DON'T DESPAIR.

Read the Experience of a Minnesota Woman and Take Heart.

"If your back aches, and you feel sick, languid, weak and miserable day after day—don't worry. Doan's Kidney Pills have cured thousands of women in the same condition. Mrs. A. Heiman of Stillwater, Minn., says: "But for Doan's Kidney Pills I would not be living now. They cured me in 1899 and I've been well since. I used to have such pain in my back that once I fainted. The kidney secretions were much disordered, and I was so far gone that I was thought to be at death's door. Since Doan's Kidney Pills cured me I feel as if I had been pulled back from the tomb."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Mill Opened With Prayer.

A curious custom was observed when the Forrest mill, Bacup, was restarted last week, after having changed hands.

About forty persons assembled in one of the rooms, and a "consecration" service was held. Hymns were sung by the assembled persons and afterward prayers were offered for the success of the undertaking.

This is the first service of its kind held in Bacup, but prayer meetings in mills are not uncommon. The custom was originated by the late John Bright, who at the commencement of the firm's large concern in Rochdale assembled the workpeople every morning and engaged in prayer for a few minutes.—London Telegraph.

Cures Cancer, Blood Poison and Scrofula.

If you have blood poison producing eruptions, pimples, ulcers, swollen glands, bumps and risings, burning, itching skin, copper-colored spots or rash on the skin, mucous patches in mouth or throat, falling hair, bone pains, old rheumatism or foul catarrh, take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) It kills the poison in the blood, soon all sores, eruptions heal, hard swellings subside, aches and pains stop and a perfect cure is made of the worst cases of Blood Poison.

For cancers, tumors, swellings, eating sores, ugly ulcers, persistent pimples of all kinds, take B. B. B. It destroys the cancer poison in the blood, heals cancer of all kinds, cures the worst humors or suppurating swellings. Thousands cured by B. B. B. after all else fails. B. B. B. composed of pure botanic ingredients. Improves the digestion, makes the blood pure and rich, stops the awful itching and all sharp, shooting pains. Thoroughly tested for thirty years. Druggists, $1 per bottle, with complete directions for home cure. Sample free and prepaid by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and free medical advice also sent in sealed letter.

Don't let your Christmas charity develop into an advertising scheme.

Itch cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion; never fails. Sold by Druggists. Mail orders promptly filled by Dr. Detchon, Crawfordsville, Ind. $1.

The Japanese still use American leather.

Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullen is Nature's great remedy—Cures Coughs, Colds, Croup and Consumption, and all throat and lung troubles. At druggists, 25c., 50c., and $1.00 per bottle.

A Fair Exchange.

An original scheme evolved by a certain tobacco merchant to introduce his goods worked to the satisfaction of a physician to whom this dealer sent a box of cigars with a bill for five dollars and an explanatory letter which read:

"Although you have not ordered these cigars I take the liberty of sending them, feeling sure you will find them excellent."

After the doctor had smoked the cigars, says the Medical Times and Hospital Gazette, he mailed five prescriptions to the tobacconist with a note saying:

"Although you have not asked for my professional advice I take the liberty of sending you these prescriptions, feeling sure you will find them excellent."

Car Floor Fell With Passengers.

A curious accident happened recently to the Venice-Milan express a few miles from Milan. The axles of two wheels of the last carriage broke and the wheels became detached from the carriage, carrying away a part of the flooring with them. The passengers, feeling the floor give way, clung to the baggage rack and anything else they could catch hold of. Being unable to sound the alarm signal, the express continued its way. When at last the engine driver noticed there was something wrong and pulled up, almost all the passengers in the wrecked car fainted. Some of them were seriously hurt.

MALARIA ???

Generally That is Not the Trouble.

Persons with a susceptibility to malarial influences should beware of coffee, which has a tendency to load up the liver with bile.

A lady writes from Denver that she suffered for years from chills and fever which at last she learned were mainly produced by the coffee she drank.

"I was also grievously afflicted with headaches and indigestion," she says, "which I became satisfied were likewise largely due to the coffee I drank. Six months ago I quit its use altogether and began to drink Postum Food Coffee, with the gratifying result that my headaches have disappeared, my digestion has been restored and I have not had a recurrence of chills and fever for more than three months. I have no doubt that it was Postum that brought me this relief, for I have used no medicine while this improvement has been going on." (It was really relief from congestion of the liver caused by coffee.)

"My daughter has been as great a coffee drinker as I, and for years was afflicted with terrible sick headaches, which often lasted for a week at a time. She is a brain worker and excessive application together with the headaches began to affect her memory most seriously. She found no help in medicines and the doctor frankly advised her to quit coffee and use Postum.

"For more than four months she has not had a headache—her mental faculties have grown more active and vigorous and her memory has been restored.

"No more tea, coffee or drugs for us, so long as we can get Postum." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason. Read the little book "The Road to Wellville" in pkgs.

BALLADE OF THE "HOW TO" BOOKS

That time when Learning's path was steep,
And rocks and fissures marred the way,
The few who dared were forced to creep,
Their souls oft quaking with dismay—
The goal achieved, their hairs were gray,
Their bodies bent like shepherds' crooks;
How blest are we who run to-day,
The easy road of "How To" books!

The presses groan, and volumes heap,
Our dullness we no more betray—
To Know the Stars, or Shear a Sheep—
To Live on Air, or Polo Play—
The trick is ours—or we may stray
Beneath the seas, with science cooks,
And sprint by some reflected ray
The easy road of "How To" books!

Who craves the boon of dreamless sleep?
Who bricks would make, sans straw or clay?
"Call spirits from the vasty deep"—
Or weave a lofty, living lay?—
Let him be heartened, jocund, gay,
Nor hopeless writhe on tenter-hooks,
They meet no barriers who essay
The easy road of "How To" books!
—John James Davies, in the American Illustrated Magazine.

FLASHES OF FUN

She—"I am so fond of trees! The oak is my favorite, it is so strong, so noble! Which do you like the best?" He (promptly)—"Yew."—Judge.

"I have given up smoking." "Why, you tried before you were married to give it up and you couldn't." "I had no wife and mother-in-law to help me then."—Houston Post.

"I think of you full often, dear,"
She wrote—but he was vexed.
"I wonder, now," he muttered, "how
In thunder she got next!"
—Cleveland Leader.

"What do you think of this project of chloroforming all the useless members of society?" "Nothing, except that it will do away with an age limit."—Baltimore American.

Kitty had never seen a gas meter before. "How does it go, papa?" she asked. "By compressed air?" "I think not, dear," he said. "Probably expanded air."—Chicago Tribune.

Judge—"Were you present when the trouble started between the man and his wife?" Witness—"Yes, sir. I was at their wedding, if that's what you mean, sir."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

"What kind of a man is Dickers?" "Stingy. If he believed in the orthodox idea of future punishment he'd get some satisfaction out of the prospect of free fuel!"—Washington Star.

"Is that man a grafter?" "I wouldn't say he was fully worthy of the title," answered Senator Sorghum. "He has made a start, but he hasn't gotten away with the goods."—Washington Star.

"There's no use in my joining your sewing circle," said the new resident. "I really can't sew at all!" "Oh, yes, but you can talk!" persisted the caller, with the invitation.—Detroit Free Press.

The girl stood on the burning deck
Whence all but her had fled.
She wouldn't leave until she got
Her hat on straight, she said.
—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Little Willie—"Papa, why does the railway company have those cases with the axe and saw in every car?" Father—"I presume they are put in to use in case any one wants to open a window."—Puck.

"Want any typewriter supplies?" asked the peddler, sticking his head in the office door. "No," replied the young business man, absent-mindedly, "I just got her a box of bonbons only an hour or so ago."—Philadelphia Press.

She—"Now wasn't it thoughtful of me to go out early and gather those flowers for the breakfast table?" "Fine!" (He kisses her.) "Where's the coffee?" "Oh, but I can't think of everything, darling, can I?"—Life.

"Please listen, madam," begged the hobo, "to the sad story of an unfortunate man. Seven years ago I was wrecked on a desert island in the Pacific. My mates were all drowned, but I was washed ashore—" "And you haven't been washed since—I see!" said the lady, flippantly. With a hopeless sigh he turned away.—Cleveland Leader.

Tearful Scene.

It was all on account of the onions. Ernest Miller's wife is seventy-nine years old, although he is but fifty-seven, and her sight is not too good. She left her home on Midway place to buy onions, and the farmer sold her a lot of old, undersized ones.

That aroused the ire of Ernest, and he threw the whole basket of them at his wife's head. She resented this, and by the time the police got there they were having a duel with onions.

In police court this morning Ernest brought one of the onions in his pocket as exhibit A.

"Look at id," he blubbered to the court. "Look at id. Such a leetle onion. She spend my moneys so foolishness."

The prisoner leaned his head against the railing and wept. The court took the onion and he, too, wept. He hastily gave it to Bob Schemansky, and the redoubtable Robert also spilled tears.

"It is certainly a strong appeal," snickered Sergeant Schenk.

Wiping away his tears the court advised Ernest to take his aged wife home and do all in his power to right the wrong done her by aiding her in chopping the red peppers, onions and things for the chili sauce. — Detroit News.

Novel Steamship Repairs.

Cement and dynamite seem singular materials to use in effecting repairs to a steamship, yet, says Harper's Weekly, an instance recently is recorded where a British steamer was temporarily repaired after striking a submerged rock by a patch of timber, canvas and Portland cement, mixed with ballast rock, which was subsequently removed by explosives.

This repairing device was so successful that the vessel made the desired port without further difficulty, and was then docked for permanent repairs. So hard was the cement that it was found that some six days would be required to chip it out with ordinary chisels and drills, and, accordingly, it was decided to use dynamite to break up the mass. Small charges were used, and within three days the cement was removed, without damage either to the steamer or to the dock in which she rested.

Woman's Realm

Evolution of Flower Pots.

When you buy a potted plant from a fashionable florist nowadays he does not send it home in the ordinary red clay pot such as has been in use from time out of mind, says the Philadelphia Inquirer. The plant is delivered in a receptacle of the conventional shape, but it is covered with fine straw bound around with raffia that is either painted a soft green or a dull shade of red. These bindings are fashioned in some pleasing designs and are varnished, so that the whole thing is ready to stand as an ornament just as it is. These plants may come high, but there is one economy in buying them. You do not have to purchase a jardiniere to put them in.

Gowns and Uniforms.

The practice of uniforming our servants and officials proceeds apace. Middle-aged people can recall the objections that were made to the practice until well after the war. Possibly it was the multitude of uniforms put into circulation by that momentous incident, and the honor which attached to them, that reconciled the public to the extension of the habit of distinctive dress. As the town drunkard had no characteristic apparel except his rags, so the town constable considered that his tin star was authority enough when he arrested the aforesaid, and as servants in provincial towns are with the family the idea of putting them into livery was undreamed of.

But while we talked largely of the equality of men in a democracy and the disgrace of wearing a dress which denoted a service that none thought disgraceful—or they would not have accepted it—the European fashion of costuming people according to their employments has obtained such hold on us that we should object loudly if it were discontinued. As the butler is commonly a more distinguished looking person than most of the guests he has to wear buttons to prevent himself from becoming a subject of mortifying confidences, and as the district messenger is a youth of headlong habits, he is compelled to put himself in blue, so that he shall have right of way when he surges through our streets eager to break records in speed of delivery. We have extended this habit of uniforming till now we recognize not only our soldiers, sailors, marines and policemen, as such, but our letter carriers, customs officers, building inspectors, conductors, train hands, ferrymen, janitors, gatekeepers, guides, nurses, wardens, street cleaners and not only do clubs and families uniform their servants, but many shopkeepers and corporations require their employes to wear a striking dress.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Some Funny Fashions.

Some of the winter fashions are going to be mighty foolish for a girl earning wages to follow. There will be every chance for her to make herself conspicuous and ridiculous if she has a mind to.

Her hat, which was perched on top of an enormous pompadore, was of the most fly-away order. It had so many wings on it that it is a wonder it did not fly off her head.

Her waist was a cheap white lace and she wore a string of pearls around her neck.

Her skirt was of thin black material, and the underskirt was far too scant for the outer.

She had patent leather shoes on with heels three inches high.

She is employed in an office, and that was her business costume.

Every man she passed stared at her and turned to look after her. The glances were not those of admiration.

Her clothes were conspicuous, unladylike and unbecoming.

It's a bad plan to buy a thing just because it happens to be stylish. The wise girl chooses what is becoming and sets her own styles.

When she can have but a limited wardrobe it is a great mistake to have her things so conspicuous that everyone will get to know them. The last thing a well bred woman wants to be is conspicuous. Loud dressing is almost as bad as loud behavior.

Do not spend all your money on your hat and dress and not have enough left to buy a warm coat. The most bewitching hats will not do you much good if your nose is red.

Buy sensible, heavy-soled shoes, and keep your feet warm and dry. Patent leather is only for "dress" occasions.

If you are a girl who goes to work, bring all your common sense to bear on the question and put temptation in the way of foolish fashions behind you.—Scranton Tribune.

Beauty and Age.

Dr. Cristion, of Paris, who gives beauty culture and facial blemish lectures, says that women at fifty are in the prime of life.

"In this age nothing is more absurd than for a woman to imagine her power to please and attract her husband and hold her own socially has ceased because she has attained middle age," says Dr. Cristion.

"The woman of brain and culture, who has the self control and perseverance to combat obesity and the mental and scientific equipment to defy wrinkles should feel no fear of advancing time—should, indeed, regard it as a general friend with added gifts to bestow.

"In every age there have been examples of mature women who have held their sway socially and sentimentally. Cleopatra, Helen of Troy, Aspasia, were all women who had seen two score years when their greatest prowess was felt. Josephine was forty years old before she became Empress, and her sway was supreme and her beauty pre-eminent at that age. Madame de Maintenon was advanced in years and not at all beautiful when she captured a king for a husband and held him captive till he died. George Sand was fascinating and attractive to old and young men in her middle life, and the wonderful Ninon de l'Enclos kept her charm of manner and beauty of person until she was eighty.

"Mme. Patti, who celebrated her sixty-first birthday last spring, has no wrinkles, gray hairs or crowsfeet, but looks like a young woman of thirty. Her Majesty, Queen Alexandra, is sixty years old, and is a perfect beauty and looks as well as either of the daughters." Dr. Cristion, who had the pleasure of seeing her often, says this of Her Majesty: "She is a beautiful, preserved woman, a noble mother and a charming grandmother. She never uses powder, creams and seldom wears a veil."—New Haven Register.

Tenement Lace Making.

"A thoroughly interesting experiment in lace making has been carried out this summer at Greenwich house, on New York's lower West Side, under the direction of Miss Katharine Lord," says the current number of Charities. "Those who know the picturesque stories which are woven into exquisite laces which have come down to us know that in several instances the art of their fashioning has been almost, if not quite, lost. Many of the Italian women in the tenement districts are skillful lace makers, but their materials are more often than not of the roughest sort and of colors abominable. Lace making has been carried on in connection with the work at South End house, Boston, until it is quite past the experimental stage, and the success of this summer's venture leads those who have been watching it to believe that such is the case also in New York. Over thirty girls and women have been instructed in one or more kinds of lace making; further, seven or eight expert lace makers have been given employment.

"The plan Miss Lord has followed has been to purchase the thread and give it out, and then buy the lace from the workers—much after the fashion in which all industry was carried on in the domestic stage. With the younger girls the instruction has, of course, been very elementary; but with a skilled French embroiderer, with the Italian women who had spent their time on crude braid laces and the like, and with some Scotch women not unfamiliar with the craft, very little instruction has been needed to teach the finer patterns. It is believed that when a sufficient number of workers are employed, so that contracts with merchants can be filled reliably, steady work can be assured women and girls to take up lace making in their homes and to mend old lace. For cripples and for women with children, who cannot go out to factories readily, lace making offers an opportunity for work. It is not to be compared with the ordinary sweating industries that carry household manufacture to such dire lengths.

"This summer's experiment was carried on through the contributions of a group of young New York women. In developing the permanent work this winter, with headquarters at Greenwich house, Miss Lord will carry on work with groups of women in connection with several of the other neighborhood centres."

FRILLS OF FASHION

A novelty which combines comfort and common sense is the long cloth glove from London.

One sees chiffon, net and other delicate fabrics scalloped and bound with the lightest of ribbons or silk.

A white figured net gown was made with an accordion pleated skirt of white mousseline de soie, the net forming the long over-dress.

Very charming is a lace blouse in cream color with separate flowers and leaves dipped in pale tints and applied in graceful designs, says Vogue.

A little invention for the neck is out. It is a little velvet stole with short, broad ends. It is worn inside the coat, as a sort of chest protector, hence its name of "muffler."

Every one must have noticed the revival of the scallop as a dress decoration. Many of the handsomest broadcloth street gowns are thus decorated, the effect given being one of graceful fluffiness.

In the early seventies gowns were trimmed with dozens and dozens of yards of narrow ruffles or pleatings. We are not cutting up materials in such reckless fashion nowadays, but the narrow pleating have been revived, and no one knows precisely where they will stop.

It must be a sort of annoyance to the fashionable that again the lines of the figure have changed, and the too, too solid flesh has now to be by some means compressed. Hips are very unfashionable. In fact, to be truly smart, one must have a figure like the traditional bean-pole, very long and quite straight up and down.

How a Porcupine Fights.

A dog never attacks a porcupine but once. If he survives, the lesson is enough to make him wise in the way of porcupines ever after.

Ordinarily, and when at ease, the quills and hoary hair of the porcupine lie flat upon his back, but when angered he bristles up, and every part of him, even to his toes and the tip of his nose, is protected by the armament of sharp quills. His plan of fighting is wholly on the defensive, and so destructive is his veritable bayonet line to the attacking one that even the bear, the panther and the lynx will not molest him.

That is why the porcupine knows no fear, and why he comes abruptly into camp and calmly investigates things. He has yet to learn that man and his unerring rifle are far more deadly than even barbed and poisonous quills.—Los Angeles Times.

Mix Your Baking With Good Luck

Perhaps you've noticed that ofttimes the batch of raised biscuits with which you take most pains comes out the worst. That's because you forgot to put in the "luck."

Good Luck Baking Powder will produce a light, crisp baking *every* time—for a fact. Its use will save those spoiled bakings, because Good Luck is the *always-reliable* baking powder. Strength invariably the same, and highest purity guaranteed.

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A Box of Wafers Free—Have You Acute Indigestion, Stomach Trouble, Irregular Heart, Dizzy Spells, Short Breath, Gas on the Stomach?

Bitter Taste—Bad Breath—Impaired Appetite—A feeling of fullness, weight and pain over the stomach and heart, sometimes nausea and vomiting, also fever and sick headache?

What causes it? Any one or all of these: Excessive eating and drinking—abuse of spirits—anxiety and depression—mental effort—mental worry and physical fatigue—bad air—insufficient food—sedentary habits—absence of teeth—bolting of food.

If you suffer from this slow death and miserable existence, let us send you a sample box of Mull's Anti-Belch Wafers absolutely free. No drugs. Drugs injure the stomach.

It stops belching and cures a diseased stomach by absorbing the foul odors from undigested food and by imparting activity to the lining of the stomach, enabling it to thoroughly mix the food with the gastric juices, which promotes digestion and cures the disease.

SPECIAL OFFER.—The regular price of Mull's Anti-Belch Wafers is 50c. a box, but to introduce it to thousands of sufferers we will send two (2) boxes upon receipt of 75c. and this advertisement, or we will send you a sample free for this coupon.

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Send this coupon with your name and address and name of a druggist who does not sell it for a free sample box of Mull's Anti-Belch Wafers to

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STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, } ss.
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Sea Captain as Clergyman.

The captain of an English sailing ship which recently arrived at Liverpool, records a curious incident on the homeward voyage. Some of his men being ill, he called at Pitcairn Island for fresh fruit. He found a young widower and a spinster of eighteen there desirous of getting married, but as there was no clergyman on the island and the probability of a visit from one was remote, they asked the captain to perform the ceremony. He was dubious as to the legality of such a union, but as there seemed no other way he married the couple.

London's Biggest Landlord.

The London county council is one of the largest proprietors of working class houses in the kingdom. The twelve estates it possesses cover an area of 350 acres, or forty-four times the space occupied by the House of Parliament; the total accommodation ready or planned, will provide for 96,435 persons; and the total cost is estimated at fully £5,000,000. In other words, the county council is becoming the landlord of houses capable of accommodating a population nearly equal to that of Brighton.

Children, obey your parents and give the old folks a surpise for Christmas.

CRISIS OF GIRLHOOD

A TIME OF PAIN AND PERIL

Miss Emma Cole Says that Lydia E Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has Saved Her Life and Made Her Well

How many lives of beautiful young girls have been sacrificed just as they were ripening into womanhood! How many irregularities or displacements have been developed at this important period, resulting in years of suffering!

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"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was recommended, and after taking it my health began to improve rapidly, and I think it saved my life. I sincerely hope my experience will be a help to other girls who are passing from girlhood to womanhood, for I know your Compound will do as much for them."

If you know of any young girl who is sick and needs motherly advice ask her to write Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., and she will receive free advice which will put her on the right road to a strong, healthy and happy womanhood.

Watch in Bale of Cotton.

A. M. Thompson of Greer county, Mo., cut into a bale of cotton a few days ago to get a sample and the knife exposed a watch in the cotton. Later on it was found to belong to Herman Worth, one of the balers at the gin. He had not missed it until it was found in the bale of cotton above stated. The watch was uninjured and still running.

A Philadelphia stock exchange seat was sold for $12,000.

UNSIGHTLY BALD SPOT

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