

The poorest man may give as much as the richest, if he will give all he can.

Swintah.
A hog is the only animal that is not afraid of a snake bite. The fat of the hog will "enough" the poison and prevent its getting into the veins, and then the hog turns around and kills the snake and eats him up afterwards, but a frog-bite in a hog will recover, and it is a different kind of a bite altogether. It inflames like a burn, cripples the feet with tenderness, causes fever and burning, and sets one nearly crazy with itching. The true treatment of a frog-bite is to treat it somewhat in the way we treat a burn. The cold that creates all this fever and heat in the part affected should be drawn out. St. Jacobs Oil applied to the swollen parts will draw out the cold, allay the fever, stop the itching and tenderness, and cures the frog-bite almost miraculously. In very cold, windy weather, the bite of the frog may be sudden and very unexpected, especially to the ears, feet and hands. A vigorous rubbing with St. Jacobs Oil will overcome the cold quickly, and the cure is complete, leaving no after soreness.

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From the Commercial, Bangor, Me.

We publish the letter of Mr. H. J. Crandall in full, just as it came in, as it is interesting.

Dear Sir:—I send this solely that other may know what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills did for me and my kidneys, and to make it of more effect I send it in affidavit form: STATE OF MAINE, COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, ss. H. C. Granddierre, of Vanceboro, Maine, being duly sworn, deposes and says: "Two years or more ago, I was attacked with kidney trouble which gave me violent pain, and necessitated my urinating every few minutes. Then I had times of no control over my water, and this made things unbearable. The pain at those times was indescribable, and nothing gave me any relief until I was led to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The first box helped me, and by the time I had taken my second I was absolutely and completely cured. This was two years ago, and since then I have had no return of the trouble, and I have no hesitation or doubt in expressing that I owe my recovery to Pink Pills."

"H. J. CRANDIERRE."
(Signed) Personally appeared before me this 13th day of August, 1896, H. J. Crandierre, and made oath that the above statement was true.

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Cotton Production.

The Charleston News and Courier has made a calculation which shows that the State of South Carolina raises more cotton to the square mile than any State in the country. The production in that State is put at 25 bales to the square mile; in Georgia the production is 18 bales; in Mississippi, 21 2/3 bales; in Alabama, 12 3/5 bales; in Louisiana, 10 1/2 bales, and in Texas, 7 1/4 bales. The table shows nothing of considerable importance, probably, says the Savannah News, except that South Carolina is devoting more attention to cotton than she ought to, and that if Texas raised as much cotton to the square mile as South Carolina does her crop would be nearly 7,000,000 bales.

More than Estimated.

Pryer—I notice that young Frymar is still paying his attentions to the daughter of old Senator Coffers.
Dyer—I believe he still persists in that direction.
Pryer—I am told he's a relative of hers—a cousin twice removed.
Dyer—Twice! Say, the old man told me himself that he'd removed him seven times already, and if he has to do it again it will probably be to a cemetery.—Boston Courier.

All Foreigners.

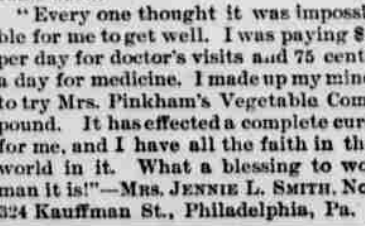
The Philadelphia North American quotes the saying of a man who is disturbed about the future of his native land.
Mr. Banner—The foreigners are getting an awful hold in this country.
Crosby—They are, indeed. Why, I read over a list of men naturalized by the court yesterday, and every one of them was a foreigner.

The largest iron bridge is over the Frith of Tay, Scotland. It is 18,612 feet in length and has eighty-five spans.

A LETTER TO WOMEN.

A few words from Mrs. Smith, of Philadelphia, will certainly corroborate the claim that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is woman's ever reliable friend.

"I cannot praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound too highly. "For nine weeks I was in bed suffering with inflammation and congestion of the ovaries. I had a discharge all the time. When lying down all the time, I felt quite comfortable; but as soon as I would put my feet on the floor, the pains would come back. "Every one thought it was impossible for me to get well. I was paying 81 per day for doctor's visits and 75 cents a day for medicine. I made up my mind to try Mrs. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It has effected a complete cure for me, and I have all the faith in the world in it. What a blessing to woman it is!"—Mrs. JENNIE L. SMITH, No. 324 Kauffman St., Philadelphia, Pa.



STUPENDOUS FEAT.

How a Railroad Across Siberia Was Built.

Many Millions of People Are Settling Along Its Route.

There is a familiar story, perhaps less apocryphal than most good stories are, of a former Russian Emperor who wanted a railroad built from St. Petersburg to Moscow. He told his Ministers, and they told the engineers, and they went to surveying route after route, without finding a satisfactory one. At last the Emperor grew tired of waiting and asked why the railroad was not built. "The engineers cannot agree upon a route," was the reply. "Bring me a map and I will show you one," returned the Emperor. Then he took a ruler and a pen, and drew a straight line from one city to the other. "That is the route," said he; "now build the road." And it was built. A truthful companion to this story may be told, dating back scarcely eleven years, and at the present moment being fulfilled. In 1886 the Emperor summoned his Ministers to him. Without a word of preface, "Let there be a railroad built across Siberia," he said; "by the directest route and as quickly as possible." And then he dismissed the council.

Today that railroad, incomparably the greatest in the world, making our Pacific roads seem petty, is measurably near completion. It is finished and in full operation to a point beyond Tomsk, at one end, and from Vladivostok to Chabarowsk, on the Amoor, at the other, while a considerable stretch is at least graded, ready for the ties and rails, in the middle at Lake Balkal. No less than 62,000 men are constantly employed upon it, and it is reckoned that by the end of this century, four years hence, through trains will be running from the Baltic—indeed, from Paris—to the Pacific. The cost is estimated at \$175,000,000, but will probably be much less, since the actual cost of the section from the Urals to the Obi has been \$4,500,000 less than the estimate. Vladivostok, 4,741 miles from the Urals, will be one Eastern terminal, but not the chief one. By the terms of the new Russian treaty with China, a branch line, so-called, is to be run off at Nikolokaya, down through Manchuria and Mongolia to the Yellow Sea, with terminals at New-Chwang and Port Arthur, where there will be a harbor open all the year round. This "branch" will be 1,280 miles long, 946 miles being in what is now Chinese territory, and it will shorten the distance from the Urals to the coast by 342 miles. No doubt it will really become the main line, as soon as Manchuria and Corea become openly and avowedly, as they are now substantially, Russian provinces.

The practical effect of this stupendous undertaking upon Russian social and industrial interests is already apparent. In 1891 the present Czar turned the first spadeful of earth on the road at Vladivostok. Forewith, popular migration from European Russia to Siberia began. In 1892 no less than 109,000 permanent settlers crossed the Urals. But they were a mere advance guard. A larger number was reported in the single month of May, 1895, while the total number for 1896 was nearly 1,000,000. No other new country ever was filled up at such a rate. At present nearly all are settling west of the Obi. But as the construction of the road proceeds, and the still more desirable regions further east are opened up, the number of settlers may be expected to increase, and by the end of the century, when the road is completed, we may reasonably expect to see the population of Siberia more than doubled. There will be practically a new nation, of ten or twelve million inhabitants, in one of the richest lands of the world, with an incalculable product of raw materials to dispose of, and with an almost insatiable need of manufactured goods. And its natural commercial outlet and inlet, on the ocean, will be directly opposite the Pacific Coast of the United States. There is a fact which American traders and American statesmen may well take into consideration.—New York Tribune.

A Letter Written Amid Flying Shells.

In the Century is an article on "Nelson in the Battle of Copenhagen," by Captain Alfred T. Mahan, who has just resigned from the United States Navy in order to devote himself to literary pursuits. Captain Mahan relates the following anecdote concerning Lord Nelson's letter proposing a truce to the Crown Prince of Denmark, dispatched in the midst of

hostilities: The decks being cleared of all partitions fore and aft, and all ordinary conveniences removed, Nelson wrote in full view of all on the deck where he was, at the easing of the rudder-head, standing; and as he wrote an officer standing by took a copy. The original, in his own hand, was put into an envelope, and sealed, with his arms. The officer was about to use a wafer, but Nelson, said, "No; send for sealing-wax and candle." Some delay followed, owing to the man sent having had his head taken off by a ball. "Send another messenger for the wax," said the admiral, when informed of this; and when the wafers were again suggested he simply reiterated the order. A large amount of wax was used, and extreme care taken that the impression of the seal should be perfect. Colonel Stewart asked, "Why under so hot a fire and after so lamentable an accident, have you attached so much importance to a circumstance apparently trifling?" "Had I made use of a wafer," replied Nelson, "the wafer would have been still wet when the letter was presented to the crown prince; he would have inferred that the letter was sent off in a hurry, and that we had some very pressing reasons for being in a hurry. The wax told no tales." It was the same sagacious regard to effect which possibly dictated the byplay of refusing to see Parker's signal of recall.

Real Estate Values in New York.

Mrs. Schuyler Van Rensselaer has a paper on "Prices in New York" in the Century. Speaking of the rapid increase of value of real estate in that city, Mrs. Van Rensselaer says: Two miles from the City Hall? Very much farther away than this stands the new Herald building, where Broadway and Sixth avenue intersect. In 1845 the city owned its site, and sold it for \$9,930. The Herald now pays rent for it—for the land alone—at the rate of \$60,000 a year. At the same sale many years ago a corner lot on Fifth avenue and Forty-second street brought \$1,400, and in 1849 four hundred lots on Fifth avenue above Twentieth street were sold at prices ranging from \$200 to \$400. Within twenty years some of these were sold for \$15,000 each, and you may guess their present worth for yourself, remembering that business and business values have now moved into this region also.

Less than twenty years ago a much more northerly district, between Fifty-ninth and One Hundred and Tenth streets, west of Eighth avenue, would have shown you little but rocks and puddles and predatory goats and boys. Now much more than half its surface is covered with buildings, all of a very good class, and their estimated cost has been \$170,000,000. Land up here is more precious than was land two miles from the City Hall in the days of Philip Hone. And it is just as easy now as then to grow greatly richer in New York, if you are already rich enough to buy little bits of its soil, and to hold on to them for a little while.

Mrs. Cleveland and the Wheelman.

It was Christmas week and a young man on a bike was confidently riding up F street. A heavy carriage drawn by two prancing bays came spinning up the street at the same time. The young man was fairly run into the gutter, by the turnout and to save himself from being crushed, he jumped off his wheel. The bays were drawn up to the curb in great style, and the lady occupant of the carriage stepped out to go into a store. She instantly took in the catastrophe. The wheel was almost a wreck, and the rider was looking around for his hat. She stepped right up to him and inquired if he was hurt. Being assured that he was not, she took out a card and wrote a few lines on it and gave it to him, saying: "Have your wheel repaired and send the bill to Mr. Thurber with this card, I am very glad you were not hurt." The signature on the card was "Frances Folsom Cleveland."—Washington Capital.

The Quill Is Mightier Than the Sword.

A young man of South Brewer, Me., went hunting the other day. That night, hearing a noise outside the camp, he peeped forth and discovered what he supposed to be a bear cub which he determined to capture alive. Accordingly he leaped upon it, when he was immediately convinced that he had made a mistake. It was a hedgehog, and he is not sure all the quills are yet extracted from his person. The porcupine is thought to have lost all of his.—Kennebec Journal.

American apples are having a great run in England.

A Cougher's Coffers

may not be so full as he wishes, but if he is wise he will neglect his coffers awhile and attend to his cough. A man's coffers may be so secure that no one can take them away from him. But a little cough has taken many a man away from his coffers. The "slight cough" is somewhat like the small pebble that lies on the mountain side, and appears utterly insignificant. A fluttering bird, perhaps, starts the pebble rolling, and the rolling pebble begets an avalanche that buries a town. Many fatal diseases begin with a slight cough. But any cough, taken in time, can be cured by the use of

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