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OUR COUNTRY: First, Last and Forever!

NEWS, in the nature of surprises, has been very dull in and about Harrisburg the past three days.

THAT groundhog, when he next makes his appearance, should be captured and shipped to the Philippines—or some other seaport.

It is a curious state of affairs when the ice man, the coal man and the plumber can rejoice together over the same kind of weather.

THE average coal region Congressman draws his pay with a regularity worthy a better cause. But the interests of their constituents is ignored with the same regularity.

THESE are the times when the prudent merchant, instead of sitting down waiting for business to improve, makes it improve by judicious advertising.

SO LONG as the government has to furnish room for Sampson and Schley, and Eagan and Miles, to meet and pass, there can be no valid argument against territorial expansion.

SENATOR ALLEN refers to Bryan as "a brilliant comet in the political sky." If the Senator had reflected a moment he would have chosen a less transient celestial object for his illustration.

It is certainly an evidence of better times when such an industry as the Cambria Iron Works announce an increase of ten per cent. in wages, and does it voluntarily. They employ 5,000 men.

SOME of the members of the war investigating committee a part of the beef stein back from Porto Rico after it had been tried on the cats with fatal results. They survived—that is, the investigators.

HARDLY a day passes without the announcement of the formation of a new industrial trust. About the only industry not in a combination is the newspaper—they are still breaking their necks to "beat" the other fellow.

THE American army in the Philippines, fortunately, is not within reach of Secretary Alger. This accounts for their successful operations. Admiral Dewey and General Otis are exercising their own judgment to good effect.

THE more one thinks of it, the more one is convinced that the only way to correctly predict the outcome of the Senatorial battle, is to wait until it is over and then tell all about it. But these newspaper correspondents must earn their salary.

Now comes a dentist who knows whereof he speaks and says that the loosening of perfectly sound teeth is caused by lack of exercise. He says that our diet is composed of too many dishes like croquettes. This is a plea for tough steak.

A NEW YORK editor—employed on a yellow journal—tried to get the Emperor of Germany to write an article for his paper, holding out as an inducement the alleged belief that the Emperor was mentally unbalanced. The request, of course, was declined.

THE strong argument against the taxation of personal property is that its equitable collection must depend upon the conscience of the taxpayers, and experience shows that the stock of conscience always runs short at the time of assessment, comments the Philadelphia Record.

THE introduction of compressed air haulage at the Shenandoah City colliery will effect important changes. Although compressed air has been used for many years as a motive power, it has only comparatively recently come into prominence in connection with the underground haulage. Prodigious strides have

Hood's Pills advertisement. Text: "Best to take after dinner... prevent distress, aid digestion, cure constipation... Purely vegetable... Prepared only by G. L. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass."

HEALTHY MATERNITY.

Two Grateful Women Tell of the Help They Have Received From Mrs. Pinkham.

The climax of life force in woman is capable motherhood. The first requisite for a good mother is good health. Health of body means health of the generative organs.

Read what Mrs. G. A. NORKAMAREN, Bluffton, Ohio, says about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and how well it prepared her for maternity:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I must say a word in praise of your Vegetable Compound. I used three bottles of it when I was pregnant, and labor was not nearly as long as it was with my other babies; and my baby is so healthy to what the others were. I think every woman should use your Compound when pregnant, it will save you so much suffering and misery. I cannot say enough in praise of it. If ever I need medicine again, I shall use your Compound."

The most successful tonic known to medicine for women approaching maternity is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It is a safeguard for every woman who uses it, and the fullest benefit comes from its use with Mrs. Pinkham's advice freely offered to all women. Her address is Lynn, Mass.

Here is a convincing statement, bearing directly on this subject, from Mrs. E. Bishop, of 1848 Pacific St., Brooklyn, N. Y.:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I am a great believer in your Compound. I was almost despairing of ever again being well, as I was a great sufferer, and had been for years. I suffered from womb trouble, and had terrible blind fits. After writing to you I tried your Compound. The result was astonishing. I have used it and advocated it ever since. In childbirth it is a perfect boon. I have often said that I should like to have its merits thrown on the sky with a search-light, so that all women would read, and be convinced that there is a remedy for their sufferings."

A Million Women have been Benefited by Mrs. Pinkham's Advice and Medicine

been made in the development of this particular form of mine equipment in a comparatively short space of time. A recent test as to the relative cost of motor haulage and mule haulage, shows an average daily saving of about \$40.00.

The Reverend of Grip. That modern scourge, the Grip, poisons the air with its fatal germs, so that no home is safe from its ravages, but multitudes have found a sure protection against this dangerous malady in Dr. King's New Discovery. When you feel a soreness in your bones and muscles, have chills and fever, with sore throat, pain in the back of the head, external symptoms and a stubborn cough, you may know you have the Grip, and that you need Dr. King's New Discovery. It will promptly cure the worst cough, heal the inflamed membrane, kill the disease germs and prevent the dreaded after-effects of the malady. Price 50c and \$1.00. Money back if not cured. A trial bottle free at A. Wasyly's drug store.

The Old Ones. "We'll have to give up the idea of putting pictures in the parlor, Jane," remarked old John Turnpuss as he threw the bottle under the table. "Why?" asked his wife. "Too dear! Why, I paid one in town today, and the dealer sez, sez he, 'That's an old master; its price is \$200.'" "Why," sez I, "it looks like a second-hand picture." "Yes, it is," sez he. "Then, thinks I, if a second-hand picture costs that much, it's no use to price a new one. So, Jane, I reckon we'd have to hang up a few notices, 'God Bless Our Home' and the like, and let the picture go."—Pearson's Weekly.

Remember if You Have a Cough or Cold. Pain-Take always cures, 25c. At Grubler Bros., drug store.

That Brother. Some time ago a well known Irishman was dining with Lord Hampden, governor of New South Wales. Wishing to pay a compliment to his host, the Irishman complimented upon the fact that his excellency's family had all been true to the cause of Ireland with one exception. "We Irish never could forgive that brother of yours who sided with Calne for the Unionists in the great division of 1846. We used to call him the Brand of Calne." "Ah!" observed the governor good humoredly. "I was that brother!"—Liverpool Mercury.

An Important Question. If your friends or neighbors are suffering from coughs, colds, sore throats, or any throat or lung disease (including consumption), ask them if they have ever used Otto's Cure. This famous German remedy is having a large sale here and is performing some wonderful cures of throat and lung diseases. No matter what other medicines have failed to do, try Otto's Cure. Large sizes 25c and 50c. Sold by all druggists.

The First Basilicas. In the third century there were already small buildings called "synagogues," or "ecclesies," where services were conducted, but Constantine began to build the first basilicas fitted to hold large congregations. In the west the apse was at the west end, but in Asia it was on the east, and curtains divided off the bema or choir from the rest of the basilica. Within these stood the wooden table of the eucharistic rites, and behind it, facing the congregation, sat the bishop or presbyter, facing east at Rome, but west in Asia. Not until the ordinary service was ended and the deacons had carefully excluded all among the worshippers who wore the eucharistic vestments, and the mysteries displayed of to the faithful. Thus no profanation of the rite could be due to the mocking of unbelievers, though nothing was hidden from the believer.—Blackwood's Magazine.

Many a Lover. Has turned with disgust from an otherwise lovable girl with an offensive breath. Karl's Clover Root Tea purifies the breath by its action on the bowels, etc., as nothing else will. Sold for 50c in absolute guarantee. Price 25c and 90c. Sold by P. D. Kirillo and a guarantee.

CAPRICE OF THE MUSES. Of old the muses sat on high And heard and judged the songs of men. One they smiled, who tolled by Of tolling ten, they slighted ten. "They lightly serve who serve us best, Nor know they how the task was done. We never love a soul at rest. But violence and toil we slion." If men say true, the muses now Have changed their ancient habitude, And would be served with knitted brow, And stress and toil each day renewed. So each one with the other vies, Of those who were renowned or sung. "O no, O no, bestow the prize, For we have striven well and long!" And yet methinks I hear the best Come murmuring down from Helicon: "They lightly serve who serve us best, Nor know they how the task was done!" —Miss Edith M. Thomas in Dial.

Wily Cupid.

Billion—Whose pocketbook is that you are advertising for? Jinsco—Mine, of course. "Get out!" "Pocketbook containing a roll of notes and a large number of checks and securities. Finder can keep the money if he will return papers." Get out! You didn't say a roll of notes or a check once a year?" "No, but Berlin Bullion's father takes the paper I advertised the loss in, and he'll see that advertisement. See?" "Humph! Where did you get the money to pay for that big ad?" —London Tit-Bits.

His Trick. Dashaway—You say your sister will be down in a minute, Willie? That's good news. I didn't know but what she wanted to be excused, as she did the other day. Willie—Not this time. I played a trick on her. Dashaway—What did you do? Willie (triumphantly)—I said you were another fellow.—London Fun.

An Apt Comparison. When Tompkins's "In Memoriam" appeared, a certain poet was standing in the Old Corner Bookstore in Boston, turning over the leaves of the new volume, when a literary friend of rare taste and learning in poetry stepped up and said to the poet, "Have you read it?" "Indeed I have," was the answer, "and, do you know, it seems to me that in this delightful book Tompkins has done for friendship what Petrarch did for love."

"This was too fine for the literary friend to forget. That afternoon he called upon a lady on Beacon Hill and noticing a copy of the same book on her table saw his opportunity. After the usual greeting he took up the book. "Have you read it?" he asked. "Yes," said she, "and I have enjoyed it greatly."

"So have I," said her visitor, "and do you know that in this charming poem Tompkins has done for friendship what Petrarch did for love?" "Indeed!" rejoined the lady, adding with a mischievous smile. "Me—called this morning and said the same thing."

Who it was that originated the apt comparison remains an unsolved mystery to this day.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Feltner. A Common Danger. If you have ever had a cold which you permitted to "wear away" it may interest you to know it was a dangerous proceeding. Every cold and cough which is neglected paves the way for consumption, bronchitis, asthma or catarrh. Otto's Cure, the famous German throat and lung remedy, will cure any cough or cold and save you from consumption. Sold by all druggists. Prices 25c and 50c per bottle.

MOTHER'S FRIEND. The sudden Epidemic of Grip has started the country. The doctors confess they have no sure Cure for it, and this is seen to be true in the sudden death of Garcia and Ex-Senator Brice and the alarming increase in the death rate. But no one need be alarmed. There is a sure cure—a perfect antidote. It has had 15 years test in thousands of cases and never failed. That remedy is BRAZILIAN BALM. No fatal case of Grip was ever known where Brazilian Balm was promptly and faithfully used. It kills the germs, arrests the progress of the disease at once, and takes all the evil effects out of the system. For Colds, Grip, Influenza, Old Coughs, Asthma, Catarrh, Pleurisy, Bronchitis, it is a perfect remedy.

MOTHER'S FRIEND. My wife suffered more in ten minutes with either of her two children than she did altogether with her last, having previously used four bottles of Mother's Friend. It is a blessing to any one expecting to become a MOTHER, says a customer. BRADSHAW DALL, Carmi, Illinois. We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50-cent bottle of Greene's Warranted Syrup of Tar if it fails to cure your cough or cold. We also guarantee a 25-cent bottle to prove satisfactory or money refunded. A. Wasyly, C. H. Hagenbuch, Shenandoah Drug Store, and P. W. Bierstein & Co. 11-14-33rd St.

Sacrificed to Blood Poison. Those who have never had Blood Poison can not know what a desperate condition it can produce. This terrible disease which the doctors are totally unable to cure, is communicated from one generation to another, inflicting its taint upon countless innocent ones. Some years ago I was inoculated with poison by a nurse who infected my babe with blood. The little one was unequal to the disease and his life was yielded up to the pestilence. For six long years I suffered untold misery. I was covered with sores and ulcers from head to foot, and no language can express the feelings of despair which were mine during those long years. I had the best medical treatment, but all to no purpose. My dear and dear wife seemed to add fuel to the fire, and she was devoured by it. I was advised by friends who had seen wonderful cures made by it, to try Swift's Specific. We did, and I had hope again revive in my breast—hope for health and happiness. I improved from the start, and a complete cure was effected. I feel now as if I were a new man. My wife is cured, and I am cured. I feel now as if I were a new man. My wife is cured, and I am cured. I feel now as if I were a new man. My wife is cured, and I am cured.

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SHENANDOAH DRUG STORE, Wholesale Agents. The Best for Practical Use. It is easy to find the word wanted. It is easy to ascertain the pronunciation. It is easy to trace the growth of a word. It is easy to learn what a word means. The New York Tribune says: "The best edition ever from the press with a complete list of the most thorough and useful and practical of all the words in the English language, and which is so easily portable that it can be carried in the pocket."

IN LONDON LODGINGS.

What it May Cost the American Visited in England. In England, though in London at least there are many boarding houses, it is more usual to live in "lodgings"—that is, more usual to hire a furnished room by itself than to include the taking of meals at the common table. Frequently, however, you arrange to have part of your meals in the house, but served in your own room. In that case you may buy your own materials and pay for the cooking, or the landlady will buy what you direct and cook it for a slight charge. In a thoroughly convenient and respectable location in London for \$7.50 a week would be a low price for a finely furnished sitting room and bathroom and the cooking. You can do better than that in the suburbs, but distances are long in London, and it is economy to pay for a convenient location if time is any object.

Prices are lower in the smaller English towns and the lodgings more comfortable. These of London are often so bothersome that many Americans advise against taking lodgings there. Figures from the expense book of two American girls who took lodgings wherever they had addresses show that in Lincoln for apartments in a delightfully quiet little house just outside the cathedral close, where the landlady and everything about the place was spotlessly clean, they paid \$1.40 apiece for the night's lodging and three meals. In York they had lodging, supper and breakfast for \$1 apiece. At Oxford the same thing with a fine grate fire cost \$1 apiece. In Edinburgh they had lodging and breakfast for a week for \$8.50 apiece.

In London and the large cities it is the custom to go out for dinner. London restaurants are more costly than those of the same grade in the States, and so London is not the cheapest place in which to dine. To live in this way abroad is much simpler than at home, for restaurant life is so much more common. It has been said that a third of the people of Paris dine at cafes. Women seldom have any serious trouble in finding a restaurant where they can dine unmolested, and a great many of the art students abroad live in this fashion, often not spending \$1 a day for the whole cost of existence. Furnished rooms, however, are not so easily to be found in Paris as in London, but they are there.—Robert Luce in "Going Abroad."

GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Feltner. The Kind You Have Always Bought In Use For Over 30 Years. THE CASTORIA COMPANY, 27 MURRAY STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

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PHILADELPHIA & READING R'y. Engines Burn Hard Coal—No Smoke. IN EFFECT NOVEMBER 20, 1908. Trains leave Shenandoah as follows: For New York via Philadelphia, week days, 2:10, 5:25, 7:35 a. m., 12:25, 3:19 and 6:09 p. m. For New York via Mauch Chunk, week days, 7:00 a. m., 12:25 and 8:10 p. m. For Reading and Philadelphia, week days, 2:10, 5:25, 7:35 a. m., 12:25, 3:19 and 6:09 p. m. For Potomac, week days, 7:00, 9:05 a. m., 12:25, 3:19 and 6:09 p. m. For Williamsport, Sunbury and Lewisburg, week days, 11:32 a. m., 6:59, 7:30 a. m. For Potomac and Mahanoy City, week days, 7:00, 9:05 a. m., 12:25, 3:19 and 6:09 p. m. For Williamsport, Sunbury and Lewisburg, week days, 11:32 a. m., 6:59, 7:30 a. m. For Mahanoy City, week days, 2:10, 3:27, 5:35, 7:30, 9:35, 11:52 a. m., 12:25, 3:19, 6:09, 7:35, 9:40 p. m. For Ashland and Shenandoah, week days, 7:30, 11:22 a. m., 12:25, 3:19, 6:07, 7:35 and 8:55 p. m. For Baltimore, Washington and the West via R. & O. R. R., through train, leaving Reading Terminal, Philadelphia (P. & R. R. E.), at 8:20, 7:55, 11:28 a. m., 3:10 and 7:27 p. m. Sundays, 7:30, 7:00, 11:28 a. m., 3:45 and 7:27 p. m. Additional trains from Twenty-fourth and Chestnut street stations, week days, 10:30 a. m., 12:20, 12:45 and 4:00 p. m. Sundays, 1:35, 8:25 p. m.

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