

ON THE FOOTBOARD An Ex-Criminal's Yarn.

"Guv'nor," said Jim Bragg, stepping gently into my room one night after a momentary tap on the door, and depositing himself on a chair and his greasy hat underneath it. "I can put you up to a job as fit as just suit yer down to the ground."

I selected one of the plugs. By extraordinary good luck it fitted without any further humping to speak of, and in less time than it takes to tell I had driven it firmly home. A little packing and a smear of black lead over the place, and I defied anyone to detect it. The whole operation had not taken more than about four minutes, and at its completion I quietly opened a door and stepped into an empty compartment. A moment or two later the engine backed up to the train, and commenced to "blow up" the vacuum.

THE LEADER Scranton Store, 124 and 126 Wyoming Avenue.

New Fall Dress Goods and Silks. Some of the very best values in this season's newest goods have been placed on sale at particularly low prices, in order to make your visit doubly profitable this week. Every item stated here will prove of interest to you.

New Arrival of Ladies' Knit Underwear. Two items of extra good value and both of them at an extremely low price. All of these goods have arrived only during the last week or so and are emblematic of this store in point of goodness and reasonable price.

LEBECK & CORIN.

THE BICYCLE INDUSTRY. The Extent of Its Growth in America Is Amazing. From the New York Sun. It ten years ago it had been predicted that before the close of the nineteenth century the manufacture of bicycles and bicycle supplies and machinery for making them would constitute one of America's greatest industries.

THE HERO OF THE NILE. Sketch of Gen. Sir Herbert Kitchener, Britain's Newest Celebrity.

Intrépide courage, a coolness and self-command that no danger can ruffle, a remarkable capacity for hard work, a gift for organization and tremendous perseverance in carrying out his plans are qualities possessed by Sir Herbert Horatio Kitchener in a high degree.

the trap and we were speeding rapidly away. Twenty miles we put between us and the railway before we deemed it prudent to stop, and then we returned to town by a circuitous route, after turning the horse astray and upsetting the trap in a ditch. Our employer was highly elated and gave us an extra £20 for the neat way in which the affair had been managed.

every part of the world are eager to know what modifications or radical changes will be revealed in the American bicycles of 1899. It is doubtful if the manufacturers themselves could adequately answer the inquiry at this early date, as very likely, many of them are not yet familiar with inventions and suggestions which they wish to consider carefully before deciding exactly how to fashion the new machines.

During that year the patents granted for inventions of bicycles, bicycle parts, appliances and devices number nearly eight hundred. Seventy-eight patents were issued for new bicycles, 49 for bicycle bells, 42 for bicycle brakes, 41 for bicycle tires, 33 for bicycle saddles, 30 for bicycle handle bars, 12 for bicycle handles, 15 for bicycle lamps, 14 for bicycle cyclometers, 13 for bicycle luggage and parcel carriers, 13 for bicycle wheels, 13 for bicycle frames, 12 for bicycle chains, 9 for bicycle pedals, 8 for bicycle gears, 7 for bicycle alarms, and 5 for bicycle ball bearings.

Remedies and Helps for the Household.

Gray Hair. Take half a tumbler of strong tea and apply it to the hair with maidenhair fern as if it were a sponge. A little licorice might be added. This is a sure restorer of the coloring matter. It is slow in acting, but after two months there is a perceptible change. Wash the roots of the hair every day. This has been proved to be of real benefit. Maidenhair fern is recommended by an Italian doctor as a sure restorer of the natural coloring matter of the hair.

Catarrh of the Stomach. In chronic catarrh of the stomach, where the tongue is heavily coated with a white fur, one or two drops of tincture of nuxvomica, in water, every two hours or oftener, will often clear the tongue in thirty-six or forty-eight hours. Cure For Corns. Place the feet for half an hour two or three nights successively in a pretty strong solution of soda. The alkali dissolves the indurated cuticle, and the corn falls out spontaneously, leaving a small cavity which soon fills up.

Tapeworm. A strong decoction of dried magnolia-ette flowers, administered fasting, followed by a large dose of castor oil, is said to be effectual. To Relieve a Cold. For a cold on the chest, a flannel ring out of the bottle water and sprinkled with turpentine laid on the chest, gives the greatest relief. To Prevent Felon. When a felon begins to make its appearance, take a lemon, cut off one end, put the finger in, and the longer it is kept there the better.

Tea and Indigestion. It has been found by experiment that tea retards digestion. An infusion of one per cent. of tea causes a perceptible delay; a three per cent. infusion will delay the digestion sometimes as much as twelve times the normal period; a ten per cent. decoction arrests the digestion of all starchy foods. Air Without Draughts. An easy and effective mode of ventilation can be arranged with a piece of wood cut a little smaller than the width of the window frame and about six inches high. Insert this at the bottom of the frame and shut the window bottom down on the wood. A steady ventilating process will then go on from the centre of the windows.

Bad Air Brings Wrinkles. The skin owes its beauty to the nerves which control the fine blood vessels of the surface, whose work lends glow and clearness to the face. The nerves, in turn, owe their sensitiveness to the air which surrounds them, inhaled by gallons hourly, and should be pure and invigorating. When the nerves are deadened by close air, the fine muscles lose their tone, the tissue of the face shrinks, and these shrinkings become wrinkles. So let the sunning and airing process go on at the expense of carpets and furniture. A Remedy for Dandruff. Having suffered much inconvenience from dandruff, and having resorted to many advertised nostrums and other means for relief, among which were various alcoholic solutions of castor oil, and washing the scalp with solutions of borax and carbonate of potash, which latter, although effectual for the relief of dandruff, seemed to impair the vitality of the hair, and cause it to become very sensibly thinner, was finally induced, from my knowledge of the frequent efficacy of sulphur in certain cutaneous affections, to try a preparation of an ounce of the flowers of sulphur in a quart of water, as follows, with the happiest results.

To Whiten the Nails. Take a wineglassful of eau-de-Cologne and another of lemon juice; then scrape two cakes of brown Windsor soap to a powder, and mix well in a mould. When hard it will be an excellent soap for whitening the hands. The Hands. Diluted sulphuric acid two drams, tincture of opium one dram, spring water four ounces; mix. First cleanse with white soap, and then dip the fingers in the mixture. A delicate hand is one of the chief points of beauty; and these applications are really effective. For Falling Hair. For falling off of the hair use directly on the scalp every night before retiring a preparation of one part of crude white birch oil and five parts of alcohol; the latter will evaporate at once, leaving the oil on the scalp. Do not use too much. Follow up the treatment about six weeks, then discontinue; go bare-headed all you can; use a light, well-ventilated hat when you must wear one; cut the hair short; invigorate your health by living more out of doors. A Real Boon—Borax. For the bathroom and toilet table borax is entitled to a place to which no other article can lay claim. It refreshes and invigorates the system, removes all unpleasant odor of perspiration, giving a healthy glow to the skin, leaving it soft and white when added in the bath water. For washing the face it is better than soap, and if used regularly, will keep soft and white the hands of even those women who must of necessity do rough work. To Remove Hair From the Chin. Women of sanguine complexion and habit have frequently hair growing on their chin, which is very in the water of this part and rub it gently with a linen cloth; this will effectually kill the roots of the hair, and at the end of a week they will wither and fall off. Eyelashes. To increase the length and strength

of the eyelashes simply clip the ends with a pair of scissors about once a month. In Eastern countries, mothers perform the operation on their children, both male and female, when they are mere infants, watching the opportunity while they sleep. The practice never fails to produce the desired result. For Tender Face and Lips. Melt one ounce of the finest white wax with four ounces of oil of almonds in a water bath, and add gradually a quarter of a pint of distilled rose water, stirring till cold. Caution in Eating. Of course, don't eat too much. The digestive fluids are limited in quantity. All above enough is undigested, irritating and weakening to the system, and often causing paralysis of the brain by drawing on the nervous force more rapidly than it is generated. Don't eat between meals. The stomach must rest, or it will sooner or later break down. Even the heart has to rest between the beats. Don't eat a full meal when exhausted. The stomach is as weak as the rest of the body. Don't take a lunch at noon, and eat heartily at night. The whole digestive system needs to share in the rest and recuperation of sleep. Besides, the tendency is to put a full meal into a weakened stomach. Don't substitute stimulant for food—like many women who do half a day's work on strong coffee or tea. As well, in the case of a horse, substitute the whip for oats. Don't have a daily monotony of dishes. Variety is necessary for relish and relish is necessary to good digestion. Don't eat blindly. There can be nothing in the body—muscles, membranes, bones, nerves, brain—what is not in our food. One article furnishes one or more elements, and another others. We could starve on fine flour. Some articles do not nourish but only warm. Eat according to the season—neither less in summer than in winter. In the latter season, fat meat, sugar and starch are appropriate, as being heat-makers; in the former, milk, vegetables, and every variety of ripe fruit. Eat with cheer. Cheer promotes digestion; care, fret and passion arrest it. Live with cheer, be unctuous and innocent gossip, rather than Halford sauce.