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VEGETABLE POETRY.

Potatoes came from far Virginia;
Parsley was sent us from Sardinia;
French beans, low growing on the earth,
To distant India trace their birth;
But scarlet runners, gay and tall,
That climb upon your garden wall—
A cheerful sight to all around—
In South America were found.
The onion traveled here from Spain;
The leek from Switzerland we gain,
Garlic from Sicily obtains,
Spinach in far Syria grows,
Two hundred years ago or more,
Brazil the artichoke sent o'er,
And Southern Europe's sea-coast shore
Bestowed on us marrows,
When Elizabeth was reigning here,
Peas came from Holland and were dear.
The cattle of Europe lay its claim
To beans, but some from Egypt came.
The radishes both thin and stout,
Natives of China are, no doubt;
Fair turnips, carrots, and sea-kale,
With celery, so crisp and pale,
Are products of our own fair land.
And cabbages, a goodly tribe,
Which alder-men might well describe—
Are also ours, I believe and.
—[London Young Folks' Rural.

Tippu Tib's Defense of Slavery.

Tippu Tib, who is on his way to Mecca, said recently: "White men have incorrect ideas of our manners and customs. They have the effrontery to propose to abolish at one in other lands institutions which quite recently flourished in their own. I am told that in a big country called Russia, some years ago, nearly all the common people were slaves, and great misery has befallen them since they became their own masters. What is the difference between a slave and a servant? The servant is free, and may leave his master when he pleases. So may my slaves. I have no guards to keep them from deserting me. They are too well content with their lot to run away. If I were unjust to them, perhaps they might flee. But what would happen then? They would simply fall once more into the power of their equals, to be sold again, to be maltreated, to be killed, perhaps, or to toil, very likely, twice as hard as they did before. You say it is immoral to own slaves; that slavery debases men and puts them on a level with cattle. Now, it does not debase a negro to exchange the abominable yoke of a negro tyrant for the protecting care of an Arab master, whose religion commands him to be benevolent and just. You say the negroes are our brethren. Well, we treat them quite fraternally, since we raise our children with theirs. We are kinder to them than you are to your lackeys. I should not dare to treat a negro as I have seen white travelers treat their white servants. If we buy men it is only because they are offered to us, and we can not procure labor in any other way; and I am sure it is better for them to fall into our hands than into those of tribal enemies who kill or further degrade them. If you call it immoral to compel men to work for their bread, men who would rather steal it than win it honorably, I should like to ask on what basis your morality rests. If all the savages and cannibals of Africa could be reduced to a condition of slavery their children would some day constitute nations and would bless us for lifting them out of a state of savagery. The slave trade exists everywhere in the interior, and the African himself does not wish to suppress it. He would sell himself if he were emancipated. Freedom for him means nothing more than license to steal, to kill, to get drunk. You come here with your theories from Europe, but I tell you the facts as they exist in Africa.—[Goldthwaite's Geographical Magazine.

The First Cigar.

The first cigars made by the Spaniards were of tobacco loosely rolled and held together by the silken lining of cornshucks, and always with a straw running through the center, to be withdrawn before smoking, so as to secure a good draught. These were first introduced into England in 1717 by the son of a Spanish grandee visiting London, and from there spread through all Europe.

This is the history of the birth of the cigar into civilization, but we must look considerably further back to find the first records, and then can find no origin, but only data of its being in existence.

The cigar of the native Bornean living in the Indian Archipelago is a black roll three inches long, tapering to either end, the outer leaf covered with a network of gray veins like a cobweb. These may be aptly called "dude killers." They were smoked by the old Dyaks, and the smoke inhaled to intoxication; while at the weddings the bride and groom held cigars in their hands, and after their heads were knocked together three times each placed the cigar between the lips of the other, and the ceremony was ended.

When the Patagonian smokes to really enjoy himself he gives a smoking party. All assemble in a hut, seating themselves in a circle, with a bowl of water in the center. A cigar is lighted and passed around, each one drawing into his lungs as much smoke as possible and retaining it as long as he can, lying flat on his face, with his curious cloak thrown over his head. As each expels the smoke he groans and grunts, until a perfect babel reigns. Then a fresh cigar is lit, and as it passes around quiet comes again. After the third cigar each smoker sits quietly for a few minutes, takes a drink at the bowl, and silently flies out. Religion is supposed to form the basis of this custom.

Other People's Daughters.

It is a curious fact that there is nothing which is so wholly unanimous as the desire that other people's daughters should be cooks and chambermaids. We never think of it as a thing desirable, or perhaps supposable, for our own: and this fact seems to damage most of our arguments for others. * * * Now, if we draw the line at menial service for ourselves and our relatives, why should we speak severely of those who draw the line at just that point for themselves and their own relatives? The whole difficulty of that much vexed question seems to lie precisely there.—[T. W. Higginson, in Harper's Bazar.

St. Paul, Minn., with a population of 134,000, has an area of 55½ square miles.

The Sea Throwing Stones.

Byron, writing of the ocean, tells how—

"The giant element
From rock to rock leaps with delirious bound,"

but the element that strides with the strength of many Goliaths can sling stones with the strength of many Davids. The Portland *Oregonian* says:

At the office of Mayor Handbury, United States engineer, is to be seen a "dornick" of basalt weighing 62 pounds, which was brought from Tillamook light by Mr. McClure, lampist of this district.

He reports that in a most fearful storm recently experienced at the rock, the dornick was thrown up by the force of the waves and fell on the roof of the lightkeeper's house 110 feet above the sea level, breaking a hole in the roof.

The waves were so high that the water came down the chimney of the boiler house of the fog siren in torrents, and poured out through the tubes of the boiler. The chimney is about 130 feet above the sea level. The sprays entered the cowl of the chimney over the lamp, which is about 150 feet above sea level, and ran in streams to the bottom.

Forty feet from trough to crest has long been accepted as the extreme limit of wave height. Captain Riddle, an experienced navigator, has encountered waves at sea which were 70 feet high, and the late Admiral Fitzroy had previously observed waves as high. Observations made at Ascension support these authorities. Scoresby gave 600 feet as the maximum length of sea waves, but there are many longer.

Admiration for Wealth.

The simple truth is that while the admiration for mere wealth is as old as the world, it is seen at its utmost in an aristocratic, not in a democratic community, writes T. W. Higginson in *Harper's Bazar*. Hamerton has pointed out more than once how in England the two forms of social precedence interlock and support each other.

An English merchant, long resident in New York, told me once that he was always impressed on revisiting England with the greater deference there paid to mere wealth as compared with his adopted country. He told me especially of an occasion when he rode in a carriage with two kinsmen, one of whom was very wealthy, and afterward lord mayor of London, while the other was unsuccessful and poor. It was the richer relative's carriage in which they were riding, and the other, although by far the more refined and cultivated man of the two, went uncovered in deference all the way. When my acquaintance remonstrated with him for this act of sycophancy he admitted it, but answered, "That sort of thing may do very well in America, but you will find that a man must act very differently here."

The anecdote sheds floods of light upon the added felicities of wealth in Europe. Whether they are noble felicities is quite another question.

A Good Religion.

People over anxious to prove certain doctrinal points of religion sometimes forget the noble simplicity of the Lord's Prayer and The Sermon on the Mount.

A minister who wished to ascertain to what sect, if any, a certain Frenchman belonged, said:

"Monsieur, are you a religious man?"

"On—oui—certainement! religious man me—very moochi!"

"Will you kindly inform me with what denomination you class yourself?"

"Certainement—like as me fader."

"And with what especial—or—persuasion of religious people did your father associate?"

"Wid de same like me grandfader."

"And what was the particular faith adopted by your venerated ancestors, and transmitted to you?"

The old man stopped a moment, and replied, "Oui, oui, it is de religion of my muddah an' my fader an' my grandmuddah an' my grandfader; it ees de religion dat say, 'Our Fader een Heaben,' an' 'God so luf de wori',' an' 'Blessed ar-r-e de pure in heart.' I don't know what kind religion you call dat—but it's de kind my muddah r-r-read een de bib'e, Ah, oui, certainement! Dat ees cet! cet ees de religion in de bib'e!"

The Heroic Mother.

We see a household brought up well: a mother who took alone the burden of life when her husband laid it down, without much property, out of her penury, by her planning and industry, night and day, by her fulness of love, by her fidelity, bring up her children; and life has six men, all of whom are like pillars in the temple of God.

Oh! do not read to me of the campaigns of Cæsar; tell me nothing about Napoleon's wonderful exploits; I tell you that as God and angels look down upon the silent history of that woman's administration, and upon those men building processes which went on in her heart and mind through a score of years, nothing external, no outward development of kingdoms, no empire building, can compare with what she has done.

Nothing can compare in beauty, and wonder, and admirableness, and divinity itself, to the silent work in obscure dwellings of faithful women bringing their children to honor and virtue and piety.

I tell you the inside is larger than the outside; for the loom is more than the fabric; the thinker more than the thought; the builder more than the building.—[H. W. Beecher.

Electricity is now being much used for the unloading of lumber and other freight from vessels in conjunction with a whip hoisting drum. The power used is an electric motor, which is connected by a belt with the shaft which operates the drums. Each drum is operated by a lever, and can be stopped in an instant. When the lumber is drawn from the vessel a large hook from the wharf derrick is attached and the sticks are transferred to any part of the yard. The entire pulling, twisting, and transferring is done by electric power.

The removal of the tariff on lumber would not make board any cheaper.

FUNNY THINGS OF THE CENSUS

Singular Disabilities Reported—Queer Names of Towns and People.

A good many funny things have been told about the taking of the 11th census, but most of them were based upon the experience of the enumerators in securing the information asked for. Other funny things are constantly cropping out that are fully as ludicrous, if not more so, than those already told. A gentleman recently connected with the Census Bureau has given some of these to a Washington *Star* man.

One kind hearted enumerator in Indiana, with a delicacy worthy of emulation, describes a lady in his district as being "deformed in right eye." Every one has heard coarse and ribald remarks about eyes whose axis of vision was obliqued, but the man from the hoop pole section struck a new style.

Another Indiana man mentioned a considerable number of persons in his returns as "Disabled by rum," or "partially disabled by rum." That paralyzed the clerks until a shrewd one decided that the enumerator reported "rum" as an abbreviation of rheumatism and correspondence proved he was right.

From Illinois a man is reported as "deaf in his ears." The official was probably thus particular for fear that the superintendent might think the deafness was in the shoulders or knee joints.

Referring to the "deformity in right eye," many schedules returned reported persons afflicted with "crippled speech" or "speech deformed."

A citizen of Arkansas raised such a serious row with an enumerator that the case was duly reported. The citizen insisted that he should be reported on the schedule as "disabled; loss of arms," because "some son of a hoss pistol stole my revolver and bowie when I was full." Not so reported.

"Innocent Wolf" was found to be the head of a family at Atchison, Kan., Indian, of course, and very appropriately named.

There are some very queer names found in the schedules, and hear are a few specimens: Mr. Coldmorning, of Indiana, is naturally reported as having chronic rheumatism. Lizzie Openlock is not a burglar, but is rheumatic. Miss Canine, lives at Crawfordsville. John Mussulman, of Kansas, is not a Mohammedan, as the name would apply. David Benecutter is not a surgeon, but a Kansas farmer. Mary Taught is properly a Texas schoolmarm.

Love's Level is in North Carolina and was enumerated by T. L. Love, but Daniel Great Cupid is reported "crippled" at Georgetown, S. C. Peter E. Gingrass, of Marquette, evidently found a new way to spell peppermint.

William Beisicle, of Utica, came pretty near being eligible for a bicycle club. Charles Handwork is a Pennsylvania shoemaker. William B. Skeleton, Ohio, has lost one eye; most of his name have no eyes at all. Because an Indiana man is named Coon rider it is not proof that he is illegally fond of chickens. Neither is his name proof that Mr. Morningstar, West Virginia, gets up early in the morning. Charles Fatman is in Concord, Ill.

The strangest lot of names was reported from a single district in Los Angeles county, California, when in sequence on one schedule are the names of James Blue, John Gray, William White, Edward Brown, Samuel Green, William Redd, and Henry Black. In two other districts in the same county the curious census clerk found the following names representing the vegetable and mineral kingdoms; James Wood, George Ash, William Tree, Frank Cane, Arthur Pine, Edward Maple, George Oaks, Edward Apple, George Vine, Henry Root, James Glass, Edward Iron, Rudolph Silver, James Coke, Albert Pitcher, and Fred Steel.

There are queer names of towns and villages also: "Boy" is in Tennessee, as is "Mill Point" in Sullivan county, which latter seems an appropriate location for the next physical argument of the pride of Boston and the histrionic art. "Caraway," N. C., if there's anything in a name, must be seedy, and "Hives," same State, where all hands scratch for a living. "Flea Hill," N. C., should be a very lively place, and a considerable number of inhabitants are reported "defective in mind." No financier should be in "Short," Tex. "Accident" is not a railroad town, though it is in Garrett county, Maryland.

The ignorance of some of the enumerators in regard to physical conditions produced some queer results. Here are some verbatim specimens: "Crippled in side, borned so;" "crippled in right leg and mind;" "don't know what—had it for 20 or more years;" "right weak in the back;" "eye half out;" "stuttering from birth;" "only one eye is out" (evidently thought the other should be); "left lip out of fix;" "right foot absent;" "lost one right eye" (that reads as if the sufferer had a whole pocketful of right eyes); "stutters in speech; "misplaced hip" (it should be hunted up); "deformed in spinal cord;" "eye lost" (just as if it should be advertised for); "cramps;" "mute, speech defective;" "lost sight of two eyes" (just as if there was a bona fide "four eyed" party), and a bad case reported by the sufferer himself as "chronic rheumatism, left leg, broken and not well."

A Nashville enumerator reported all pulmonary cases as "chronic consumption," but he evidently has mistaken faith in the possible cure of that dread disease. A doubting Pennsylvania enumerator reported one case, "claims to be crippled," and a decidedly ungallant one (to say the least) at Lowell, Mass., tells of a young lady as "deformed; bow legs, bad."

Not the least amusing of the census humors is the number of namesakes of great statesmen and others long gone over to the "silent majority," and these are by no means confined to the Southern negroes, who assumed names at choice after the emancipation.

One day a census clerk turned to his neighbor, remarking: "I thought Andrew Johnson was dead, but here he is a census enumerator in east Tennessee."

"That's nothing," was the reply. "I found George Washington a little while ago, and I had heard he was dead. He lives in Westmoreland county, Virginia, is blind in one eye, and has chronic rheumatism."

Andrew Jackson lives in Iowa; John Quincy Adams, at Creek Center, N. Y.; Zachary Taylor at Boston, Iowa; Thomas Jefferson, Stafford county, Virginia; Daniel Webster, Beaufort, S. C.; John C. Calhoun, in West Virginia; Martin Buren Summer, in Mississippi and Benjamin Cole, rheumatic, and Henry Clay suffers with rheumatism in Jessamine county, Ky. One of the curious said Clay was a ghost, for he saw his funeral here, and ghosts can not have rheumatism, because they don't have anything to have it in.

An enumerator in a Western city wrote a confidential letter to Superintendent Porter telling of one experience he had.

"Have you disease or disability?" I asked him," writes the enumerator.

"Yes,' said he, 'my sight is bad; I was wounded in the left arm once, in the left side once, and once in the right knee, in the army; I have chronic rheumatism all the time; I am subject to neuralgic pains in my ears and jaw, and my lung is affected.'

"'Good gracious!' I asked him, 'anything else?'

"He said there was nothing more he could think of then, but his wife spoke up and said he had 'total depravity, and had it bad,' and she insisted that I put it down, too."

THE STARS IN INDIA.

What the Natives Think of Venus, the Sun, and Others.

Mrs. King, an English lady in India, was talking with some of the natives one evening about the stars. Venus was just rising, and they said that was Sukkar and that he would not let any more rain fall. I reminded them, she relates, that he was looking over the mountain lately, when that fearful three days' rain fell. Yes, they said, when first he comes there is heavy rain, and after that he puts a stop to it. The planet in the west is his brother, and one of them is always in attendance on the sun, not always the same, but turn and turn about.

They say there are 12 suns, brothers, who shine each for a month. I asked how they knew the suns were not the same, as they looked so much alike.

They said it was easy to know they were not the same. "Some are the elder brothers, and much stronger than the others—so strong that they can kill men. But this month we have a young sun brother, and next month a still younger one, and then the two youngest, who are so weak that they can hardly even melt the snow."

I asked them what became of the sun brothers who were off duty. They said they supposed they were at their own home, but did not know where that might be.

As to the fixed stars, they did not have any great opinion of them. They said their names were all written in the Brahmin's books, and some were bigger, some smaller; just like the sahibs, who were some generals, some judges, others captains, and small sahibs—and who could remember their names?

Some Clever Conundrums.

Why is a crow like a lawyer? He likes to have his caws heard.

What are the many wrinkles in a merchant's forehead? Trade marks.

What is the proper length of ladies' crinoline? A little above two feet.

Do you know the soldier's definition to a kiss? A report at headquarters.

Which travels fastest, heat or cold? Heat; because you can easily catch cold.

When is a man a muff? When he holds a lady's hand without squeezing it.

Why don't the American girl like the English dude? The Yankee dude'll do.

Why is a dead hen better than a live one? She will lay wherever you put her.

Why was Blackstone like an Irish vegetable? Because he was a common tatur.

Why don't they charge policemen on the horse cars? Because they can't get a nickel out of a copper.

What's the difference between a mouse and a young lady? One wishes to harm the cheese, the other to charm the he's.

What is the difference between homicide and pig sticking? One is assault with intent to kill, the other a kill with intent to salt.

Why are two young ladies kissing each other an emblem of Christianity? Because they are doing unto each other as they would men should do unto them.

Why are ladies so wicked? Because they not only bone their stays, and steel their petticoats, but they positively crib their babies, and hook each other's dresses.

The Qualifications Needed.

"You say you want a position on the staff of this paper? What experience have you had?"

"None at all. I want to get the experience here."

"Can you write short hand?"

"No."

"Edit telegraph matter?"

"Didn't know that it had to be edited."

"Ever try to write up a local happening for a newspaper?"

"Never did."

"Know anything about markets or finance?"

"No."

"Got any musical knowledge?"

"Not a bit."

"Good judge of a play?"

"No."

"Posted on politics?"

"Don't know anything at all about politics."

"Abrams," called out the managing editor to the city editor, "You've been trying for a long time to get a suitable person to edit the society department. Here he is."

Men of War Boomerangs.

"Few people," says a naval officer, "appreciate the tremendous nature of the blast caused by firing a big gun on board of a ship. An example of its effect was seen in some recent trials in firing the 67 ton gun of the battleship Trafalgar, considered one of the three or four finest vessels in the British navy. The gun was pointed directly ahead, and fired with a charge of 650 pounds of slow burning powder and a 1,250 pound projectile. The blast produced by the rush of the powder gas and the shot was so tremendous that the plates of the forecastle were forced in and the deck beams bent out of shape, while almost every round carried away some fragment of the projecting portions of the ship, even when the training was to the right or the left. It is estimated that the vessel would be reduced to something very like a wreck were 25 rounds to be fired, either directly ahead or directly astern. This interferes with, or renders impossible, firing when either in flight or chase, and has caused our naval constructors to modify the plans for the projected battleship, as it is not deemed desirable to have them sink from the discharge of their own guns."—[New York Continent.

When the world can't understand a man it calls him a crank.

The man who is not afraid of little sins is the man the devil gets.

The devil never asks anybody to go all the way home with him.

What It Costs.

Must be carefully considered by the great majority of people, in buying even necessities of life. Hood's Sarsaparilla commends itself with special force to the great middle classes, because it combines positive economy with great medicinal power. It is the only medicine of which can truly be said "100 Doses One Dollar," and a bottle taken according to directions will average to last a month.

By a new device pieces of metal may be shaped with rapidity by being forced under dies while rendered soft or plastic by an electric current.

It is stated that uncleaned tin plates will give an electric current in common water when one is exposed to the light and the other screened

Every Home Should Have It.

It is not always convenient to call a physician for every little ailment. Having Red Flag Oil in the house you have a Physician always at hand; it kills Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Burns, Bruises and all Aches and Pains. Price 25 cts.

There are few things in life of which we may be certain, but this is one of them, Pan-Tina Cough and Consumption Cure has no equal for Colds, Coughs and Consumption. Price 25 and 50 cents at Thomas' Drug Store.

Batchelor—Why on earth is a new male baby always referred to as a bouncing boy?

Benedict—Guess it's because there's so much bawl about him.

Music first; after that, take your choice.

Some Foolish People

Allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say, "Oh, it will wear away, but in most cases it wears them away. Could they be induced to try the successful medicine called Kemp's Balsam, which is sold on a positive guarantee to cure, they would immediately see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial size free. At all druggists.

The beautiful hidden virtures are the most lovely.

The flowers, the grass and the leaves; what would nature be without them?

Death is the unforgetable.

We are to ourselves like a closed book.

If Sufferers from Consumption

Coughs and Colds will try Pan-Tina Cough and Consumption Cure, they will find quick relief and permanent benefit. The medical profession declare it a remedy of the highest value. Try it. Price 25 and 50 cents. Trial bottles free.

A large proportion of the diseases which cause human suffering result from derangement of the stomach, bowels and liver. Dr. Lee's Liver Regulator removes all these troubles. Trial bottles free at Thomas' Drug Store.

All the while thou livest ill, thou hast the trouble, distraction, inconveniences of life, but not the sweets and true use of it.

Transact business with the men of the world like a person in a shower of rain, staying no longer than is indispensably necessary.

The Pulpit and the Stage.

Rev. F. M. Shrout, Pastor United Brethren Church, Blue Mound, Kan., says: "I feel it my duty to tell what wonders Dr. King's New Discovery has done for me. My lungs were badly diseased, and my parishioners thought I could live only a few weeks. I took five bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery and am sound and well, gaining 22 lbs. in weight.

Arthur Love, Manager Love's Funny Folks Combination, writes: "After a thorough trial and convincing evidence, I am confident Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, beats 'em all, and cures when everything else fails. The greatest kindness I can do my many thousand friends is to urge them to try it." Free trial bottles at REBER'S Drug Store. Regular sizes 50c. and $1.00.

A good man is kinder to his enemy than bad men are to their friends.

Some men are fated to see no further than the top round of the treadmill.

An hour for yourself, the rest of the day.

You should not fear, nor yet should you wish for your last day.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The BEST Salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by REBER druggist.

How delightful are the beauties of abnegation—in the retrospect!

Every man eats, but it is only here and there that you find one who thinks.

A new roofing paper is made by applying to the paper a composition of boiled linseed oil and pulverized charcoal. The paper so prepared is said to be perfectly air and water proof under all circumstances.

Be Careful!

No matter what disease you may have. Be sure that the medicine you take is reliable. Such a medicine you will always find Sulphur Bitters. They are not a cheap rum drink, but are made of the choist roots and herbs to be found in the vegetable kingdom.—Daily Argus.

Love is always willing to be crucified.

Faith is the real basis of joy in religion.

Don't do anything that will wound your conscience, if you would please God.

Hold it to the Light.

The man who tells you confidentially just what will cure your cold is prescribing Kemp's Balsam this year. In the preparation of this remarkable medicine for coughs and colds no expense is spared to combine only the best and purest ingredients. Hold a bottle of Kemp's Balsam to the light and look through it; notice the bright, clear look; then compare with other remedies. Large bottles at all druggists, 50 cents and $1. Sample bottle free.

No man ever lost his religion by trusting God too much.

Theology alone, is a poor thing to take into the pulpit.

There is no such word as light in the blind man's dictionary.

The right kind of sugar never sours.

Remarkable Facts.

Heart disease is usually supposed to be incurable, but when properly treated a large proportion of cases can be cured. Thus Mrs. Elmira Hatch, of Elkhart, Ind., and Mrs. Mary L. Baker, of Ovid, Mich., were cured after suffering 20 years. S. C. Linburger, druggist at San Jose, Ill., says that Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure, which cured the former, "worked wonders for his wife." Levi Logan of Buchanan, Mich., who had heart disease for 30 years, says two bottles made him "feel like a new man." Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure is sold and guaranteed by Thomas, Lehighton and Dery, Weissport.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE