

**Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.**

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be afflicted with such a new and peculiar ailment. If the child should be able to control the disease, it is yet afflicted with kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

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**Ambition.**

"Of course," quoth Cuba, positively very happy, "cause I'm free, I'm rich, in south, be happier yet. It could see get out of debt."

—Washington Star.

**Of Course.**

Mother (sternly)—Don't you know, Mabel, that it is not proper for you to turn around and look after a gentleman?

Mabel—But, mother, I was only looking to see if he was looking to see if I was looking.—Chicago American.

**Too Grasping.**

"I like to see people economical," remarked Flimsius, "but when a man cuts his stogies in two in the middle and gets ten smokes for five cents, as Fye-Phist does, I think, by George, he's a little too penurious to live!"

—Chicago Tribune.

**Bound to Please.**

Critic—But this portrait of old Biggott is entirely too large. It is much more than life size.

Artist—Oh, that's all right. It will please him all the more because it represents him as big as he thinks he is.—Chicago Daily News.

**Aunt Ann.**

"You can never make me believe," said Aunt Ann Peebles, "that the Lord made mosquitoes. He permits them for some wise purpose, but they were invented by the evil one—drat 'em!"

—Chicago Tribune.

**As to the Acting.**

"Villain, do your worst!" screamed the beautiful heroine.

"Tain't no use of tellin' him dat," called the urchin from the gallery, "he's actin' de worst we ever seen already."

—Chicago Daily News.

**The Criterion.**

"Anything interesting the Blank Magazine this month?"

"Nothing worth mentioning. Only two new advertisements in the whole 96 pages." — Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

**A Word of Warning.**

"What do you think about that man's boastful assertion that his word is as good as his bond?"

"I regard it as a very obliging warning to anybody who might be thinking of taking his bond." — Washington Star.

**On the Boat Excursion.**

Eleanor—Poor Ethel.

Edgar—What's the matter?

Eleanor—She would rather dance than eat; and she's engaged to a man who would rather eat than dance.

—Detroit Free Press.

**Not Needed.**

"What makes the baby cry?" asked the little visitor.

"Oh," explained Ethel, "our baby doesn't have to have anything to make it cry." — Chicago Post.

**Would Sell His Cheap.**

Yeast—I see a corn trust is the next combination on foot.

Crimsonbeak—Well, you can have mine if you can get 'em off.—Yonkers Statesman.

**Correction.**

Ned—Miss Stuyvesant told my sister that you asked her to marry you twice.

Tom—No, I didn't. I asked her twice to marry me once.—Somerville Journal.

**Consoling.**

He—Darling, I have lost my position.

She—Never mind, dear. Think of how small your salary was.—Brooklyn Life.

**No Mistake.**

Miss Muggy—I wonder if George knows I have money?

Friend—Has he proposed?

"He has."

"He knows."—N. Y. Weekly.

**Perfect Bliss.**

Gladys—Did you enjoy Mrs. Upperton's lecture?

Ethel—Oh, great! It was the most complete failure I ever saw!—Puck.

Cut this out and take it to the Middleburg Drug Store and get a box of Chamberlain's Stomach & Liver Tablets. The best physic. They also correct disorders of the stomach. Price 25 cents.

**RADICALS IN POWER.**

**New French Ministry Has Several Strong Points.**

**Premier Combes Has Gathered Advisers Said to Form the Most Ambitious Cabinet France Has Had.**

The ministry, of which M. Emile Combes is the chief, and which is the forty-first that has existed in France since the downfall of the empire on September 4, 1871, is described as "the most radical and most anti-clerical cabinet" that has yet been constituted. If the sanctioning, reporters and speeches of the individual members of the ministry be taken into account there might be cause for alarm lest radical or socialist theories propounded at the hustings be put into execution and render practical economical government impossible. But responsibility of office, and the collective common sense of a dozen experienced, quick-witted men, now, as on many other occasions in France, is likely to furnish the requisite ballast and give stability to the new cabinet even if this were not already guaranteed by the retention of M. Delcasse at the foreign office, and of the presence of such a sound business man as M. Rouvier at the ministry of finance.

M. Emile Combes, who succeeds M. Waldeck-Rousseau as prime minister, is a man of retiring disposition, scarcely known outside the senate, where he was often vice president, and where for five years he has been the recognized leader of the radical group. In spite of his 67 years "Pere Combes," as he is called at the Luxembourg palace, is vigorous and energetic. He is a white-haired, wiry man, five feet three inches in height. His bright, sparkling eyes are half concealed by gold eyeglasses, and he glides about at a rapid pace, often with a book or portfolio under his arm, like a little white mouse.

He was brought up in the Roman Catholic seminary at Albi, and his



**M. EMILE COMBES.**  
(Head of the New Ministry Recently Formed in France.)

parents intended him for the church. He has been a village physician, and a schoolmaster. During his political career he made a specialty of public education, and in the short-lived radical ministry of M. Leon Bourgeois in 1895 he was minister of that department. M. Combes is a personal friend of President Loubet, and also of M. Waldeck-Rousseau, who first suggested his name as the man most likely to succeed in forming a cabinet representing the radical majority of the new parliament. M. Combes set about his task with characteristic energy. He jumped into a cab, and accompanied by his son, spent the day driving about ringing the door bells of radical leaders, and conferring with such men as MM. Bourgeois, Sarrien, Valle, Trouillot, Delcasse and Gen. Andre.

In the formation of his cabinet, which was effected in the unprecedented period of 48 hours, M. Combes followed on all essential points the advice of M. Waldeck-Rousseau. M. Combes is not a brilliant orator, but has a logical, businesslike way of stating a case that carries with it sympathy and conviction. He is by no means an ambitious man, and in the lobbies of the chamber it is whispered that M. Rouvier, to whom he entrusted the portfolio of finance, will soon supplant him as prime minister. M. Combes is an out-and-out radical and anti-clerical, and proposes to deal immediately with the questions of state monopoly of education and the repeal of the Falloux law so favorable to the religious orders.

M. Combes, physically, is the smallest member of the cabinet. He lives modestly, near the senate house. He is president of the democratic group in the senate. The positions he has held—chairman of the committee of the law of associations and reporter of the bill on secondary education—marked him out for the premiership.

**Felt Hat a Life Preserver.**

It is not generally known that when a person falls into the water a common felt hat may be made use of as a life preserver, and by placing the hat upon the water, rim down, with the arm around it, pressing it slightly to the breast, it will bear a man up for hours.

**New Kind of Pavement.**

Compressed grass has been used in the construction of a Philadelphia street with, it is said, admirable results; and not long since a scheme for employing compressed paper for a like purpose was mooted in Russia.

**INDIAN CENTENARIAN.**

Dionicio Chilo, a Digena of South-west California, has reached the age of 106.

**VOLCANO DIAMONDS.**

**Gems of Fine Quality Are Sometimes Found Amidst the Rocks and Lava Erupted.**

Late London mail advices convey the information that De Beers are about to send an expedition to the scene of the recent volcanic disturbances in the West Indies to look for diamonds, reports the New York Times.

It is recalled that a few years ago, some large octahedron crystals were found in Barbados which were later identified as white spinels, which are frequently unearthed where diamonds are, although by themselves, and even when colored, are often very valuable. The French crown jewels contain a spinel ruby of 56 1/2 carats, and another which was valued at 50,000 francs in 1791, one of 42.5 and another of 3 1/2 carats, being each valued at 100,000 francs. Small spinels fetch from six francs to 13 francs per carat; specimen stones fetch even more. A stone that a New Guinea gold prospector recently exchanged for a bottle of accharine pellets was sold in Sydney, N. S. W., for \$300.

A peculiarity of the spinel is that, no matter what be the color of the stone, the light which is reflected from the depth of the gem is always a pale yellow. A blue spinel has been assigned as a sapphire, and was returned to the prospector, who had it cut and received more for it than it would have made had it really been a sapphire. A spinel collected by Dr. Heron is said to weigh 49 pounds. When spinel crystals are very fine they are considered gems, and De Beers think, having been found in large quantities in St. Lucia, it is not unlikely that they will be found in Martinique and St. Vincent.

**HOMES AMONG THE TREES.**

**The Prevailing Desire for Them Enables Real Estate Dealers to Build Up Fine Tracts.**

There is in nearly every family a longing for a home with shade around it. No amount of city distraction can completely kill it. It may slumber, but it never dies. It is bred in the bone and born in the blood. In many cases it seeks its desire of its own volition. In most instances it has to be stirred to action. And here is where the companies that develop large tracts of land in or near cities do good work, says the New York World. The fact that responsible men can take many acres within a short ride of the business section, build fine streets and pavements, put in water mains and gas and electricity, spend large sums in advertising; and then sell lots that will suffice for separate houses, with a few shade trees around them, at comparatively small sums on easy terms, shows that after all land near a city is not so expensive when handled on a large scale.

In or around all cities settlements built up in this way have become valuable and beautiful. Thousands have obtained their homes among the trees. A general good that follows these enterprises is the regularity of the streets. The average city in its growth followed old roads and thus its streets became twisted.

**THE SUBMARINE TORPEDO.**

**An Interesting Experiment Recently Made to Determine Its Actual Force.**

The results of a recent experiment in a caisson, representing a section of the French coast defense ship Henri IV., have been made public through the indiscretion of a French officer, says the New York Post. The caisson was anchored, and a torpedo charge was attached to its side, about ten feet below the surface of the water, the depth at which a torpedo is expected to strike a vessel. The discharge was made by means of an electric current worked from a barge at some distance away. The consequences exceeded all expectations, as a hole of 12 1/2 square yards was made in the side of the caisson, which immediately sank. Internally the damage extended to three longitudinal partitions, which were in the position of coal bunkers in war ships. The hole in the first partition covered nearly 11 square yards; the second partition was shattered, and the third, which has no corresponding partition in the Henri IV., had two oval holes in it, one 5x2 1/2 feet and the other 2 1/2 x 1 1/2 feet. The torpedo charge was the ordinary one of from 170 pounds to 220 pounds. It is evidence that the best defense against a torpedo is distance. Out of its reach a vessel is safe. Contact with it means annihilation.

Summer complaint is usually prevalent among children this season. A well developed case in the writer's family was cured last week by the timely use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy—one of the best patent medicines manufactured and which is always kept on hand at the home of ye scribe. This is not intended as a free puff for the company, who do not advertise with us, but to benefit little sufferers who may not be within easy access of a physician. No family should be without a bottle of this medicine in the house, especially in summer-time.—Lansing, Iowa, Journal. For sale by the Middleburg Drug Store.

**INDIAN CENTENARIAN.**

Dionicio Chilo, a Digena of South-west California, has reached the age of 106.

Could the remnant bands of the Cillella, Serrano and Digena Indians still lingering upon the hills of the coast range tell the complete story of their ancestors' origin and experiences, it would far surpass in interest any modern romance. Some have attained a longevity so remarkable that they distinctly remember the times of the desperate tribal wars, of overwhelming floods and destructive earthquakes. Of such Dionicio Chilo, belonging to the Digena, dwelling in



**DIONICIO CHILO**  
(Older Living Indian and His Friend, Capt. Chittenden.)

the most primitive human habitation in the valley is probably its oldest inhabitant. Twenty-six years ago, says N. H. Chittenden, in the Los Angeles Herald, when I first rode into the old Mexican village of Agua Mansa, about four miles from Colton, on the banks of the Santa Ana, he was nearly 80 years of age.

Possessing extraordinary strength in his younger days, and personal courage to match, he was the victor in many combats of war and with love rivals. In one of these furious encounters of more than 70 years ago his antagonist, also an Indian of great power, bit off one of Dionicio's thumbs.

For many years during the exclusive occupation of southern California by the herds and flocks of the mission fathers and of the Spanish grantees of extensive domains, Dionicio was the principal vaquero on the extensive ranch of Paso Trajilla. But the oldest American settler of 50 years ago remember him as then too far advanced in years for such service, and when compelled to retire therefrom he built of poles, reeds and mud the rude little hut in which he has lived ever since. Once or twice a week, carrying his ration sack, he visits his white friends in Colton, who furnish him with provisions. For nearly ten years a kind-hearted Portuguese woman, Maria Cunila, has fed him at her home whenever he comes to town.

**DR. FRANK BILLINGS.**

**New President of American Medical Association is a Well-Known Chicago Physician.**

Dr. Frank Billings, who has just been elected president of the American Medical Association at the convention in Saratoga, N. Y., has been known among Chicago's medical practitioners and educators nearly 20 years. He was graduated from Chicago Medical college, now the med-



**DR. FRANK BILLINGS.**  
(New President of the American Medical Association.)

ical department of Northwestern university, and, after a year spent as an interne at the Chicago hospital, engaged in post-graduate work at Vienna and Paris. Returning to Chicago, he accepted the chair of professor of medicine in Chicago Medical college, resigning to accept a similar position with Rush Medical college. He is now the dean of the latter college and the head of its medical department. He is also attending physician to the Presbyterian and Cook county hospitals. His contributions to current medical literature have given him a national reputation.

**Streets Paved with Glass.**

Streets paved with glass are not by any means unknown. The famous Rue de la Republique at Lyons is a notable example. Here the pavement is laid in glass blocks, eight inches square, which are so symmetrically fitted together as to prevent the possibility of water passing between the interstices.

**Horses in Australia.**

There were only 200 horses in Australia in the year 1800; now there are more than 2,000,000.

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