

## WORDS WE SWALLOW

ON THE TIP OF THE TONGUE, YET WE CAN'T GET THEM OUT.

This Hitch in the Working of the Brain Is Called Aphasia in the Medical Profession—A Trick the Chinaman Uses for the Emergency.

Everybody knows what it is to have a word on the tip of the tongue and yet not be able to speak it. The word is known perfectly well, and yet we cannot for the life of us give it utterance. More often than not it is a common word in everyday use. But it will not be spoken when wanted. What is the secret of this "word forgetfulness"?

Doctors call it aphasia. They cannot explain it, but say it is a little hitch in the working of the brain or intellect. The Chinese, who have done so many quaint and clever things, recognized the difficulty thousands of years ago and invented a very ingenious way of making the best of things.

They manufactured a number of words and sentences that meant absolutely nothing, mere sound without sense. When a Chinaman in the course of conversation comes to a word that he has on the tip of his tongue, but cannot speak, he just makes use of the meaningless phrases invented for that purpose until he recalls the word he wants and goes on with the conversation.

The trick, for trick it is, is much in use in public speaking and certainly is an improvement on the "er—ers," coughings and throat clearings that so plentifully besprinkle our own after dinner orations. The speaker preserves his dignity and gives himself time for thought.

Very often the greater the desire to speak the missing word the greater the difficulty or sheer impossibility. The man in the Arabian story could not remember the words "Open sesame," although he was in danger of his life. There are many cases on record of soldiers, even officers, forgetting the password and being shot down by their own sentries. At the critical moment the all important word that they thought they knew as well as their own names escapes them. They struggle to recall it, but the very effort makes it more difficult, and they pay with their lives.

A man may sometimes be tortured and yet be unable to speak the word he most desires to utter. Spies have been captured and have gone to their death in silence not because they have not been eager to betray their comrades, but because under the stress and excitement of the situation they have totally forgotten the information they would convey. A celebrated case of this kind was made the subject of a play produced in London some years ago, called "A Question of Memory."

No doubt every reader will be able to recall instances in which he has suffered from this "word forgetfulness." One can often remember the initial letter of the word, but not the word itself. It is still on the tip of the tongue, even after one has given up the struggle to recollect it.

Actors sometimes forget a word or two in their parts that no effort of their own can give back to them at the moment. But the wings reached and the strain removed they are again immediately word perfect and at a loss to explain their forgetfulness. A whole part is sometimes forgotten. This usually happens after a very long run. During the run of "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray" Mrs. Patrick Campbell one night found herself on the stage as innocent of any knowledge of her part as any member of the audience. She made desperate efforts to "find herself," but it was no good. That performance she had to read the part through from beginning to end.

Names of people are the words that slip our memories most frequently. We see a face we know, and yet we cannot fit a name to it. We are shaken by the hand or slapped on the back, and all the while we are hard at work trying to think of the name of the person who is doing it. Kings are credited with royal memories, and it is rare to find a sovereign who has not a wonderful memory for faces. But he usually has some one at his elbow who can jog his memory for names.

It is not always safe to fish for a name wanted. When Ellen Terry and Henry Irving were in America one year, they met a gentleman who, they knew, had reason to expect that they could remember his name. But this they failed to do. So Miss Terry approached him and said: "Sir Henry and I cannot agree as to the exact spelling of your name. Will you please put us right?" "Certainly," was the reply. "It is J—o—n—e—s."

Aphasia is divided by those who have studied the subject into "word blindness" and "word deafness." A man who is "word blind" may be able to pronounce the name of letters, but cannot understand the meanings of the words they form. A man who is "word deaf" can understand ordinary sounds and music, but cannot understand spoken words. His speech is often mere senseless jargon.

But the passing forgetfulness of a word has little to do with these more serious forms of the complaint. We swallow words under the influence of excitement or more often of fatigue. People getting better from a serious illness are tormented by the loss of common words. This is particularly the case after influenza. One of our leading statesmen after an attack of this malady suddenly lost the thread of his speech in the midst of a public discourse.

"Word forgetfulness" is, however, mainly the result of careless observation or of want of training. What we never knew well we very easily forget. An experienced police detective never forgets a face or name.—Pearson's.

Wawasee, Indiana—June 1 to Sept. 30, G. R. & I. will sell round trip tickets at rate of \$3.20 good until Oct. 31. J. Bryson, Agent.

Rome City—May 16 to Oct. 31, the G. R. & I. will sell excursion tickets at rate of \$1.90 for 15 day limit and \$2.30 good for season or Oct. 31. Telephone No. 10 for advertising matter and it will be sent to your home. J. Bryson, Agent.

Pan-American Exposition, Niagara Falls, Chautauqua Lake via Erie railroad. The only line reaching all these points direct. \$11.60 Decatur to Buffalo and return on and after June 1; ten days limit. \$7.45 every Tuesday, good returning following Friday. M. A. Hamm, Agent.

Mr. Daniel Bantz, Otterville, Ia., says: "Have had asthma and a very bad cough for years, but could get no relief from the doctors and medicines I tried, until I took Foley's Honey and Tar. It gave immediate relief, and done me more good than all the other remedies combined." Holt-house, Callow & Co.

"I have refused to send my horses out during the past few days, especially during the middle of the day," said a local liverman. "It is only when I know the parties that I allow a horse to go out or when I send a driver along. Such weather as we have had is hard on horses, and a little reckless driving would kill them."

Wm. Finn, of Lima, O., obtained excellent results from the use of Foley's Kidney Cure. "It relieved my backache and severe pains over the hips. It toned my system and gave me new vim and energy. It is an honest and reliable remedy, a sure cure for all kidney diseases." Holt-house, Callow & Co.

Captain Charles Brunn, who was captain of Company E, 16th regiment during the Spanish-American war, has been commissioned by the adjutant general of the state to organize a militia company, in Bluffton. The old Fourth Regiment is to resume her place with other cities which made up its membership.

P. T. Thomas, Sumpterville, Ala. "I was suffering from dyspepsia when I commenced taking Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. I took several bottles and can digest everything." Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is the only preparation containing all the natural digestive fluids. It gives weak stomachs entire rest, restoring their natural condition. Smith, Yager & Falk.

Through sleepers to Marquette Michigan—Chicago & North-Western R'y, \$8.00 p. m. daily. Marquette for breakfast. Temperature delightful. Low rate tourist tickets with favorable limits. For full particulars regarding rates, time of trains and descriptive pamphlet apply to your nearest agent or address W. B. Kniskern, 22 Fifth Ave., Chicago, Ill.

There is so much news that even if I come by telegraph we overlook some of it. Isn't it a fact that you have seen Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pep's advertised several times and have neglected to try it? An ounce of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pep's is as good as a three week's vacation. Ask any druggist or anyone who has taken it. Sold by Smith, Yager & Falk.

Summer excursions to Colorado and Utah—From June 18 to September 10 the Chicago & Erie R. R. will sell cheap excursion tickets to Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, and Glenwood Springs, Colo., Ogden, and Salt Lake City, Utah; Hot Springs, and Deadwood, S. D.; St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Duluth, Minn. Tickets will be good returning until October 31. For information see agent or write W. S. Morrison, T. P. A., Huntington, Ind.

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Signed, Wm. D. Hoffman, Trustee.

Dated July 21, 1901.

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