

MEDICINE 1,000 YEARS AGO.

Ancient Tibetan Book Which Contains Many Modern Truths.

A Tibetan "Hand Book of Medicine," published 1,000 years ago, has been recently examined by the Russian Academy of Medicine, and it is found to contain many valuable truths that have been discovered and rediscovered by modern physicians.

Early Telescopes.

It appears, according to facts collected by Mr. Arthur Mee, that Thomas Harriot, the English astronomer, born in 1560, made telescopes perhaps contemporaneous with the first instruments of Galileo.

Who Columbus Was.

In the afternoon in all the schools a part of the time was devoted to the study of the life and deeds of Columbus.

Cause for Reflection.

"The editor of my paper," declared the newspaper business manager to a little coterie of friends, "is a peculiar genius. Why, would you believe it, when he draws his weekly salary he keeps out only one dollar for spending money and sends the rest to his wife in Indianapolis!"

The Craze for Speed.

Those mighty ocean steamers, like the Lusitania, the Mauretania, and the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, which dash across the sea at the rate of thirty miles an hour, burn up a thousand tons of coal apiece every day.

Enemies of the Rubber-Trees.

A great deal of attention has recently been given to the cultivation of rubber on account of the continually increasing demand for it.

Electricity as a Carrier.

Does an electric current, when passing through a metal conductor, cause any transportation of particles? It is well known that it does so in the liquid conductors known as electrolytes; in fact, such a common operation as electroplating depends entirely upon this action.

BAKED ELEPHANT'S FOOT.

Col. Roosevelt Will Be Privileged to Taste a Delicious Dish.

While Colonel Roosevelt is in Africa he will have an opportunity of tasting that delicious dish, baked elephant's foot. The Elephas Indicus or Elephas (Loxodon) Africanus walks on his toes and the balls of his feet.

Our National Forests.

The recent proclamations setting aside the Ozark National Forest in North Dakota bring the number of States possessing such forests belonging to the United States up to 20.

The Columbus Tree.

In the outskirts of the old city of St. Domingo in the Dominican Republic among the shacks dilapidated dwellings and mass of debris that litter this section of the town bordering the bay stands a giant oak.

Insist on Yellow Flour.

Charles Christodoro, an expert on flour and grains, sounds the keynote of the new situation brought about by the bleached flour decision when he says in a communication to the editor commenting on the bleached flour decision: "The housewife will now insist on yellow tinted or creamy flour."

Egyptian "Sabak."

This name is given to a peculiar kind of manure employed in Upper Egypt, and found on the sites of ancient Arabian habitations. Even the crumbled walls of the habitations themselves have added valuable ingredients to the deposits, because the walls were composed of earth intermixed with an abundance of straw.

An Old, Old Life Site.

Recent excavation at the Maumbury Rings Circle, in England, is regarded as corroborating the tradition that a Roman amphitheater once existed on that site.

An Actor's Ruses.

One of the leading comedians of the Frankfurt Theatre in Germany went to the director and asked for an advance on his week's salary. The books showed that the whole amount had already been drawn, and the director said "No."

HAYTIAN GIRLS RIDE ASTRIDE.

Costume Resembles Trailing Gown of a Mediaeval Nobleswoman.

It is of little importance to Hayti and its people what the other Powers think of it. The little black republic goes right ahead with its voodooism, idol worship and other strange customs without regard for the feelings of the missionaries stationed there.

Losers Should Pay Finder 10 Per Cent.

If you lost a watch worth \$100 what reward would you give the finder for its return? Oh \$10 or \$20? Ten per cent eh? Well, that is what the law says.

Electricity Round a Corner.

A curious experiment with a electric discharge conducted round a right-angled corner is described by Prof. Francis E. Nipher. The corner was formed in bending sharply the conducting wire.

Foghorn Arouses Birds.

There has just been erected on the Bass Rock, the precipitous island in the Firth of Forth, off the Haddingtonshire coast, a new foghorn which has cost \$200,000. It will be interesting to note the effect of the hooter on the nerves of the sea birds.

Apple on the Berry Bush.

To those particularly interested in the growing of apples an experiment made at Delta, Idaho, will be of value in the Spring of last year Thomas and Francis Hauch, two miners who keep a garden and grow strawberries and vegetables, experimented in grafting a scion of a four-year-old apple tree into a service berry tree body, and to their delight the limb not only grew but blossomed this year and two well developed yellow apples ripened.

How Does the Gipsy-Moth Spread?

Heretofore, says Dr. L. O. Howard, it has been supposed that the gipsy-moth was distributed only by caterpillars carried by moving objects, such as carriages. The moths cannot fly, and the part taken by birds and winds in distributing them or the caterpillars he regards as problematical.

For the Last Time

"Don't go to-night, Dick. Stay home with Kiddy and me."

A slender, pale-faced girl was speaking. She was about twenty years of age, and undoubtedly she was pretty, but what had set its mark on her so that her hollow cheeks added several years to her appearance and at the same time detracted from her good looks.

Richard Carrington had been a member of the unemployed for nearly three months. Perhaps it was largely due to himself; he was too anxious to find an appointment just cut out for him.

He had one child, a boy commonly known as Kiddy, and he was wrapped up heart and soul in the young star. He was as fond of his wife as it was his somewhat shallow nature.

"Don't go to-night, old boy. Stay home with me," Ethel Carrington pleaded.

"I might hear of something to-night," he said. "It would be only to miss it. Look here by eight o'clock now. I'll be back by nine."

Ethel was silent, she knew she was powerless to prevent his going. He kissed her—there was rarely any lack of affection between them when he was sober—and presently the door slammed.

The girl's eyes filled with tears. She mounted heavily up the stairs and sat by Kiddy's cot.

"My darling little Kiddy," whispered the mother, gazing with mingled rapture and pain at the soft face and tiny clenched fists.

Meanwhile, Dick Carrington was laughing and joking with his companions at the Welcome Club. All care had fallen from his shoulders.

Then curiously enough the last thing that he expected happened. He was fond of talking of looking for work at the club, but he never entered.

"Ah! I thought I should find you here," he said. "I want to have you with you."

Surely you're not going without drinking luck to your new job?" cried a man.

"Well, just one, then," said Dick, sitting down again.

"Richard is himself again," he quoted in a thick voice, tossing a final whiskey and soda down his throat.

"Wouldn't do for wife to see me," he muttered. "Mus' keep her in room."

He felt his way to the bedroom and turned the key in the lock. Then he staggered back to the living-room.

"Sair' now, Richard," he hiccupped, addressing his reflection in the mirror. "Knew you'd find job, didn't you, Richard?"

Richard don't like 'I blue flames.' He felt aggrieved, and, to show his annoyance, he closed his eyes, so as not to see the sheet of blue flame that was rapidly growing larger and licking up everything in its path.

Richard's head nodded, and a few seconds later he fell into a drunk stupor. He was awakened by two causes: one was a loud thundering noise, the other was a feeling of suffocation.

In a dazed manner he stared around to find the room filled with dense smoke tinged with a warm red glow. On all sides the crackling of burning timber was apparent, and every now and then the thud of falling plaste was heard.

He was sober now. He realized that he had done this. He was responsible for the fire and the drink within him. He jumped to his feet his eyes smarting his breath coming with difficulty because of the smoke.

A great wave of smoke came out to meet him as he threw the door open. He felt his way through it to the door shouting "Ethel!" at the top of his voice.

He called passionately to her, but she made no reply. Then with sudden nerve strength he gathered her up and the baby in his arms and plunged through the fiery smoke to the doorway.

Then all seemed to go black before him. Great arms seemed to seize him and hurl him through space. On, on he flew until suddenly he began to fall, down, down.

"I think he'll do now," said a man's voice.

"Pick my love my hero," she whispered.

"Alive!" he murmured weakly. "Yes my dear and loving you more than ever. Oh Dick I was so afraid you were going! But all's well now. Dick you're getting better. See, here's Kiddy he wants his daddy."

The man felt the chubby hands of the boy straying over his face, heard the childish crooning and then a scolding tear fell on to his cheek.

"No no Mrs Carrington that won't do," said the doctor. "You must leave my patient now."

Ethel bent over her husband and kissed him passionately, and with Kiddy in her arms, went from the ward.

So it was only a dream they were not dead. From his heart the man offered a silent prayer of thanksgiving. Then suddenly he shuddered.

His teeth gritted together. Her she had called him, and he meant to earn it. Little and he did, though his prowess was humble enough. Yet it brought life and living to Ethel and the Kiddy it made a weak man strong and if it was not the V. C. bravery, it was, at any rate a bravery that was as noble.

Sure enough that visit to the Welcome Club was the last Dick Carrington paid. The appointment that had been offered him was still vacant, but the man who offered it made the proviso that Carrington must become an abstainer a proviso that was accepted and faithfully adhered to. E. Newton Bungey, in Pearson's Weekly.

An Open Congratulation. W. S. Gilbert does not retain all of his humor for use in his librettos.

In the early days of his success, when Gilbert and Sullivan were considered by managers as the "sure winners" in the comic-opera field, a young woman who was a member of one of the "Pinafore" companies wrote to Gilbert telling him of her approaching marriage with a young man of good position and family.

Gilbert congratulated the young woman, and expressed the hope that her future might be prosperous and happy.

Only a little more than a month passed and another letter from the same girl reached him, in which she stated that her engagement with the young man had been broken, and that she had accepted another suitor.

He replied that he had every confidence in her judgment, and again expressed his hearty wishes for her welfare.

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