kept in Mind When They Were Given Out.

When it came to naming her towns, Tennessee did not forget the Good Book, says the Indianapolis Star.

FEEDING WILD ANIMALS.

Squirrels Become the Most Friendly of All the Smaller Creatures of the Woods.

Of the animals that we can coax about our houses the gray squirrels become the most friendly. Put nuts in convenient places and they will make frequent trips for supplies, but only on comparatively mild days will they remain long outside their comfortable winter quarters.

PUT A KINK IN THE ASHMAN.

Mrs. Young Bride Gets on Her Dignity with the Coarse Person.

"Commiserate young bride knew little about housekeeping, consequently she was afraid of her butcher, baker and candlestick maker, for she was sure they knew just how ignorant she was of household matters," relates the New York Press.

NATURAL QUESTION.

Jenkins—Poor B Jones! It's just about a year now since he passed the great divide.

Gladstone-Disraeli Tale.

The best of all the Gladstone-Disraeli stories tells how once at a London dinner party the ladies at the table were asked which they would marry if they could take one or the other, the great liberal or the great Tory.

FILIPINO TRADING.

A traveler in the Philippines gives this experience on the island of Negros. He had gone to the open-air market, where the native women sit squatting in a row, prepared for the long financial arguments that follow the customer's first mention of a price.

TIME WASTED.

"Many a man," said Uncle Eben, "wastes time in his life trying to push somebody to get near when he ought to be trying to get ahead on his own account."—Washington Star.

DONE THROUGH INSTINCT.

Theory Accounting for Habit of People Preferring Seats Next to the Wall.

The inquiring mind of an antiquary has developed the following theory to account for the fact that at a restaurant most people prefer the tables next to the wall, while in railway carriages there is a similar preference for the corner seats.

SAFE WAY.

Jenkins—I gave it to that man straight. I can tell you, sir. He is twice as big as I am, too, but I told him exactly what I thought of him and of his conduct, right to his face.

DECEDED BLONDE.

Bertha is a decided blonde, isn't it?

EUPHONIOUS.

"I'm clever at mind reading."

MEDICAL TAX IN SWITZERLAND.

The city of Zurich, Switzerland, imposes a medical tax of about 87 cents a head on the whole population above the age of 16, which creates an annual revenue of \$100,000.

ESKIMOS SLANDERED.

Gov. Brady of Alaska protests against talk of the "vile, dirty Eskimo," saying those who make such remarks are in ignorance.

A SWELL CHANCE.

Mr. Litwalt—So you refuse my offer of marriage?

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS