

DENTAL FORCEPS IN ANTIQUITY

Proof That They Existed, But No Specimens Are in Existence.

Dr. Sudhoff not long ago read a paper before the Leipzig Medical society on dental forceps in antiquity. He said that even before the time of Hippocrates reference to the use of such instruments was found, but no specimens are met with among the surgical implements belonging to classical times that have been discovered.

MADE MRS. CULLEN FEEL PROUD

Pat's Ailment a Grand Large Disease for a Small Man.

A Chicago physician says that he was once called to visit a sick man named Cullen, living in a tenement. Just before the doctor took his departure a number of the residents of the place dropped in to hear the verdict.

There is Full Proof of This One.

"We have lots of curious 'last requests' from patients who are about to have operations performed," said a nurse in the women's surgical ward of one of the New York hospitals.

The Puzzle Craze.

"One of the curious things about this revival of the puzzle craze," remarked the man who notices little things, "is the fact that I never have met a man or woman who plays with the cut-up pictures nowadays who knew them as a child."

The Unreal World of Comfort.

The more plain and satisfying our state appears, the more we may know that we are living in an unreal world. For the real world is not satisfying.

An Admirable Profligate.

Hick-along Henry—Wot's happened to Messrs Bill an' where did he get them new shoes?

Apple Pie Too Good.

The superintendent of the dining car service on one of our great railroads systems is protesting hotly against the quality of apple pie served by the baker who supplies this luxury.

The Persian Child's Rag Doll.

Persian children play almost exclusively with rag dolls, the clothes of which are put on to stay.

Unlike Some.

"Be careful what ye say, son," cautioned the Plunkville Politician.

HARE FOR ENGLISH JURYMEN

Hunted in Morning, Served at Evening, According to Old Custom.

The quaint custom of hunting the hare in the morning, to be served up for the jury's dinner at the annual court baron, has just been revived at Chard, says the London Standard.

HISS IS IN NATURE OF BLUFF.

Sound Emitted by Cat as a Protection Against Enemies.

"Do you know why a cat hisses when in rage or anger?" said a nature student.

American Towers of Babel.

In a single block in New York there are 1,400 people of 20 distinct nationalities. There are more than two-thirds as many native-born Irish in Boston as in the capital city, Dublin.

Fame.

A well-known operatic conductor once formed one of a select coaching party arranged by an English friend for a trip to Stratford-on-Avon.

Barney.

Of the culprits haled before a police magistrate in New York one Monday morning there was one—an Irishman—who had caused no end of trouble to the police the Saturday night preceding.

One Way to Appear Young.

A wise young woman gives as her reason for having learned the vertical writing: "This form of writing has been used for but a few years in some schools. When I have occasion to write to anybody they are very apt to conclude from my handwriting that I have been out of school but a few years, and accordingly I will be considered a real young woman."

Doll's Dress Regulated by Law.

The dress of Chinese dolls is regulated by law, according to the station of the class it represents and little girls are permitted to play with their dolls as a special reward for good conduct.

Between Managers.

"I hear you have a spicy show this season."

NOT AN UNPARDONABLE ERROR.

Military Title Led to Pursuer's Unfortunate Assignment of Berths.

"As I entered the stateroom assigned to me on one of the coastwise steamers on my last trip south, I was startled to find the lower berth littered with feminine apparel."

BREAKING BAD NEWS GENTLY.

Matter of Relative Values As Understood in Holstein.

"In the province of Holstein," says a traveler who spends a good deal of his time abroad, "where, of course, nothing is more important than the breeding of superior cattle, the country people are not only very thrifty, but exceedingly fond of their cows, as may be gathered from a characteristic story current there."

23:15 O'Clock.

A New York manufacturing concern in which only one-half of the employees work in the daytime has a 24-hour clock in the timekeeper's office.

Relief for Toothache.

If the tooth has a cavity we liquid ammonia. Spray from medicine dropper directly into the cavity. Be very sure and not touch the tender gum.

A Geometrical Fallacy?

The somewhat intoxicated gentleman was making toward the door of his home with much difficulty. Over and over again he stopped, fixed his eye carefully on the door in question, ran his eye solemnly along the distance intervening between him and it, and started afresh only to find himself, once more tacking from side to side, like a ship adrift on the ocean.

Sporting Talent.

"Well, sir," said the old gentleman indignantly, "what are you doing round here again? I thought that delicate hint I gave you with my boot just as you left the front door last night would give you to understand that I don't like you—won't have you—coming here."

The Difficult Public.

"Your audiences seemed shocked by the show."

LOOK FORWARD TO TOMORROW.

Always There Will Be Time Absolutely to Give Up Hope.

There will be another night. You awoke this morning still tired. Your work kept you going so late and your hours for sleep were so few. You were restless besides.

WENT DELIBERATELY TO DEATH.

Circumstances of Case All Point to Suicide of Elephant.

An Agra (India) correspondent sends a remarkable story concerning what is declared to be the deliberate suicide of an elephant.

That Special Seal.

It used to be that a special seal was reserved for private correspondence, or to secure packages among friends.

An Indefinite Number.

Three-year-old Andrew was in a rather petulant mood, and in order to restore his customary good humor his mother promised him some preserved strawberries if he would be a good boy.

The Wise Wife-Chooser.

W. T. Turner, the Lusia's new captain, has for motto: "To get to port safe is to get there soon."

No Chance to Talk.

"What has become of that lively friend of yours I met some time ago? I never see him with you now."

His Idea of Getting Work.

Kind Old Lady—Have you ever made an effort to get work?

WITH THE MEN THAT ACHIEVE.

Trials and Sufferings of Uncrowned Heroes of the Sea.

The career of the ship wrecker consists of a series of hardships and adventures and accidents and narrow escapes from the first day he enlists with a big wrecking company up to the time he is brought ashore from the grim ship he calls "homie," crippled or fatally injured.

DUSTS THE TOMB OF NAPOLEON.

Old Soldier Thus Derives Title of Orderly to Emperor.

The manager of a Paris insurance company was decorated with the Legion of Honor a few days ago, and the clerks in the employ of the company presented him a piece of plate, to which their visiting cards were attached.

Puzzling Canadian Time.

A traveler at the Union depot recently was looking up some Canadian connections.

Photographing the Stars.

In measuring the sensitiveness of photographic plates at different temperatures, so as to determine the best temperature for star photography, an English astronomer has discovered the curious fact that for some plates the best temperatures for photographing very faint stars and somewhat brighter stars are not the same.

The Precise Scientist.

Gov. Stuart, at a dinner in Philadelphia during the opening of the opera season, said of a noted Philadelphia scientist:

Apple Superstitions.

In Scotland one of the Halloween customs used to be "catting an apple to the glass."

Horticulture at the Capital.

Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture referred at a recent dinner in Washington to the amateur florists who sprang up in the suburbs at this season by thousands.

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Suburbanite Corrects Misapprehension of the City Dweller.

"One of the great blessings of living in the country is that we can see the sky and the moon and the stars and the sunset," said a woman at a social gathering in the New Century club the other day, according to the Philadelphia Record.

NOT LIKELY TO HELP HIM OUT.

Economical Traveler Had Approached the Wrong Man.

J. Adam Hede of Minnesota, the humorist of the house, whose humor still bubbles, despite the fact that he was elected to stay at home, tells the following on a friend of his who travels for a carper, firm:

Newsboys of the City.

Herbert Copeland, who has been making a study of Boston newsboys, writes of them in the Transcript.