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A LINE O' TYPE OR TWO

How to the Line! Let the Critics quipe fall where they may.

AN ART DEALER out Lincolnize found himself caught in this here new depression with fifty thousand prints of rare old Gothic tapestries. Not so could he sell until he got the idea of sawing 'em up into jigsaw puzzles and then he couldn't make change fast enough. If some of the statues we've got scattered around here and there in Chicago wouldn't work in a good jigsaw puzzle, and anyhow, if they could it, put 'em together afterwards we could still worry along.

THE DEEPEST HOLE in the earth's surface has been discovered. It's in the Atlantic ocean and is 44,000 feet, nearly eight and a half miles, deep. Gosh! wish they would dredge that hole. That must be where all our stocks and bonds went to.

A BIG BREWING FIRM in St. Louis is getting all set. It has ordered 20,000,000 beer bottles and 600,000 beer cases. But if we've got to buy our beer that way we're going to be bitterly disappointed. We have looked forward with tears in our eyes to the time when we could walk down the alley with the crooked water pitcher and get it filled with nice foaming lager. Ah, those were the days!

MABEL'S PAUND DAS AMATEUR STRING QUARTETTE.

Da saten die Fellers sich dumm und dot
Bis sie kamen zum Andantino.
Vom Stringquartette, wo gepractet hott
Kratzioso, please, con Sordino.
Der Pa, wo als Liestener die Cent let,
Hat die Mutes auf den Fiddles net.

"Was," frast er mit Interest, "is das für a Ding
Das ihr nau auf den Fiddles tut useh?"
"A Mute," sagt der Cellist, "und I object davon
Iss den Volume des Tons zu reduzeh."
Damit sounded die beste Cremona
Shust a Fraction so loud als mitonne.

"Ah! A Silencer. 'S iss a sehr gute Idee,"
Muset der Pa. "Die Invention iss clever.
Ich hoff dass der Mann wo drus workeh tut
Net discouraget wird in sei Endeavor,
But continuet mit Fleiss und Assiduness
Until er achieft PERFECT Listeness."

M. M. S.

DOLLY GANN is writing a book of her social

How to Keep Well
By Dr. W. A. Evans

To the limit of space questions pertaining to hygiene and prevention of disease will be answered in this column. Personal replies will be made to inquiries, under proper limitations, when return stamped envelope is inclosed. Dr. Evans will not make diagnoses or prescribe for individual disease.

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AVOID DUST.

LEAVING aside speculations and theorizing, the present day information concerning the harmfulness of dust is about as follows:

The effects of the inhalation of dust are of several kinds. There is an outgrowth of fibrous tissue, or scar tissue, in the lungs, which goes by such names as miner's phthisis, miner's consumption, silicosis, anthracosis, and a number of others. It causes shortness of breath, lack of endurance, and limitation of capacity for work. Eventually it may result in cavities in the lungs and hemorrhages not due to phthisis. People with this disorder are generally able to keep at work for several years after they learn what the trouble is, though they can expect to lose something in capacity for productive labor year by year and finally to cross over the river a few years in advance of schedule.

In most cases the disorder is suspected because of poor wind and lessened endurance and this leads to an X-ray picture of the lungs. In evaluating X-ray pictures as a basis of diagnosis of silicosis it is well to recall Dr. Thayer's opinion of the diagnosis of consumption by means of X-rays made of soldiers and sailors during the world war. This opinion was that such diagnoses were wrong in at least half the cases and that the conclusions drawn from X-ray pictures were generally too serious.

In addition to the more direct effects silicosis of the lungs is not infrequently the basis for a secondary tuberculosis infection of the lungs.

Aside from the harm due to breathing dust through overgrowth of fibrous tissue in some circumstances dusty air contributed to pneumonic infections.

And finally breathing dust might cause asthma, hay fever, and bring about poisoning such as lead poisoning.

The dusts most productive of silicosis are those richest in silicon. Sandstone and quartz stand at the top. Granite is much lower in the scale. Limestone is quite low.

The most harmful trades are cleaning buildings with sand, sand blasting of other kinds, mining sand and sandstone, mining in quartz rock, handling quartz ores and sand products, mining and fabricating asbestos.

The worst of all combinations is dust composed of sand and soap. Handling of artificial products made from silicon mixtures such as carborundum is also an important source of silicosis.

In most situations the indoor air can be kept fairly free from dust by means of artificial ventilation. The use of positive pressure respirators and other forms of dust masks has a field, though not a large one.

The only satisfactory method of keeping track of the effects of dust in the lungs of men working at dusty trades is to make X-ray pictures of the lungs when the workman is employed and periodically thereafter. These should be filed. The periodic physical examination should include a record of breathing capacity and wind. Every industry having a factory or division in which the air is habitually dusty should have a record of periodic dust counts and an analysis of the physical and chemical qualities of the dust.

HIS EARS BURN.

M. G. writes: My ten year old son has trouble on cool days with one ear getting red. This lasts for about two days and irritates him. He never has the trouble in summertime.

REPLY.

The boy has some disorder of the vasomotor nervous system.

RINGWORM.

Mrs. C. E. D. writes:

1. What is ringworm eczema?
2. Is it hereditary?

REPLY.

1. An eruption caused by ringworm.
2. No.

The location of the infection is a matter of great importance. If in a hairy area one treatment succeeds; if in a smooth area another is called for.

BLOOD PRESSURE.

L. F. D. writes: Which is more dangerous to health—high or low blood pressure?

REPLY.

High blood pressure is much more liable to cause or to be associated with organic diseases and to cause death. Low blood pressure is more likely to cause symptoms and some functional disorders.

FRIEND OF THE PEOPLE

Letters to this department must be signed with names and addresses of writers.

INSURANCE POLICY.

Connersville, Ind., Feb. 15.—[Legal Friend of the People.]—What surrender value, if any, has a $3,000 twenty year

CANNOT BE NATURALIZED.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—[Friend of the People.]—A British subject landed at Boston in September, 1923. He came on a visit but stayed on. 1. Can said person now