

Driven From the Citadel.

The warmth of spring and summer may do much to relax the muscular system and make many feel much more comfortable, but there is this about the old enemy rheumatism, that when he once takes hold, he tries to hold the citadel at all seasons of the year.

"You told me you and Harry loved at sight." "Yes, but we quarreled on acquaintance."

When Traveling.

Whether on pleasure bent, or business, ake on every trip a bottle of Syrup of Figs, as it acts most pleasantly and effectually on the kidneys, liver and bowels, preventing fevers, headaches and other forms of sickness.

There appears to be little abatement in popular feeling in Spain against the United States.

Spring Medicine

Your blood in Spring is almost certain to be full of impurities—the accumulation of the winter months. Bad ventilation of sleeping rooms, impure air in dwellings, factories and shops, overeating, heavy, improper foods, failure of the kidneys and liver properly to do extra work thus thrust upon them, are the prime causes of this condition.

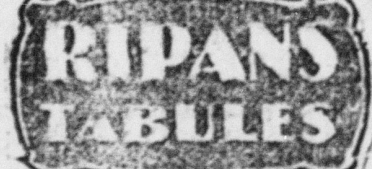
Purify Your Blood

Now, as when warmer weather comes and the tonic effect of cold bracing air is gone, your weak, thin, impure blood will not furnish necessary strength.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. \$1 Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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WALL PAPER FREE.

Would be dearer than ALABASTINE, which does not require to be taken off to renew, does not harbor germs, but destroys them, and any one can brush it on.

ALABASTINE CO., Grand Rapids, Mich.

C & B GERMAN ELIXIR. ALL DRUGGISTS. For Skin and Blood Diseases

"In the springtime of the year I always take your Sarsaparilla as I find the blood requires it, and as a blood purifier it is unequalled. Your pills are the best in the world. I used to be annoyed with....."

Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

This testimonial will be found in full in Ayer's "Curebook," with a hundred others. Free. Address: J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

STUCK TO SPARTACUS STORY.

Congressman Hopkins Could Not See the Joker's Wink.

Mr. Hopkins of Illinois is not altogether inaccessible to the subtlety of a joke, but in the main the tawny haired statesman is disposed to be serious and grave.

"You're mistaken about that, Hopkins. That wasn't Spartacus at all, but Cantharides." "Oh, no," said Hopkins; "it was Spartacus."

Updegraff looked at it, then at Hopkins, and in very dry tones said: "That's right. That dictionary is responsible for that cock and bull story. There it is, sure enough. But I presumed, while it had misled so many, you, Hopkins, couldn't be taken in by that kind of authority."

WHY HE TOOK THE SEAT.

A Teaching Scene Witnessed on a New York Car.

A pathetic incident occurred in a Broadway cable-car one evening recently. Two men boarded the car at Chambers street. They were broad-shouldered, athletic looking men, and one familiar with professional athletes would have recognized in one a ball player, well known in the National League, and the other a well-known prize fighter.

At 14th street the car stopped and two young women got on. They were handsomely dressed and had a general look that would cause one to take them for actresses. They were at once recognized by the men mentioned. The two men sprang to their feet and greeted the young women warmly.

"Excuse me, sir, I meant that seat for this lady." It looked ominous to those who saw the gleam in the eye of the pugilist. The man addressed said hastily: "I beg your pardon. Excuse me."

"That's all right, old man; you keep the seat." Then he turned to the young woman and said quietly: "You'll have to stand, Blanche, the poor chap's blind."

Officer—What did you want, sir? Citizen—Somebody has stolen my watch, and I want you to hunt the rascal up and give him the key to it. It raises the mischief with a watch to let it run down, you know.—Boston Transcript.

Gotox—I think young Cheeky is a foreign nobleman in disguise. Wigwag—What makes you think so? Gotox—Well, he has succeeded in borrowing a thousand dollars from me, and now he wants to marry my daughter.

Poets Break Out

in the springtime. And a great many who are not poets, pay tribute to the difference is that the same spot annually, break out in various parts of the body. It's natural. Spring is the breaking-out season. It is the time when impurities of the blood work to the surface. It is the time, therefore, to take the purest and most powerful blood purifier,

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Two-thirds of all the letters which pass through the postoffices of the world are written by and sent to people who speak English.

George E. Faw, a leading wheat shipper of California, says that a single rain storm that occurred recently was worth \$2,000,000 to the Salinas Valley farmers and ranchmen alone.

Another man comes forward with the pleasant theory that people by living properly may attain the extra ripe age of 200 years. The trouble with theorists of this class is that in exploiting the beauties of their belief they generally talk themselves to death before having even reached the youthful prime of three score and ten.

The telephone, according to the Electrical Engineer, has got a footing in Iceland. It is said that an American is laying a line between Reykjavik and Akureyri, at a cost of 100,000 kr. (\$27,000).

Horses decreased in number in this country 4.8 per cent. during 1895 as compared with the previous year, and also decreased 13.3 per cent. in value, according to Department of Agriculture statistics.

Among every 1000 bridal couples in England in 1894 there were 46 bridegrooms and 54 brides who were unable to write their names.

There are two things in connection with the new cure for consumption practiced by Dr. Cyrus Edson, of New York, which recommend it above other similar inventions. One is its perfect simplicity—the other the fact that its inventor has given the formula freely to the world, thus making it possible for sufferers everywhere to have the benefit of its properties immediately.

The Czar has delighted all classes of Russians by commanding that for the future all petitions shall be presented to him personally. The aide-de-camp on duty will accept them from the petitioners and place them before the monarch without delay.

Some startling statistics of the decay of the Russian nobility are given in a list of mortgaged estates furnished by the British consul at St. Petersburg. At present more than 100,000 estates, or 41 per cent. of the entire area owned by nobles, are burdened by mortgages, and the amount of money advanced on them has reached \$632,500,000, of which \$586,000,000 remains unpaid.

The Emperor of China, Kuang Hsi, cannot appear in public. When he goes abroad it is usually in a sedan chair, with guards along each side of the road to prevent intruders from gazing at his sacred person.

Believes Dreams Come True.

Otto Riehle, a locksmith of Terr Haute, Ind., is almost persuaded that "dreams come true." He spent three days of the past week trying to open a safe, the combination lock of which was out of order, and was about to give up the job Friday night.

corn, 1002 dozen sweet corn, 5296 cucumbers, 400 melons, 711 pounds rhubarb, 863 quarts strawberries, 14 tons squash, 590 bunches celery, 6040 cabbage, 348 dozen eggs.

Shelbyville, Ind., is one of the many places west and south where the war of rates is on between the Bell Telephone Company and its new and less powerful rivals. The Shelbyville Company is winning thus far, perhaps because it was shrewdly conceived as a mutual company with a great number of stockholders.

Notwithstanding the one hundred and fifty patents issued to inventors of horseless carriages, to be propelled by electricity, steam, gas, gasoline, hot air, springs and perpetual motion, the Live Stock Journal thinks none of them are practicable, and their only use thus far is to frighten farmers into selling off their horses before the "horseless age" comes.

Cleanliness and Cheerfulness.

The present agitation in the Salvation Army recalls a description given by a visitor after an hour or two at the stables. It is interesting, as showing the methods pursued by these young women who lead lives of sacrifice and privation in their efforts to reclaim and assist distressed humanity.

"Two young women, not dressed in the customary Salvation Army uniform but wearing dark-blue calico dresses gingham aprons, and slouch sailor hats rent a room in the most disreputable part of the city. Their first task is to clean or rather shovel out the dirt while they ply broom and brush, they sing cheerful songs, not too religious and in no way referring to the army.

"Opposed to this are the areas of high pressure, banks of cold, dry air, which condense the moisture when they come in contact with it. That is, they will condense unless the area of low pressure is too strong and is under too favorable conditions to be done away with.

"The high pressure areas keep forcing themselves upon those of low pressure, their currents of cold, dry air having a tendency to dissipate and destroy the moisture-laden clouds of the cyclone, or to drive it onward.

He Proved the Omen.

"Speaking of sailors' superstitions," remarked the veteran lighthouse keeper, Josh Reeves of Sea Isle City, "reminds me of an incident that happened half a century ago off the Five Fathom Bank lightship, in which a sailor's prediction, based on an omen, resulted fatally to the prophet himself.

HOW A STORM IS BORN.

Its Parent is the Sun, While Rain and Snow Are Only Its Companions.

How storms are born and how they start on their journeys, is something few persons besides weather sharps know anything about.

Sergeant and "Farmer" Elias B. Dunn held forth most interestingly the other afternoon on this subject. The wind was blowing at the rate of sixty to eighty miles an hour through the streets, and, it seemed, with even greater force up outside the tower of the Manhattan life building.

"Now, as to what causes or brings about the birth of a storm. Storms are generated where there is excessive heat and moisture. They are built up in various ways, at times being formed rapidly and at times slowly.

"These are called centers of low pressure. They are to be found in all parts of the atmosphere, near the earth, or miles above it.

"I am talking now, understand, with regard to cyclones only. These low pressure areas of storm are in vast extent, and they have two motions—first, their progressive or onward motion from west to east at a rate of about twenty-five to thirty miles an hour; and, second, the spiral centripetal movement of their moisture-soaked air currents at eighty to ninety miles an hour.

"As this great bank of winds of terrific force, with its curving, circling motion, moves along, the heated air feeds on the moisture it can pick up in its flight. The more moisture it can get the greater the intensity of the storm. Should its course lie over dry and arid regions, little by little the violence of the winds would decrease, but if it is moving over a seaboard district, where it can suck moisture from the surface of the water, its power may grow to almost any point.

"Tornadoes are a different sort of storms. They are formed on the south or southeast quadrants, or portions, of an area of low pressure in the warmest part of the day, and in some instances are caused by warm, moist air from the south clashing with currents of cold, dry air. These two currents are frequently thirty to forty degrees of temperature apart. Their clashing causes an almost instant displacement of the air, and the battle between them is brief while often terrible in its effects.

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In one season the rice yield in the Rangoon Province of India has exceeded 1,000,000 tons.

the refuse thrown overboard, but a calm sea, with not a breath of air to disturb it, caused the refuse to drift in a circle around the ship. Toward noon a large flock of geese came in sight and settled under the lightship's very bows and commenced to feed.

"Toward noon a strong gale came out of the northeast and kicked up a heavy sea. Crowell was on the forward or bow watch.

"Many of the crew were in the main cabin below enjoying a social game of eucuche, checkers, or dominoes, when suddenly they heard the sound of a chain running rapidly through the starboard bow scuppers. We rushed up in dismay, thinking the windlass gearing had given way. The sight witnessed will never be forgotten. Crowell had been caught in the relief chain and ground around the rapidly revolving windlass. His death was instant. His omen came true."

NOSES MADE GOOD AS NEED.

Celluloid, Patience, and Maybe a Finger Needed.

"Building a nose," sounds queer, writes Dr. Whiting in The New York Journal and yet that is just what surgeons are doing almost every day. Every surgeon who possesses mechanical ability enough to be called a "plastic surgeon" will take a contract to build a nose just as a builder takes a contract for building a house.

The operator, in the case of a man the bony portion of whose nose has been destroyed, first removes the dead bone until he finds healthy bone. He is then ready to proceed with the building. Holes are drilled into the sound bone for the reception of the metallic frame work which is to support the flesh that will give the nose the appearance of having its natural bony and cartilaginous support.

Probably the most famous case on record is that of the late Dr. Thomas Sabine. The operation was performed at Bellevue Hospital. The patient's nose had been entirely destroyed by a disease called lupus. The surgeon transplanted the middle finger of the patient's hand to replace the nose. To the house surgeon fell the task of destroying the nail. For this he used a powerful acid. In relating his experience recently he said that he supposed his work had proved successful, but after the finger had been transplanted he found that the nail was inclined to grow again, and he was obliged to use the acid repeatedly before it was finally destroyed.

There are surgical records of other similar cases in many of which the nail had grown on the "finger nose."

In ordinary cases where only the bony portion of the nose has been destroyed celluloid is said to prove most satisfactory, as it is better borne in living tissues than any other substance.

A case was recently shown at the Academy of Medicine. The patient was a young man whose nasal bones had been destroyed through disease. The skin had fallen into the cavity.

The shape of the nose was restored by an aluminum tripod. The surgeon drilled a hole in the frontal bone for the reception of one branch of the apparatus, while the other branches fitted into holes which had been drilled in the upper jawbone. To the untrained eye the nose had every appearance of being normal.

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