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STRETCH YOURSELF.

Do It the First Thing After You Wake in the Morning.

A splendid thing for the body is stretching. When you first wake up in the morning, take a good, long stretch. Stretch the hands as far out sideways as possible. Then stretch them over the head as far as you can reach, and at the same time stretch the feet downward as far as you can. Raise the feet and stretch upward just as high as you can, and then lower the feet and legs very slowly.

When you get out of bed, raise your arms over your head, and, standing on tiptoe, see how near you can reach the ceiling. Then walk about the room while in this position. Stand on the right foot and stretch the right arm forward and upward as high as you can, while at the same time the left foot is raised from the floor and stretched outward, and the left hand is stretched backward and downward. This is a fine exercise for the whole body and is especially good for the waist and hips, making them firm and strong. Standing on the left foot this exercise can be reversed.

If you have been sitting in the same position for a long time reading, studying, writing or sewing and the muscles have become tired and cramped, the best thing to do is to get up and stretch. Stretch the arms upward and outward and forward and backward. Lift the shoulders as high as you can and drop them. Expand the chest and breathe deeply, or, sitting in the chair, stretch the hands upward, lift the feet from the floor and stretch them forward as far as possible, any way so you give the muscles a good, vigorous stretch.

When one is very tired, there is nothing more restful than stretching the muscles and then relaxing. —Exchange.

Illuminating Gas.

In the Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London for 1739 is printed a letter, written in 1691, in which the Rev. John Clayton details a series of experiments he made in distilling coal in a retort, showing not only that he had observed the inflammable gases evolved, but that he had collected and stored them for some time in bladders. In 1787 Lord Dundonald made gas from coal, with which he lighted the hall of Culross abbey. In 1792 Robert Murdoch began the experiments which resulted in the establishment of coal gas as an illuminating agent. In 1797 he publicly showed the system he had matured, and in 1798, being employed in the factory of Boulton & Watt, Birmingham, he fitted up an apparatus for the manufacture of gas in that establishment, with which it was lighted. This was the first use of illuminating gas except by way of experiment.

Getting What's Coming to Him.



Innkeeper—That chronic kicker Belzer is sitting over there.

Walter—Yes, sir.

Innkeeper—See that he gets a bad dinner. He shan't always grumble for nothing.—Megendorfer Blatter.

Exasperating.

From the dark kitchen there emanated a series of thumps and angry exclamations. Jones was looking for the cat.

"Pa!" called the son from the stairway.

"Go to bed and let me alone!" blurted Jones. "I've just barked my shins."

"Pa!" insisted Tommy after a moment's silence.

"Well, what is it? Didn't I tell you to keep quiet?"

"I—I didn't hear your shins bark."

And the next moment Tommy was being pursued by an angry sire with a hard hairbrush.—Chicago News.

Woman's Rights.

"Madam, do you believe in woman's rights?" asked the man standing in the car.

"I do," she replied shortly.

"Excuse me," he went on. "I am but an ignorant male seeking light. May I ask if you construe these rights to include the privilege of spreading your really becoming skirts over three seats?"

Thereupon she condensed herself, he took a seat, and conversation flagged.—Philadelphia Ledger.

the Court Painters.

"A movement was on foot for the alliance of King Charles of Wurtemberg and the Grand Duchess Olga of Russia," said an artist. "An emissary of the Russian court came to the young king, laid certain proposals before him and submitted a portrait in oils of the royal lady. King Charles, after a close scrutiny, said:

"This portrait flatters overmuch. The eyes are too large and brilliant, the hair too abundant, the complexion too flowerlike and the neck and arms too beautiful altogether."

"But, your majesty," said the astonished Russian, "you do not know the grand duchess."

"No," said the king, "but I know court painters."

Spoke Well of Her.

A preacher in the reign of Charles II, was to receive £10 if in his sermon at the funeral of Mme. Creswell he said nothing but well of her. She was rather a bad character and herself had dictated the clause in her will. So, after a general address on mortality, he thus concluded: "By the will of a deceased sister it is expected that I should mention her and say nothing but what was well of her. All that I shall say of her, therefore, is this: She was born well, she lived well, and she died well, for she was born with the name Creswell, she lived in Clerkenwell, and she died in Bridewell."—Minneapolis Journal.

Getting Him One Better.



Chatty Old Gentleman (as they pass the asylum)—We get an excellent view of the asylum from the railway.

Escaped Lunatic—Ah, but yo ought to see the railway from the asylum.

Yearning For Light.

"When it comes to consuming gas in large quantities blind people can beat their seeing brethren all hollow," said an inspector of the gas company. "I know two families where both husband and wife are blind. Every jet is turned on full tilt in their homes at night and is kept going at that rate clear up to 12 o'clock. Light and darkness are all the same to the afflicted ones, but they insist upon illumination brilliant enough for a reception. And that partiality for light is not a whim peculiar to those two couples. Most blind people feel that way. They demand the light, and in all private homes and institutions where the blind are cared for the gas bills vouch for the strange fancy."—Exchange.

The Marvels of Science.



Amateur Hypnotist—See, I make the passes—one-two-three. Now try to step back. You can't do it!—Pick-Me-

How He Acquired Trouble.

"Education," said the man who had been sued for breach of promise, "is the root of all evil."

"How so?" asked the man who had not been sued and consequently could not reason from the same premises.

"If I hadn't been able to write,"

answered the defendant, "what evidence do you suppose they would have against me?" Still, he conceded after some argument that the man who can write and won't has some advantages over the man who doesn't write because he can't.—Chicago Post.

Simple Remedy.

A lady journalist who conducted a page devoted to feminine interests was ill, and a male member of the editorial staff did duty as her deputy. He soon distinguished himself. A correspondent inquired how grease might best be removed from soup. He read it hurriedly, noticing only that it was an inquiry for the removal of grease. This was his answer: "Soak a soft cloth in gasoline and rub gently till the grease is eradicated."

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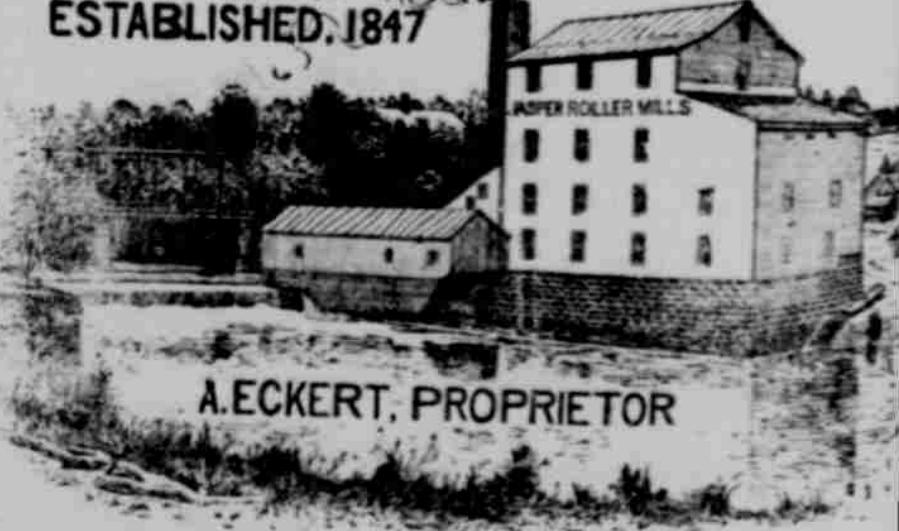
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