

is maintained or lowered, as seems probable, the gain in population would be 1.4% in 1000. This would mean that the city's population would be doubled a year earlier than the date given in Dr. Guilfooy's estimate. While the race for supremacy in population seems to lie exclusively between New York and London, Herr Olumke a noted statistician, declares that Berlin will, 50 years from now, be the largest city in the world. He calculates that its population will be nearly 14,000,000, and that it will have no serious rival except New York. In a pamphlet he has written to set forth this theory Herr Olumke says that the population of Berlin is increasing faster than any other city except Buda Pesh, Hungary. To-day Greater Berlin contains more than 3,000,000 inhabitants. The rapid growth, with Berlin's political and commercial importance, will place the Prussian capital ahead of London, Paris, and New York.

### A CONUNDRUM.

The Cape Town correspondent of the London L.V. Gazette in writing to that paper recently, remarks that the aggravating practical joke, which to the licensed victualler is no joke, of "When is a nigger not a nigger?" is always breaking out in a new place. It has been last heard of at Port Elizabeth where an hotel proprietor was brought before the magistrate for selling liquor to a native woman. The evidence was chiefly concerned with the definition of a native and the defence brought witnesses to prove that the woman was of coloured extraction. That last sentence, to the home-bred Englishman, would appear to settle the question, but it does nothing of the sort, or how could such evidence serve for the defence? It really means that the party concerned was from a native stock, brought within civilizing influences, as distinct from a native living under tribal laws and customs. But even that does not help matters, for the magistrate pointed out that it was not necessary for a person to be a pure native to come under the Act, and quoted Justice Buchanan as holding that where a person shows the appearance and characteristics of a native, and proof is brought that

there is a strain of foreign blood in his or her veins, that is not sufficient for not coming within the provisions of the Act. Doctor Considine, one of the witnesses called, stated that the woman had none of the characteristics of the pure native and the accused was discharged. Which is satisfactory so far as the ending is concerned, but leaves us in as much of a maze as ever. So, as the old saying goes, "There we are, don't you know, and where are we?"

Of a political transaction that had a suspicious look, Senator Beveridge said one day:

"Though in the thing there is nothing on which we can lay our hand, it certainly appears fishy. It reminds me of a Washington waiter.

"A gentleman, after eating a good dinner, said to this waiter:

"I am sorry I can't give up a tip, but I find I have only just enough money to pay the bill."

"The waiter seized the bill hurriedly. "Just let me add it up again, sir," he muttered."

"I must insist upon order," said the Mayor, when the crowd was becoming a little too boisterous.

"You can order anything you like," was the ready response from the floor.

They were making the usual round of exhibitions. "Oh!" he exclaimed, "do look at that beautiful 'Apollo Belvedere!'" "Sh!" she returned. "Don't say 'dear' so loud. Everybody'll know we're just married."

One of our good farmers was telling on the streets yesterday a conversation he chanced to hear between a young boy in his teens and a Christian Scientist. It appears that the Scientist came across a small boy sitting under an apple tree doubled up with pain. "My little man," he said, "what is the matter?" "I ate some green apples," moaned the boy, "and, oh, how I ache!" "You don't ache," answered the follower of Mrs Eddy; "you only think so." The boy looked up in astonishment at such a statement, and then replied in a most positive manner: "That's all right; you may think so, but I've got inside information."

## PAIN.

Death is hastened by ignorance. Nature has endowed us with the sense of pain solely in order that, by seeking relief, we may avoid playing into the hands of death. When we feel pain we are out of health. Pain long endured is a strain upon the system which nature cannot withstand. Many of us, however, go on suffering certain kinds of pain, just as if Science could not come to the help of her sister Nature. There is, for instance, no necessity for anyone to suffer from

RHEUMATISM	INDIGESTION	GRAVEL
GOUT	ANAEMIA	STONE
NEURALGIA	BLOOD DISORDERS	BLADDER TROUBLES
BACKACHE	BILIOUSNESS	GENERAL DEBILITY
SCIATICA	JAUNDICE	SICK HEADACHE

The pains caused by this long list of disorders are but Nature's means of letting us know that the kidneys or liver are for some reason unable to perform their work efficiently, for all of these disorders are produced by the retention in the system of urinary and biliary poisons, which would be thrown off naturally if the kidneys and liver were doing their duty. Few people realize how important in the scheme of life is the healthy action of the kidneys and the liver, therefore the following description of the functions of those vital organs will be of the deepest interest to many.

The kidneys filter and extract from the blood about three pints of urine every day. In this quantity of urine are dissolved about an ounce of urea, ten to twelve grains in weight of uric acid, together with other animal and mineral matter varying from a third of an ounce to nearly an ounce. When the kidneys are in health, all this solid matter is in solution and is invisible. Directly the kidneys, through either weakness or disease, become unfit to do their duty properly, a proportion of the solid matter remains in the blood, becomes actively poisonous, and causes us to suffer from uric disorders such as Rheumatism, Gout, Neuralgia, Lumbago, Backache, Sciatica, Gravel, Stone, Bladder Troubles, and Bright's Disease. A simple test to make as to the condition of the kidneys is to place some urine passed the first thing in the morning, in a covered glass, and let it stand until next morning. If it is then cloudy, or there is a brick-dust like sediment, or if particles float about in it, or if it is of an unnatural colour, the kidneys are not healthy, and no time must be lost in adopting remedial measures, or Bright's Disease, Diabetes, or some less serious but more painful illness will result.

The Liver.—In the liver various substances are actually made from the blood. Two or three pounds of bile are thus made from the blood every day. The liver takes sugar from the blood, converts it into another form, and stores it up so as to be able to again supply it to the blood gradually, as the latter requires enrichment. The liver changes uric acid, which is insoluble, into urea, which is completely soluble, and the liver also deals with blood corpuscles which have lived their life and are useful no longer. When the liver is inactive or diseased we suffer from Indigestion, Biliousness, Anaemia, Sick Headache, and Blood Disorders.

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From "London Opinion."—The girl worries until she is married; then the man takes his turn. Man proposes; woman imposes. Many brides need a bridle.

Cheeky.—Maud: Did you kiss Dolly when you left her last night?—Dick: Certainly not. Why do you ask? Maud: Oh, nothing. Only she was speaking of you to-day, and she liked your cheek.

The teacher had been telling the class about the rhinoceros family. "Now name some things," said she; "that it is very dangerous to get near to, and that have horns."—Motor-cars," replied a little boy, promptly.

The hero of a story which has been told of Archbishop Ireland is really that witty churchman Bishop Talbot, "the Cowboy Bishop," whose powers of repartee and whose churchly devotion made him famous among those people of whom he has so delightfully written in his reminiscence volume, "My People of the Plains."

"Where in h— have I seen you?" demanded a rough looking man, meeting Bishop Talbot one evening in the crowded single street of a mining town.

To which the Bishop suavely retorted, to the shouting delight of the bystanders: "What part of h— do you come from, sir?"

A man with an enormously large mouth called on a dentist to get a tooth drawn. After the dentist had prepared his instruments and was about to commence operations the patient began to strain and stretch his mouth till he got it open to a most frightful extent. "Stay, sir," said the dentist; "don't trouble to stretch your mouth any wider, for I intend to stand on the outside of it to draw your tooth."

"I am afraid I am rather late, my dear," remarked the young husband nervously as he came home on the first occasion on which he had been detained at the office. "But—oh, I say! how awfully kind of you to keep supper waiting!" "This is not supper," said the young wife coldly; "this is the table set for breakfast."

Mrs Thomas Johnson Smith was being married for the fourth time in the little country church in which she had been raised. The ceremony was proceeding with all solemnity until the minister reached the point—

"Who gives this woman to this man to be his wife?"

And a voice back in the congregation replied, "I generally do."

She was telling a circle of sympathetic friends about the burglar scare in her home. "Yes," she said. "I heard a noise, so got up at once. There, under the bed, I saw a man's legs sticking out." "Good gracious!" exclaimed one of the ladies. "The burglar's legs?" "No, my dear, my husband's legs. He had heard the noise too!"

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