

State of Pennsylvania

THE END OF THE ROAD.

Kills Timekeeper.

Reading.—William H. Brooks, a colored man, who was employed by the Toledo Construction Company, which has the contract to repair the city's streets, entered the office of the company on the fifth floor of George F. Baer's office building and began a dispute with Frederick S. Neudoerfer, the timekeeper, as to the amount of money due him. In a fit of rage he pulled out a revolver and sent several bullets into Neudoerfer's body. Neudoerfer died at one of the local hospitals fifteen minutes after being shot. He never regained consciousness. He had been shot in the head and near the heart. The murderer ran down the stairway of the building, and as soon as he reached the street he was pursued by a large crowd. Four squares away just as the negro pulled out his revolver and shot himself through the head. He dropped dead to the pavement. Neudoerfer was a well-known locksmith, which calling he followed for some years. Later he worked in the city engineer's office, and then assumed a position with the Toledo Construction Company. He was 50 years of age, a prominent Democrat and was the nominee of his party for Select Council in the Fourteenth Ward. He was one of the most popular citizens of Reading. Brooks came here a few weeks ago from Jacksonville, Fla. It was learned later that the crowd in pursuit of Brooks was bent on lynching him, and that knowing this he killed himself.

Physician's Narrow Escape.

Lewistown.—Dr. B. P. Steele, of McVoytown, had a narrow escape. While answering a professional call in the country his horse bolted, dashing into the side of a passing freight train at the public road crossing in Mattawana. The horse was killed instantly, and the sleigh dashed to splinters, but occupant uninjured.

Girl's Strange Disappearance.

Pogelsville.—Peter Kroecker, a Slav quarry worker, in seeking the aid of the authorities in locating the whereabouts of his 19-year-old daughter, who has been missing since early in December, the girl left her home on the day of her disappearance and was last seen at her sister's home, leaving the same day to return home.

To Pave Steelton Streets.

Steelton.—The Municipal League of Steelton will shortly inaugurate a campaign for the further improvement of streets. It is planned to pave Front Street for the full length of the plant of the Pennsylvania Steel Company.

Charter for New Railroad.

A charter was issued at the Capitol to the Tuscarora Railroad Company to build a line forty-five miles long in Huntingdon and Fulton Counties. The company is controlled almost entirely by New York and Connecticut people and has a capital of \$450,000.

Charged With Safe Blowing.

York.—William Sherman and Andrew Phillips, arrested at Harrisburg, are said to be the men who blew open the safe in the postoffice at Newberrytown December 9 last. Coins found in the possession of the men were identified by Postmaster Eppley and his son. Some \$400 in money and \$100 in postage stamps were secured.

Village Wiped Out.

South Fork.—The village of Gilestown, across the Conemaugh River from here, has practically been wiped out by flood and fire. No casualties of any kind occurred, but upwards of \$25,000 damage was done. Two bridges, connecting Gilestown and South Fork, were carried away by the ice and high water of the river, and early today fire broke out, destroying a church, school, several stores and a number of houses.

Nurses' Home for Norristown.

Norristown.—The Charity Hospital Association, at its annual meeting, decided to erect a home for nurses adjoining the institution at Basin and Powell Streets, at a cost of \$20,000. One-tenth the amount was raised by the woman's auxiliary at a recent supper. The association re-elected Dr. R. Y. Eisenberg president. The endowment fund of the institution amounts to \$21,900.

Murdered Woman Buried at York.

York.—The body of Miss Arabella Wanner, formerly of York, and who was murdered at her home, 123 West Camden Street, Baltimore, by William Ashby Carter, a shipbuilder, who was infatuated with the woman, was brought here and taken to the home of her brother, Samuel D. Bupp, of 277 Southview Street, where the funeral services were held.

Puts Oil on Fire, May Die.

Norristown.—Placing oil on the fire to hurry breakfast, Mrs. John Sylvester, of Plymouth township, was burned so severely that her condition is regarded as critical by the hospital physicians. When her clothing caught fire Mrs. Sylvester rushed into the yard and rolled in the snow.

Molten Iron Sets Man Afire.

South Bethlehem.—Stephen Siewiez, an oiler, whose clothing was soaked with the fluid, became unconscious during the heat hour at the Bethlehem Steel Works and lay down on some rolls to rest. Fellow-employees, not noticing the young man, started up the machinery, and when the first shaft of molten metal was sent through the rolls it ran against young Siewiez. His clothing was ignited and his body was incinerated in a moment.

Lake Resort Again Burns.

Conneaut Lake.—For the third time in as many years, this summer resort was swept by a serious fire. A majority of the prominent buildings were destroyed, entailing a loss estimated at \$50,000. The origin is not known.

Honor Schuylkill Haven Organist.

Schuylkill Haven.—After serving as organist and conductor of St. John's Reformed Church choir for twenty-five years, John D. Berger, tendered his resignation. In honor of his long and faithful services the choir tendered a banquet and presented him with a handsome gold watch fob and Masonic emblem.

Reading Loses Philanthropist.

Reading.—Mrs. Susan E. Benson, long leader in Reading benevolent work, died here of general debility, aged 78 years. Six years ago she built a large annex to the Widows' Home at her own expense. She was a director of the institution for many years.

On Trial When Wife Is Killed.

Pottsville.—Louis Loe, of Reynolds, who was in court awaiting trial on a charge of selling liquor without license, was stunned when he was handed a telegram stating that his wife had been killed by a railroad train. District Attorney Lyons immediately postponed the case.

Increases Capital Half Million.

Harrisburg.—The Chadwick Engineering Company, of Pottstown, filed notice of increase of its capital from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. Notice was also filed at the Capitol that the company had authorized issuance of \$500,000 of bonds.

Oliver S. Henninger Dies.

Allentown.—Oliver S. Henninger, editor of the "Daily City Item," for the past eight years, and one of the best known newspapermen in the Lehigh Valley, died from acute gastritis, aged 50 years.

Judge McNally Drops Dead.

Clearfield.—Judge Joseph B. McNally, one of the oldest attorneys in the State, and the oldest graduate of Dickinson College, dropped dead. He was 85 years of age.

Drops Dead First Day At Work.

South Bethlehem.—Starting to work at the Hellerstone quarries at Hellertown, William Wagner was joking with fellow-employees about his new position when he suddenly dropped over dead from apoplexy.

Lad Eats Paris Green.

Reading.—Morris X. Conrad, 16 years old, an orphan, employed by J. C. Balthaser, at Centerport, this county, swallowed a few ounces of Paris green and then washed it down with cider. He was found lying unconscious in the snow in the orchard. After hard work the boy was restored to consciousness. He told several members of the family that he had tried to kill himself. Writing on the barn door by the boy confirmed the statement that he wished to die. He is out of danger.

Plumber Starts Fire.

Bethlehem.—A fire started by a plumber who was thawing out frozen pipes, destroyed the handsome house of H. A. Poering, head master of the Bethlehem Prep School. Hearing of the fire, the students of the prep school rushed from their class rooms to the fire, and saved every piece of furniture.

Capt. H. L. Beck Found Dead.

Williamsport.—Captain Henry L. Beck, a former officer of the United States Regular Army, head of the hardware firm of Beck Brothers & Company, was found dead at his home from an attack of heart failure. He served with distinction in the Civil War and later in the Indian campaigns. He was the father of Captain John H. Beck, of Company I, Twelfth Regiment, N. G. P.

Aged Brothers Burn In Cabin.

New Florence.—John and Daniel Utsler, brothers, 85 and 80 years, respectively, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their little one-room log cabin, located in Indiana County, near here.

Burned Trying To Save Child.

Hamburg.—Ruth, the 3-year-old child of Irwin Fox, was fatally burned when her clothing caught fire from a stove. Mrs. James Fox, the child's grandmother, and Mrs. William Gessley, an aunt, burned their hands seriously in attempting to extinguish the flames. The child's mother died three weeks ago from an operation for appendicitis.

Vertigo Victim Knocks Over Stove.

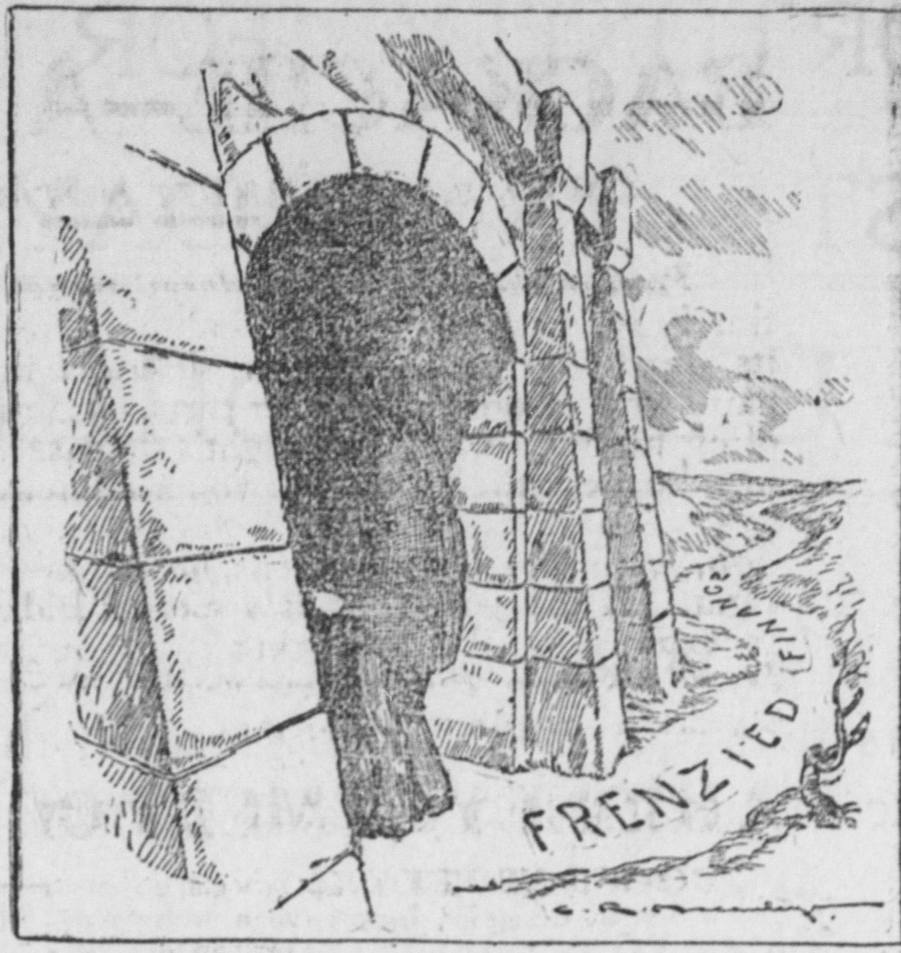
Pottstown.—Stricken with vertigo, former Burgess Washington S. Royce had a narrow escape from being burned to death in falling and knocking over the stove in his office. The hot coals set fire to his clothes and the floor became ignited, but he was discovered in time and carried to a place of safety. Mr. Royce was badly cut by striking his head as he fell.

Horse Runs Down Woman.

Norristown.—While walking in the street because of the slippery condition of the sidewalks, Mrs. Jacob Bowers, of 145 West Marshall Street, was knocked down by a runaway horse owned by R. P. March and severely injured. The horse ran away when struck by ice falling from trees.

Alfred Meis Dies.

Reading.—Alfred Meis, superintendent of the Columbia Sheet Works, died suddenly of heart trouble while at the supper table.



WAGES HAVEN'T KEPT PACE WITH PRICES, SAYS STANDARD OIL MAN

Alexander McDonald Sees No Incentive in Work That Produces Nothing for the Future, and Declares There Must Be a Readjustment Somewhere—Ordinary Clerk Cannot Support His Family and Save.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—Alexander McDonald, the oil millionaire, made some declarations on the high cost of living that will challenge attention, coming as they do from one of the original Standard Oil magnates. Mr. McDonald, who is seventy-six years old, and confined to his home by feeble health, nevertheless keeps in close touch with current events. He said: "It is becoming impossible for the wage worker to make both ends meet. I do not recall when the cost of living was so high. Wages have not kept pace with prices. We will have to have a readjustment somewhere. "It is not good that the mass of our people should be forced to live a hand-to-mouth existence. There is no incentive to work that produces nothing for the future. The saving ability of our people must not be curtailed. "I cannot see how the clerk who must pay the present high prices can support a family and save at the same time. The results of such a condition cannot be anything but bad. It discourages marriage, among other things, and those who have means are living too extravagantly. "The automobile, for instance, unfortunately has become a sign of financial standing. The result is that it is now often acquired as much for show as for use. "This is an age of much business. We find rich American girls buying titles. I say that nine-tenths of such marriages are purely commercial. It is most deplorable. "I have two grandchildren (the Misses Stallo). Should any one ask for the hand of one of these girls and mention money at the same time, I would order him to clear out."

FOR COST OF LIVING INQUIRY.

Congressman Hull Asks For an Investigation—Mr. Douglas, of Ohio, Statesman-Farmer, Gives His Ideas on the Situation—Wants Rush Made For Farms—Let Everybody Produce and Prices Fall.

Washington, D. C.—Members of Congress who insist that the salary of \$7500 a year, which they receive now does not go as far as their old salary of \$5000 did a few years ago, are much agitated over the rapidly increasing prices of the necessities of life. This subject promises to be talked about a great deal in the House and Senate this year. It is regarded as practically certain that a joint commission will be appointed to investigate. A resolution by Mr. Hull, Democrat, of Tennessee, provides for a committee of seven Representatives and five Senators to investigate if the high prices are due to: 1. Trusts and combinations. 2. The increased volume of money. 3. Increase in city population. 4. Increase in demand and decrease in supply. 5. Increase of the Government's bonded debt, or 6. The tariff. This resolution declares that the prices of the necessities of life have increased from eleven to thirty per cent in the last twelve months. It is asserted that the high prices of beef have enabled the Armour Packing Company to make a net profit of more than thirty-five per cent, on its capitalization. Mr. Hull charges that the price of sugar is two cents a pound higher in the United States than in foreign countries and that this commodity is controlled by the Sugar Trust. The most interesting development in the high price problem at the Capitol was a carefully prepared speech by Mr. Douglas, of Ohio, who succeeded that eminent statistician and prognosticator, Charles Henry Grosvenor. Ever since Mr. Douglas was attending a performance in the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, and a pair of opera glasses fell from the third balcony and bounced off his head he has been deeply interested in weighty problems. He has given a great deal of thought to this subject, and turned loose the result in a 7000-word speech. Mr. Douglas has a theory that he thinks would settle this high price proposition. He believes that if country life could be made sufficiently attractive to intelligent men and women, farm houses fitted with open plumbing, pianolas and mission wood furniture and the land toned up and made to yield 300 bushels of potatoes to the acre where twenty now grow, a great many worthy people who now eke out a precarious existence laying brick and driving hacks and running trolley cars would be for the country and proceed to get wealthy. This, in its turn, would result in greatly increasing the production of all the necessities of life, which in volume have fallen behind the steadily increasing percentage of population. He had an imposing array of figures to present to the House to prove that while the population of the United States had been jumping ahead by leaps and bounds for the last twenty years the production of cattle, hogs, sheep, grain, potatoes and other meat and vegetable staples had fallen behind. Out on his farm in Ohio Mr. Douglas raises lots of things. One of the ways he makes money so that he can stay in Congress is by fattening thin cattle and selling them to the Beef Trust. "I get so much money for my fat stock," he said, with tears in his eyes, "that I am ashamed to take it." Mr. Douglas added that any man who had been running a decent farm for the last five years and hadn't got so wealthy that he had Brussels carpet on the woodsshed floor and a pedigree Great Dane sitting on the front porch had only himself to blame. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson told Mr. Douglas just the other day, he said, of an instance in New York not six miles from Ithaca where land had been sold recently for \$2 an acre. Representatives John Dwight and Dryden and Representative Bennett, of the Bronx, later confirmed these figures. The Secretary also told Mr. Douglas of the case of a New York farmer who had a poor, worn-out hill farm on which he had raised the year before only twenty bushels of potatoes to the acre. At that time of them were large enough for market. The farmer was induced by an agent of the Department to try an experiment with his land. He was supplied with Government seed potatoes, told how to do the trick, and without the use of fertilizer he came across with 200 bushels to the acre, and since then has raised nothing but potatoes. That Mr. Douglas considers an argument for a greatly increased appropriation for agricultural purposes.

Americans Restore Chapel Built in England by Prisoners of 1812.

London.—The little stone chapel of Prince Town, Devonshire, built under forced labor by the American sailors confined in the adjoining Dartmouth prison during the War of 1812, has been restored, and a window has been placed in it to the memory of those engaged in the original work. The cost of this restoration and the window has been borne by Americans. The vicar of the church recently appealed to the American public for funds to restore the building.

Household Notes

CHEESE CONFECTION.

For fruit cheese, one of the most healthful of confections for the children, use half a pound each of raisins, currants, dates, figs and blanched almonds and two pounds of English walnuts. Grind them all fine, mix well and pack tightly in a dish under a cover. Let the mixture stand for two or three days and then cut into squares and trol in sugar.—New York Sun.

PLUM PUDDING.

A plum pudding that is not over-rich wants a cupful of chopped suet, a cupful of sour milk, a cupful of molasses, a cupful each of raisins and figs minced fine, three cupfuls and a half of flour, two eggs, a teaspoonful of cloves, two teaspoonfuls of cinnamon, a grated nutmeg, a little salt and a teaspoonful of soda dissolved in a little warm water. Fill a mould two-thirds full with the mixture and steam three hours.—New York Sun.

SHOULDER OF LAMB.

Remove blade bone from a tender, small shoulder of lamb and cut the end bone off one inch from first joint. Season all over with teaspoon salt, half teaspoon pepper, and a saltspoon grated nutmeg, place in small roasting pan, baste with a little melted butter, pour two teaspoons water in the pan, then set in oven to roast for forty-five minutes, being careful to turn and baste once in a while. Arrange Montmorency vegetables on a large dish, place shoulder over vegetables, pour a gill hot demi-glace and sprinkle a little freshly chopped parsley over all and serve.—New York Globe.

CREAM OF LENTILS.

Soak one pint lentils in cold water for four hours, then drain on sieve and place in saucepan with three quarts water, a sliced carrot, sliced onion, two each sliced leeks and branches celery, one branch chervil, one sliced, peeled, raw potato and half-pound piece raw lean salt pork. Season with a teaspoon salt and half teaspoon pepper, cover pan and let slowly boil for one and a half hours, remove pan from fire, take up pork and keep it for further use, and pour puree through a sieve into a basin. Remove the stalks and stale leaves from one and a half quarts fresh sorrel, wash well, drain, then cut in julienne-shaped strips, place in a large saucepan with an ounce butter and cook on the range until the moisture is nearly evaporated. Strain the soup through a Chinese strainer into the sorrel pan, mix well, boil for five minutes, then pour in one gill cream, mix well again, boil for five minutes longer, pour in a soup tureen and serve.—New York Globe.

AN ENTREE.

Take the little whole tomatoes from a can of the Italian sort, heat them and turn over them cocoonut sauce and you have an entree that to say the least is unusual and is also tasty. To make the sauce, blend a tablespoonful of flour with two tablespoonfuls of cocoonut cream and then when it is perfectly smooth add a cupful of cocoonut milk and bring to a boil, stirring all the time. Do not cook longer. Season with salt and turn over the hot tomatoes. For the cocoonut cream, grate a large cocoonut and cover it with three-quarters of a cupful of boiling water. Str the mixture with a wooden spoon or paddle until it is thoroughly washed and then strain through a cheesecloth, wringing the cloth perfectly dry. Stand the water in a cool place. Meantime cover the cocoonut with a half cupful of boiling water, stir as before and then strain. Stand this water away to cool but do not mix it with the other. When the first liquid is cold skim off the cream. The remainder is the milk.—New York Sun.

HINTS.

For a delicious fudge, add chopped raisins and nuts to the syrup just before beginning to stir it and beat until it stiffens. To arrange an attractive after-dinner dish, pile large handsome bunches of raisins on a dolly in a glass dish and fill in the cavities between them with shelled and blanched nuts of all kinds. Wipe the coffee pot off with a cold wet cloth to settle coffee. Moisten the fruit stains with spirits of camphor at once. The stains will disappear when the article is washed in the unusual manner. Grease sweet potatoes before baking. It keeps the skin tender. If too much salt has been added to any dish, a little sugar and a suspicion of vinegar will often rectify the mistake. Instead of throwing away lemon and orange peels, have a jar and keep them in it. Place one or two of these in your pitcher of water used for washing purposes. This will make the water soft and also give it a delightful perfume. Chile supports fifteen industrial schools, giving instruction to about 3,300 pupils.

Laying A Ghost.

Sir William Henry Perkins, the inventor of many coal-tar dyes, was talking in New York, before he sailed for England, about the Physical Research Society. "Crookes and some other scientists go in for physical research," he said, "though I confess that to me the subject makes no great appeal. "Personally I have come in contact, during a fairly long career, with but one ghost story. Its hero was a man whom I'll call Snooks. "Snooks, visiting at a country house, was put in the haunted chamber for the night. He said he felt so uneasy; nevertheless he took to bed with him a revolver of the latest American pattern. "He fell asleep without difficulty, but as the clock was striking two he awoke with a strange feeling of oppression. "Lifting his head, he peered about him. The room was wanly illuminated by the full moon, and in that weird, bluish light he saw a small hand clasping the rail at the foot of the bed. "Who's there?" he demanded tremulously. "There was no reply. The hand did not move. "Who's there?" said Snooks again. "Answer or I'll shoot." "Again there was no reply, and Snooks sat up cautiously, took care full aim and fired. "He jumped from that night on for he shot off two of his own toes."—New York World.

Best He Could Do.

"Explorers hate to take back or amend anything they have written," said F. S. Dallenbaugh, of the American Geographical Society. "They are like the Waldo editor there. "A man entered the Waldo editor's office and shouted angrily: "You said in yesterday's paper that I'd been hanged. It's false, I've never been condemned, let alone hanged. "Well, my friend," said the other, "it's our policy never to issue direct contradictions. They shake the confidence of the reader. But I'll tell you what we'll do for you. We'll say you were cut down before life was extinct."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Fragrant Fare.

"So you're on a diet, are you?" "Yes, my doctor has limited me to a few of the coarsest and simplest kinds of food." "It's about noon. Won't you go on and have lunch with me?" "It's very kind of you to invite me. I should enjoy it." "Very well. We'll go into the grill room." "After they had secured seats in a cozy corner the host asked: "Won't you look over the bill-of-fare and see whether there is anything on it you could eat?" "Thanks," said the man who was dieting. "I think I'll have an oyster-socktail to begin with, and some chicken okra. Let's see! I think I'll not eat any fish—yes, I believe I will, too. The broiled black bass will do very well. In addition to that I'll have some of the roast turkey, some New York salad, and—oh, never mind the dessert now, I'll decide on that later."—Record-Herald.

The Auto Races.

"Have you opened the doors of the temporary hospital?" "Yes." "Is the ambulance corps scattered along the course?" "Yes." "Are the stretcher men in line?" "Yes." "And the 'first aid' men waiting?" "Yes." "And the special wire to the coroner's office working?" "Yes." "Then let the races begin?"—Plain Dealer.

There is no prospect or possibility of the institution of canals in Cuba, and nature, by reason of the short waterheds, has provided no rivers which can be improved so as to offer water competition to the railroads.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Broom Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

The greater part of Holland is eight feet below the level of the sea.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children's Coughs, Croup, Whooping Cough, Sore Throat, Inflammation of the Lungs, Hoarseness, and all the ailments of the throat and chest. 25c. bottles.

The long white coat of rabbit or pony is more popular than ever this year.

For COLDS and BRUISES. Heck's CAPSICUM is the best remedy—relieves the aching and feverishness—cures the cold and restores normal conditions. Its healing effects immediate. 10c. 25c. and 50c. drug stores.

Japan has few millionaires and practically no multimillionaires.

Head, back and legs ache? Throat sore, with chills? That is La Grippe. Take Perry Davis' Painkiller at once.

Rare old cashmere shawls are again in favor for evening wraps.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day. Dr. Detton's Relief for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action is remarkable. Removes the cause and disease quickly disappears. First dose greatly benefits. 75c. and \$1. All druggists.

The separate waist is more in favor than for several seasons past.

Dr. Pierce's Pellets, small, sugar-coated, easy to take as candy, regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels and cure constipation.

Not Guilty. "It was 4 A. M., and Bilkins crept softly into the house and removed his shoes, but as he tiptoed up the stairs one of the treads gave a loud creak. "Is that you, John?" demanded Mrs. Bilkins from above. "No, my love," replied Bilkins. "It's the stairs."