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It was a bright August afternoon. The san bright August afternoon. The sun beat its rays warmly upon hundreds of acres of freekled, rosy-cheeked peaches down in Howell Coun-ty, Mo. Old Levi Howard's fruit ty, Mo. Old Levi Howard's truit farm was second to none of the small-er places in point of excellence of product, but up to date no one had appeared to buy his peaches. "Have you had no offer?" the old man was asked. "Oh, yes," he said. "A fellow came along here seven weeks are.

"Oh, yes," he said. "A fellow came along here seven weeks ago, when the first of the fruit was show-in' signs of ripenin'. He said he'd be back in five weeks an' take 'em all at five bits a bushel." "And hasn't he been here since?" "And hasn't he been here since?" "No, he aint, an' more'n that he stayed here at the house an' boarded fer 'leven days, going out inter the orchard ev'ry mornin' an' takin' what fruit was ripe."

'Did he pay you anything for his ho

board?" "Nope." Said he was comin' back an' 'd fix it then. He borried \$8 on the same terms, too," the old fellow added, with a hopeful air. "Well, I don't think you'll ever see him again, and you ought to pick your fruit and send it up to Kansas City." "An' not hold it fer Mr. Thomp-son?"

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sour "Why, no, he's an evident fraud." "Look here, stranger," said old man Howard, "two wrongs don't make no right, ez the feller said, an' you bet ef Mr. Thompson don't keep up his part of the dealin' nobody kin ever say 'at old Levi Howard flopped. I'm square old Levi Howard flopped. Why, no, he's an evident fraud." old Levi Howard flopped. I ef I am pore."-[Free Press.

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Raisin' a family is good pattriotism. Raisin' a family is good pattriotism. The people has more confidents in a statesman ef he takes his licker strate than ef he sweetens it. Diplomats air a tricky breed. Tain't safe to sware to a stump Tach.

speech. So far the Amerikin Eagel ain't bit off more'n he could chaw. The Goddess of Liberty has got a perpetule lease on the western con-tinent, and pays rent to the Lord. Wheat at a dollar a bushel makes

vote: Speakin' of votes tan't quality so much as quantity that count

A man in politics has got to trim a leetle now and then.-[Free Press.

It takes about three seconds for a mes sage to go from one end of the Atlantic casic to the other.

# TWO THINGS In Regard to Catarrh

In Regarato Catarri Ist, It is a (constitutional biacase; and 8d, It Requires a (con-stitutional Remedy. These two facts are now so well known to the medical fraternity that local applications, like souff and haialands, are reparied as at best likely to give only temporary relief. To effect a permanent cure of catarri requires a constitutional remedy like Hodor's survey and imparting the blood, forgaring the diseased issues, and imparting healthy o say for the benefit of suffering h

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

For the best definition of money, a London paper lately offered a prize. Henry E. Baggs, a Sheffield man, won it. He defined it as "an article which may be used as a universal passport to every-where except heaven, and as a universal provider of everything except happi-ness."

WHEN Little Johnny Abbott, aged eight, of Battle Creek, Mich., dreams, he eight, of Battle Creek, Mich., dreams, he devotes his whole attention to the visions of Morpheus. A few nights ago he dreamed that he was out West slaving whole tribes of savages. In his night-clothes he arose, crept to the roof, slid to the ground, and walked thirty rods in the wet grass before he awake.

THE savants and historians of Italy ar The savants and historians of Italy are now deeply interesting themselves in the question of Columbus' real birthplace. Five or six places besides Genon claim the honor, and among them is Bettola. It is reported that proofs have lately been discovered establishing Bettola's claim, and that the town will erect a monument to Columbus at once, and in-tends to send an envoy to the World's Fair with these proofs and other his-torical documents of interest.

The will these proofs and other his-torical documents of interest. Mr. S. T. WILLIAMS of Chicago is the author of a novel plan for promoting the interests of the World's Fair. He pro-poses that the Commission shall strike off several million stamps and supply every druggist and railroad agent in the United States with a quantity of them, together with little blank books having "World's Fair" printed on the cover. Any one applying may have a book, and he or sho will be invited to buy the stamps, of a denomination of 5 to 50 cents each, and place them in the book. The World's Fairmangement is to redeem the stamps. Any one purchasing \$100 worth of stamps will receive \$9:50 in cash and an admission ticket. In other words, the Exposition Company would consitute it-self a savings bauk, paying, however, no interest. The impoverishment of Europe seems BREAD OUT OF SAWDUST.

When It Can be Made Mankind Will be Happy and Rich.

Indust to become trunks. It is suggested, also that the increased vighance of the increase of the increased vighance of the increased vighance of the increase of the increased vighance of the increase of the order of the increase of the increase of the order of the increase of the increase of the order of the increase vighance of the increase vighance of the increase vighance of the increase vighance of the increase of the increase of the order of the increase of the increase of the increase of the order of the increase vighance of the increase vighance of the increase of the increase of the order of the increase of the incr

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praying, screaming, weeping and laugh-ing. In a district of Transylvania when the ground is parched with drought, some girls strip themselves naked, and, led by an older woman, who is also naked, they steal a harrow and carry it across the field to a brook, where they set it afloat. Next they sit on the harrow and keep a tiny flame burning on each corner of it for an hour. Then they leave the harrow in the water and go home. A similar rain charm is resorted to in India; naked women drug a plow across the field by night. It is not said that they plunge the plow into a stream or

they plunge the plow into a stream or sprinkle it with water. But the charm would hardly be complete without it. Sometimes the charm works through an animal.

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The peccary is found in large bords in Mexico, Arizona and Southern Tex-as. If one of the herd is wounded by a shot so that it squeals, the whole herd will charge the hunter on sight. He can escape being devoured enly by dight or by climbing a tree. In "Big Game of North America," Mr. A. G. Requa says that he and three other sportsmen were camped in the mount-ains, forty miles from Hermosillo. It was arranged that they should try to get close to a herd of peccaries, and near several trees. One man was to shoot and cripple a peccary, so that he would squeal. The hunters were then to show them-selves, and on being charged by the herd, to climb the trees, from which they might kill every peccary. peccary is found in large herds

The next morning, therefore, the hunters started up the mountain, each with a hundred shells. Mr. Requa, seeing a flock of wild turkeys, sep-arated from his companions, and walked a long distance to get a shot. The others went on. He shot one turkey and sat down on a rock to rest, taking off his coat, for it was very warm.

taking off his coat, for it was very warm. Five minutes after, a dozen pecca-ries came in sight, and as there were pienty of small pines to serve as a refuge, the hunter thought he would kill the whole herd, provided they showed light. He fired at one and crippled it. The pig squealed, and the peccaries came in such numbers that Mr. Requa started for a tree, forgetting in his excitement his coat and turkey. He had scarcely time to get up when two hundred maddened peccaries were squealing around the tree.

time to get up when two nundreed maddened pecaries were squealing around the tree. He killed five, that being the num-ber of shells in his rifle, a Martin re-peater, when he remembered that his ammunition was in the coat he **f**ad left on the rock. So he threw down his rifle that it might not burden his rifle that it might not burden him, retaining two revolvers and a belt full of pistol cartridges. The peccaries were gnawing the base of the tree, and climbing over each other trying to get at their ene-my. Each shot from his revolver knocked over one, but made the oth-ers more furious. They rushed at the tree, gnawed at the bark and wood, while fakes of froth fell from their mouths. mouths.

Remembering that his cartridges would soon run out, the hu stopped shooting and counted dead hogs. He had killed two th three, but there were over two hur dred left.

His position was uncomfortable, but the pecaries showed no signs of leav-ing. It was noon and very warm, and he was getting tired of being treed. He thought of his companions, and remembered that he had not fired the three shots from a revolver in quick succession—the signal agreed upon. He fired them and and killed three pecaries, and then waited. Three o'clock came, but no signs of his comrades. Fatigue made it hard for him to sit on the limb, and he took off his belt and buckled him-self fast to the tree, so that he could not fail. the peccaries showed no signs of leav

self fast to the tree, so that he could not fail. At 7 o'clock the sum went behind the mountain, darkness came on, and with it hunger and thist. At 12 o'clock the moon disclosed his guard scattered around. At 2 o'clock some-thing, a grizzly or a puma, alarmed the hogs, and they went scampering down-the mountain. Unloosening his belt, Mr. Requa descended the tree, but was so stiff and cramped that he could hardly walk. The turkey had been eaten and his coat thoroughly chewed. He reached the camp at daybreak. Two of the boys were out on horseback hunting for him.

How to Clean a Plaster Bus How to Clean a Plaster Buat. A correspondent of a scientific jour-nal states that a bust or statue can be most thoroughly cleaned, provided it has not been painted, olled, or waxed, by inverting it and filling it with water free from iron. The wawaxed, by inverting it and filling it with water free from iron. The wa-ter is then allowed to filter through the plaster. After the filtering has been kept up for a sufficient time, and the outside surface occasionally washed with water and a soft brush, the plaster is allowed to dry. It is then found that all the dust has been wiped out of the pores of the cast, which is thus restored to its original whiteness.—[Invention, London. WE have noticed that the boys whe

were great to "cut up" are always in vited when there is a party.



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ONE ENJOYS

# Too Rapid Growth. In the last decade the cities of

Too Rapid Growth. In the last decade the cities of Washington, now a State, made mar-velous advance. Seattle gained in population 1, 112.48 per cent., Taco-ma, 3.170.23, Spokane Falls, 5,592. The aggregate of this population was nearly 100,000. The cities enjoyed phenomenal booming, but the boom is over, and, unfortunately for them, the country, a great source of wealth when fields are tilled, did not. fill, as rapidly as the cities filled. Those cities are now ex-perioncing the reaction which Wichita and even Kansas City suf-fered. Chicago had several experi-ences of the kind. Incorporated in 1837, its growth was checked by the ensuing panic. It experienced hard times during the panie of 1857. Again in 1873, and for several years succeeding, its activities appeared to have last the or or and beweines

times during the panic of 1857. Again in 1873, and for several years succeeding, its activities appeared to have led it too far, and booming holders of real estate equities suffered great loss. These checks, however, were felt at times when panic was general throughout the country. The flurry of last November found Chica-go so stable that it was complacent when financial New York was ex-cited. The Washington cities have over-done themselves, and must for a time pay the penalty of their excessive booming. Before they recover and start anew the back country must fill up. Of the ultimate prosperity of these cities there is practically no doubt. The far Northwest is mar-velously rich in natural resources. In soll, in forests, in minerals there is mag-nificient to support an empire. The harbors are spacious. There is mag-nificent opportunity for commerce, but growth in these directions must be slow to be sure. The city is but be slow to be sure. The city is but be slow to be sure. The city is but be slow to be sure. The diverse is mar-ter to the country.

Mammoth Fing. The Overman Wheel Co., Chicopee Falls, Mass., flung to the breeze one of the largest United States flags even made (and possibly the largest), the dimensions being 41x11 feet. This monster flag was stretched from the top of two five-story factories, and gathered within the folds were num-erous flowers which fell into the crowd below when unfuried Mammoth Flag. below when unfurled.

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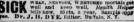
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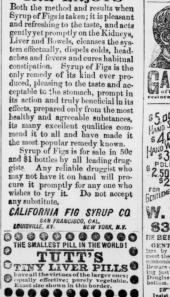


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