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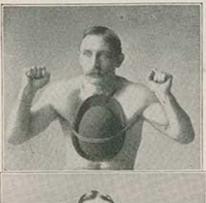
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By Bernarr A. Macfadden.



HE fresh, wholesome boys and girls! How we love them! Before the seriousness and harshness of life have set their seal upon

their pretty faces and symmetrical bodies,

they are a beautiful sight to behold.

Even the expression of a hardened criminal will soften when with fearless frankness an innocent child smiles up into his repellent features.

Have you children, reader? Are you



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EXERCISE NO. 1.—To CHILD, "Now, SEE How HIGH YOU CAN PULL MY FINGER OFF THE FLOOR."

responsible for the future welfare of these trusting, innocent beings who cling to you with a faith that no religious fanatic ever extended to his God?

What an awill responsibility! And how lightly it usually rests on the shoulders of those who have assumed it!

Children are literally like clay. They can be moulded in body, in tastes, in ambitions, with almost the same celerity and ease that the sculptor moulds his marble statues.

The beautiful child who does not grow into a superb woman or a manly man, has no one but his parents to blame for this misfortune. They have neglected a duty so plain, so necessary, so terribly important that they should be held criminally liable.

What right has man or woman to bring a child into life and then curse its entire future by neglecting to give it the necessary start that will insure at least a strong, healthy body?

How many parents make the awful mistake of struggling and straining, that they may leave their children a pecuniary independence (which is usually a curse), and make absolutely not the slightest effort to build that superb health, strength and beauty of body, what is worth more to a man or woman than all the wealth in Christendom.

If you love your children, do not allow this love to be a curse. Rid yourself of the blind, stubborn prejudice which has been the grave of more exalted ambitions, of more grand resolutions, than any other one cause.

Of what value is a house without a foundation? Of what value is a body without the strength and intensity which



EXERCISE No. 2.—To CHILD, "Now, I KNOW YOU CAN'T LIFT MY FINGER OFF THE TABLE."



EXERCISE NO. 3.—TO CHILD, "NOW, 1 WONDER IN YOU'CAN PULL MY FINGER FROM MY FOREHEAD."

is just as much a part of true, noble manhood and womanhood, as light is a part of day.

The greatest system of physical culture for children of this age is play with those of their own age, that actively use every muscle. Running, jumping, wrestling, pushing, pulling, climbing fences, trees and hills.

Play is the salvation of children. It builds strong, healthy and beautiful bodies. But some parents are so vilely, criminally ignorant as to seriously discourage this natural desire to play which exists in every healthy child. Such parents should be deprived of their children. They have no right to curse their progeny because of such mental perversion. They have not the slightest right to people this world with the weaklings that result from their idiocy.

Health is the inherent right of every human being, and when this is not possessed at maturity, some parent is usually to blame.

The writer has seen so many children cursed by parental love, that he must admit he feels rather strongly on the subject. He has seen so many fine boys grow into mediocre, characterless nonentities, who might just as well have been great, strong, noble men—he has seen so many beautiful girls develop into inane, sickly, weak, sexless creatures, who could have easily been superb, beautiful women—all because of coddling, fear of fresh air, sunshine and exercise.

If you wish your children to be an honor to you, encourage them in every way to play—active, vigorous, even violent, games. Their muscles will always indicate when they have had enough. Where one girl has harmed herself by too vigorous exercise, one million have suffered for the need of it.



EXERCISE NO. 4.—TO CHILD, "I AM SURE YOU CAN'T PULL MY FINGERS APART."



EXERCISE NO. 6.-TO CHILD, "NOW TKY TO TWEST THIS STICK OUT OF MY HAND."

If you live in a city, or where your children cannot have the associates, opportunities, playground or gymnasium necessary to make their bodies beautiful and strong, take up the system of exercise illustrated here and "play" your child into health and strength. This will not only produce marvelous changes in your child, but it will also benefit you—give you some of the clasticity and suppleness that you may think has long disappeared. To keep young, you must act the part, and nothing is better than romping play to accomplish this object.

These exercises illustrated should be looked upon as great fun by the child. You should use just enough force to make it difficult, and be careful to repeat each one many times. In fact, it might be well for the child to be fatigued by each exercise before passing on to another.

Give your child air. There is strength to be gained in a copious supply of oxygen. Have the windows of his sleeping room wide open winter and summer. Do not bother with giving these exercises two or three times. They should be given daily. Do not overfeed. Never insist on his eating. If he needs food, his stomach will designate both the quantity and the character of the food that is best for his needs. All sorts of diseases are easily contracted if a child is overfed.

Encourage him to run and play in the sun. The sun is as beneficial to an mal life as it is to plant life. What if he does become browned. It is the very best tonic in the world. It will mean rich blood, strong muscles and internally a clean body.

Exercise No. 1.—You place one or more fingers on the floor, and then tell the child to see how high he can lift them off the floor. Just resist sufficiently to allow him to lift it with considerable effort, and manage to fool him into the belief that you cannot hold the fingers there. You can, of course, continue this competition until the child tires of it. For strengthening the muscles of legs, back, shoulders and arms.



EXERCISE No. 7 -- TO CHILD, "Now I'M GOING TO PULL IT OUT OF YOUR HAND."



EXERCISE NO. 8.—TO CHILD, "I DON'T BELIEVE YOU"

CAN RAISE AND TOUCH YOUR FOREHEAD

TO MY HAND."

Exercise No. 2.—Place one finger on a table. Place it far enough from the child so he will be able to grasp it with both hands, elbows straight. Now tell him to see if he can raise it up from the table—not pulling it towards him, but raising it directly upward. Continue several times, allowing the child to raise it sufficiently to make the contest interesting. For muscles or the front of shoulders.

Exercise No. 3.—Place one or more fingers on the forehead. Have child stand on opposite side of table and tell him that he cannot pull your fingers from your forehead, the child is supposed to do it by merely bending the arm. See that each arm is used, or else have the child grasp the fingers and use both hands at once. Continue until child is tired. For biceps, muscles on front part of upper arms.

Exercise No. 4.—Place one finger of each hand together, so they are barely touching each other, then tell child that he

cannot pull them apart, he must grasp the fingers, one of each hand and pull outward. Have him continue until tired. For muscles on back of shoulders and of back between shoulders. Excellent for remedying round shoulders.

Exercise No. 5.—Hold the fingers like in No. 4, except that you keep them about one foot apart, then tell the child to bring them together and make them touch. Continue until tired. For muscles on front of chest.

Exercise No. 6.—Grasp stick as illustrated, and tell the child he cannot twist it out of your hand. Make him struggle vigorously to do it, and continue until tired. An all-around good exercise, especially for strengthening muscles of waist and sides.

Exercise No. 7.—Tell the child to grasp stick tightly. Now pull him forward rather vigorously, he to resist your efforts. You are apparently to endeavor to pull it out of his hands. For strengthening arms, back and legs.



EXERCISE No. 9.—To CHILD, "IM SURE YOU CAN'T PUSH MY FINGERS UP."



EXERCISE NO. 10.—TO CHILD, "1'M GOING TO HOLD THIS STEEK SO TIGHT THAT YOU CAN'T PULL IT DOWN."

Exercise No. 8.—Have the child recline on the back. Now place one hand on both ankles and the other hand about one foot over its head, then ask child to raise and touch forehead to your hand. Continue several times until tired. As strength is gained, increase the distance of hand from head to make the exercise more difficult. For the muscles of abdomen.

Exercise No. 9.—With child in a reclining position, arm bent as illustrated, place one finger in each hand and tell child he cannot straighten his arms, raising lands straight upward. Make resistance strong enough so the exercises will be difficult for child, and continue until tired. For muscles on back part of upper arm.

Exercise No. 10.—Seat yourself in a chair with small walking cane grasped in each hand which hold at a height behind head or over head, that the child can with difficulty reach. Now tell the child that he can not pull the stick down. He will, of course, work diligently to accomplish this, and you are to prevent it. Especially good for expanding and developing chest, and for developing the intercostal and other muscles of chest.

It is a curious fact that while Japan is sending to this country a special commissioner to investigate the American meat supply with a view to encouraging the consumption of meat in Japan, Dr. Seaman brings word to us from a country similar in location that meat-eating by our troops is the cause of nine out of ten of the deaths of our soldiers in the Philip-Intestinal diseases predisposing to fevers, are induced by this heavy food in tropical countries. The Japanese as vegetarians, have been temperate, vigorous, brave and progressive, and the military examinations during their late war with China showed that a larger proportion were fit for military service than has ever been found in any other nation keeping the record of examinations. What the Japanese will be as meat-eaters remains to be seen, but it is to be hoped that the statements of Surgeon-Major Louis L. Seaman may receive due consideration by our War Department.

About twenty years ago, I suffered severely from hemorrhages of the lungs. My case was a bad one. Hardly a day passed without evidence of a "leak" which emphatically reminded me that my existence was to be very abbreviated. At this time, I began to take a great deal of outdoor exercise, principally walking. Seeing its benefits, I added other exercises for the upper part of the body. I grew stronger gradually, and finally was able to go on walking trips of as much as fifteen miles.—Hy. F. Wight, 140 Trement street, Boston.



FROM THE PAINTING "ARISING," BY E. MUNIER.

NUDITY AND PURITY.

By John Russell Coryell.



S the one compatible with the other? Might it not be more reasonable to ask if the latter is possible without at least a complete and familiar knowledge of

the former? Certainly that purity in either sex which is founded on a perfect knowledge of the physical form and nature of the other sex, is of a higher and sweeter character than that which is, after all, but ignorance and the fear which it inspires, and which, in truth, is not pur-

ity at all.

Dogmatic statement is usually unconvincing, and I would not wish to seem to indulge in it, but I speak from strong conviction, after much thought on the subject, and with a full sense of responsibility, I believe that one of the great crimes of our system of civilization is that it fosters ignorance of sexual matters, and then intrenches itself behind the barriers of modesty and purity. It even claims the authority of Christianity for its course in relation to sex and life by the utterance of that hideous untruth that we are conceived in sin.

How can any believer in an all-wise Creator accept the doctrine that the human animal was created a shameful thing, which must be hidden as much as possible from the eyes of his kind? If the notion were a true one, the feeling of shame for nudity would prevail among the savages of the world, and not be found only in those who have been subjected to the influences

of what we term civilization.

But is even that true? Is it a notion peculiar to the civilized races? Remember the cultured Greek and his idea of clothing; then consider the uncivilized Esquimaux. Is not this notion rather the result of the wearing of clothes for convenience? The means are mistaken for the end; what was begun as a convenience, ends as a custom; and instead of despising his covering as the inventor of his shame, the poor, human animal sets it up as a fetich and bows down to it—Clothing!

And what is the end of it? Man knows not what woman is, nor does she know him. It is immodest to know. A girl cannot know and be pure. A boy may not know and be free from that ravening beast, lust.

How awfully, criminally false! Boys and girls should know all of what we term the "secrets of nature." There should be no secrets for them. Nudity should be a familiar thing to them both, so that there could be no hideous falsehood of shame to tempt them to impurity, and to cheat them of that beauty which is theirs by right, and through which purity comes as milk from

the mother's breast.

By the false system of clothing for clothing's sake, the poor, human body is being shrunken in this spot and in that because of the disuse of muscles which can have no play, since they no longer have an office under the restrictions of tightfitting, closely woven, perhaps even impervious, garments. See how the navvy in England by wearing heavy, rigid soles te his boots, has cultivated a leg hardly larger at the calf than at the ankle; the same man whose arms may be swollen in knots of muscle. I say nothing of the woman who wears corsets, but "doesn't lace a bit." Against the corset, I pronounce the anathema maranatha, which I understand to be the harshest curse of all. See how man with his ever-worn hat has done all sorts of improper things to the top of his head! I would like to know more than I do of the sort of head and hair the blue-coat boy of London carries into manhood. Rain or shine, he wears no hat.

There are hundreds of things we do, to say nothing now of the things we leave undone, that tend to make of the human body anything but the beautiful object it should be. Of course, then, there would be no joy to the eye in the sight of the world turned out suddenly nude. A pitiable, shrunken lot we would be in the main; and although I strenuously advocate familiarity with the nude, I as vehemently

deny that a human animal is beautiful merely because of its nudity. But nudity is natural and not shameful. But only in the nude state is the human animal capable of the highest beauty.

What are we doing now? Cultivating a false standard of good looks. A man, who in very truth is misshapen by reason of long, attenuated legs, by reason of a neck which has no place but on a bird, yet looks well from the point of view of the tailor, who alas! is the art educator of our men as the dressmaker is of our women. The athlete is the one who looks misshapen in clothes! And it is fit that clothes, having deformed man, should glorify deformity. If nudity were to be enforced now, what spectacles the flabby men and women of the world of civilization would be! The one fortunate thing is that very, very few of the misshapen ones need remain so; rational food, rational exercise, rational living, in fact, will make Adonises and Venuses of very unpromising material.

At any rate, as matters stand to-day, the only proper objection to universal mudity is the fact that it would not be lovely. No doubt that seems an absurd statement, though probably it will seem less wicked than this, that it should be a mere commonplace for any human being to divest himself of his clothing for any proper purpose. In the home, when weather permits, why not remove clothing and so obtain that benefit to health which results from the exposure of the whole body? Why not bathe in the sea nude? What does it matter that men and women look

on?

Am I demented? No, but I have lived a part of my life under just such conditions, and have been happier and more innocent for it. I have lived where men and women wear clothing when the temperature calls for it, and take it off when it is not required; where men and women and children bathe together, and give no thought to their nakedness. And that in a country where the climate is as nearly as possible like that of New York. That in a country the inhabitants of which enjoy a civilization compared with which ours is of yesterday. That in a country which

has given a new meaning to art. I speak of Japan.

I went there in 1869. I had never until then seen a naked woman in my life. When, on my way there, I was told that in Japan I would see nude women to my heart's content, I did not believe it. mean that I did not believe I would ever be contented with so delectable a sight. Woman was the one mystery to me. had been educated to long to know the one thing I must not know. Nature bade me learn and our system said. "it is shamefulness, it is lust, it is sin, vice-oh, every-

thing but natural.

Will not any one say I was primed to plunge headlong and eagerly into the bottomless pit that yawned and waited for me? What happened? I saw hundreds, perhaps, thousands, of nude women. For a little while I tried to look at each one; then mudity became commonplace, and I no longer looked for that, but, in growing delight, sought for beauty. Ah! as long as I live, I shall not forget one dewy morning in summer, walking the streets of beautiful Nagasaki. The city is built upon the sides of a chain of hills, so that one street looks down upon the housetops of the street below, as well as into the back gardens. I stopped again and again to drink in with my eyes the beauty of a landscape which is without a superior. Then I saw a sight that drove landscape quite out of my mind. In a spacious back garden was a stone-curbed well; by its side stood a girl, about eighteen years old, quite nude, and holding above her a wooden pail from which the clear, sparkling water was pouring upon her firm breasts. She caught sight of me as I looked, laughed gaily and called up to me a cheery good morning. I asked her if the water was not cold, and she answered joyously, "Yes, but so good." I watched her draw up and pour two more pails of water over her glistening body. Then, with a pleasant, bright "syonara," she ran into the house.

I had never seen her before and I never saw her again. She did not scream with terror and shame at having me see her lovely body, and no vile or shameful thought entered my brain at sight of her. She was as frank and modest and innocent

as our baby girls, who have not yet been taught that their persons are shameful. I dare to say that the question of sex was not present in my mind when I looked at her, and I know that the remembrance of her pure unconcern under my eyes has done me a good which has gone far to effacing the impurities forced into my young brain by the system of education I, with my fellows, was subjected to.

Now, across the sea to the westward from Japan lives another ancient people. I have not spoken of the Japanese men, though the muscular, nude bodies of them have filled my eyes with passionate delight, so I shall not speak of the Chinese men. The women paint, powder and deform themselves, as the world knows; and they are infinitely more modest than our women, for a Chinese lady would feel herself disgraced were she to permit her wrists to be seen. You see, she wears a very long sleeve, which naturally covers her whole hand. Being accustomed to having her wrists hidden from view, she feels that it is immodest to expose them. Is not her reasoning as good as ours? It is the same reasoning applied to a part of the person our women expose freely. The Chinaman shaves his head and wears a

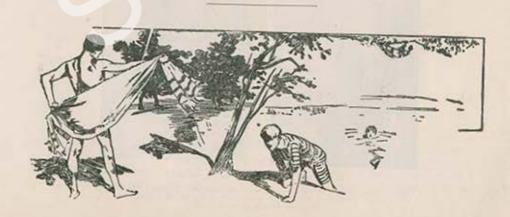
queue. Why? Because, not so many generations ago he was ordered to do so by his conquerors, who wished to distinguish him by this peculiar mark. Today, the Chinaman cherishes his queue almost with superstition. How absurd! Is it more absurd than to begin wearing clothes for warmth and end by declaring we must wear them to hide that nasty, shameful thing, the body? That is glorying in shame with a vengeance. Just a word more concerning the Chinese, who are so careful to keep covered. In their licentiousness, they are the vifest and most beastly of any people I ever have read or known of.

Well, what I believe is this: That if you will rear boys and girls in naturalness, giving them free sight of nudity, teaching its bouty, argain; them to emulation of that beauty, letting them know that it is attainable, or proximately so, by them all, making them see the advantage of being beautiful, and finally feeding them for strength and health, then there will be but little of impurity in their minds. Suggestion, mystery, secrecy, ignorance and improper food, combined with imperfect physical development, are responsible for impurity. Nudity and knowledge are the cure.

"These college sports are simply outrageous," exclaimed the good woman, looking up from her newspaper.

"What's the neatter now?" her hus-

"Why, the paper tells that a man from Yale beat McCracken of Pennsylvania with the hammer something terrible."— Philadelphia Record.





J. M. Austin, of Middletown, N. Y.

Mr. Austin chaims to have been a weak, consumptive
youth when he first began exercising.



A. E. SMALL, OF BUFFALO, N. Y.
Showing the results obtained from his efforts in
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G. H. HILDEBRAND, OLYMPIA, WASH.

He states that he neither drinks, smokes nor chews; that he reads Physical Colture regularly, and owes his fine muscles to regular exercise.

STRONG, BEAUTIFUL BODIES FOR GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN.

By Bernarr A. Macfadden.



HE writer has maintained in this magazine since its inception that there should be but very slight difference between the strength of man and woman—that

the proverbial feminine weakness is simply the result of growing into womanhood

eased by the terrible corset. If a girl should happen to possess good health and a vigorous and beautiful body at the time she is supposed to enter this slavery to conventionality, the natural desire to romp, play and run is soon stifled by these horrible enemies to the development of perfect womanhood.



MOULIER SISTERS, HORIZONTAL BAR EXPERTS.

hampered by the conventional skirt, the bigoted prejudice of parents against play of a romping nature and with the internal organs distorted, bruised and disThe ability of woman to develop muscular strength and skill equal, and at times, even superior to that of a man, is illustrated with startling emphasis by the



MOULIER SISTERS.

Moulier Sisters, horizontal bar experts, recently performing at one of the vaudeville houses in New York. These sisters are but mere girls in age, and still they perform feats equal and even superior to some of the best male athletes, and the writer never saw male athletes of their youth who could equal them. They have been trained almost from infancy-their father states that they began when they were only three years of age. strength and agility, even if possessed by boys of their age, would be considered marvelous. No one but those who are familiar with the great strength and skill required in performing some of their feats can realize the wonderful power hidden under their satiny, beautifully-rounded

Was ever the falsity of woman's absurd fear of developing huge, unsightly muscles from physical culture so emphatically proven? Not a sign of those cord-like muscles. Nothing but symmetry and beauty of form that any society woman would give half of her life to possess.

Kate Moulier is just sixteen years of

age, and is the slighter figure in the photographs here shown. She weighs one hundred and fifteen pounds; but notwithstanding her youth, slight, though extremely symmetrical, build, she performs swings at arms' length around the bars, somersaults between bars, and numerous other feats only attempted by well trained male athletes.

Elsa Moulier is six months past seventeen years of age, weighs one hundred and thirty-five pounds. She performs some of the most difficult feats ever attempted on the horizontal bars—back and front full swings at arms' length around the bars, back and forward somersaults behind bars, forward somersault between bars while blindfolded, and double somersaults. One feat, a double forward somersault from a backward full-length swing around the bar, the writer never saw successfully performed before but by one male athlete.

Here is an example in the physical training of girls that may well be followed



MOULIER SISTERS.

by every parent who desires to see his daughters grow into strong, beautiful women. They need not be acrobats, but develop within their bodies the same strength, grace and superb beauty. To do all this it simply requires that the entire muscular system of your daughter be given regular and systematic use. It simply requires that the physical powers be perfected by regular training.

Nervousness, headaches, hysteria, fainting spells—could you imagine a girl with muscles like these ever suffering from such

afflictions?

It is all a matter of training! Most any girl could possess the same strength, the same beauty of body as these athletes if she would make the necessary efforts.

All girls can not have beautiful features, but there is not the slightest excuse for their failure to possess the beautiful bodies produced by the rich blood of perfect health.

Do not make your girls invalids for life by your insane devotion to conventionality. If they do not possess similar health, strength and beauty of body to those whose photographs appear here, make them begin to develop it now.

IT IS YOUR STERN, PARENTAL DUTY. Neglect it and you are works than a criminal, for your daughter has the choice between superb health and its accompanying conditions and weakness, disease and its accompanying misery and ugliness. It is within the power of perents to influence their choice.

Parents may commit the crime of neglecting this important duty now, but light is dawning, and freedom is in sight —freedom mentally, freedom physically freedom from bigoted prejudice, and from the ugliness, disease and weakness that accompanies it:

"There is no tonic in all the world like work," Mr. Silliman said yesterday. "It is giving me renewed vitality, and it has fed my vitality all my life. If a man wants to live long and prosperously, he should first set himself to work, taking heed as to the way he goes about it."—B. D. SILLIMAN, a 95-year-old New York lawyer still in active practice.

About the first of April I bought Phy-SICAL CULTURE (April number) and began to practice the Resisting Exercises. In thirty-three days my biceps increased one inch, new measuring twelve inches; my entire physical condition immensely improved; my skip became absolutely free from all affection of any kind-a constant bilious condition disappeared and I have gained four pounds-all muscle. In fact, I have developed muscles on my arms and chest, the existence of which I was ignorant. My occupation (dramatist) is sedentary-but by closely following directions given as to diet, dress, sleep, etc., I have attained a physical condition equal to that of men who labor constantly in the open air. I work in all one hour daily. I cannot commend your teachings too highly. MARK E. Swan, 1358 Broadway, New York.

I feel indebted to you, through your medium, Physical Culture, for the perfeet health which I now enjoy. Please accept my many thanks for it. One day in March I passed a news stand and your magazine attracted my attention. I bought it and read it through, and your road to health impressed me favorably, and the next morning I exercised and took a bath; have taken them regularly ever since, and expect to continue. I have experienced surprising results. For the last two or three years, I have had pimples on my face, and after breakfast I would always feel nauseated, and now my face is free from these, and my stomach is in much better condition, and I feel indebted to you for it .- FRANK L. LATHROP, Berkeley, Cal,

I think your paper is one of the most valuable magazines published at the present day. I would not take hundreds of dollars for the information and inspiration I have acquired from reading it.—W. W. Chase, 66 S street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

SOME "HOME TRUTHS"

By Charles E. Page, M. D.



HEN one undertakes to show the way, he should know something of the path," wrote Sir William Gull, and further: "In therapeuties this has often

not been so; but the most confident have generally been the most ignorant and dangerous guides. Nor is this criticism confined to unlearned men so-called, but honored and acknowledged authorities have often been proved by the course of time to be as dangerous as the more ignorant and unlettered. What shall we do? Rest and be still. The workman who made the machine can repair it, all hindrances being removed. Study the hindrances, acquaint yourself with the causes which have led up to the disease. Don't guess at them, but know them through and through if you can, and if you do not know them, know that you do not and still inquire. Cannot is a word for the idle, the indifferent, the self-satisfied, but it is not admissible in science.

The first sentence of the above chiefly engages our minds in connection with the topic in hand, that of physical trainingall-round training for health-and the present writer; but the entire paragraph is so meaty and significant that no apology is offered for quoting it. One who, from a deprayed state of "health," has brought himself into typical physical condition, so that at the age of sixty he is still as limber, supple and strong as most "good men" at thirty or forty; and who has been able to train many hundreds of the worst subjects, fat, soft, ill-conditioned, many of them deeply diseased, into fairly good condition, many of them, indeed, into splendid physical condition, may be said to have the right to say, "I know the way."

Physical training, as the term is commonly applied, means one thing; physical education means many things, all things, indeed, that have to do with "running the machine," to put it in condition when out of gear, so to say, and to keep it in shape thereafter. Health, strength, suppleness, a body at ease and free from all manner of

inconvenience; mind alert and usually tranquil, not easily disturbed-this is the true object of physical education. Thus equipped, men and women are in a position to do the most possible good, and to enjoy to the fullest all the legitimate pleasures of life. As the good business man desires only just about enough capital to do business economically, with no "loafing" surplus, so the wise man in ordinary life should acquire about the proper amount of muscular development, so that he may, without inconvenience, keep himself up to his appropriate "concert pitch" in vital stamina, with no lapses for fatty degeneration, such as most of our prizelighters and six-day runners and bicycle century runners undergo during their intervals of rest. The chief value of their examples, together with those of acropatic and circus performers, lies in their public exhibitions of what the human organism is capable of doing under training. If these extraordinary men and women can accomplish that, we, the common people, may, if we will, plainly see that we can bring our bodies into normal and desirable condition; and certainly there is at present great reason for the hope that more and more progress will be made from year to year along these lines. But, what will the doctors do when the laity learn how to get well and keep well? We can go to building stone wall, for that matter; but even at the present rate of progress in this matter, and especially in view of the slow disallusionment of the people as to the alleged virtues of drug poisons in the treatment of disease, it will be many generations before the term, "medical men," will become a reproach, and the tactful, fashionable drug doctor cease competing with the advertisers and vendors of propriatory "remedies!"

Physical Culture is constantly giving its readers admirable instructions in all-round muscular movements, together with sound advice in an interesting manner on health topics in general and particular, and its rapidly increasing circulation indicates very clearly that its labors are be-

ginning to be appreciated. Of course we all know that there has never been a time, no matter how remote in the past, when any one would deny that the one grand blessing of all that could come to us is the fullest degree of health and strength of body and mind; but, really, the great proportion of people hope for this great gift by inheritance, or sheer good luck, and when they find themselves becoming frail, delicate, or seriously diseased, instead of looking about them for knowledge, for the aid of some expert in hygiene, to help them into condition, they consult some "druggist," no part of whose business is it to know much, and least of all to teach much, of the true means of righting wrong conditions.

"So to observe Nature as to learn her laws and obey them, is to observe the commandments of the Lord to do them. It has so long been the habit to exalt the mind as the noble, spiritual and immortal part, at the expense of the body, as the vile, material and mortal part, that while it is not thought at all strange that every possible care and attention should be given to mental cultivation, a person who should give the same sort of careful attention to his body would be thought somewhat meanly of," says Professor Maudsley. "And yet I am sure that a wise man who would ease best the burden of life, can not do better than watchfully to keep undefiled and holy-that is, healthy-the noble temple of his body. Is it not a glaring inconsistency," he asks, "that men should pretend to fall into ecstacies of admiration of the temples which they have built with their own hands, and to claim reverence for their ruins, and, at the same time, should have no reverence for, or should actually speak contemptuously of that most complex, ingenious and admirable structure which the human body is? However, if they really neglect it, it is secure of its revenge-no one will come to much by his most strenuous mental exercises, except upon the basis of a good organization; for a sound body is assuredly the foundation of a sound mind."

Now, the prayer-cure don't seem to amount to much, really, in the promotion of health, strength and suppleness. Neither will abstinence and chastity alone

do more than partially counteract the lack of physical exercise; it is the latter which must be chiefly relied on to prevent disease. Physical vigor is the chief condition of permanent health, says that prince of hygienists, Dr. Felix Oswald. "By increasing the action of the circulatory system, exercise promotes the elimination of waste matter and quickens all the vital processes, till languor and dyspepsia disappear like rust from a busy plowshare."

It has not been my thought in preparing this paper to tell pretty stories concerning the construction of the human body, the composition of its tissues, the different gases, liquids and solids entering into the formation of the wonderful structure which the human body represents, however entertaining, and, in a way, instructive, all this might seem to you.

The aim I have in view is a practical talk on health and disease; and I shall try to present the subject in a way that should prove helpful to every earnest student.

With malice towards none; with charity for all; with all honor for the great body of medical men throughout the civilized world, whose practices in many respects are believed to be unnatural and mischievous, owing to false teachings which have been handed down from generation to generation, and which are the relicts of barbarism, I shall endeavor to point out the right method of living for health, and the errors of the prevailing medical treatment of sick people. It was the well-known remark of Prof. James Gregory, who added as much reputation to the medical department of the University of Edinburgh as any other member of its faculty-that "ninety-nine in the hundred medical 'facts' are medical lies, and most medical theories are stark, staring nonsense." Dr. John Kirk, also of Edinburgh, declared that it took half a lifetime for the average student to unlearn the false teachings of the medical schools.

Something like twenty-two years ago I seemed likely to follow the footsteps of my mother, brother, sister, and several aunts, uncles and cousins into a consumptive's grave. By means of an abrupt, right-about-face, the abandonment of drugs, a radical modification of about all my living habits, practices, I may say, which are all

too prevalent in our civilized, that is, artificial, life, and so conducive to disease that we seem to be living in a drug-and-doctor-ridden world—by this radical change in my manner of living, as I was saying, I brought myself to a typically healthy state, so that for the past twenty years I have not known a sick day, and at the age of sixty years, am as supple, strong and well-conditioned, mentally and physically, as any one could wish to be. To a thorough mastership of the art of physical training and a knowledge of all-round dietetics I can attribute this wonderful renovation of a diseased and almost worn-out body.

In that olden time I was afflicted with all manner of doubts and fears, not fit to live and certain that I was not fit to die; but with returning health the skies cleared, and everything appeared calm and serene; hence my approval of the sentiment of the hygienic philosopher who said: "Were I to become at all disturbed in my mind concerning the future life, or the salvation of my immortal soul, I would suspect physical decline, and begin reformation by making every possible effort to improve my physical health;" for no other thing exercises a more powerful influence over the conduct of life. A patient, writing to Dr. Cheyne, observed: "I am not conscious of the decay of any of the powers of my mind. My family suppose me in health: vet the horrors of a madhouse are staring me in the face. I am a martyr to a species of persecution from within, which is becoming intolerable. I am urged to say the most shocking things; blasphemous and obscene words are ever on my tongue."

The Prayer Cure: I have never been able to see any objection to the plan of praying

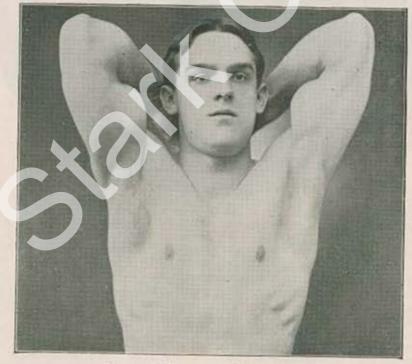
for health, providing the patient doesn't rest his case there; but if the procedure tends even in the remotest degree to make him do this, I am sure that it is very bad treatment. It is as easy for some persons to pray as to loaf and overeat; they can pray three miles easier than run one, and they take it out in praying. These saints develop (or try to) their mental and spiritual faculties, but neglect to take proper care of their bodies, and this is self-abuse of the worst kind. Since the soul is confined within the body, the laws which gov-ern that body must be obeyed, else the soul and mind cannot expand naturally. The average middle-aged saint, says a writer in The Young Men's Magazine, is not healthy-looking, nor has he as well shaped a body as his framework will allow. He is in this shape through neglect of exercise, improper eating, etc. The saints must have stronger bodies to bear well the burdens and heat of the day that soulwinning and bread and butter earning casts upon their shoulders. They must exercise; exercise as regularly as they say their prayers if they would acquire and maintain condition. When young men sit and listen to a preacher or layman who has a belly like a wash-tub, and by his general appearance shows that he is overfond of the indulgences and good things of life, they turn their heads and minds away and say, "Physician, heal thyself." They reason something after this fashion: "What sympathy has this over-fed, lazy, big-bellied man with me? I don't want his kind of religion, if he is a sample of what it does for a man!" Exercise, then, ye saints; not to see how large a physical development you can gain, but for health, which will make you more of a power in the world for good.

The average head of the family with marriageable daughters will marry them off to any old thing in pants that has money, without the first thought as to his physical condition. The same person would lead a heifer ten miles and spend a hundred dollars to improve the breed of his Jersey cattle.—George's Weekly.

I had a very severe cold at the time your article appeared on "Cause and Cure of Colds," and thinking it would not do more than kill me I tried it, and in a few days the cold was gone.—Louis P. Rittman, Providence, R. I.



EDWARD F. TOERGE, AT 16 YEARS OF AGE.



EDWARD F. TOERGE AT 18 YEARS OF AGE.

A remarkable example of the results of physical training in the son of Geo. Toerge, the Musical Director of Alvin Theatre, Pittsburg, Pa.

THE MYSTERIOUS WRESTLER.

By Will M. Hundley.



FIRST heard of Leon Jensen, the wrestler, through condensed Associated Press reports, while holding the position of sporting editor on one of the

large dailies in a Canadian city. He was then touring the States west of the Mississippi, defeating all the prominent exponents of the mat. When he got into the central States, our exchanges and fuller the charge of "selling out," their wretched showing indicating such, and some narrowly escaped mobbing at the hands of the infuriated bettors. But the mysterious wrestler went serenely on, startling the sporting world and pocketing good American dollars, as the result of his continual successes.

In our city there resided two wrestlers of national repute. One was Hal Woodbury, the champion and professor of an



"YOU CAN'T WRESTLE," AND HE COULDN'T, BEING THROWN IN LESS THAN A MINUTE.

telegraphic dispatches made me better acquainted with him and his powers. He was a mystery and a wonder. The most renowned athletes had not a "ghost of a show" against him, going down to defeat with, seemingly, but little effort on his part. Columns were devoted to the details of his personal appearance, of his marvelous agility and science, of the strange, nervous fear he created in his opponents, and of the exasperating ease with which he handled even the largest of his adversaries, who not only suffered humiliation for their easy defeat, but had to bear

aristocratic athletic club, and a special friend of mine. He was a refined gentlemanly fellow, college bred, and followed athletics for a livelihood for the reason that it was the most lucrative of any profession of his acquirements.

The other, Claude Hall, was second only to Woodbury. He was like most of his class—rough, dissipated, and possessed of but few traits to class him as a gentleman, but withal, he was a clever and powerful athlete and well able to cope with any man in the wrestling arena.

A year or more after his first appear-

ance in the States, Jensen invaded Canada, and his defi to all wrestlers was quickly accepted by Hall. The match created a furore in sporting circles, and on the night of the contest, the opera house was crowded, standing room being at a premium.

The stranger was the first to come on the stage. He was under the medium height, but his figure was lithe and well-knit. In size, he was only a welter-weight and would not weigh a pound over ten stone. His face was inclined to be thin, with dark complexion. His eyes large and steel-gray in color. Hair black and curly. Bearing calm, refined and determined; in all, his appearance was pleasing and interesting.

Hall soon followed, and made a great contrast compared with the small-built stranger, and on form was backed heavily to win, Jensen's backer accepting all

wagers offered.

During the preliminaries of selecting a referee and the introductions, the stranger sat cool and collected, his eyes bent on Hall's face, who, by the way, appeared uneasy, as if impatient to begin. When time was called, Jensen stepped quickly to the centre. Hall came up slowly and apparently afraid. Looking him full in the eyes, the stranger said aloud as they shook hands:

"You can't wrestle," and repeated the assertion in a slow tone as they took the

eustomary necklock.

Hall acted like a povice and was a mere plaything in the hands of his opponent. Suddenly, like the movement of a cat, Jensen secured the hip-lock and threw Hall heavily to the mat, square on his shoulders, winning the first fall. Hall got up in a dazed sort of way and was led to his corner by his second.

The audience manifested great surprise, and jeered Hall considerably. He seemed to have made no effort to wrestle; it looked very much as if he was faking.

When they stepped to the centre for the second bout, the stranger again remarked:

"You can't wrestle."

And he couldn't, being thrown in less than a minute. There was a great hubbub from the audience, especially so among those who had backed Hall to win. Many climbed on the stage, threatening

violence to the defeated man, as a vile faker. He would have been used roughly had not the police interposed.

I interviewed Hall in his dressingroom. There was no doubting the genuineness of his chagrin over his downfall. The poor fellow shed tears while talking

to me.

"I felt as if in a dream all the time," he said in explanation, "and when I took hold of him I didn't know what to do. It seemed to me that I had forgotten all I knew about the game. In my corner after the first fall, I realized I had been thrown, but the fact of it didn't occur to me as of much importance. While resting, my brain suddenly cleared and it dawned on



"I TOOK HOLD OF HIM AND DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO."

me that I had been drugged. I felt strong and confident once more, and determined to handle that fellow in no easy manner in the next bout for this piece of underhanded work; but the moment I took hold of him, I felt the same dazed spell coming on me as at first, and I was thrown in a jiffy. I remained in that state till the people came on the stage, called me hard names and denounced me as a fakir, then it was that I realized how I appeared to them. It broke me all up to think my friends would suspect that I sold them out."

He was heart-broken over his miserable showing. I left him sitting with his face buried in his hands.

My article on the contest created much



JENSEN WAS LIKE AN EEL AND ESCAPED POWERFUL LOCKS AND HOLDS.

comment, many of the superstitious declaring that Hall was bewitched, while the more practical ones denounced the whole thing as a "skin game." The matter was soon dropped, however, because of the new interest aroused by a match that was almost immediately made between Hal Woodbury and the stranger.

The match was of national interest, and the music hall, which was hired to accommodate the people, was crowded to the doors.

I was Woodbury's second, and, for reasons of my own, stood in front of him to prevent the stranger from sizing up his opponent during the preliminaries.

When time was called, the professor went quickly to the centre without once looking into the face of the stranger, and began to force matters. Woodbury was much larger than the stranger and very scientific, but the latter was like an eel and escaped the powerful locks and holds of his large opponent time after time. Finally, the professor secured that dread hold—the hammer-lock, and threw the stranger. Time of bout a little less than half an hour.

During the intermission between bouts and while the audience was going wild with applause, Woodbury sat talking with me in a highly pleased manner. He had given the wrestling wonder the first fall of his life.

"Let me see how he looks now," said

Woodbury, and he leaned out and peered around me, meeting the stranger's eyes bent on him with a serious, steadfast gaze. "Ah," he exclaimed, but it was more of a sigh than an exclamation. He leaned back in his chair and sat quietly during the remainder of the intermission, without a word to me.

When time was called for the second bout, the stranger stepped to the centre of the mat and said, as Woodbury advanced:

"Woodbury, you can't wrestle."

The professor made no reply, but gazed at his opponent in a bewildered way. Taking the preliminary hold, the stranger pushed him about the arena for a moment, then, without any waste of maneuver, he turned quickly, catching Woodbury on his hip, threw him with crushing force, flat on his back.

My private opinion was verified, and without hesitation, I stepped to the footlights and, addressing the audience, denounced the stranger as a hypnotist and explained my reasons for the charge. There was an amazed, incredulous silence for a moment, then as in the first match, the bettors made an angry rush for the stage, but were repulsed by the prompt action of the police, who, to appease the clamorers, arrested Jensen and his backer.

The referee declared the match a "no contest," with all bets off.

The next morning at a preliminary hearing, the formal charge of "using an



THREW HIM WITH CRUSHING FORCE FLAT ON HIS BACK.

undue influence to defraud" was made against Jensen and his backer, and they were removed to jail to await trial. They were consequently in very low spirits and felt they were in a serious position. When I called for an interview, I was received coldly, as might be supposed, being the author of their incarceration, but was not to be baffled in my mission. Dwelling on the seriousness of the charge under the Canadian law, I succeeded in greatly frightening Jensen. But I at once assured them that it was in my power to secure their release, on a certain condition, and that condition was a written confession from Jensen explaining his peculiar power by which he influenced his opponents. He demurred, but finally agreed to my terms.

On visiting them in the evening bearing an order for their release, secured through the influence of our editor-in-chief, Jensen handed me the following written con-

fession:

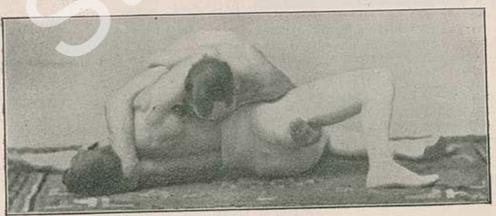
"I was born in Holland thirty years ago, of Dutch-Spanish parentage. My father was a banker and I had every advantage. At the age of sixteen I entered the university at The Hague, graduating five years later. During my university course I devoted much time to athletics, and became proficient in many of its branches, especially so in wrestling. Soon after leaving the university I became interested in hypnotism. I found I had a very dominant will-power, and I cultivated that occult science till I could wield its influence to suit circumstances—make a man a helpless, inanimate being, or, if it suited my purpose, only daze or bewil-

der my subject, as I did in the case of Hall and Woodbury. I never thought of utilizing the science for any purpose other than amusement till five years ago, when my father died hopelessly involved, leaving me a living to make. I determined to try athletics for a livelihood. I knew I could defeat any man living at my weight, but was no match for the heavyweights. After consulting my old college chum and backer, it occurred to him to bring to my aid my knowledge of hypnotism to make up what I lacked in physique. I did so, and have thrown every man I have met, both in Europe and America.

"My method was to catch the eye of my opponent, bring him under the influence till his will was pliable and he would obey any command or act under my suggestion, then I would say: 'You can't wrestle,' or some such remark, and, obedient to my will, would forget all his skill in the art. I always left him his strength, though it were of little use to him in his bewildered condition, and he would act as if consumed with fright. Thus, I went on in my successful career, free from suspicion as to the cause of my success, arousing only wonder at the power I possessed to engender abject fear in my opponent, till unmasked by Woodbury's second.

"I'll admit that the use of this power was, in a measure, fraudulent, but it is a well-known fact that many wrestlers, boxers and swordsmen, enfeeble their opponents by a nervous fear created by a bold, intense gaze and a show of aggressive confidence; while with me, I enlarged on these auxiliary methods and carried them to extremes."

"Leon Jensen."



TREATMENT OF CONSTIPATION WITHOUT MEDICINE.

By Dr. W. H. Steele.



REMEMBER many years ago of seeing a poor, halfstarved, ill-cared for old horse dragging a loaded cart along a country lane.

He came to a little soft place in the road and nearly stopped, but by a vigorous application of the gad, his heartless driver succeeded in urging him through. A few rods further, and another place far worse was encountered, through which the poor old beast could not be forced by any amount of cursing or whipping. Now, my dear reader, if you are an habitual pill and purgative taker, you are in the same condition as that poor old horse, and the sooner you stop goading your bowels on to action by such means, the better it will be for you.

Stop abusing yourself by using improper foods, drinks, sedentary habits, and the like. Resort to rational methods to put yourself in a healthy condition.

EATING, DRINKING AND FOOD .- One of the first and most common causes of indigestion and constipation is the improper use and abuse of food and drink, and these evils must first be corrected.

All foods must be well cooked and thoroughly masticated, and sufficient food must be eaten to give the stomach and bowels some work to do, and still not enough to overwork or weaken them.

A very grave mistake made by nearly everybody who has suffered from stomach trouble, is to acquire the injurious habit of living on pre-digested and concentrated foods containing but little waste.

This is wrong, and if persisted in for a long time, is bound to bring on a weakened condition of the bowels. The law of "exercise for strength, and inactivity for weakness" is just as applicable to these organs as to the arms or legs. Take but little drink with your meals, and let that

Leave strong tea and coffee alone, as well as all kinds of iced drinks, sherbets, etc. Encourage a desire for good, pure water three or four hours after meals. You can never be healthy without it.

Whole wheat bread, rye bread, etc., corn meal mush, well cooked cereal foods, strawberries, figs, baked and stewed apples, peaches, lemons, oranges, cranberries, tomatocs, stewed prunes, olive oil, the nut oils, and cream, are all laxatives, and when judiciously used, are of great benefit in overcoming this trouble.

Other good, wholesome foods for which you have an appetite and which agree with you, can be added to the above list, and

varied as will be best relished.

FRESH AIR AND EXERCISE.—These must both be taken in liberal quantities in order to tone and build up the whole sys-

It is impossible to regain or maintain a condition of health in any one organ or part of the body and allow the rest of the system to remain dead or torpid. A perfeetly healthy body is a perfectly balanced

The exercises most beneficial in constipation are those bringing into action the abdominal organs and muscles. Striking, bending backward and forward and sideways, right and left, and the swinging exercises, are all good.

The latter I che especially recommend, as very beneficial in arousing to action

torpid bowels.

Stand on the right foot, swing the left foot, body and both hands forward; then backward ten or twelve times. change to the other foot, and go through the same movements. Do not try to see how fast you can perform the exercise. Practice it with an easy, swinging motion, and do not continue to the point of weari-

The breathing exercise, mentioned by the editor in January Physical Culture. The best time to practice is also good. this breathing exercise is an hour before

Among the outdoor exercises, I con-

sider rowing the best of all, although horseback riding, walking, and many outdoor games and sports furnish healthful exercise.

Massage, Etc.—These are good, but like other good things in life, must not be abused.

As there is always more or less tenderness where there is chronic stomach and bowel trouble, the massage treatment, here advised, should be applied by the patient's own hands. It is then easy to tell just how much can be borne comfortably.

Take some white vaseline oil and rub over the parts to be treated. Begin at the right side, and draw the fingers of both hands across the abdomen toward the left side, six or eight times. Repeat this from left to right, and finish by drawing them from the lower part of the abdomen upward.

Now go over the abdomen, stomach and right side, gently tapping with the fingers.

This treatment is best taken in the morning before arising. Too much force must not be used at first. Begin very gently, and gradually increase to the proper point as the organs become more vigorous.

FLUSHING THE COLON.—There is no doubt that this practice has been very much abused. Flooding the bowels with large quantities of hot water, unnaturally distends them, thereby destroying their muscular tone and activity, leaving them in such a relaxed, distended condition that they cannot properly perform their functions.

Do not use an enema unless absolutely necessary, then use a reasonable quantity of water and of proper temperature to be comfortable.

Lay out a daily programme and then live it out without worrying as to the result. When the means here advised fail, take a flushing, but only when absolutely essential, as the object of this treatment is to bring the bowels into a condition where they will act naturally and without assistance. The following is a daily programme that I have known to be very beneficial. It may be varied as deemed necessary to suit each individual case:

A half-hour before arising massage the stomach and bowels gently, five or ten minutes, after which place the open hands on the abdomen and remain quiet for twenty minutes. Eat a light breakfast, making some of the fruits mentioned above, one of the main features.

After breakfast, practice mildly the swinging exercise five or ten minutes, then go to the closet. Encourage a desire for water an hour or so before dinner, and practice the breathing exercises fifteen minutes. Do not do any work, either mental or physical, for an hour after dinner. Drink water and take breathing ex-



THE "SWINGING EXERCISE"

ercise before supper, and exercise ten or fifteen minutes before retiring.

The mind can be of great help in overcoming this trouble. Have a regular time to empty the bowels. Be regular in your habits, eating, bathing, exercise and sleeping. Do not worry, overwork, keep late hours, bolt your food, or do anything to lower the tone of your health. And lastly, leave all kinds of patent medicines absolutely alone, as they can only result in injury.

THE PERSIAN BATH.

PERFORMER WALKS ALL OVER THE VICTIM, WORKING WITH HIS TOES, AND THE PATIENT FEELS BETTER (AFTER IT IS OVER).



ISH to be trampled on? Then take a Persian bath. It is the newest thing. To become a human scalingladder, a human doormat, a human football, is to

prove your title to be called fashionable and these are the salient features of a Persian bath.

The Persian masseur works with his feet. He gets more action that way than he could with his hands. When he promenades gaily over the prostrate forms of the elect, they are flooded with great waves of health and strength.

First the victim crouches in a sitting posture, with his chin on his knees, his hands gripping his ankles, and his back inclined at an angle of forty-five degrees, and the operator begins to walk up his

spine.

They are good climbers, these Persian masseurs. They can scale the steepest and most slippery backs without the aid of an alpenstick. One might suspect them of dusting the soles of their feet with resin, but the real secret of their profession lies in their prehensile toes.





Meanwhile his hands are not idle. Subordinate as they are to the feet, they pave the way for those members by clutching and kneading and slapping at the flesh in the region of the shoulders.

Sinbad's tribulations with the Old Man of the Sea were not greater than those of the votary who immolates himself on the altar of fashion by taking a Persian bath. With neck bowed down like an ox beneath the yoke, suppressing his groans as best he may, the heroic bather feels his tormentor stand at length triumphantly on the top of his spine. For a minute or two, the operator executes a pedestal dance on the nape of the patient's neck; then he wheels about and descends as slowly as he has climbed, repeating the punishment first inflicted.

That is only the beginning. To brace himself for the remainder of his ordeal, the victim takes a rest, smokes a cigarette, and drinks Persian coffee out of a cup a little larger than a thimble. At the call of time, he stretches himself on his back, and the operator resumes his attention by walking up his legs, one at a time, from ankle to hip. This exercise is pursued as slowly and carefully as the back-climbing and descending.

The legs having been disposed of, the operator gives a tight-rope performance on each outstretched arm in turn. Then he does a jig on his patient's chest and

abdomen.

The last act of a Persian bath is bathing. If the patient has lost consciousness, a stream of water from a hose brings him to, and after some steaming and soaping and anointing, he puts on his clothes, and struts forth with the consciousness that he can do no more for fashion and Persian hygiene can do no more for fim.—The World,

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

A MINISTER'S COMMENT.



HAVE just read your editorial in defense of the nude subjects that you are publishing, and notwithstanding the protests cited, I must say that I

can not agree with your critic. I may be in radical disagreement with my profession, but I cannot see the impropriety in such display of the "Form divine" as you have made since I have had the magazine in my home. While these words are not intended for publication, yet I feel constrained to commend your editorial in question, and in agreement with your position is the statement from the BOOK of highest authority, that "To the pure all things are pure." Perhaps I should have been an artist rather than a preacher, but I can see nothing in the world about us more worthy of pure admiration than these supremely beautiful bodies. fearfully and wonderfully made." I am sure that what has been displayed as master pieces from the artist's brush in magnificent paintings, can well be worthy of reproduction in your magazine. I appreciate every thing in it, from cover to W. E. Z. cover.

I am a member of the local Y. M. C. A. board of directors and feel confident that no one, there connected, would reject Phy-SICAL CULTURE from the reading-room.

I consider your magazine the most valuable of any yet published, for it teaches us to build a firm foundation upon which to receive those publications which are styled for the minds only. In regard to the so-called "objectionable illustrations," I sincerely hope the good they will do the purer minded will not be discontinued to please the weaker.

C. FRANK WAUGH.

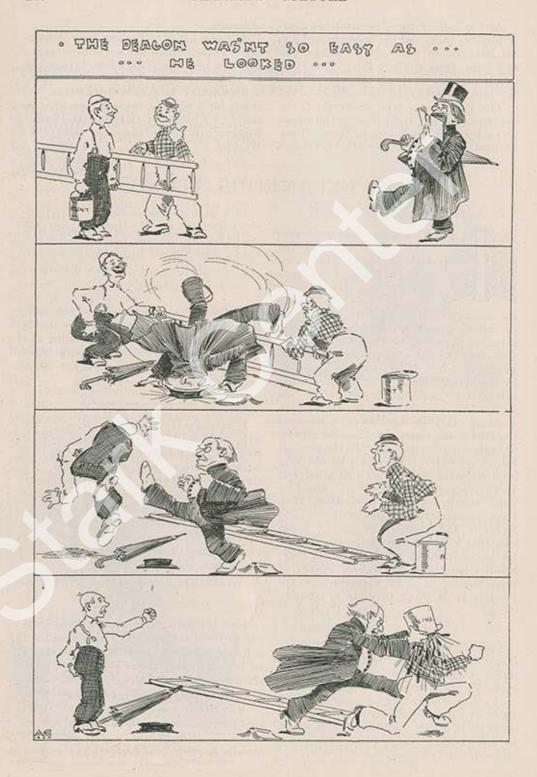
The body is the instrument of the soul, through which the mind expresses itself; keep the instrument in good condition and the machinery well oiled by physical exercise, and the mind will express only pure and healthy thoughts.—S. S. B.

I have great faith in exercise. My wife could walk but twenty steps when I took her from her home; she took one half bushel bottles of medicine with her. I threw them all away. I introduced plenty of fresh air to our sleeping room, sent her out walking between five and six a, m. In less than six months she could walk four miles from home and return, with an extraordinary appetite for breakfast on her return, which I prepared.

J. W. DICKEL, Minister U. B. Church.

Emily Brown, a pretty eighteen-yearold girl of Cold Spring, N. Y., completed a fourteen days' fast to-day, and by advice of her physician, ate an orange and some shredded wheat. During her fast, the only thing that passed her lips was water.

Miss Brown was a sufferer from hysteria and nervousness, and upon medical advice, fasted to cure herself. Her health is greatly improved.—The World.



EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

Let us emphasize, and let the statement remain here permanently, that the Editor of Physical Culture is in hard training, and expects to continue in training, that he may be in the finest possible physical and mental condition for the great fight which he has inaugurated against

- (1) THE CORSET CURSE.
- (4) THE CURSE OF SEXUAL IGNORANCE,
- (2) THE DRUG CURSE,
- (5) THE CURSE OF MUSCULAR INACTIVITY,
- (3) THE ALCOHOL CURSE, (6) THE CURSE OF OVER-EATING.



HAT is disease? Does anybody know? The writer does not claim to know much. He is only a stu-dent, but even a dullheaded ignoramus, who

studies the human body in its various conditions, cannot help but conclude that dis-

Discase-What Is It? ease is usually produced by abnormal causes-that it is a process of cure. It is the result of the efforts

on the part of the functional system to bring about a normal condition of health.

It is the route back to health.

It is the means adopted to throw off the various accumulations of foreign or impure matter which has interfered with the normal condition of health.

A disease becomes chronic when the conditions producing it become chronic.

If a boil appears on the body one does not usually adopt means to drive its virulent contents back into the system, but allows it to run its course, or else tries to hasten the process of expelling the impurities it contains.

Nearly all diseases can literally be compared to a boil. A boil rids the system of impurities—it is a means adopted to reach normal health.

Nearly all diseases are similar. When they appear they are like a boil in its first stages. They are preparing the way for the expulsion of impurities with which the system is overloaded.

Even if it were possible with the use of a drug to cure or drive into some other channel a disease immediately upon its appearance, it would be like driving the contents of a boil back into the system. The disease must run its course—IT IS THE PROCESS OF CURE.

If this great truth can once be thoroughly understood, one need never have the slightest fear of any disease. To be sure, many deaths occur from these diseases, but this is brought about by overfeeding, lack of pure air, and the use of drugs.

There are, of course, rare occasions where the accumulations of impurities are so copious that the symptoms of the disease assume such virulence as to cause death, but such cases are extremely exceptional, and only occur when the patient's habits have been most uncommonly perverted.

Nearly all deaths from such diseases as diphtheria, pneumonia, scarlet fever, consumption, pleurisy, and other complaints resulting from filth in the system, are caused by the treatment administered, or gross errors in the habits of life.

We hear so much about physicians experimenting on animals, that they may accurately determine the course of a disease, and the necessary remedies to check it. They learn nothing from this! If they are really desirous of securing knowledge, let them produce a disease in a healthy animal, then leave it free to act as it chooses. It will be guided by instinct in the treatment of the disease, and no physician ever has lived or ever will live who is not a pigmy in knowledge, if compared to the Omnipotent Power under whose guidance each and every animal species has evoluted to their present condition.

Every dose of medicine, not used for antiseptic purposes, every mouthful of food, not strongly craved,

Medicine given to a patient suffering from acute filth diseases, such as pneumonia, diphtheria, rheumatism, and com-

plaints of a like nature, retards recovery

just that much.

Nature understands her business. The stomach knows when it needs food, far better than any physician. When the need exists, there is a desire that admits of no question. Thousands are now being annually murdered by ignorant practitioners who insist on feeding when food is an actual poison.

Talk about wars—about savagery! Why, we are to-day in a condition far worse than any savagery that ever existed. We are suffering from an incubus of so-called science that murders millions with its frightful ignorance. A science which is fighting Nature; which says in so many words that Nature does not understand about disease; that the stomach does not know when it needs foods; that poisons are necessary in curing disease; that fresh, pure air is dangerous! Great heavens! Where will this all end?

As these words are being written, there is a great conference being held in this city by representatives from all parts of the United States, whose object is the evangelization of the world. They send missionaries everywhere. If there is any place on earth where missionaries are needed, it is right here and right now, and they are needed probably right among

these religious enthusiasts as bad as anywhere else.

We are not enemies of religion, but the very first religious duty of every human being is to make his body wholesome, strong and healthy, and to acquire the knowledge essential to the retainment of this condition. But few possess this health and strength, and furthermore, do not know the most common rules for ac-

quiring it.

In the homes of each of these religious zealots murder is being committed daily because of ignorance. Because of improper food and care their children become weak and unsightly, and acquire diphtheria, measles, scarlet fever, and other filth diseases, and added to this, they allow them to be treated by deadly drugs and thus kill them by the score. They allow ignorant physicians to force feeding when the stomach cries against it, and when the sense of even an idiot would denote that food was not needed. The horrible results of their ignorance can be seen in the white faces, shapeless, emaciated bodies of the children they curse after bringing into life, and the writer ventures the assertion that the savages they are endeavoring to convert are far better off than they.

These savages breath fresh, pure air, they cat wholesome food, they do not deform their bodies with corsets, and when disease attacks them they have sense enough to know that the dictates of the

appetite must be obeyed.

The writer dares any physician to try natural remedies on a case of diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, or any other filth disease of like character. What is the dif-ference as to the name? All these filth diseases are produced by similar causes, and can be cured by similar means. Under such circumstances, the system is overloaded with impurities and other foreign matter. The very first duty is to clean the body internally and externally, that the depurating organs may be able to eliminate this excessive accumulation. body can be cleaned internally by internal baths or flushings-it can be cleaned externally and internally by bathing, hot air and hot vapor baths, and wet packs. Added to this, the desire for water, both hot and cold, must be encouraged in every way, but unless you wish to commit murder, do not, under any circumstances, give food until there is an intense desire for it, and the sufferer should be encouraged to exercise, even if nothing more than rolling from side to side in a bed, and should never remain in a poorly ventilated room.

If these means are adopted immediately upon the appearance of the first serious symptoms, in nine cases out of ten, the physician will conclude that he was mistaken—that the threatened disease was not what he thought—for the patient will begin to recover almost immediately, and the severe symptoms—the days and weeks in bed will be avoided.

But treat the disease in the good old allopathic way-in the sort of get-a-mandown-and-kick-him-in-the-face style, and watch the results. It will mean days, weeks, and sometimes months, in bed, with death as a frequent finale. It will mean tightly closed windows, a poor, diseased, exhausted, overworked stomach-not only from food forced into it, but from vile, nauseous, poisonous drugs that were never intended for any human being to swallow. How on earth a sick human being can recover from such vile treatment is beyond the comprehension of the writer, for no healthy person could go through it without being made sick.

One of the greatest crimes against civilized humanity at the present time, is compulsory vaccination. A

physician of many years' experience, well known to the writer, states that he has now on hand a case of pemphigus foliaceous, a loathsome skin disease, caused by inoculation with vaccine virus—that he has personally known cases of emphise fevers soriasis, eczema, gan-

eruptive fevers, soriasis, eczema, gangrene, erysipelas, scrofula, leprosy, tuberculosis and even syphilis, to be caused by the same criminal practice of vaccination.

"Vaccination is the inoculation of a healthy person with pus poison, from a festering sore on a diseased animal, which may and often does cause most serious diseases and confers no certain immunity

against smallpox."—The Anti-Vaccination Society of America.

There were never words that rung more emphatically with truth than the above. "The inoculation of a healthy person with pus poison." Let these words ring in your ears, and if you are in a community where the vaccination fever is compulsory, move immediately and leave the savages to themselves.

There is abundant evidence to prove that vaccination has caused some of the vilest of diseases, but no reputable daily newspaper would publish such evidence. It might offend some of their medical subscribers, and, any way, why attack popular prejudices, they will ask. Why, indeed? In other words, why be honest, when it is so easy to be a hypocrite?

The very foundation upon which rests the theory of vaccination is not tenable. The body is inoculated with a foul disease. As long as there remains in the system an influence exerted by this disease, just so long will it have some slight power in resisting the influence of a similar disease. But the moment one recovers entirely from the effects of vaccination, he is equally as liable to an attack of smallpox as before.

Anyway, what is smallpox? Nothing but a common filth disease, resulting from filth in the system. A person who bathes and exercises regularly, and who does not preserve and retain the internal bodily filth with alcoholic liquors, who refrains from gormandizing, need not have the slightest fear of smallpox. If he should be attacked by the disease, it will be so slight as not to be worthy of notice.

If you desire to find out the real criminal character of compulsory vaccination, a postal card to Frank D. Blue, secretary of the Anti-Vaccination Society of America, 1328 N. 12th street, Terre Haute, Ind., will bring evidence that will overwhelm the most bigoted prejudice.

This is the first time we have ever given a name and address in our editorial column, but if our readers will give this vital subject some attention, they will thank us a thousand times for calling their attention to the vast array of facts that condemn the vaccination scourge.

A correspondent writes as follows: "You advocate fasting as a cure-all. Why

Fastings and Headaches. does the omission of one meal cause a violent headache if fasting is so beneficial?"

Although the omission of one meal by one accustomed to three meals per day will sometimes result in a headache, it does not occur in every case by any means. A headache is caused by the condition of the blood—the lungs are unable to properly purify it, or the stomach is not digesting and furnishing the proper elements. The writer always acquires a violent headache if sitting in a very close, illy-ventilated room.

The mere fact that the omission of one meal causes a headache is ample evidence that instead of missing one meal, a dozen should be missed; for this headache is caused by the slime, or the remains of fermented food and other impure matter that has collected in the stomach, or has remained there from the preceding meal, and as no food is introduced to excite the flow of gastric juice or to dilute this impure matter, it finally flows out of the stomach and part of it is naturally absorbed by the circulatory system, and in the elimination of this foreign matter, one of the results noted is a headache.

All those who have tried the fasting cure for disease, know that for a few days they will have a fever of more or less intensity. And nothing indicates more strongly that the purifying process is under way than this one symptom. It is one of the means adopted to burn up or eliminate the rank impurities of the body.

The writer has only caten one meal per day for the last week, though he usually eats two, and this has been his habit for fifteen years. Strange as it may seem to the average reader, the writer is at this moment undecided whether one or two meals per day are best for his particular needs. Lately he has begun to favor one meal while actively occupied with important mental work, though under other circumstances, two would undoubtedly be better.

Regardless of how much exercise one

may take, or how much care one may give the body otherwise, no human being can keep well for any great length of time, if he insists on eating three hearty meals per day.

Never eat unless you are hungry. Let that be an unfailing rule. If you have no appetite, wait for one. Food that is not enjoyed does one but little good. It is hunger—the thorough, the intense enjoyment of food that makes the saliva and the gastric juices of the stomach flow like a brooklet, and digestion and assimilation under these circumstances are accompanied by a feeling of satisfaction that no three-meal-per-day gormandizer ever enjoyed.

The writer eats one or two meals per day as he is inclined, because he is healthier, stronger, possesses more energy, more clearness of intellect under this regimen.
On numerous occasions he has tried three, four, and even five, but he has always gone back to two with benefit.

Several years ago, when he was known as a professional wrestler, when he was compelled to do harder muscular work in training than any manual laborer, he ate only two meals per day, and one was usually only a light lunch, and his wonderful success in defeating these athletes, many of them being from ten to fifty pounds heavier than he, was due more to the light diet than it was to the training.

If his antagonist possessed more skill, more strength and weight, and if, in fact, he realized after the contest had progressed for a short time that he had met a better wrestler, he would use care to prolong the contest, depending on his endurance, on the superior quality of his muscle to win, and this always carried him through successfully, for, at his favorite style, out of the numerous contests in which he took part, he was never thrown.

The writer is not given to boasting, but he mentions this to prove the utter absurdity of the claim that three-meals-per-day are necessary to the acquirement and retainment of the highest degree of physical health.

QUESTION DEPARTMENT.

Q. Does fasting mean abstinence from water as well as food? Did Dr. Tanner in his forty-day fast drink any water?

A. Dr. Tanner drank all the water he desired during his fast. If deprived of water, as well as food, life can not be long sustained. In fact, the principle value of fasting is that a plentiful use of water washes out the entire internal organism just as soap and water does externally, and after the fast is over, the entire internal system has received a thorough cleaning.

Q. I am nineteen—want my legs made longer. Can you help me?

A. The leg exercises illustrated in this issue will make your legs stronger, and thus enable you to handle your body more easily and gracefully, but the writer cannot promise any increase of consequence in the length of your legs, though you should grow more under the influence of healthful exercise than you would without it.

Q. How would you build up the health of a woman of forty-five. She has a dry cough, rheumatism, dyspepsia and is "run down" generally.

A. Plenty of pure air. Never stay in a close room. Two meals per day only. A fast of a few days at the start would hasten recovery. Never eat between meals. A mild system of physical culture with plenty of deep breathing. Walk until fatigued each day.

Q. How can the hair be made soft and easily handled?

A. Frequent washing with high grade, weak alkali soap will usually bring about the results you desire.

Q. What is the proper way to breathe —upper chest by forcing the shoulders and collar bone up; or abdominal breathing, forcing the abdomen out.

A. In proper breathing, the abdomen is always forced out when the breath is inhaled. After you have drawn in all the breath you can, and while retaining this breath, if the shoulders are raised

strongly upward and backward, it will be a valuable exercise to keep chest and shoulders in correct position.

Q. My chest measures forty inches; my waist, thirty-seven inches. How much should I reduce my abdomen, and how can I do it?

A. In most well-formed athletes, there is from eight to ten inches difference between the size of the waist and chest. To be in fine physical condition your waist should not measure over thirty or thirty-two inches. To reduce the waist a thorough system of physical culture is advised. Be careful to practice diligently those exercises that strengthen the abdominal muscles. Long walks are especially advised—also exercise similar to jumping

Q. Think I have catarrh of the stomach. Could you give a remedy?

A. Try a thorough course of physical culture, preceded by a fast of from two to five days. Do not eat over two meals per day after resuming regular habits.

Q. When I blow or tap my nose lightly it usually starts to bleed. How can I remedy it?

A. This usually indicates a weakened condition generally, and the remedy is to adopt means to build up the muscular and vital strength with physical culture. Also use the wash recommended for catarrh in article "Cause and Cure of Catarrh," February and March issues.

Q. What is a good exercise for nervousness?

A. No one particular exercise can be especially commended for this trouble. What you need is to develop all the physical forces to the highest attainable degree of perfection. As you grow stronger the tendency to nervousness will gradually disappear. Be careful not to neglect outdoor exercises. Walking and inhaling long, deep breaths are especially important.

Q. Can I rid myself of rheumatic headaches? A. A thorough system of physical culture. One meal per day for first week. Two meals thereafter. Encourage appetite for pure water.

Q. How can I cure pimples, clear the complexion and enlarge the bust?

A. The same means that are necessary for enlarging the bust will usually also cure pimples and clear the complexion. All exercises that tend to increase lung capacity and power will have a favorable influence upon the bust, and as the blood becomes richer and purer, the complexion will become clearer and the pimples will disappear. A question in reference to bust development was answered in the May number. Later, we expect to publish an article that will treat the subject in detail. The development of a firm, finely rounded bust is a comparatively simple matter by physical culture.

Q. I have had a severe case of writer's paralysis for about a year. I have tried medicine, electricity, and everything without benefit and am thoroughly disgusted and discouraged. What can be done for me?

A. All around physical culture for improving general vigor, and special exercises for using the fingers in every conceivable way that they are capable of being moved. Spend half an hour or an hour per day exercising the fingers in this way. Move finger backwards as far as possible, resisting the movement with finger of disengaged hand. Same exercise forward, then to one side, then to the other. Bend the finger joints, resisting the motion with finger of other hand. Go through all these exercises with every finger of each hand and exercise until muscle thus used is tired. Follow these exercises with a massage treatment of fingers, hand and forearm, rubbing and kneading every part thoroughly. This will cure writer's cramp in every case.

Q. Give exercise for broadening chest and shoulders.

A. The resisting exercises given in the April number is especially good for this purpose.

Q. I am troubled with enlarged veins just behind the knee of right leg, and with cramps in the legs when sleeping.

A. For enlarged veins hold knee in very

cold water as long as you can bear it twice per day. Also apply cloths wet in very cold water. Exercise of the leg muscles will lessen, and in time entirely cure, your tendency to suffer from cramps.

Q. When one becomes lame and sore after the first exercise, should he refrain from further exercise until the soreness has disappeared?

A. If especially stiff, it would be well to rest for two or three days, though, whenever the exercises can be made very slowly, without causing pain, they should be immediately continued. The soreness that remains will disappear much quicker under these circumstances. Rubbing and massage with alcohol is excellent to assist in remedying this condition.

Q. When the muscles are sore from exercise, is it an indication that the exercise has been too violent?

A. No, but it is usually ample evidence that too much exercise has been taken. Always begin moderately, gradually increase the amount of exercise day by day.

Q. I have a friend about sixty years of age who has developed a skin cancer on the face. It has been nearly three months in progress and is spreading rapidly. Can it be cured?

A. Yes; fasting will cure it. Read book on cure of disease by scientific fasting.

Q. I am troubled with a chronic tired feeling—my mother also suffers in this

A. Too much eating—too little exercise. Exercise vigorously on rising, follow by a cold bath. If cold after bath, exercise until warm. Eat only two meals per day, and don't "piece" between meals. Take long walk daily with plenty of breathing exercises. This remedy will undoubtedly effect a cure of your trouble.

Q. I have kidney disease. Have tried physicians and all kinds of drugs without benefit. Can I be cured?

A. Yes; exercise and fasting will cure you. Read book on fasting.

Q. Is baseball a beneficial exercise? A. Baseball can be most highly recommended. The strength, activity and fine physiques possessed by professional players is ample proof of its benefits as an exercise. T. G. MURPHY,

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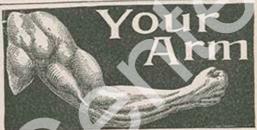
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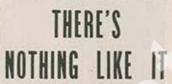
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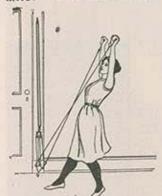
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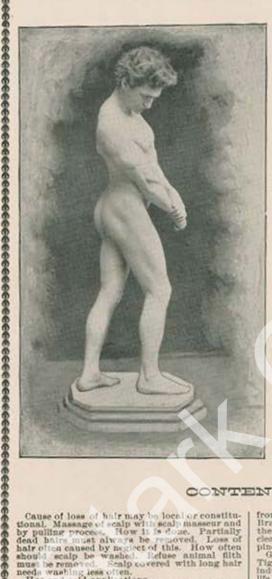


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