Stumped the Judge. me of the most peculiar defenses at the same time one of the worst arisons I ever heard was when ascended the bench," sold Judge "A man was up bafore me niss. eating his wife, and, as usual, I d him what he had to say before d sentence upon him. He said: Say, judge, you're a married man, you? Well, suppose you was en-ag your dinner and feelin' pretty and suddenly your wife came up, after telling you of all the fellers could have instead of you, started king the dishes at you and ended elling you that she could make a er man than you out of a piece of and an old hat and not half tryindge, what would you do? couldn't very well tell him," cond the judge, "so I simply had to charge him with a warning."-San ncisco Chronicle.

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aston (Mass.) Teamsters' Union, the organization of 6000 members, has sented its annual wage agreement to Master Teamsters' Association. The in makes several requests for slight e increases in several lines.

TRAINED NURSE fter Years of Experience, Advises Women in Regard to Their Health.

Mrs. Martha Pohlman f 55 Chester Avenue, lewark, N. J., who is a raduate Nurse from the lockley Training School, t Philadelphia, and for t Philadelphia, and for ix years Chief Clinic Jurse at the Philadelphia Jospital, writes the letter rinted below. She has he advantage of personal aperience, besides her xperience, not what she has to say may be absolutely relied

Many other women are afflicted as she was. They can regain health in the ame way. It is prudent to heed such advice from auch a source. Mrs. Pohlman writes:

"I am firmly persuaded, after eight years of experience with Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, that it is the safest and best medicine for any suffering woman to use."

Money cannot buy such testimony as

When women are troubled with ir-regular, suppressed or painful periods, weakness, displacement or ulceration of the female organs, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation, backache, bloating (or flatulence), general debili-ty, indigestion, and nervous prostra-tion, or are beset with such symptoms as dizziness, faintness, lassitude, excita-

Busy American Women. American woman is going The census returns show that The 5 000 000 and more women are em ployed in the nation's Industrial life There are now three times as many women stenographers as there were ten years ago, while the number of women bookkeepers and accountants has doubled. The percentage of saleswomen also shows a corresponding increase. Women have risen to be treasurers of street railways, presidents of national and savings banks, secretaries of financiers on salaries of \$10,000 and \$12,500, executive heads of building and contracting firms, buyers for large stores, etc. They are to be met with in a hundred responsible enpacities, all of them outside the once circumscribed field of female occupations, and in all of which a talent for figures is a prime

requisite of success. The official journal of the Switchmen's Union, published in Buffalo, N. Y., in a recent issue calls attention to the fact that none of the railroad employes who oppose rate legislation represent their organizations officially.

DEATH SEEMED NEAR. How

w a Chicago Woman Found Help When Hope Was Fast Fading Away. Mrs. E. T. Gould, 914 W. Lake St., Chicago, Ill., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills are all that saved me from death



were too copious and frequent, and very bad in appearance. It was in 1903 that Doan's Kidney Fills helped me so quickly and cured me of these troubles and I've been well ever since,"

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Cat Stays Home Only in Winter. The cat has come back to Isaac Page's house and all the neighborhood is ready to agree that winter has ome in earnest.

The return of the feline has been an annual event since 1903. As a weather prophet he can't be beaten. He is a big yellow fellow, a mighty hunter and quite . ble to live off the country, did he not yield to the temptation to enjoy the warmth of the fireside. About the first day of May the cat takes to the woods. But he knows when to come home --Goffstown Correspondence Boston Rec-

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BABY COVERED WITH SORES,

Would Scratch and Tear the Flesh Unless Hands Were Tied."Would Have Died But For Cuticura."

"My little son, when about a year and a half old, began to have sores come out on his face. I had a physician treat him, on his face. I had a physician treat him, but the sores grew worse. Then they be-gan to come on his arms, then on other parts of his body, and then one crime on his chest, worse than the others. Then 1 called another physician. Still he grew worse. At the end of about a year and a half of suffering he grew so bad I had to the his hands in cloths at night to keep him from scratching the sores and tearing the flesh. He got to be a more skeleton, and was hardly able to walk. My aun-advised me to try Cuticura Soan and Ont advised me to try Cuticura Soap and Contment. I sent to the drug store and got a cake of the Soap and a box of the Omiment, and at the end of about two months the sores were all well. He has never had any sores of any kind since. He is now strong and healthy, and I can sincerely say that only for your most wonderful remedies my precious child would have died from those terrible sores. Mrs. Eg-bert Sheldon, R. F. D. Ne. 1, Woodvill-Conn., April 12, 1995."

S goof a woman's hat has nothing to do with the price.

Taylors Cheroree Remady of Sweet Gum and Multin is Nator's givet Fenedy-Cures Cough-tons, Croup and Consumption, and all throas at dring troubles. As druggies, No., Soc., and D 44 per Lottle.

WILLING TO SHARE WITH GOD

Simple Faith and Gratitude of a Little

whether applied to parents, friend or

COMMERCIAL

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Trade Review savs:

("Business with wholsale merchants and manufacturers continues large, and the outlook for spring seems very encouraging. Monetary conditions are satisfactory, with rates of interest 41/4 to 5 par cent. on time.

"In clothing there is a substantial gain in the volume of orders as compared with the same period last year, though manufacturers are unable to get as satis-factory profit, owing to the greater cost of material. In the dry goods jobbing market business is becoming more active and salesmen are sending in good orders. Millinery jobbers reports sales to date the largest for several years past and anticipate a prosperous season. Boot and shoe manufacturers are advancing prices from 10 to 25 per cent., owing to the sharp advance in leather. "Retail trade has been somewhat un-

satisfactory, owing to the unexpected mildness of the winter season, but this apparently has had no effect upon the early buying for summer goods. There is a large trade in hosiery, underwear and notions and straw hat factories are well supplied with orders. The week in furniture has been unsatisfactory some concerns receiving but light orders while others are moderately

"Trade in manufactured tobacco is quite good and collections are prompt. though values are unsettled. In the leaf tobacco market buyers are holding off in expectation of a drop in prices which, however, has not yet materialized Lumber trade continues large in volum and collections are unusually good."

WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Baltimore. - FLOUR - Dull and an changed; receipts, 6.845 barrels. WHEAT-Dull; spot, contract, 844 @8434; February, 8414@3434; March 854@86; May, 8714; steamer No 2 red

8014. CORN-Steady; spot, 48(2)4814; Fel ruary, 48@4814 ; March 481/2@4814; May

4914 @ 50; July, 501/2 @ 501/4; steams mixed, 461/2 @ 461/4. OATS-Easier; No. 2 white, 36146 3614; No. 3 white, 35@3614; No. mixed, 35-

RYE-Steady; No. 2 Western, 72 es port, 74@75 domestic. BUTTER - Steady and unchanged

fancy imitation, 21@22; fancy creamery 27@28; fancy ladle, 18@19; store-packe

15@16. EGGS-Firm and unchanged, 16. CHEESE - Steady and unchanged large, September, 1414; do., November, 14; medium, September, 1414; do., No

SUGAR - Strong and unchanged coarse granulated, 5; fine, 5. New York .-- WHEAT -- Receipts, 121,

000 hushels; exports, 24,040 bushel Spot steady; No. 2 red, 8075 elevator No. 2 red, 9175 f. o. b. afloat; No. Northern Duluth, 9475 f. o. b. afloat.

CORN-Receipts, 04.600 bushels; ex-ports, 191,455 bushels. Spot stendy; No 2, 52 elevator and 4034 f. e. b. affoat No. 2 yellow, 4052; No. 2 white, 4034.

to. 2 yellow, 4952; No. 2 white, 4934. OATS-Receipts, 130:500 bushels; exports, 19,130 bushels. Spot steady : mix ed oats, 26 to 32 pounds, 3514@3614 natural white, 30 to 33 pounds, 3612(0.37 clipped white, 36 to 40 pounds, 381/2/0 40. POULTRY - Alive steady; Western

chickens, 11; fowls, 13; furkeys, 14 Dressed easy; Western chickens, 10@10 turkeys, 13@20; fowls, 10@13% POTATOES-Easy; State and West ern, per bag, 170@1.85; sweets easy; un-

BUTTER - Steady; receipts, 6,116;

street prices, extra creamery, 25(22632); fficial prices unchanged. CHEESE - Steady; unchanged; re-

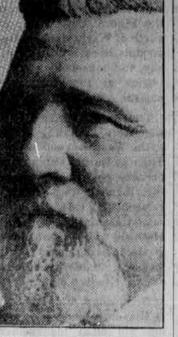
ccipts, 555. EGGS—Firmer; receipts, 5.513; State, Pennsylvania, and near-by, fancy, select-ed, white 24@25; do., choice, 22@23; do., mixed extra, 20@21; Western, firsts,

18; do., seconds, 16/217; Southerns, 13 18. SUGAR-Ram nominal; fair refining.

3; centrifugal, 06 test, 3 15-32@31/2; mo The simple faith of a little child,

ANTI-GRIPINE CHARACTER AND NEURALGIA. **RECOMMENDS PE-RU-NA.** AS NO LOUAL PER HE ADALTHE

EX-MAYOR CRUMBO



"My endorsement of Pe-ru-na is Eased Gn Its Merite." --- Ed. Crumbo.

a nor wester. E D. CRUMBO, ex-Mayor of New Al-bany, Ind., writes from 51: E. Oak Mr. McGill is not of the excitable

kind, but when that nor'wester struck him he lost his head-or rather his "My endorsement of Peruna is based hat. "Hey, there," cried the ex-register,

hat up all right."

crown new."

Mr. McGill was walking from the

patent office up G. Street to his own

office, when he came face to face with

"By Jove, say not so, old chap." "Say not so yourself." growled the

am awfully sorry-weally," con-

"Oh. no," said the ex-register with

"A crown? I should say it is! Why

the bloomin' thing is worth a sover-

For Ballovers in a "Hordoo." Opie Read is very superstitious

King, the post suddenly died at Bowi-

on the incident Read said: "There

that night. It was the 13th of the

month, it was the thirteenth town of

our tour, thirteen sat down to the

table with us at suppor, and thirteen

darkies, thinking that Ben and I were

going to give a minstrel show, sat in

the front row of the balcony."

was a curious chain of circumstances

eign at least!"-Washington Post.

professor, "you surely have fixed my

pass:

"If a man is sick he looks auxiously stop that brand new hat of mine! for something which will cure him, Wan't some one stop it?" and Peruna will do the work. There was something in the profes-

"I know that it will cure catarrh of ser's voice that appealed to a dapper looking stranger, who made a lunge the head or stomach, indigestion, at the head gear, but could do no headache and any weary or sick teelbetter than put his feet through it. Consequently the brim was the only "It is bound to help anyone, if used part recognizable after the fatality.

according to directions. "Well, you certainly have put your "I also know dozens of men who speak in the highest terms of Peruna and have foot in it." shouted Mr. McGill.

"Beg pardon, what did you say?" yet to hear of any one being disappointed asked the dude. "I say you've put your foot in it."

in it." Mr. Crumbo, in a later letter, dated Ang. 25, 1904, saya: "My health is good, at present, but if I should have to take any more medicine 1 will fail back on Peruna."

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Figures and the first first of the second se J. J. Miller is the oldest clerk in service of the National Government.

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cn its merits.

Hehloe, Blint, Masslins, Protendins Pilss, Druggists are atthemised to refund meansy Page Olntment fails to cure in 6 to 14 days. Se.

While on a reading tour with Ben Congressman Longworth's great-grand-lather was a native of Newark, N. J. ing Green on the night he recited "H I Should Die To-night." Commenting

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The fate Charles T. Yerkes was a gold miner in his youth.

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

Ecund to Beat.

At the junction of two highways in a certain county in Iowa I found the directions on the guideboard all faded out, and, noticing a farmer at work in his field, I hitched the horse and went over to him and asked:

"Will you kindly tell me how far it is to Painsville?" "Have you asked anyone else?"

-queried the farmer, as he leaned on his hoe

"Yes, I asked a man back here about



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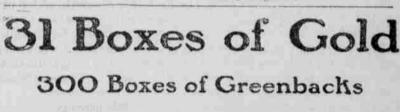
Originator of Remark About "Forty, Fool and Physician,"

It would appear that the Emperor Tiberius was the originator of that well known saying: "Every man at forty is either a fool or a physician." But Tiberius said thirty, not forty, so Bacon informs us in his "History of Life and Death":

"Tiberlus, though a drunkard and luxurious in his diet, was yet very. careful of his dlot and used to say that every one after thirty was either a fool or a physician."

"I am awfully sorry-weally," con-fessed the dude. "Let me 'ave it Tacitus ("Annais," book VL, chapter 46), who says of Tiberius that "He was wont to make sport of the physisarcary, "the brim is not worth a clans, and of people who after thirty needed others to tell them what was good or bad for them." In Tacitus of course, the epigrammatic flavor is Icst.

> Eut why has popular usage altered the age from thirty to forty? Simply on account of the alliteration, so caressing to the popular ear. De Quincey, who quotes the modern phrase in his "Opium-Eater," dwells upon its alliterative value, and conjectures that our forefathers emphasized that alliteration by spelling physician with an F. Likely some of them did. The strange thing is that De Quincey seems to have been ignorant of the fact that the craze for alliteration had gone so far as to change the age in the protoch- Penn Steele in The Sunday Maruzine.



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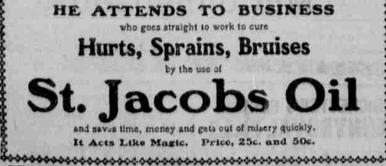
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he treasury department to abolish vari-us United States marine hospitals.





le en arm meet wille à woman the best a le an n'get is the worst of it. to God, found an illustration in a story recently told by Dr. Levi G. Broughton Cures Blood, Skin T oubles, Cancer, Blood

The sentuen of the country are much

isturbed over the recommendations of

of Atlanta, Ga., when he was in Bos ton. It was related to him by a friend Poison, Greatest Blood Purifier Free. If your blood is impure thin, diseased, het or full of humors, if you have blood poison, cancer, carbuncles, cating sores, sorofula, eczema, itching, risings and lumps, reably, pimply skin bone pains, catarrh, rheumatism, or any blood or skin disease, take Botanic Blood Baim (B. B. B.) accord-take Botanic Blood Baim (B. B. B.) in the railroad service as follows: "My little girl came to me a little

while before Christmas and said: 'Papa, I want you to pray to God and ask him to have Santa Claus bring me a dolly for Christmas.' I promised. take Botanic Blood Raim (B. B. B.) accord-ing to directions. Soon all sores heal, acces and pains stop, the blood is made pure and rich, leaving the skin free from every cruption, and giving the rich glow of perioet health to the skin. At the same time, B. B. B. Improves the digestion, curve dyspepsia, strengthens weak kidneys. Just the molicine for oid people, as it gives them new, vigorous blood. Druggists, \$1 per large bottle, with directions for home curve. Sample free and prepaid by writing and on Christmas morning she found her doll, and called me to see it. As she looked it over, examining the face. the eyes, the hair, and the clothes, she said, 'Papa, hain't God good? He's gooder than I thought he was. Do you think he sent little brother anything?" "I told her she might go over to her cure. Sample free and prepaid by writing Blood Baim Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and special free medical advice also sent in scaled letter. B. D. Is especially advised for chronic, deep seated cases of impure blood and skin discase, and cures after all else falls.

grandma's, where brother was visiting. and find out. Presently she returned. with her face all covered with happy smiles, and exclaimed, 'O, papa! God sent brother a beautiful great big hobby-horse.'

"Breakfast came soon after and as we sat down at the table she climbed upon my knee, and nutting her arms around my neck she said again, 'Hain't God good? and he was gooder to broth-

er than he was to me, wasn't he?" "I replied, "Yes, he is good, and now what are you going to do for God. dear?

"'O, I'm going to let God play with my dolly all he wants to; and I'm go-ing to ask brother to let God ride his hobby-horse, too.""-Boston Post.

A BOY'S BREAKFAST There's a Natural Food That Makes It's Own Way.

There's a boy up in Hooslek Falls, N. Y., who is growing into sturdy manhood on Grape-Nuts breakfasts. It might have been different with him, as is mother explains:

"My eleven-year-old boy is large, well developed and active, and has been made so by his fondness for Grape-Nuts food. At five years he was a very nervous child and was subject to frequent attacks of indigestion, which used to rob bim of his strength and were very troublesome to deal with. He never seemed to care for anything for his breakfast until I tried Grape Nuts, and I have never had to change from that. He makes his entire breakfast of Grape-Nuts food. It is always relished by him and he says that it satisfies him better than the ordinary

kind of a meal. "Better than all he is no longer troubled with indigestion or nervous iess, and has got to be a splendidly feveloped fellow since he began to use Grape-Nuts food." Name given by Postum Co., Satile Creek, Mich. There's a reason. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville." in pkgs.

lasses sugar, 234; refined steady,

Live Stack NEW York-BEEVES-Steers, 106 15c. higher on limited supply; bulls steady to strong; bologna and fat cows

fully toc, higher; medium, firm. Steers 4.25@5.90; tops, 6.00; oxen, 3.00@5.00; bulls, 300@4.20; cows, 2.09@4.10 CALVES—Receipts, 29. Steady, Veals, 5.50@950; little calves, 4.50; barnyard and Western calves, nominal. Dressed

calves, steady; city dressed yeals, 9(014) per pound; country dressed, 81/2@12. SHEEP AND LAMBS-Sheep, non-inal; lambs, easier. Prime State lambs, 7.75@7.85; culls, 5.50.

Chicago. - CATTLE-Market steady; common to prime steers, 3.30/04.00; heifers, 2.25@5.00; hulls, 2.00/04.00; calves, 3.00(0.8.00; stockers and feeders,

prime heavy, 5,75@5.80; medium to good heavy, 5,70@5.75; butcher weights, 5.75@ 5.80; good to choice heavy mixed, 5.70

@5.77%; packing, 540@5.75 SHEEP — Market slow and dull; sheep; 3.50@5.90; yearlings, 5.50@6.25; lambs, 6.50/0.7.50.

FINANCIAL

"Was his name Bill Scovel?" "Yes, I think it was."

a mile.

"What'd he sav?" "I understood him to say that it was nine miles."

"Well, then, It's 'leven."

I took his word for it and went on. but found the distance only seven miles. Returning that way next day, I encountered the farmer mowing weeds along the highway and said:

"Why did you tell me yesterday that it was eleven miles to Painsville? You must have known that it was only seven.

"Bill Scovel told you nine, didn't

"Wall, Bill Scovel thinks he's the biggest l'ar around here, and I told you 'leven to show him that he'd got a hard man to beat when he set out to git the best of Jim Watson."-Baltimore American

Brevity the Soul of Ghosts.

be added.

"Here's the shortest ghost-story in the world." said the red-nosed man, who now, with the coffee, broke silence for the first time at the dinner. "Two men were traveling from Bos-

ton to New York; strangers, but sharing between them the smoking compartment. After a bit, one laid by his magazine and said: 'Seems a bis jolty right here.' 'Yes.' replied the other, 'I was killed just here three years ago.'"

"Shortest in the world, did you say ?" remarked some one at the other end of the table. "But here's a shorter. A lonely old bachelor waking up late at night, reached out his hand for the matches, and they were handed to him."

Then the host nodded to the but ter .- The Sunday Magazine.

Slow Horses.

It was during meas hour at a saw mill camp that the slowness of horses came up for discussion.

"There's Kelly's old gray; you couldn't whip her into a trot," said

"Johnson's black mare will beat

the prize," put in a third; "she's dou-ble-jointed in the knees-she walks both ways at once."

Shepard, coming in late for his din-ner, "for twenty minutes talking to Myers; and all that time his bay mare never stopped."-San Francisco Chronicie. alumnation and the second

up from these letters

Y - I - O - Grape-Nuts

331 people will earn these prizes.

Around the fireside or about the well-lighted family reading table during the winter evenings the children and grown-ups can play with their wits and clearer working brain than he ever

grown-ups can play with their wits and see how many words can be made. 20 people training the grantest mini-ber of words will each receive a lifti-box containing a \$10.00 gold plece. 10 people will each win one box con-taining a \$5.00 gold plece. 300 people will each win a box con-taining \$1.00 in paper money and one person who makes the highest number of words over all contestants will re-retive a box containing \$100.00 in gold. It is really a most fascinating bit of fun to take up the list evening after evening and see how many words can be added.

A few rules are necessary for abso-

A few rules are necessary for abso-lute fair play. Any word authorized by Webster's dictionary will be counted, but no name of person. Both the singular and plural can be used, as for instance "grape" and "grapes." The letters in "Y1-O-Grape-Nuts" may be repeated in the same word. Geographical names authorized by Webster will be counted. Arrange the words in alphabetical classes, all those begining with A to together and those begining with A to together and those begining with E to come under E, etc. When you are writing down the

When you are writing down the words leave some spaces in the A, E, and other columns to fill in later as new words come to you, for they will spring into mind avery savalues. When you are writing down the words come to you, for they will spring into mind every evening. It is almost certain that some con-testants will the with others. In such cases a prize identical in value and character with that offered in that class shall be awarded to each. Each on will be requested to each. Each

thereacter with that offered in that has shall be awarded to each. Each on will be requested to send with the test of words a plainly written. A period to purchase a pix. These letters are not to coutain poetry, or fance four of fact. For illustration: A period to the area price words for absolute fidelity or chronic alls traceable to unwise set body and brain the energy, beatth and power desired. Seeking better condi-tions a change in food is made and power desired. Seeking better condi-tions a change in food is made and power desired. Suppose one quict the meat, fried potatoes, starchy, stick meats at bit of fruit, a dish of frage. Nuts and cream used in place preakfast a bit of fruit, a dish of fromm Food Coffee. Try, say, for preakfast a bit of fruit, a dish of rostum Food Coffee. Some amption that," but my dear friend we will put

one.

said another.

she isn't through eating her dinner,'

that; she refuses to help herself to the barley at hight, for most times

"Old Water's spindle-shank takes

"I stood out on the road," drolled

PRIMARY IN THE WAR

The growith possibility of a soft coal strike depressed the security market. Lehigh Valley has been sold recently persons who have inside knowledge of the company

Philadelphia bankers say that money pouring back from the West and interior points in large volume.

The big increase in the price of Fideli-Trust shares foreshadows an increase in the company's dividend, which is now 20 per cent.

George A. Kessler, who took such a dramatic "flyer" in Reading, Tennessee Coal and other specialties, was elected a director of Tennessee.

Commercial failures in January in the United States numbered 1112, with \$11,-052,000 liabilities, against 1222 in January 1905, when the liabilities were \$10,417,000.

Norfolk and Western's report for the half year 1905 has been issued. In December net earnings increased \$187.202 For six months the net gain was \$812. 155. The company's cost of operation is 60 per cent, of the gross earnings.

Shareholders of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company will get a 15 per cent stock allotment, the subscription price being \$100 a share. That accounted part-ly for Tennessee's large advance yester-

The great strength of Northern Pa-cific and Great Northern caused ions of comment. One report was that J. J. Hill before leaving New York, had ar-ranged with a syndicate of bankers head-ed by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. to buy all the Union Pacific holdings in those two companies. W. L. Bull said he was in-clined to think this report was correct.

he?" "Yes." 40@4.60. HOGS-Market 10c. higher; choice to