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POETRY.

THE MARCH OF THE YEARS.

BY MARIANNE FARNINGHAM.

One by one, one by one,
The years march past till the march is done
The old year dies to the solemn knell,
And a merry peal from the changing bell
Ushers the other, one by one,
Till the march of the years shall at last be done.

Bright and glad, dark and sad,
Are the years that come in mystery clad;
Their faces are hidden and none can see
If merry or sorrowful each will be.
Bright and sad, dark and glad,
Have been the years that we all have had.

Fair and subtle under the sun,
Something from us each year has won;
Has it given us treasures? Day by day
It has stolen something we prized away;
We meet with fears, and count with tears
The buried hopes of the long-past years.

Is it so? And yet let us not forget
How fairly the sun has risen and set;
Each year has brought us some sunny hours,
With a wealth of song and a crown of flowers.
Power to love and time to pray
Its gifts have been ere it passed away.

We hail the new that has come in view
Work comes with it and pleasure too;
And even though it may bring some pain
Each passing year is a thing of gain;
We greet with song the days that throng
Do they bring us trouble? 'Twill make us strong.

With smiles of hope, and not with tears
We meet our friends in the glad new years;
God is with them, and as they come
They bear us nearer our restful home.
And one by one, with some treasure won,
They come to our hearts till they all are gone.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Tobacco Cure.

From Health and Home.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Nov. 26, 1884.

Before referring to many additional cases of tobacco cures it seems necessary that I should make an explanatory statement. Though, as you formerly stated, many million copies of my letter of May last were published with additional statements for each of your monthly numbers since issued, you would be surprised to know how many letters of inquiry are directed to me from different parts of the United States.

I am asked what kind of tobacco ought to be used, and how it is to be applied, and for what cases of injury or disease. With a view of meeting such inquiries and affording the information necessary to enable all persons properly to use this great remedy, I will try to present a condensed statement.

I formerly used the ordinary manufactured tobacco in such cases as it could be had at the cigar stands in the hotels. A cake of this thrown into a bowl of cold water in an hour or less would become soft and spongy, and could be separated so that the leaves could be obtained, but for reasons heretofore published in my original article, I do not advise that form for use.

About three years ago I ascertained by some experiments that of late the tobacco manufactures mix with their tobacco for the purpose of improving its flavor certain poisonous drugs, such as Tonka bean, wintergreen, and some other things. Though such tobacco may serve a beneficial purpose, yet I would prefer to use the leaf before it has been manufactured. Again, the darker leaves being stronger are better than the light yellow leaves. Also tobacco leaves cut last year are better than those freshly cut this season, as tobacco seems to gather strength with age.

A bunch of these leaves thrown into a bowl of cold water will become moist and soft, so that the large stem in the center may be taken out. Hot water will answer the purpose sooner than cold, but either will do.

When this has been done, not less than two thicknesses of the leaf should be placed directly on the part to be relieved. As, however, the heat of the skin tends to dry the tobacco in a few minutes, a wet bandage must be laid over it. About four thicknesses of common white cotton cloth will be sufficient, but this should be well soaked in the water before it is put on, then a bandage of the same cloth may be tied over it and water from time to time should be applied by pressing a wet rag on it so as to keep the tobacco moist.

Tobacco in this manner may be applied directly on a cut or a wound or any raw place without injury. The first effect of the tobacco, however, is stimulating or slightly irritating, but this after a few minutes ceases and the sedative effect soon comes on. When, for example, the tobacco is placed on the eye, as a little of the juice gets in between the eyelids some smarting or itching is felt, but after a few minutes this ceases, and no more effect is produced on the feelings than if a wet cloth were kept over the eye.

Within less than an hour the sedative effect is perceived, and with two hours usually all external inflammations are reduced. Obstinate cases, of course, require longer applications.

Most persons sleep under the influence of tobacco, but some do not, just as morphine causes some persons to sleep while others are wakeful. When I have tobacco on it is impossible for me to sleep, but, instead, unusual mental activity is produced, which continues throughout the next day following a night's application.

As long as there is inflammation about the part no nausea will be felt. As soon, however, as nausea is perceived the poultice may be removed, as the sedative effect has been produced. After the removal of the bandage the nausea passes away in a short time.

When one wishes to cure a bunion or a corn, after the tobacco has been applied as above directed, it is easy to get the sock over it, and by moistening the sock from time to time, a cure is usually effected in a single night.

I will now proceed to state to such cases as have been cured by the use of tobacco. In making this statement I shall point out cases that I have observed myself, or such as have been stated by persons of good character and standing. If I were to give these statements at length a volume would be required to contain them. I therefore only give undoubted facts.

To begin with the head, I may say that all cases of erysipelas, whether on the head or face, or any other part of the body, are cured. In some cases where the head was swollen to almost double its usual size, and the patient was supposed by the attending physician about to die, an application of tobacco effected a complete cure.

Again, all cases of sore eyes, whether caused by injury or of disease, and whether old cases or fresh ones, have been cured. In some cases where there was total blindness a cure was at once effected and the sight restored perfectly.

In the third place, all wounds, whether cuts, bruises, or contusions have been easily cured. Sprains of the knee or ankle joints, where they were swelled to double the natural size, have been completely cured by a single night's application. Old cases where the patient had suffered for months and years have been cured.

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I have [illegible] of a number of cases in which the tobacco was applied as a remedy [illegible] and in every instance [illegible] application is represented [illegible] a cure.

If tobacco is applied to a wound neither mortification nor lockjaw would ever supervene. In one case of lockjaw where the surgeon had pronounced the case hopeless, according to the published statement of a gentleman, a cure was effected by the application of a tobacco poultice to the stomach.

For cholera morbus, an application of tobacco to the stomach gives relief. A Senator told me when suffering from constipation most terribly he had two physicians with him for four days and nights, with no advantage from their remedies, and when the pain became so intolerable that he felt that he would not get through the night, remembering what I had told him about tobacco, he caused it to be applied to his side and back, and in half an hour he was relieved and immediately recovered.

Again, in a great many cases of neuralgia whether the case was accompanied with inflammation or not, have been cured by tobacco. In one case the patient said his eye was so much inflamed that it seemed about to burst, and the application effected a complete cure.

Physicians here tell me all cases of orchitis are cured by tobacco, and usually in one night.

All kinds of sores on the feet can be immediately cured. Mr. Justice, the county surveyor here, after suffering for eight years with a very sore foot, was completely cured by a single night's application. In a like manner Mr. Blair, who had lain in bed for many weeks with a foot so painful and swollen that he could bear no cover on it, was immediately relieved. Many more cases, similar to these have been mentioned to me.

I will now refer to other classes of cases which are supposed to be internal or general to the system. Col. J. H. Rumbough, the proprietor of the large establishment at the Warm Springs, about eight years ago, had, from overheat, a partial sunstroke. From that day, for three or four years, he every day suffered with a dull headache, which at times was very painful. Last week, when at this place, he told me that four years ago when we met in Washington, I advised him to put a wet tobacco poultice on the back of his head, explaining, particularly, how it should be used; that he tried it on the night following, and on the next day found that the pain was gone, and that though four years have been passed there has been no return of the pain.

Many cases of rheumatism have also been cured in this vicinity, some very acute cases while others were of long standing. Also cases of gout, and rheumatic gout, have been invariably relieved, and with no evil effect on the other parts of the system. It has been often stated that when gout was relieved by wet cloths, or some other soothing applications, it has been transferred to some other part of the system, and in some instances attacked the heart or stomach with fatal results. But when it has been relieved by a tobacco application, in no instance that I have heard of has there been any subsequent evil result. This I attribute to the penetrative power of the tobacco. While it drives away the inflammation at the place of its application, it is a most powerful nerve stimulant, and its influence is extended over the whole system. When applied to the head, or any part of the body within two hours its effect will be perceived by a relaxing influence on the lower intestines and urinary organs. Morphine, in small doses, with many persons, stimulates the nerves, but causes constipation, while tobacco, but it is even a greater stimulant to the nerves, is an aperient to the intestinal canal and urinary organs. I have found that when I had a large plaster of tobacco on my hip to relieve sciatica, a sensation was excited in old wounds and sores about the feet and legs, as well as the influence felt on the intestines. It ought to be stated that in two attacks of sciatica which I have experienced, tobacco cured me after the remedies of the doctors had failed to help me.

I formerly stated to you that Mr. J. S. Carter, of this county, who had for two years suffered from dropsy from head to foot, and who was regarded by his physicians as beyond recovery, at the suggestion of his mother, who had read my first article on the tobacco cure, applied it to his legs, and in a few nights was completely cured and has had no return. Though three months have since passed he has had no return of the dropsy.

A stout gentleman in this county told me that he had had a violent attack of pleurisy which gave him a severe pain in his side, which was also considerably swollen. He decided to apply tobacco to his side, and was so entirely cured that on the second day thereafter he came into town and stated his experience to me.

I now give you a published statement of Dr. J. S. T. Baird, a physician of high standing and great experience in this vicinity:

[For the Asheville Citizen.]

MORE OF THE TOBACCO REMEDY.

MR. EDITOR:—

DEAR SIR:—I cheerfully comply with your request and give you the result of my experience and observations with regard to the claims of your recent great discovery and of its virtues as a remedial agent. It gives me pleasure to add my testimony most unhesitatingly to that of the many others who are giving it such unqualified praise. I have recently had occasion to test its efficacy in a number of cases—some of which I will give you—and in every one of which it gave entire satisfaction and accomplished the ends for which it was used. The first was my own, which was a protracted spell of most distressing headache, which lasted some days and would not yield to the usual remedies. An application to the forehead and temples of some large tobacco leaves, folded together and well moistened in warm water gave prompt and perfect relief. Another case was that of a most worrying and harassing cough of some duration, brought on by wet feet and exposure to dampness and night air. Some of the most approved syrups failed to give relief, but a few tobacco leaves saturated with warm water and applied to the chest over the region of the lungs and about the [illegible] and [illegible] case was that [illegible] violently attacked with that [illegible] destroyer, diptheria, the disease developing with such alarming rapidity as to awaken in me the deepest solicitude. I made haste to apply the tobacco, and had not long to wait until the beneficial effects were perfectly apparent. A few tobacco leaves prepared as in the cases above stated and applied to the throat, very soon checked and modified the symptoms as to render the disease easily tractable, and her convalescence was rapid and steady. Of course I used other remedies, but they were only such as had failed in many less marked cases than here. I believe that her recovery is mainly attributable to the tobacco.

Still another case is that of my neighbor, Mr. N. B. Westall, who had a violent attack of diptheria.

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Mr. Bristol, the gentleman who has charge of the office in this hotel (the Eagle), had for at least a dozen years at intervals been a sufferer from attacks of pain in the side and indigestion, attributed to a torpid liver. Recently one of these attacks came on him, he applied tobacco to the seat of the pain, the region of the liver, and a single night's application took away all the pain. He has had no return of the pain since and his digestion is good. He was also suffering lately much pain from a contraction of the sinews and muscles under his knee, but an application of tobacco for one night removed the pain. He could straighten his leg and walk as usual, seeming entirely well. He vows that no consideration would induce him to give up tobacco.

A gentleman who brought his wife to this region for cure of consumption, says that as she was lately suffering from pain in the side he applied tobacco and next day the pain was relieved and she felt better.

A lady not far from this place, whose husband has been a member of our legislature, suffered from what is called milk leg. Her hip, thigh, and leg were much swollen. After weeks of suffering the physicians pronounced it a case of pyæmia or blood poisoning. Her husband caused tobacco to be applied, and he stated to two gentlemen who informed me that he regarded her as well. Cases of what is properly known as fever cake, of long standing have been removed at once by tobacco.

Persons have told me that cases of cancer have also been cured, but the sores may possibly not have been really cancers. I found, however, a case which the two physicians who have practiced longest in this town and are gentlemen of the highest standing have pronounced cancer. The patient, Mr. John Ledford, had borne it seven years on the side of his nose. I saw him and observed a white scab and swelling, with redness around it, which extended to the eye and cheek. I advised him to try tobacco on it. I saw him after a week's trial. The inflamation around the scab had disappeared and the scab seemed smaller. When I last saw him the scab was smaller and seemed about to fall off and the sore to disappear.

Sores inside the nose, attributed to catarrhal irritation, and of long standing, have been entirely cured by putting into the nostrils a plug of wet tobacco and keeping it there for a few hours at a time.

I close with a reference to cattle cases. In every instance in this region where tobacco in milk has been given to hogs suffering from cholera a cure has been the result. Even where the hog was unable to stand a drenching with tobacco juice cured him. Milk sickness among the cattle is cured by tobacco.

Mr. Preston F. Patton, a large farmer in this county, informs me of one remarkable cures. In the spring of the year many of his cows died from some poisonous plant which came up on his plantation. He says that during last May at least twenty-five of them fell down and would have died, but that he drenched them with about a pint of tobacco juice, and in less than half an hour every one of them arose and recovered.

All such facts as these strengthen the probability that tobacco will cure Asiatic cholera. You have published a statement that one case was cured by the application of tobacco to the stomach. That may do when the attack begins, but at later stages the juice should probably be swallowed.

In like manner when consumption begins with a cold application of tobacco to the breast and throat may arrest it.

If the facts which have been established can be generally made known I feel confident that much the greater part of suffering be majority will be arrested.

Yours truly,
T. L. CLINGMAN.

Health is impossible when the blood is impure, thick, and sluggish, or when it is thin and impoverished. Under such conditions, boils, pimples, headaches, neuralgia, rheumatism, and one disease after another is developed. Take Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and it will make the blood pure, rich, warm and vitalizing.

"I say you are nothing but a pig!" "Well, don't you forget, Jane, that you are one of my ribs!"

"What is the boundary that separates a smile from a tear?" "Give it up." "The nose."

It is said that when a man lies, the devil laughs. How the old fellow's sides must ache.

The lightning glances of a pretty ballet girl provoke thunders of applause.

The mosquito as a public singer draws well, but never gives satisfaction.

Butler wishes to know what is a "full dress" rehearsal by the ballet?

HISTORY OF ALLITERATION.

"What means this 'Veni, Vidi, Vici,' boastfull" said Marcus Junius Brutus, toying with a bit of lemon peel as the bottom of his tumbler.

"It means," said Caius Trebonius, "a threatened despotism against which we must rise, appealing to the Romanism of the people."

"And what, to this, says Cæsius?"

"I am for rebellion," nervously answered Cassius, as he knocked over a catchup bottle in reaching for a cracker.

"Enough," said Brutus, "we understand each other. I know this Cæsar well; have loved him; have borne much from him—but when he fires three V's in succession at the Roman people he taxes my friendship too far. The man who fools with the mother tongue threatens liberty." [To the waiter.] "Dardanius! three rum sours."

"Now, my friends, fight fair, and [illegible] we'll play it."

The conspirators sallying forth met Burchard at the door in a black togs and white cravat, and whispered in his ear the countersign.

Fired with enthusiasm, Burchard immediately rallied a thousand Roman augurs and crossed over to the Fifth Avenue Hotel. Meeting Cæsar at the foot of the staircase he became excited and the alliteration went off at half-cock. Cæsar said:

"Et tu Burchard," and the game was up. He lingered four days.

Nor did the slaughter end here. Thousands of the Volscians whom Cæsar had flattered heretofore got slewed and remained so for several days. But Cæsar returned to Augusta and finished his commentaries.

Another Kind of Doctor's Shop.

Old Bill McGammon, who keeps a grocery store in the suburbs of Austin, is one of the closest men in the State of Texas, and he abbreviates his words in writing. He abbreviated the names on the drawers and boxes of contents in his grocery, instead of painting the name in full. For instance he painted on the sugar barrel Br. Sugar, for brown sugar, and so on.

Last Tuesday a feeble looking stranger dropped into Bill McGammon's store, and after looking around, said:

"Is Dr. Prunes in?"

Old McGammon stared, and said he reckoned not.

"Is Doctor Codfish in then?" asked the stranger.

"No he is not," said old McGammon emphatically.

"Then tell Doctor Cherries I would like to see him, if he is at leisure."

"You get out of here. I believe you have escaped from the lunatic asylum. This ain't no medicine college; this is a grocery," retorted old McGammon, getting red in the face.

"If this is a grocery store, then you had better carry back them doctors' signs to where you stole them from," responded the stranger strolling out.

Old McGammon looked where the stranger had pointed, and noticed for the first time the result of abbreviating the word "Dried" into Dr." for on the drawers he read, in large letters: Dr. Prunes, Dr. Peaches, Dr. Codfish, Dr. Cherries, Dr. Apples, Dr. Beef.

A Lucky Thing.

Two or three years ago there was a grand smashup on the Grand Trunk road, and among the killed was a woman about fifty years old, who lived on the line. The husband was sent for, the body taken care of, and after a few days an agent went down to settle the matter.

"It is a sad affair, of course," he observed "but in a business point of view we must look at her age. She was over fifty and in poor health, then she had weak eyes and a bad cough. She was a wife, of course, but she was also a source of expense and anxiety. While she was a companion in one sense, she had a hacking cough and snored in her sleep. Take all these things into consideration, and then tell me what you will settle for?"

The peppery old man had been moving about uneasily, and, as soon as the agent was through, he called out:

"I don't keer how old she was, nor how bad she coughed, nor how loud she snored! I want this 'ere railroad company to come down with $300, or I'll sue'em till they can't rest! And I want you to understand that it's lucky for your infernal old line that I happened to find a widow ready to marry me a week from Sunday! If I hadn't I'd have struck for $400, if it busted the farm."

Out Done by a Boy

A lad in Boston, rather small for his years, works in an office as errand boy for gentlemen who do business there. One day the gentlemen were chaffing with him about being so very small, and said to him:

"You will never amount to much, you never can do much business, you are too small."

The little fellow looked at them.

"Well," said he, "as small as I am, I can do something which none of you men can do."

"Ah, what is that?" said they.

"I don't know as I ought to tell you," he replied. But they were anxious to know and urged him to tell what he could do that none of them were able to do.

"I CAN KEEP FROM SWEARING!" said the little fellow. There were some blushes on four manly faces, and there seemed to be very little anxiety for further information on the point.

"So you think it is immoral to bet on elections, eh, Bibbs?" "Yes, immoral and also unlawful." "I was just talking with Stubbs and he doesn't think so." "Probably not. He won $100 from me."

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