

CYCLES OF LIFE AND DEATH

Interesting Speculation Concerning Possible Composition of Corporeal Atoms of the Body.

Did you know that perhaps somewhere in your body is a bit of Julius Caesar, or perhaps King Solomon, John Phil, scientist, in his "Seven Follies of Science," says: "From birth to death we have been continually borrowing, continually paying back. Part of our physical organization may have come from the fruit of the tropics, part from the mosses of the frozen North. We may hold in our bones, muscles and brains materials which once formed parts of sheep, wolves, and in all the millions of years during which composition and decomposition of organic matter has gone on, it is quite probable that some portion of our physical system may have formed part of the material organization of thousands of other animals, men included. The imbecile may have in his body atoms which once formed part of Homer, of Plato and of Archimedes. In the frame of the beggar may be built material which once formed part of Solomon, and some atoms which enabled Alexander or Bruce to achieve their fame, may now form part of the body of a leazer. Even among the corporeal atoms which now make up our own bodies may be particles which helped to incarnate the person of Jesus Christ, or which lent physical energy to the burning eloquence of St. Paul. Organic life has gone on unceasingly for untold ages in ever-recurring cycles. We cannot move a muscle, or give way to an emotion, or even think a thought without burning up some part of our corporeal frame, and the used-up material is speedily ejected and then transformed into the clothing of a new life."

NO OLD MAIDS IN BABYLON

Ancient City Had a System Which Assured the Marriage of All the Females.

The first known auctions of the world were held in Babylon many centuries before Christ. The articles auctioned consisted of all the virgins in the city, and the sale was held once a year. On the day selected the girls were brought to the market place and there ordered to remove their garments. All the young men of the city were also gathered and the maidens, one by one, were led to a block where the youth of the city could inspect them. The beautiful girls were sold first and every effort made to get as much as possible for their charms.

The young men of those days were as eager to win the fairest maid possible by bidding as men of a later age were to win them by brave deeds or pleadings. As a result fortunes were in the hands of the auctioneer by the time the homely girls were reached. This fortune was then divided up and the auctioneering took a new life. The homeliest girl was given the largest part of the money collected from beauty and many a poor man found himself with a very homely wife but a comfortable start in business. The system at least did away with old maids and bachelors and insured a steady growth of population and few dependents on the state.

When Diners Ate Their Plates.

The word fritter, which with cooler weather will become popular once more, originates from an old French word meaning to fry, which comes from the Latin past participle of the verb frigere, frictus.

Similarly, fricasse takes its name from the same Latin verb or from the French "fricasser," meaning to break into pieces, or, as some experts believe, from the Latin "fricare," to rub. Any meat fried in a pan is fricasseed, according to French culinary definition.

Another word of French and Latin birth is tart. Tart is a culinary corruption of the word "tourte" (French), derived from "tartinne," a slice of bread. This comes from the Latin "torquere," to twist, hence the word "tourte" means a twist or roll of bread. In the middle ages there was a deficiency in plates, and so for a substitute an undercrust of bread served as a plate. For a long time in France this undercrust of the "tourte," or "tarte," was the most common of plates. After everything had been served diners ate even their "plates."

In time these dinner plates, made of dinner rolls, came to be prepared specially and developed into a cake-like batter, which was filled with dainty food. And so they were called tarts and tartlets, and were served as a distinct dish.—Gas Logic.

Stradivarius Violins.

Stradivarius was born in 1644 and died in 1737. He worked until he was over 90 years of age and turned out a large number of violins and violoncellos. Altogether it has been estimated that about one thousand violins are attributed to him and about three hundred other instruments, among them different kinds of viols, some bass viols and also some lutes, guitars and mandolins, very exquisitely wrought. Eugene Ysaeye and Jan Kubelik are both the owners of genuine Stradivarius violins. The label in a genuine instrument is supposed to have been made of paper.

Two Views.

"We'll never get rich if you keep on spending all I make."
"That's true, and we'll never get rich if you don't hustle a bit and try to make a little more than I can spend."

INTEREST GROWS IN IRRIGATION

A special committee is at work this afternoon soliciting a representative delegation of Ballinger citizens to attend the irrigation meeting at San Angelo Friday. Much interest is being manifested in the mass meeting to be held for the purpose of furthering the big Colorado Valley irrigation project.

There will be four counties, represented at the San Angelo meeting Friday, with outside visitors from a number of other counties, and there is a spirit of rivalry between the counties to see which can muster the largest delegation. Coke county, it is said, is going almost solidly, and if that be true, Ballinger, Rowena and Miles must be up and doing to win the first place in point of representation.

The autos will leave Ballinger some time during the forenoon, and can return in time to reach home before night, as there will be no inducement to remain in dry San Angelo after business hours. The San Angelo folks, however, are preparing to entertain the visitors to the meeting, and a day's stay away from home will be worth all the time cost and your presence will be worth much to boosting the biggest proposition in this country. Make your plans to attend the meeting.

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MRS. HOBBY AT DEATH'S DOOR

DALLAS, Jan. 5.—Mrs. Dora Pettu, Hobby, mother of Governor W. P. Hobby, who has been critically ill at her home here was still alive early this morning, although the physicians announced last night that she could hardly survive through the night. All the children, including Gov. Hobby, are at her bedside.

When You are Bilious.

To promote a healthy action of the liver and correct the disorders caused by the biliousness Chamberlain's Tablets are excellent. Try them and see how quickly they give you a relish for your food and banish that dull stupid feeling.

Paper Umbrella Out Soon.

An unusual novelty will be placed on the market soon in the form of a paper umbrella, the New York Sun states. It is said that this newfangled rain shelter will be a very satisfactory substitute for the traditional alpaca or silk. It will retail for 50 cents, thereby cutting the cost of umbrellas down to a sum that should be considered distinctly nominal these days of the \$8 and \$10 variety.

The color of the new umbrella will be black and the paper of a composition absolutely waterproof and crackless. It will have a steel frame, wooden knob handle and a ring at the lower end of the "stick." Those in charge of the manufacture of the novelty say it will be durable and that it will roll as small as a silk one.

Nothing on Her.

An aristocratic lady gave a dinner party during the waiters' strike in New York. A young girl of the type known as buxom waited on the table. She seemed quiet and unobtrusive, and was efficient. After the dinner was over, the hostess said she would sign the check. When she had written her name she turned to the waitress and said: "Perhaps I should tell you that I am Mrs. Blank, so there will be no mistake. My handwriting is rather illegible."

The waitress picked up the check glanced at the signature, and said: "Well, denier, you ain't got nothing on me!"

Public Benefactor Dead.

Adam Duncan, fellow of the Royal Horticultural society, who has just died in England at the age of 80, is said to have been largely responsible for the introduction of the tomato as an edible fruit. The tomato had long been grown for decorative purposes, but Mr. Duncan, by means of hybridization, evolved it from its crinkled woolly state to the smooth-skinned fruit.

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DOES YOUR BACK ACHE?

It's usually a sign of sick kidney's, especially if the kidney action is disordered, passages scanty or too frequent. Don't wait for more serious troubles. Begin using Doan's Kidney Pills. Read this Ballinger testimony:

W. F. Jackson, prop. dairy says "About two years ago my back and kidneys were giving me trouble. At times my back was so sore I could hardly get around and when I did bend over I would have difficulty in straightening up again. I also had headaches that felt as if somebody was hammering me. Dizziness annoyed me and everything would get black before me. The secretions from my kidneys passed irregularly and were highly colored. I took a box of Doan's Kidney Pills which I got at Weeks' Drug Store and they relieved me entirely of the trouble. I advise all kidney sufferers to take Doan's Kidney Pills." Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Jackson had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Commence the Year Right

BOX FOR NEAR-EAST SUFFERERS

The ladies of the Baptist church are preparing a box of garments for the sufferers in the Near-East. They will be at the church on Thursday of this week at 2:00 p. m., and also next Monday, to receive contributions. Bring outer garments and under garments of all kinds, for men and women of all ages. Do not bring rags, but garments that still have some utility and that will keep people from freezing to death.

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