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**WHY**  
Extracting of Teeth Is Said to  
Be Extreme of Pain

Drawing a tooth is said to be the extreme of human pain. The rupture of the branching dental nerve causes such agony as no human being could stand for more than two seconds at a time.

It is a curious fact that while a deep and dangerous wound often causes nothing but a dull ache, a slight surface injury is often intensely painful. A splinter driven in the quick of the nail causes the most exquisite agony.

The tips of the fingers and the tip of the tongue are the most sensitive portions of the human frame. The cornea of the eye is also extremely sensitive. "Most of us know the misery caused by getting a speck of cinder or something hard under the eyelid.

A burn on the hand is much more painful than one on the back. The hand is a mass of nerves, and a man shot through the palm of the hand will usually collapse as completely as if shot through the body.

Of ailments, the three which cause most pain are toothache, earache and neuralgia of the fifth nerve. The latter has been known to drive the sufferer quite mad for the time being.

**CHINESE BOOKS NOT BOUND**  
Volumes Are Held Together, Covers of  
Volumes Are Not Attached, Nor  
Are Sections Joined Together.

In Chinese books the cover is not attached to the book. It is a kind of binding case, fastened up with a neat little bone pin that slides into a socket. The pin is attached to the case by a dangling thong of cloth. The book inside is in four, six, ten or more sections, each unattached to any other. As the leaves are printed on one side only of the thin glazed rice paper, and the blank sides touch, in pairs, and are uncut except at top and bottom, one turns over two pages at once.

There are no old bookshops in China. Old books are apparently disposed of by private arrangement with friends or acquaintances.

**How Old Is the Earth?**

There seems to be an eternal and continuous struggle among scientists to figure out the age of the earth. The annual report of the Smithsonian Institution which is just made public gives as its opinion that the universe is three billion years old, which would seem to establish a record that not only exceeds all previous guesses hazarded along this line but which, moreover, sets a standard for future jurglers with figures to shoot at as they attempt to outdo their predecessors. It is not quite clear to most people why it is so necessary to determine the age of the earth.

Here and there new evidences are uncovered by expeditions which have been excavating tombs and ancient ruins for the purposes of studying antiquity. But even the most interesting discoveries do not take the present age back more than a few thousand years at best, and whatever took place before that period forever must be largely a matter of conjecture. And since so dense mystery beclouds ancient history, it appears that science might well afford to give more attention to modern problems and their development.—Dayton News.

**Why Germs Is Used.**

Although prominent medical authorities are of the opinion that the danger of disease being transmitted by money is practically negligible, C. A. Butler, Columbus, O., declares that money may be and often is tainted in the literal sense of the word. Yearly, he says, scores of bank clerks and others who handle money contract loathsome diseases, and some lose their sight as a result of infections carried by dirty currency.

After being nearly blinded himself by such germs Butler enlisted the services of a chemist who evolved an odorless, colorless and harmless but effective germicide. It is used instead of water in the sponge-cups of tellers, cashiers and others who handle money, destroying the germs on the fingers before they can be transferred to the eyes or other parts of the body. Butler has patented the secret preparation and has gone into the business of making and selling it.—Fathers.

**Why Wood Feels Warm.**

Touch a piece of iron on a frosty day and it feels icy cold; a bit of wood lying beside it will feel very much warmer to the hand. Now, is the iron really colder?

A test with a thermometer will probably surprise you, for you will find that both have precisely the same temperature.

Iron is a good conductor of heat; that is, it tends to draw warmth immediately out of anything that touches it. Hence, when your hand comes into contact with a piece of iron its natural warmth at once begins to escape from it and to rush into the metal.

Wood, on the other hand, is a bad conductor of heat. It does not absorb rapidly from your hand; hence it feels much warmer than iron when you touch it.

**Why Swallows Died.**

Several swallows while in flight in the Alps dropped to the ground in convulsions, spread out their wings and died. It was found that a parasite spider indigenous to Asia or Africa, but not to Switzerland, was under the wing of each bird. The insect had sucked the blood of the swallows and paralyzed their wings.

**EXPLAIN WHY DOGS HOWL**  
Scientists Declare Canine Occasionally  
Reverts to Savagery of His Ancestor, the Wolf.

What makes your dog lift up his nose and howl? It's the wolf in him, say scientists.

For every dog, no matter what his breed, has a strain of wolf in him, a wolf having been the far-off father of all dogs. And just as a reasonable human being will sometimes give way to primitive instinct under the influence of some violent emotion, so the best-trained dog will occasionally revert to the savagery of his ancestor, the wolf.

Exactly as a man will often raise his head in unconscious imitation of his caveman forbear, so your pet dog will at times show the last inches of his parent wolf. Watch your dog turn around and around before lying down before a fire, just as the wolf makes himself a lair; listen to him howl as the wolf howls.

The pointer is only an exaggerated instance of man's improvement on the original dog or wolf. Every dog pauses before his spring; man selected to breed from the dog which paused the longest, and so in time arrived at a dog which pointed and didn't spring at all. The greyhound is another instance; for his particular job he needed little scent and little brains, but perfect eyesight and speed. By selecting only those dogs which possessed these qualities the present type was reached. But every dog, whenever he lives or whatever use man is making of him, comes from the common source, the wolf.

**TOIL LONG ON BRIDAL GOWN**  
Mothers of Girls on Island in Dutch  
West Indies Work Six Years  
on Dress.

On the Island of Madura, in the Dutch West Indies, the girls marry when they are very young. Twelve years is the average when a girl takes on the responsibility of making a home. In fact, if she were unmarried at fourteen she would be considered an "old maid."

The bridal gown is a very complicated, gorgeous and valuable garment, hand woven silk being the base of the wedding dress. This is only the start.

After the beautiful material has been woven there comes the tedious, one work of embroidery. Thousands of tiny stitches are woven and the most beautiful colors are used. It takes six months to complete the gown.

Even when the gown is at this stage of construction it is quite a gorgeous and imposing affair. But the final decoration has not been started yet.

Now comes the gold which is added. Into the skirt, around the waist and over the shoulders are applied very beautifully blinged designs of hand beaten gold.

In Madura it takes many a mother all the spare hours of six years to make one of these gorgeous wedding dresses.—Pearson's Weekly.

**The Real Test.**

The disconcerting-looking tramp was sitting with his back to the hedge, eating some food out of a piece of newspaper.

Presently a woman, out for a stroll with her pet dog, came along. The little animal soon scented the food, and immediately ran up to the tramp and tried to take something out of the paper. The tramp's grim face immediately became suffused with a smile, which the lady put down in her own mind as "rather nice in that sort of a person."

"Shall I throw the little dog a bit?" asked the tramp, as her pet sniffed at the food.

The woman was much gratified with this appearance of kindly interest and gave her assent. The tramp seized the dog by the scruff of his neck and tossed it over the hedge, remarking: "And if he comes back, ma'am, I might throw him a bit more."

**Boy Couldn't Smile Properly.**

He had always been a courteous and obliging elevator boy, and one morning when, instead of appearing in duty in the passenger elevator in the front hall, he was found operating the service one in the rear; one of the tenants insisted upon knowing the reason.

"Why, what's the matter?" she asked him, determined if he had been demoted for some supposed fault she'd do her best to have him reinstated.

He smiled an amiable yet startling smile. His mouth was devoid of teeth.

"Yuh see, it's like this," he explained. "I was to the dentist's yesterday, pointing to his toothless gums. "And I reckon I ain't no pretty sight to be greetin' people at the front door. But yuh jes' wait till I gets my new ones."

**Mrs. Benedict Arnold a Belle.**

The wife of Benedict Arnold, the traitor, who sought refuge in England, was a reigning Philadelphia belle, and the toast of the British officers while their army was in that city. The extravagance of Arnold produced the want of money and probably the predictions of the wife, for what was splendid in the British army influenced them both to forget home and country for a great but illusive hope.

An account in the London Spectator in 1838 said that the two sons of Arnold—James B. and William F.—then middle-aged men, were living in England; and that each of them received a pension of £5 a year from the British government.

**HOW**  
CHARMING MANNERS ARE  
WITHIN REACH OF ALL.

Not long ago a certain bride was described by everyone as "charming." The adjective fitted exactly. Yet it might have been a maid—or a man—to be endowed with good looks and to be possessed of many excellent qualities, yet not be "charming."

With some people charm is a natural endowment, but it also happens to be something which can be cultivated and thus is within the reach of all of us. Its effect is that we make many friends and no enemies. There are today two men in parliament. One is possessed of charm—therefore his path is smooth. The other, with many gifts, lacks charm, and has to fight every inch of his way along.

But what really is this potent "charm"? The dictionary definition is, "A spell; fascination; that which delights and enthralls." But this hardly satisfies. We think rather of a quality resting on the double foundation of perfect manners and never-varying courtesy. Then come the sunny temperament and the ready smile that is its outward expression. Last, but by no means least, is the "human touch"—compound of sympathy, understanding and tact.

All this is summed up in the one word "charming." And charm is within the reach of all of us.

**HOW TO PLAY PADDLE TENNIS**  
Outdoor Game Can Now Be Played Indoors or Where Sufficient Space Is Not Available.

Indoors or where sufficient space is not available for large courts, tennis may now be played under the same rules as are used for the ordinary game. The ball is passed between the players by means of paddles instead of rackets. Chalk, paint, tape or any other material suited to the surface may be used to mark out the boundaries and cross lines. Any small-size court can be laid off in the gymnasium, on the deck of a steamship, or on the sidewalk or street. Stands are made to hold the net, but it may be fastened to chairs or sticks. Any number of persons up to four may take part in paddle tennis in the usual single or double sets.—Popular Mechanics.

**How Cat Falls on Its Paws.**

Does pussy always fall on her paws? How does she manage it?

The movements of a falling cat have been recorded on the cinematograph, and seen in detail, they afford a marvelous instance of nature's protection.

The tendency of a falling body is to fall straight, but the cat is able to counteract this tendency by using its flexible and extremely muscular body. By means of a series of spasmodic twists, from one side to the other, the animal can maneuver itself into such an angle that it can land squarely on the India rubber pads of its paws.

The whole complicated process is purely instinctive—the cat automatically makes the right movements.

If the distance it falls is sufficient to allow it to bring into play its natural "self-righting" machinery, a cat will land on its feet, unless, of course, it fell so far as to stupefy itself by its rush through the air.

**How Skin Is Organ of Sight.**

There is scientific proof that two creatures which have no eyes at all can yet see. These are the ordinary earthworm and a certain beetle which only comes out at night. Doctor Farigoule, a French scientist, declares that sightless people may be trained to use their skin so as even to distinguish colors and shapes and read letters. Many living things without eyes can hear. Our skin not only feels, but breathes, and to a certain extent does the same work as the kidneys in expelling waste matter. Doctor Farigoule states that the skin is an organ of sight, not as the eyes, but better than nothing.

**How Photography Is Speeded.**

Through an apparatus operated by rapidly revolving mirrors, Dr. J. A. Anderson, a member of the staff of Mount Wilson observatory, can take a photograph with an exposure of one ten-millionth of a second. Doctor Anderson disclosed his discovery before members of the American Physical Society at a session held at the California Institute of Technology.

The instrument, which was built at the observatory and is in successful operation, is usually set at one ten-millionth of a second, but by adjustments the speed can be increased to one one-hundred-millionth of a second in rare instances.

**Why "Dog-Tired."**

Of all animals, the dog most plainly shows its fatigue. The cat, when tired out, will creep away to its accustomed sleeping place, but the dog, when tired, just sleeps where he lays. A pavement or a floor is all the same to him, and there he abandons himself to rest, giving the impression of the last degree of weariness. "As tired as a dog" is therefore a very natural phrase—and was in use as far back as the days of Shakespeare.



The portly "movies" comedian, Walter Hiers, was born in Georgia, July 18, 1893. He is 5 feet 10 1/2 inches tall, has brown hair and blue eyes, and weighs 230 pounds. He was while attending military school that he decided to try his luck as an actor. He was successful in vaudeville before entering the motion picture field.

**THE RIGHT THING**  
at the  
**RIGHT TIME**  
By MARY MARSHALL DUFFIE

**REGRETS, ACCEPTANCES**  
Delay always breeds danger.—Corvantes

IN REGRETTING a formal invitation all that is usually given as an excuse is a "previous engagement." It is not in good form to go into explanations concerning the nature of this engagement. For instance it would appear rather absurd if we did always tell just why we refused our friends' invitations. Then we might say something like this: "Mr. John Smith regrets very much that as Mrs. Henry Brown's dance occurs on the thirtieth of this month he will be unable to accept because that is the time when the payroll is being made up at the office where he works" and he always has to work nights to get through with it," or "Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee regret that since they are no longer able to afford a nurse and the maid of all work cannot be induced to stay in Saturday evenings, they no longer are able to leave their children on that night and must therefore refuse Mr. and Mrs. William Robinson's kind invitation to dinner," etc.

Such and similar obligations are best grouped as "previous engagements." However, when a person is to be out of town, it should be mentioned, or where there is a death in the family. Thus we would say "Mr. John Smith regrets that, owing to his absence from town, he will be unable to accept," etc., or "Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee regret that, owing to their recent bereavement, they will be unable," etc.

If one finds that an invitation that has been accepted has to be declined at the eleventh hour no time should be lost in sending this message. If it is a formal invitation the note of regret should be sent by special messenger or if there is no time for that it should be telegraphed rather than telephoned. If it is telegraphed there should be considerable formality and courtesy about the wording of it. It may be written in the third person if the invitation was formal, and would then run like this: "Mr. John Smith regrets exceedingly that, owing to a not serious injury in an automobile accident, he will be unable to be present at dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones." But usually it is more convenient even if the invitation came and was first accepted, in the third person to have the telegram written in the first person, as: "I regret exceedingly that, owing to an automobile accident, in which I received slight injuries, I will be unable to have the honor of dining with you this evening." For such a telegram one should not begrudge a few words over the ten allowed in order to make the wording polite. In making a last minute regret, no matter how formal the invitation, full explanation should be given as to the occasion for not being present. To accept an invitation and then not to be present without sending a special note of regret is, of course, unpardonable.

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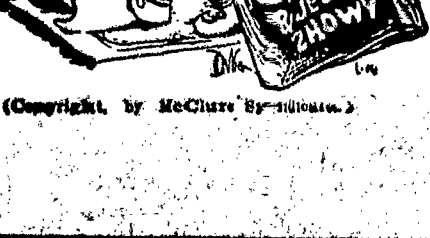
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