

It is a rarity though that rare things come alone, as statisticians are very well aware of. So, at the same time, another woman in a Providence, R.I., hospital, gave birth to two boys as well, also from two wombs.

Likeness of Twins.

About two-thirds (or four-fifths, according to other statistics) of all twins are fraternal twins. One of them may be vigorous, the other sickly; one may be tall, the other short; one may be right-handed, the other left-handed; one may be bright, the other dull.

The likeness of twins can be measured exactly for scientific purposes. Among the characteristics used for comparison are, besides general resemblance of face and figure, hair colour and hair whorls; colour of eye and skin; finger patterns; blood vessels and circulation; height and weight; shape of head and ears; speech; manner of holding objects, etc.

Identical twins as children prefer the same toys, show similar progress in school. Still there are no general rules for their behaviour in later life though originally they came from a single egg. There is no truth in the tale that identical twins possess powers of mental telepathy.

We like twins, and most families are happy when twins arrive. But in some parts of Asia the second twin is regarded as an evil spirit and is being killed at birth. When the famous Siamese twins were born in Siam in 1811—they were born grown together, an immense rarity—there were rumours of the impending end of the world. The Siamese king at that time considered having the twins killed, but their mother saved them and encouraged them to swim, run, fish and play as other children did. They married and had children.

Insurance Against Triplets.

There are always people who are being ridiculed because of their foresight. But sometimes they laugh last. A city

clerk in London got triplets. It is not easy to take care of three newborn babies for a city clerk anywhere in the world.

But suppose the clerk's wife should get triplets again? The chance of such an overblessed event was not high.

Still the husband took out an insurance policy against a repetition of the triplet-experience. This kind of insurance was new, premium was low, and the insurance company did not hesitate to insure the threefold-experienced father. However, his wife again was delivered of triplets the following year. 2,000 pounds sterling were paid to the happy father by the insurance company.

A Book for Children.

HERE WE ARE! Lovely weeks of glorious Summer swiftly flying—August Bank Holiday come and gone, and Autumn coming, a time when we begin to think of Christmas and, of course, the children and what to give, say, in the matter of books—and speaking of books—we see, just published, "Flying Bunny," by Gladys M. Hardy, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., which would delight the little ones in its alluring fairy-land wonder story of the Bunny who found he had wings!

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Words for the Month.

The happiest part of a man's life is what he passes lying awake in bed in the morning.

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SAMUEL JOHNSON.

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