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Fearful Eczema All Over Baby's Face—Professional Treatment Failed—A Perfect Cure by Cuticura.
"When my little girl was six months old I noticed small red spots on her right cheek. They grew so large that I sent for the doctor but, instead of helping the eruption, his ointment seemed to make it worse. Then I went to a second doctor who said it was eczema. He also gave me an ointment which did not help either. The disease spread all over the face and the eyes began to swell. The itching grew intolerable and it was a terrible sight to see. I consulted doctors for months, but they were unable to cure the baby. I paid out from \$20 to \$30 without relief. One evening I began to use the Cuticura Remedies. The next morning the baby's face was all white instead of red. I continued until the eczema entirely disappeared. Mrs. P. E. Gumbin, Sheldon, Ia., July 13, 1908."
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Tragedy in High Life.

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"What have you in that package?"
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Wife—There, dear, don't lie any more. I didn't give you any letter to mail.—Cleveland Leader.

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An Australian Cattle King.

An Australian cattle king, Sidney Kidman, is said to own more of the British Empire than any other individual. He is the proprietor of 49,216 square miles of land and has 100,000 cattle and 10,000 horses. He is entirely self-made. When 14 years old he was earning only \$2.50 a week.

The telephone business is picking up in China. Peking has now 1,700 subscribers.

MOST MARVELOUS TRICK HORSE IN THE ANNALS OF THE SAW-DUST ARENA

Pedigree and Accomplishments of Excelsior, Jr., the Bright, Particular Star of Old Dan Rice's One-Horse Show—The Famous Clown Called His Blind, Milk-White Wonder "The Very Quintessence of Quadruped Grandeur, Without a Rival in the Equine Circles of the Circus World."



EXCELSIOR, JR.

The elder generation of our readers who patronized the "One Ring Circus," in their salad days, doubtless remember the remarkable trick horse Excelsior and his son, Blind Excelsior, Jr., both owned, trained and exhibited by Colonel Rice. The illustration of the wonderful horse as he appeared in his declining years, but it is the last picture made by the master hand of the lamented Herbert E. Kittredge. This priceless painting, the only one now in existence, and for which Colonel Rice offered at one time the sum of \$500, subsequently became the property of Mr. Chas. T. Harris, then on the editorial staff of Wallace's Monthly. The following excerpts from the diary of Colonel Rice, concerning the characteristics of sire and son, are of interest:

There was a slight difference in the susceptibility of the two horses, the original Excelsior being purer bred than his son. He was sired by the racehorse Gray Eagle, that ran against Wagner at Louisville, Ky., in the early sixties. His dam was by Envoy, imported to this country by Judge Wilkins, of Pennsylvania, who was Minister to Russia. Excelsior, Sr., was bred and owned by Dr. Thomas, of Havesville, Hancock County, Ky., and in the fall of 1859 ran a two-mile race over the Lexington track in 3.51. I educated him with less trouble than I had with his son, but his performances were of a different character, being classic and artistic in the way of graceful movements and grand and imposing attitudes. Excelsior, Jr., was a keystone to the arch of the original "One-Horse Show"; for in those days he formed the "whole stud" of that much-talked-of institution. He was a very quintessence of quadruped grandeur. His marvellous sagacity was only equalled by his elegance of carriage. With a milk-white skin, and mane and tail of remarkable length and fleecy whiteness, a neck of extraordinary mould and perfect reach of arch; in truth, so powerfully and symmetrically formed was this noble brute, there should be scant surprise that he was universally regarded and enthusiastically conceded to be, in intelligence, color and general conformation, without a rival in the equine circles of the circus world. So widespread was his fame he attracted the notice of Rosa Bonheur, who wrote the famous photographic-artist Sarony to forward her photographs of the blind marvel. After spending several weeks studying Excelsior in every possible pose, a score of superb specimens were sent the great French artist, aboard the ill-fated Ville de Havre, and so never reached their destination. The poet Longfellow was also one of Excelsior's most ardent admirers. One night at the close of the performance he accompanied Colonel Rice to the paddock, and whilst caressing the sightless wonder said: "This horse is so human in his conduct, so beautiful in his presence, so patient and confiding in his affliction, that really, Mr. Rice, I am almost persuaded to believe there must be a sort of horse heaven after all."

The loss of sight in Excelsior, Jr., which occurred in his second year, no doubt strengthened his hearing and made him more attentive to what was said to him. So keenly sensitive was he of sound, that, speaking once in a sibilant tone to my ringmaster some fifty feet distant, this whispered remark caught his ear, although not heard by Mr. Rosston: "I must shorten the programme—Excelsior will ascend the stairs." Before I could advance to the horse to give him his cue he arose on his hind legs and proceeded with his forefeet to climb an imaginary staircase. Of course this was after many years of arduous toil in teaching him to understand and distinguish sounds. I took the idea from seeing in early times the waggoners of Pennsylvania driving their spike by word of command. I worked at the principle until I reduced the theory to a science, knowing the horse had the most acute hearing of any of the animal creation, and the greatest memory, not excepting man, for a man frequently forgets—a horse never does. In short, I worked on the principle that we know the meaning of words by their sound, and in educating both horses demonstrated that the horse is next to man in point of instinct and intelligence.

The feats of this famous animal have been made so familiar to the reader throughout the pages of this biography proper, that further attempts to add anything of interest would be superfluous. Perhaps his most wonderful achievement was the ascension and descension of the staircase, going up and down both backward and forward, in an almost perpendicular position, with a rubber ball balanced between his ears—a feat no horse but him could ever be instructed to acquire. He was par excellence the premier performer of the circus world.

Dr. Knox, from whom Colonel Rice obtained Excelsior, was a regular attendant during the days of the One-Horse Show, and being also a personal friend of the Colonel, his admiration for the jester was very sincere, and his faith as to Excelsior's ability was the result of an idea that a horse bred in Kentucky, even though he was untrained, must, under any circumstances, win. Colonel Rice secured a first-class groom, Jeff Posey, from Daniel Van Wonder, a butcher in Cincinnati, whose skill as a horseman was unsurpassed, but he gracefully shared the honors with Wilson Turner, who took his place when Posey eventually became manager of the stud. After coming in possession of Excelsior, Colonel Rice introduced the intelligent creature at once into the ring, and he responded so easily to the requirements imposed, that it can be truly stated, he was broken to his performing feats directly under the eye of the public.

Excelsior died November 17, 1878, age twenty-eight years, at St. Louis, Mo. Three days before his death, Colonel Rice, who was compelled to come East to fill an important engagement, went to the stable of Jerry Arnot, in St. Louis, where Excelsior, who had been ill for some time, was being faithfully looked after. Colonel Rice called him out of his stall in order to test his strength and discover if he could be safely removed to New York. Whining piteously, the thoroughbred staggered with weakness as he backed out towards his master and placed his head on his shoulder, shedding tears and quivering in a most pitiable way. Colonel Rice sought to console the sorrowing animal as he led him back in his stall, but to no avail. There were many prominent people present who had come to visit the sick horse, among whom were Superintendent Talmage, of the Union Pacific Railroad, and Mr. Chas. Lucas, the millionaire merchant of St. Louis. All were visibly affected. His funeral, which was nearly a mile long, was one of the most remarkable tributes ever paid to one of his race, and still survives in the memories of thousands—an enduring monument to his popularity.—From "The Life of Dan Rice," by Maria Ward Brown.

Everybody Swears By Him.

"Who's the best known man in this township?" queried the advance agent for the medicine show.

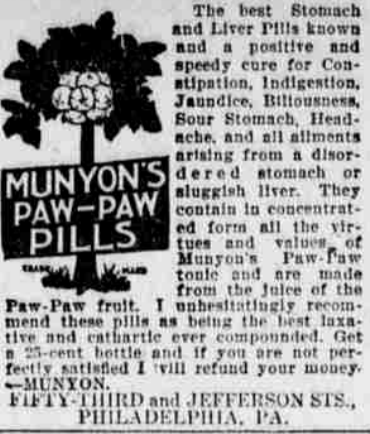
"Well, young feller," answered Uncle Silas Seaver slowly, as he carefully packed the tobacco in his black pipe, "Jake Seymour holds that record about now, by catin' the fust new potatoes from his own garden, tho' Hank Calkins is a close second with his new peas. Aunt Sarah Stanton is attractin' considerable attention with her flock of eighteen light brahmas with an egg record of twelve dozen in eight days, the same bein' writ up in the Smithville Banner. An' Wallis Weaver's buildin' a new hip-roof barn. But I guess, everything considerin', Squire Hamilton's about the most popular man about these parts now. Everybody seems to swear by the squire, seein' he's jest been elected assessor."—Judge's Library.

Endless Telephone Chain.

At the recent election in Aurora, Ill., the women were urged to form an "endless telephone chain," each woman pledging herself to call up five male voters every day and urge them to vote right. If it takes as long to get people on the telephone in Aurora as it often does in Massachusetts, the women could have voted themselves in half the time.—Springfield Republican.

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PICTURES OF HEART BEATS

Bad Nau Heim Physician Invents New Photographic Apparatus.

Bad Nau Heim.—The numerous Americans taking the waters here are greatly interested in an apparatus invented by Dr. Grodel, physician in chief of this resort. The apparatus makes it possible to photograph heart beats on endless rolls of film.

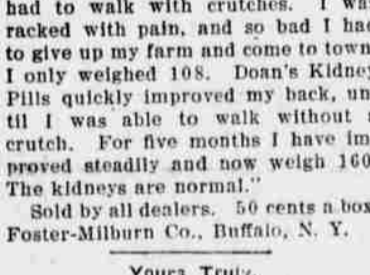
A physician having charge of a patient suffering from heart disease is able, by the apparatus, to obtain unmistakable records of the action of the organ for a period ranging from five seconds to five hours or longer. This means a boon to sufferers from heart disease, as well as to persons suffering from other interior irregularities. The process resembles that of the kinematograph, aided by Roentgen rays. The rays enable a physician to study the process of digestion minutely for any period desired.

WHEN YOUR BACK ACHES

It is a Warning That the Kidneys Are Sick and Need Help.

A bad back makes every day a dull round of pain and misery. It's a sign that the kidneys are sick and cannot keep up their never-ending task of filtering the blood. Lame back, headache, dizzy spells and urinary disorders are warnings that must not be overlooked. D. W. Hughes, 45 Headlin Ave., Dothan, Ala., says: "A year ago I was in such agony with kidney disease, bladder trouble and rheumatism that I was doubled over and had to walk with crutches. I was racked with pain, and so bad I had to give up my farm and come to town. I only weighed 108. Don's Kidney Pills quickly improved my back, until I was able to walk without a crutch. For five months I have improved steadily and now weigh 160. The kidneys are normal."

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Yours Truly.

The simplicity of "Yours" as a letter ending would have astounded Jeremy Taylor, whose letters to John Evelyn often wind up with perfect triumphs of complexity in this respect. His best is, "Believe me that I am, in great heartiness and dearness of affection, Dear Sir, your obliged and most affectionate friend and servant J. Taylor." On other occasions he was "Your most affectionate and endeared friend and servant," or "Your very affectionate friend and hearty servant." Even in his shortest perorations of the kind the "affectionate" and the "servant" are always the two indispensable words. Probably no man, woman, or child would combine these two at the end of a letter today.—London Chronicle.

Ruined Railway Rebuilt.

London—After lying derelict for twenty years, the old Shropshire and Montgomeryshire Railway is about to enter on a new lease of life. The railway, which is eighteen miles long, links Shropshire with the Cambrian system at Llanymynech. About \$5,000,000 was spent on it, and a new company has acquired the concern for \$150,000. Some \$100,000 of this is required to reconstruct bridges that have tumbled down, to rebuild stations now overgrown with trees, and to replace signal posts and fences that have been carried away and burned.

The Torpedo in Warfare.

The day has gone by when the torpedo can be regarded as an unreliable instrument of war of strictly limited use. Today the British navy is about to be equipped with a torpedo which will carry a destructive charge of upwards of 200 pounds, and will possess an effective range of over 7,000 yards, which it will be able to cover at an average speed of 31 knots. Such a weapon is bound to influence battle tactics, owing to its range and the accuracy with which it runs. The new torpedo, in association with improved gunnery methods, has already banished the 6-inch gun from the newer battleships and battleship cruisers.—Cassier's Magazine.

in 1950.

First Speed Maniac—I declare these speed restrictions are getting so a fellow has no fun out of his machine.

Second Ditto—What have they done now?

First Speed Maniac—Passed a law limiting the speed to 50 miles an hour in city streets with a jail penalty for the third case of manslaughter.—Baltimore American.

Even at School. Teacher—Tommy, for what is Pittsburgh noted? Tommy—Beatin' de Cubs five straight, ma'am.

It is much easier to get a bad reputation than to keep a good one.

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At Last, There is on Sale a Book Brimful of American Humor.

Any bookseller will tell you that the constant quest of his customers is for "a book which will make me laugh." The bookman is compelled to reply that the race of American humorists has run out and come literature is scarcer than funny plays. A wide sale is therefore predicted for the "Memoirs of Dan Rice," the Clown of Our Daddies, written by Maria Ward Brown, a book guaranteed to make you roar with laughter. The author presents to the public a volume of the great jester's most pungent jokes, comic harangues, caustic hits upon men and manners, lectures, anecdotes, sketches of adventure, original songs and poetical effusions; wise and witty, serious, satirical, and sentimental sayings of the sawdust arena of other days. These "Memoirs" also contain a series of adventures and incidents alternating from grave to gay; descriptive scenes and thrilling events; the record of half a century of a remarkable life, in the course of which the subject was brought into contact with most of the national celebrities of the day. The book abounds in anecdotes, humorous and otherwise; and it affords a clearer view of the inside mysteries of show life than any account heretofore published. Old Dan Rice, as the proprietor of the famous "One Horse Show," was more of a national character than Artemus Ward, and this volume contains the humor which made the nation laugh even while the great Civil War raged. This fascinating book of 500 pages, beautifully illustrated, will be sent postpaid to you for \$1.50. Address Book Publishing House, 134 Leonard Street, New York City.

WAGES LOW IN GERMANY.

Prussian City Advertises for Clerks at \$2.50 a Month.

Breslau, Prussia.—The City of Landshut, a wealthy town, advertises for clerks for the municipal administration, promising the following wages: "To young men, college bred, the city offers ten marks (\$2.50) per month for the first year of their service. In the second year the remuneration is twenty marks, in the third, thirty marks. Beginning with the fourth year clerks will receive six hundred marks per annum, with increase of one hundred marks per year until the maximum wage of 1,000 marks is reached."

Rose That Changes Color.

White in the shade, red in the sun, such is the twofold character that has given a name to the chameleon rose. At night or when it is carried into a dark room it assumes a waxlike whiteness. This does not occur abruptly, but the petals first pass into a pale rose, and finally ends by becoming the purest white. Then, if it is taken into bright sunlight, with the greatest rapidity it resumes the scarlet tint of the most brilliant peony.

This horticultural phenomenon comes from Japan, that country of magic gardens and wizard horticulturists.—Petit Jardin.

Baby Fox a Paris Hobby.

Paris.—The smart society women of Paris have discovered a new hobby and with one accord are abandoning the "toutou," or tiny pet dog, which for a considerable time has been the fashionable companion of the promenade. The newest and therefore only fashionable pet is a baby fox.

The courtship is a joke and the divorce court grim earnest.

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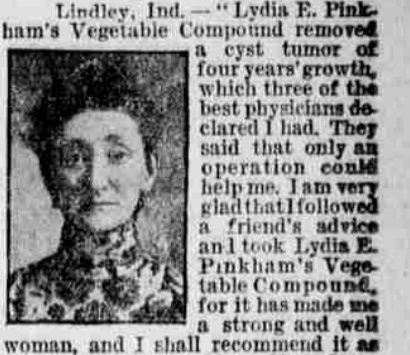
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