SHOCK FOR THE HUSBAND.

Wifely Anxiety Had Considerable Motive.

Anthony Comstock was talking in New York about certain information that had been lodged with him.

"It is perhaps helpful information," he said, "but I confess that I mistrust its motive.

"It suggests to me an incident that occurred last month in Matawan.

"A young woman of Matawan said to her husband one night:

"'My dear, there is a gentleman in the parlor. He wants to speak to you.'

"'Who is it, do you know?' the husband asked.

"'Dear,' said his wife, 'you must forgive me—but that cough has bothered you so much of late—and though winter is coming on it still clings to you and—oh, if you knew how worried I've been about you!' And she threw her arms around his neck. 'What would I do if I were to lose you?' she moaned.

"'Come, come,' said the young man patting her shoulder tenderly; 'men don't die of a slight cold. So you've called in the doctor, eh?' Well, I'll see him gladly if it will make you feel easier. Which one is it? Squills?'

"'It isn't the doctor,' was the answer. 'It's the life insurance agent.'"

DISFIGURING SKIN HUMOR.

Impossible to Get Employment, as Face and Body Were Covered with Sores—Cured by Cuticura.

"Since the year 1894 I have been troubled with a very bad case of eczema which I have spent hundreds of dollars trying to cure, and I went to the hospital, but they failed to cure me, and it was getting worse all the time. Five weeks ago my wife bought a box of Cuticura Ointment and one cake of Cuticura Soap, and I am pleased to say that I am now completely cured and well. It was impossible for me to get employment, as my face, head and body were covered with it. The eczema first appeared on the top of my head, and it had worked all the way around down the back of my neck and around to my throat, down my body and around the hips. It itched so I would be obliged to scratch it, and the flesh was raw. I am now all well, and I will be pleased to recommend the Cuticura Remedies to all persons who wish a speedy and permanent cure of skin diseases." Thomas M. Rossiter, 290 Prospect Street, East Orange, N. J., Mar. 30, 1905.

Teachers' Books Barred.

The New York city board of education has decided to prohibit the use of all text books prepared by teachers in the city's employ. This will bar Conrade's Grammar and Borachio's Song Collection. Only one member of the board voted against this action.

Important to Mothers.

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To Abolish the Cuirass.

The French ministry has decided to abolish the cuirass. There are 13 regiments of cuirassiers in the French army. The weapon has been famous for a hundred years, and its traditions from Austerlitz to Worth are among the most glorious of the French army.

Cheap Sterilization.

Tests made in France indicate that water can be sterilized with ozone at the cost of about a cent and a half for every one thousand gallons, when the process is carried on on a large scale.

Girl Has Business Sense.

Mary Mauske, thirteen-year-old daughter of a Wheeler (S. D.) farmer, hauls a load of wheat daily to market and sees to its disposal.

The skeleton of a megatherium has been dug up by excavators in the Avenue Bosquet, Paris.

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A Happy New Year and Many of 'Em!

TO THE Gentleman Adventurers—to the men who tempt the vengeance of the upper air, dare the sunless dangers of deep seas, track to their secret lairs the wild beasts of disease and pestilence—risking their own lives that the life of Man may be made safe—

A Happy New Year and Many of 'Em!

TO THE Poets and dreamers of the Present—to the men who harness the tides, bridle the west wind, put a yoke about the neck of the glaciers, drive the sun and moon tandem—making the forces of nature toil that Man may enjoy—

A Happy New Year and Many of 'Em!

TO THE Masters of the Future—to the men who know, to the men in earnest—rejoicing in their knowledge and their strength, looking with clear eyes, unafraid, into the face of fate—crowned with the high happiness of work well done—

A Happy New Year and Many of 'Em!

—Technical World.

New Year Gleanings.

Interesting Bits Appropriate to the Day Gathered from Everywhere.

New Year's Is a Candy Day in France.

Boxes of Sweets Are Favorite Gifts with all Classes in Paris.

Once is used to be very popular to give New Year's presents; but now so much more attention is paid to Christmas, and every one receives so many lovely things then, that our American boys and girls cannot complain if they do not get presents a week later, as did their mothers and fathers.

However, if they lived in France, New Year's day would be a great occasion, especially for girls, for there every man or boy gives some gift, no matter how small, to his friends. No one paying a call would think of going empty-handed, and little French girls at school on the 2d of January count up how many presents they received, just as our girls did after Valentine's day.

A favorite gift is candy. Sometimes this candy is made into temples, churches or playhouses; or all sorts of queer forms like bundles of carpets, boots and shoes, musical instruments, gridirons, saucepans, lobsters, crabs, books and hats are made of colored sugar, hollowed out and filled inside with chocolates, mints and other bonbons that can be eaten.

Don't you think the little French children must feel pretty sick the next day, after so much sweet stuff? For, of course, they would have to sample each kind; that is, if they are like American boys and girls in their fondness for candy.

The Origin of New Year's Calls.

Like Many Others of Our Customs, They Were Imported from China.

The custom of making New Year's calls, which had a long run in America, and is still extant, came originally from China, where such calls are one of the main features of the brilliant and lengthy New Year's celebration.

Every Chinaman pays a visit to each of his superiors, and receives one from each of his inferiors. Images of gods are carried in procession to the beating of a deafening gong, and mandarins go by hundreds to the emperor and that apparently much-maligned sovereign, the empress dowager, with congratulatory addresses. Their robes are gorgeously embroidered, and are heavy with gold. The younger people call upon the elder.

Children call upon their parents. Pupils pay their respects to their teachers. A light collation is offered every visitor, but it is to be noted, no wine is served. Tea takes the place of any stronger drink. In China gentlemen never call upon the ladies, but upon each other, and the women also make social visits among themselves. No one is obliged, happily, to make all his calls in one day, for all calls made before the 15th of the month are considered correct. These calling customs have obtained in China from earliest ages.

No Changes Needed in the Brown Family.

Proposed Resolutions Brought Emphatic Objections from Both Sides of House.

"This is the new year," said Mrs. Brown, as she and Brown sat down to dinner, "and perhaps we ought to make some little changes for 1907."

"I am willing," he replied. "Yes, I have been thinking that I would make a few changes."

"That is nice of you. You know that you swear and that I don't like it at all. It will be so sweet and kind and considerate to give it up for my sake."

"Give up swearing! Not on your life!"

"What, then, did you mean by change?"

"Why, I have been allowing you five dollars per week as pin money, and I know that you simply fool most of it away. One of the changes contemplated was to cut the sum in half."

"Samuel Brown!" exclaimed the wife, as she knocked on her plate with her fork to emphasize her words, "don't make any mistake on your wife, May. You will continue to swear as hard as you wish, and as often as you wish, and my five dollars pin money comes to me every Saturday night, or there won't be any glass left in the front windows to last over Sunday!"

Not to Be Imposed Upon.

"Algernon is interesting," said the stock broker's daughter.

"What does he talk about?" inquired the father.

"He's ever so well posted in Shakespearean quotations."

"Young woman," said the financier, sternly, "don't let him deceive you. Don't let him make sport of your ignorance. There isn't any such stock on the market. I ought to know, for I've been on the exchange long enough."—London Answers.

A June New Year's on the Nile Banks.

The Ancient Egyptians Started the Year with the Raise of the River.

In all ages and all lands much importance has been attached to New Year's day. In Egypt the new year fell between the 17th and the 20th of June, and was called the "night of the drop." The sacred Nile was thought to flow down from heaven, and at its lowest ebb—about the middle of June—a tear from Isis fell into the stream and caused it to rise.

Consequently at this season the priests and people kept a sleepless vigil at the river's shore, watching for the miraculous rise which should bring such riches to the whole land. When the "night of the drop" came, the priests cleared the altars of old ashes and lighted the sacred fires for the new year.

Every one of the faithful carried a coal from the altar to light the fire at his own hearth, and from end to end the land was ablaze with light. The people put off their old garments and arrayed themselves in white, anointing their heads with sacred oil, crowning themselves with flowers and bearing palms in their hands, while chants and songs and fasting and processions filled the homes.

Passing Humor of the New Year.

Would You Blame Him?

Mina—Did your husband, at New Year's, swear off?

Lena—Yes, off and on—whenever a bill came in.—Town Topics.

Barred Out.

"Yvette Guilbert," said a theatrical manager, "received me in Paris. She was busy studying for her American tour, and for the George Moore play of 'Esther Waters' that she is soon to produce.

"She told me a pretty story of a tiny American millionaire she had met the day before—a little millionaire of six or seven years.

"This youngster, calling on her with his mother, suddenly interrupted his play to ask:

"'Mamma, am I rich?'

"'Well,' his mother answered, smiling and embarrassed, 'you're not poor.'

"'Pshaw,' he exclaimed, his face clouding over. 'That bars me out, then. Nurse read to me this morning that the Salvation Army was going to distribute $25,000 in toys and candy this winter, but it is for poor children only.'"

300 MILLIONS OF CHINESE.

Yellow Empire Has About One-fifth of Globe's Population.

The interesting question of the population of the Chinese empire has often been discussed, but it is still impossible to say with any degree of certainty what the figures are.

At the beginning of the Christian era it is tolerably certain that there were at least 50,000,000 inhabitants, and it must be remembered that the empire then was much smaller than it is at the present time.

Most of the censuses taken in China during the last 2,000 years, says the North China Daily News, have not professed to take in the whole population. Young children and old men, for instance, were sometimes omitted, the main object of the census being to ascertain the number of taxable persons.

By common consent the most reliable census ever taken in China was that of 1812. This gives the figures as more than 362,000,000. In 1868 the population was estimated nearly 408,000,000; but in 1881 it had fallen to 38,000,000, the great Taiping rebellion, in which so many millions of people lost their lives, being one of the principal causes undoubtedly for this great decline.

Travelers, missionaries and others, who have visited the region devastated at the time of the Taiping rebellion, express the opinion that the loss of life during the great convulsion has generally been estimated at too low a figure, and it is a question also whether the terrible famine more than a score of years ago in the provinces of Chili, Shansi, Shensi and Honan, with a population of 70,000,000, is not responsible for the loss of more lives than it is usually credited with.

It is still more certain that the Mohammedan uprising in the northwest destroyed more lives than it is generally supposed to have done. A very moderate computation of the loss of life incurred in these three calamities makes it to be fully 60,000,000. And in this connection it would be well, perhaps, to remind ourselves that the habitual use of opium by such a large number of the people has tended to act injuriously on the recuperative power of the nation.

Loose Wording Cost Money.

Little Chip, the dwarfish comedian, can tell stories all day. His assortment of hard luck tales of his own experiences is especially large.

"The fourth night after I opened in New York last season, I broke my left arm in a fall from my famous horse in the first act," said Chip. "I played through the next two acts without telling anyone of my injury. I played with my arm in splints after that and couldn't do my falls for 12 weeks. Then when I got to Boston I lost my voice for a while. I certainly had a lot of trouble. But everything is going nicely now."

"While in Boston," continued Chip, "I noticed that 'Harry Bulger of the Man From Now,' was playing at one of the theaters. I wrote him a note saying 'I would be pleased to have your company at supper.' Well, after the performance here came Bulger, followed by the whole troupe, some 35 or 40 people.

"What do you mean?" I demanded. "You can't ring anything like this on me."

"Well, here's your note,' said Bulger. 'What are you going to do about it?'

"I read the note over. The 'supper's on me all right,' I said."

Were Mighty Hurdlers.

Farmer P——, in Barre, Mass., a generation ago was a crafty cattle dealer and had a handsome yoke of oxen he warranted to be good, faithful workers. One day a man came in search of just such oxen and Mr. P—— showed the pair. They were sleek and well matched, and seemed versed in all the variations of the language of "haw and gee."

But the stranger noticed the "nigh" one's roving eye, and his suspicions were aroused.

"Are they peaceable? That nigh one acts treacherky. Jest's lives jump over anything, hadn't he?"

"My good man," answered Mr. P——, "I tell ye what 'tis, one rail's jest's good as five!"

The stranger paid the price and took the oxen, but the next day he returned very angry.

"What d'ye mean by telling me them oxen are peaceable? When I got home I put them in my pasture where I kept oxen fur 20 year—and I've had all kinds of cattle, too—and this morning they're in my best clover field. What kind o' Christian are ye, anyway, to lie like that?"

"I didn't lie," returned Mr. P——, calmly, "I said 'one rail was jest's good as five,' and 'tis so, they'll jump over five rails jest's quick's they will over one."

Saw Virtue in Tobacco.

Here is something from the London Lancet, published after the Boer war, following the contention that the English South African troops endured rigors as severe as any suffered by the men of the duke of Wellington: "We are inclined to believe that, used with moderation, tobacco is of value second only to food itself, when long privations and exertions are to be endured." (This probably was written by a smoker, but we are not sure of it.)

Appealed to Eye and Palate.

To please the eye as well as the palate was the duty of medieval cooks, and they laid great stress on the garnishing of their dishes, which they called "flourishing" or "strewing." They often gilded or silvered the leaves they used for decorating their dishes.

"Practically."

A great lawyer once declared that whenever in counsel's speech, in a witnesses' evidence or other document you saw the word "practically," you might be perfectly certain that there was an intention to deceive or, as he put it, that there was a swindle meant.

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Real Home of the Peanut.

Botanists have placed the home of the peanut in Africa, but some authorities think it native to Brazil. Louisiana finds the Spanish variety—a small, but fine nut—best adapted to the climate of that state. The "goober grabbers" of Georgia and South Carolina like the small white and red peanut of Tennessee, and each year shows an increasing cultivation in those states of that variety.

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And Some Never Work.

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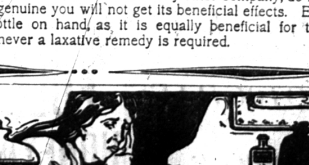

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