

THE CHIEF THING

In Maintaining Good Health is Pure, Rich, Nourishing Blood. The blood carries nourishment and furnishes support for the organs, nerves and muscles. It must be made rich and pure if you would have strong nerves, good digestion, sound sleep, or if you would be rid of that tired feeling, those disagreeable pimples, eczema, or scurf. No medicine is equal to Hood's Sarsaparilla for purifying the blood. It is a medicine of genuine merit and will do you wonderful good. Try it now.

Hood's Pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflammation of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube re-opened to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed for ever. Nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflammation of the mucous surface. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

There is a Class of People Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been a new preparation of coffee, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach and the most delicate system, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over one-quarter as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. It is 25 cts. and 50 cts. per package. Try it. Ask for Grain-O.

Fits permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Write for free trial and full particulars. Dr. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 381 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

An Italian Solomon. The Duke of Ossone, while viceroy of Naples, delivered many quaint and clever judgments. The case is related where a young Spanish exquisite named Bertrand Solus, while lounging around in the busy part of the city, was run against by a porter carrying a bundle of wood on his shoulder.

The porter had called out, "Make way, please!" several times, but without effect. He had then tried to get by without collision, but his bundle caught in the young man's velvet dress and tore it. Solus was highly indignant, and had the porter arrested. The viceroy, who had privately investigated the matter, told the porter to pretend he was dumb, and at the trial to reply by signs to any question that might be put to him.

When the case came on and Solus had made his complaint, the viceroy turned to the porter and asked him what he had to say in reply. The porter only shook his head and made signs with his hands.

"What judgment do you want me to give against a dumb man?" asked the viceroy. "Oh, your excellency," replied Solus, falling into the trap, "the man is an impostor. I assure you he is not dumb. Before he ran into me I distinctly heard him cry out, 'Make way!'"

"Then," said the viceroy, sternly, "if you heard him speak you make way for him, why did you not?" The fault of the accident was entirely with yourself, and you must give this poor man compensation for the trouble you have given him in bringing him here."

New View of the Matter. Mamma—"How hot you are, Tommy; your clothes are wet through, I declare!" Tommy—"Can't help it, ma. The heat makes me cry all over."—Pick-Me-Up.

One of the severest penalties to which criminals in Holland were in ancient times condemned was to be deprived of the use of salt.

BUCKINGHAM'S DYE For the Whiskers, Mustache, and Eyebrows. In one preparation. Easy to apply at home. Colors brown or black. The Gentlemen's favorite, because satisfactory.

DRUNK. ARDS can be cured without their knowledge by Anti-Jag, the marvelous cure for the drunk habit. Write Remedy Chemical Co., 56 Broadway, N. Y. Full information (in plain wrapper) mailed free.

SHREWD INVENTORS! Don't waste money on Patent Agencies advertising prizes, medals, no patent pay, etc. We do a regular patent business. Low fees. No charge for advice. Highest references. Write us. WATSON E. COLEMAN, Solicitor of Patents, 302 F. St., Washington, D. C.

FOR EVERY LADY. Something to make life health and happiness. Working living. Will bring you all the good things. Write to Mrs. J. E. GIFFORD, 11 and Main Streets, Richmond, Va.

DO YOU SPECULATE? Invaluable information on two stocks \$10 investment. Write to J. B. HARRIS & Co., 500 Fifth St., New York, N. Y.

GANGER. CURED AT HOME. Send stamp for P. N. U. 37 '97. PISO'S CURE FOR CURS WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS. Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in time. Sold by druggists. CONSUMPTION.

NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN

Australian Women's Loyalty. Loyalty to the Queen runs very high among Australian women just now. One large party of Victorian ladies picked hops a whole day lately to earn money for the Royal Hospital fund.

Sarah Siddons's Statue Unveiled. Sarah Siddons's statue, the first erected to an actor or actress in London, has at last been unveiled on Paddington Green, near the spot where she lies buried. Eleven of her descendants were present to listen to Sir Henry Irving's speech. The sculptor is Mr. Chavalland, a Frenchman.

Gallantry of Southern Governors. Southern Governors are carrying out their traditional gallantry by appointing ladies as Colonels on their staffs. As the principal duty of a staff officer in these piping times of peace is to look beautiful in gorgeous costumes and lend magnificence to official occasions, there seems to be no reason whatever for adverse comment on the action of the gallant Governors.—Baltimore American.

The Pope's Golden Rose. The Golden Rose that the Pope is to bestow on the Princess Marie Louise is not a single blossom, but a gleaming branch composed of several flowers, buds, leaves and even thorns, the rose at the top being the largest. It is all of purest gold, and within the rose is a tiny golden cup, with a lid, containing musk and palm oil which the Pope has blessed. The rose is planted in a vase of gold, chased with the entwined armorial bearings of the great prelate and the royal Princess. The Papal official who is to bear the splendid gift is vested with the dignity and importance of an Ambassador and will be received with great honors by the House of Wurtemberg.—New York Observer.

Healthful Walking. When a girl walks she should be trained to hold her shoulders well back and to keep her arms close to her body. The chest will then be thrown out, not form an inward curve, and the head must be held up fearlessly. Some women go through life with the head held a little forward, reminding one of nothing so much as an inquiring tortoise out on a voyage of discovery.

The foot should be placed on the ground on the ball first, not on the heel, or quite flat. The latter way robs one of all grace, and to put the heel first is too ungainly for words. It is just as ugly to mince along on the toes; it looks as though the ground was overheated and unable to be trodden on. Even when climbing a hill, or mounting the rather dingy staircases of town-built houses and flats, the head should be held up, not drooped as though you were searching for a lost coin.—Home Doctor.

Fashion Notes. Braids and braiding are fashionable fall trimmings. Striped silks will be very fashionable for costumes and waists. Gray and red—both good fall colors—and black remain very stylish. Short, flat basques are to return, though round waists continue in style, and velvet is to be favored for dress accessories.

Yellow and mauve form a very pretty combination on light summer gowns when the tints and textures are carefully chosen. Petticoats of eoru linen batiste, with colored polka dots, are much used for summer wear and are much cooler than the silk ones.

The new shirt waists of transparent materials are much improved for the stout figure by a fitted and boned lining of lawn in some plain color or white. Plaited chiffon, liberty silk and mouseline de soie constitute the most popular trimming for the sleeves of the dressy waist that has a frilled effect at the shoulder.

The French muslins are, if possible, prettier than ever this season, and while the tinted grounds are exceedingly beautiful in coloring, the cream-white muslins, dotted or flowered, are quite as popular.

Some of the newest India silks are brocaded in small Marie Antoinette figures, and other plain Indias so thin that they are almost like gauze or silk mull are one of the Parisian novelties that can be accordion-plaited as effectually as chiffon.

Narrow velvet ribbon is used on everything. An imported case of old-rose silk has rows of black velvet ribbon running down it at intervals of about an inch. Around the shoulders of the silk is plaited in so thickly that at the neck nothing is visible except the ribbon.

The garnitures on summer dress skirts are almost as varied as the decorations on the bodices which complete them; and frills, folds, flounces, flutings, fluttering ribbons, tucks, cordings, shirring and kiltings flourish where but recently appeared only the plain, unadorned, undraped models.

Steel ornaments promise to become as popular as they were several years ago. Fortunate is the woman who has the habit of saving things, for she can take out her steel ornaments of any description, and them and rest assured that she is doing the correct thing. Steel combs are much worn and look well against either dark or light hair. Velvet bands for the neck, thickly sewed with steel, are also in high favor.

Amateur theatricals, short-sleeved dresses and swimming baths are forbidden to the women of Dulmen, in Westphalia, by authority of their parish priest, because they are dangerous to morals.

A woman of ninety-seven, now living in the South, recently had a proposal of marriage. She is Western by birth, is said to be wonderfully attractive and looks thirty years younger than she is.

Miss Emery, a graduate of Bryn Mawr and a student at several institutions in Europe, whose home is at Ellsworth, Me., has been elected a dean of the department of women in the University of Wisconsin.

AGRICULTURAL TOPICS.

Protecting Cows From Flies. A very weak dilution of carbolic acid will keep flies off from cows in hot weather. The carbolic acid may be made stronger and mixed with some grease to put around the cows' horns, as the horn fly is more persistent in its attacks at this point, and there is no danger of the acid here where the cow cannot get at it to lick it. No cow likes the odor of carbolic acid.

Cure For Hog Cholera. Dr. Salmon, of the Government Bureau of Animal Industry, is credited with recommending the following as a cure for hog cholera: Wood charcoal, one part; sulphur one part; salt, two parts; bicarbonate of sodium, two parts; sodium hyposulphite, two parts; sodium sulphate, one part; antimony sulphide, one part—ten parts in all. Pulverize and mix thoroughly. Dose, one tablespoonful for each 200 pounds of hogs once a day.

Oxen or Horses. I hope to live to see the day when the big oxen of olden times will again adorn the farms of Kennebec. On almost every farm now you may find a pair of big Western or Canadian horses, and in a few years they will wear out and the money for another pair must come from somewhere beside their earnings. When you sell a pair of oxen for which Kennebec was once noted you get money enough to buy another pair and have some left to pay your taxes with. Then again you yoke up your oxen and put them astride a cart-tongue or sled handle and go to work; while with horses you must have a full accompaniment of rigging to go with them and then you need a harness maker and blacksmith to follow up.—D. H. Thing, in New England Farmer.

Operate Smaller Farms. E. McGuire, of New York, writes: There is much complaint among farmers, especially in the Eastern States, about poorly paying crops, and part of this complaint is justified, but after an extended experience in farming, I have come to the conclusion that it pays better to have a small farm free from debt, to which has been applied large amounts of fertilizing materials, than a large one with a mortgage and with a depleted soil. Many a man who has owned a large farm died poor where he might have lived and farmed profitably a smaller one. It is true that times have been hard and taxes heavy, but it is also true that many who complain, have only themselves to blame. They have attempted too much. That man who will struggle under a heavy mortgage to retain a large farm which he cannot profitably cultivate, is very unwise. My advice is to sell enough land to pay off the mortgage, then begin again on a small but well cultivated farm. My motto is less land, more manure and no mortgage. The land must be fed if it is to be productive. Earn more upon these principles and less upon theory, avoid extravagant living and be guided by the examples of the sturdy old-time farmers.

Hot Weather Cheese Making. Professor J. W. Robertson, of the Ontario Agricultural College says: A cheese factory's reputation is largely determined by the quality of its August, September and October output. Inefficient drainage facilities will show their worst effects during warm weather. Clean the whey tank at least once. Flies must be kept out of the making room. Some afternoon when the cheese are in the hoops burn a small quantity of sulphur in the room after closing up the doors and windows. If a tablespoonful of alcohol be mixed with the sulphur it will burn more readily. Care must be taken to direct the fumes getting into the curing room. The tins of the milk vats and the inside of the sinks should be washed after this fumigating process before they are used.

In the curing room, ventilate during early morning and at night to keep the temperature as low as possible. Sprinkle the floors with cold water morning, noon and evening. While the cheese are being turned on the shelves there should be an abundant admission of light. When flies are apt to be abundant, a plentiful shaking of fly powder in the room before shutting up for the day will destroy them. When the evenings are cool and the milk needs ripening, do not fail to leave it in the vat until it reaches the proper stage of maturity before the rennet is added. Use enough rennet to coagulate the milk in forty minutes when it is set at eighty-eight degrees. Dilute the extract to the extent of one painful of water for every vatful of milk and then mix it thoroughly by rapid, vigorous stirring.

When troubled with gassy curds, allow a development of acid such as will be indicated by threads by the hot iron test a quarter of an inch long. Before removing the curd, it is a good plan to run most of the whey off at an early stage and to leave only enough to permit a free stirring of the curd. After the curd cutter has been used, stir for twenty minutes before applying the salt. Then curd should be put into the hoops within twenty minutes after the salt has been mixed in. Apply the pressure very gradually. The cheese should be banded very neatly when they are turned in the hoops within two hours after they are put in the press. When practicable, cheese should be pressed for at least twenty-four hours.

Dogs in Mexico Are Tied in Churches. There is a miserable dog-tied up in the Episcopal Church now under erection on Bucareli avenue that keeps up a dismal howling from sunset to sunrise, greatly to the annoyance of many families residing in that vicinity.—Mexican Herald.

FIVE AMERICAN PRODIGES.

Three Girls, the Oldest Only Thirteen, Weigh 1200 Pounds—A 230-Pound Boy. The largest children in the world, so far as any records show, belong to a family named Davis, which lives near Huntington, W. Va. The father and mother of these "little ones" are both rather undersized as compared with the sturdy farmers of this district. The children, three in number, the eldest of which is under thirteen years of age, weigh together nearly 1200 pounds. In connection with the remarkable sturdiness of the trio there is a curious story. When some thirteen years ago the Davises' first child was born it was very delicate, and it lived only two months. The mother was prostrated with grief at its death, and at the time she vowed solemnly that if Providence would again make her a mother her life would be spent in prayer for the health of the little one. A year later a little girl was born to the couple, and Mrs. Davis, true to her vow, divided her time between the care of her child and prayer for its health. She regularly spent hours upon her knees. She seldom spoke except in words of entreaty to the Almighty to preserve her child, who was christened Mary. The result must have been very gratifying to the mother. The puny infant soon developed into a sturdy child. In two months it weighed fifty pounds and at the end of two years it tipped the scales at one hundred and eighty pounds. The mother meanwhile continued her prayers. Two years after the birth of Mary another little girl was born to the Davises and four years later another was added. Today Mary, now in her thirteenth year, weighs 584 pounds; her next sister in point of age, Janie Belle, aged nine, tips the beam at 381 pounds, while the latest addition, Cleora, now but seven, promises to rival her sisters, having the entirely creditable weight of 246 pounds. The family attracted the attention of Barnum in 1889, who offered \$10,000 for the privilege of exhibiting them for five years. The Davises, however, indignantly refused the offer.

The champion fat boy of America in all probability is Martin Burman, of Coopersville, Mich. This sturdy young one has but recently completed his twelfth year. He has made good use of this time, however, having attained the promising weight of just 320 pounds. Martin is the pride of the town. When he parades the streets, as he often does, the entire population eye him with wonder and admiration. This is largely due to the fact that the other towns in the vicinity—Millington and Williamson—both claim to have the champion fat boy. Coopersville does not even admit the rivalry. It looks at Martin and defies all competition. Martin, the pride of Coopersville, is 5 feet 6 inches in height and measures 56 inches around the waist, 18 inches around the biceps, while the upper part of his legs spans 33 inches. His parents are of average size and his brothers are like other children.

Claims All Taken. A letter received here from John C. Gilpatrick, now in Alaska, says: "We left Chicaloon with our dog sleds and had a terrible trip in walking over snow that was eight or ten feet deep. Although wearing snow shoes, many times during the day we sunk deep into the snow banks. We were worn out and exhausted and went to sleep, leaving our dogs standing in the snow."

Cost of Postal Service. The postal service of the United States costs \$9,000,000 a year above receipts, while that of Great Britain yields a profit of over \$14,000,000, that of France nearly \$10,000,000, that of Germany \$6,000,000, that of Russia \$8,000,000, and that of even India and Japan \$1,500,000. About the only other nations whose postal service does not pay expenses are Canada, Norway, Siam, Chile, Peru, Bulgaria and Bolivia. This deficit in the United States is largely caused by an interpretation of the law that carries in the mails an enormous amount of printed matter at a sum greatly below the cost of so doing. Repeated efforts have been made to repeal it, but a powerful lobby has prevented their success.—Boston Herald.

A Find of Zircones. There has been an important discovery of zircones in Tasmania. These gems are supposed only to be found in Ceylon, a part of the Ural Mountains and in Southern Norway. The zircon is heavier than the diamond and nearly as hard, and is unaffected by the most intense heat. The product of the gem, oxide of zirconia, is reckoned of high commercial value in connection with the manufacture of mantles for incandescent lights. Steps are now being taken to efficiently work the Tasmania find.

A Big Canal Project. Plans for building a lateral canal to the River Loire, so as to make the river navigable, have been taken up earnestly in France. The canal will be 150 miles long and will cost \$24,000,000.

THE MILLIONAIRE'S REGRET.

Dismal Dawson—Funny isn't it, that a millionaire ain't happy? Everett Wreest—I see nothin' strange about it. It is the time they have wasted that makes 'em sore when they think of it. "Time wasted?" "Sure. Don't you know that most of 'em has spent their lives in hard work?—Indianapolis Journal.

I could not get along without Piso's Cure for Consumption. It always cures.—Mrs. E. C. MOTTOS, Needham, Mass., October 22, 1894.

GLADSTONE'S CAREER EQUALLED.

Mr. Gladstone, who celebrated his 87th birthday on the 29th of December, is younger than a former American Congressman and Cabinet minister whose old age is as vigorous as that of the great English statesman. Col. Richard W. Thompson, of Terre Haute, Ind., who was a Whig leader in the days of Jackson and Clay, who was the close friend of Lincoln, and who served as Secretary of the Navy under Hayes, will be 88 if he lives to the 9th of next June.

WHY SO MANY REGULAR PHYSICIANS FAIL

To Cure Female Ills—Some True Reasons Why Mrs. Pinkham is More Successful Than the Family Doctors.

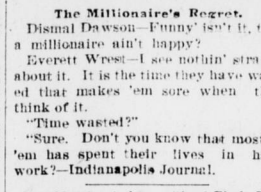
A woman is sick; some disease peculiar to her sex is fast developing in her system. She goes to her family physician and tells him a story, but not the whole story. She holds something back, loses her head, becomes agitated, forgets what she wants to say, and finally conceals what she ought to have told, and thus completely mystifies the doctor.

Is it any wonder, therefore, that the doctor fails to cure the disease? Still, we cannot blame the woman, for it is very embarrassing to detail some of the symptoms of her suffering, even to her family physician. It was for this reason that years ago Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., determined to step in and help her sex. Having had considerable experience in treating female ill with her Vegetable Compound, she encouraged the women of America to write to her for advice in regard to their complaints, and, being a woman, it was easy for her ailing sisters to pour into her ears every detail of their suffering.

In this way she was able to do for them what the physicians were unable to do, simply because she had the proper information to work upon, and from the little group of women who sought her advice years ago a great army of her fellow-beings are to-day constantly applying for advice and relief, and the fact that more than one hundred thousand of them have been successfully treated by Mrs. Pinkham during the last year is indicative of the grand results which are produced by her unequalled experience and training.

No physician in the world has had such a training, or has such an amount of information at hand to assist in the treatment of all kinds of female ill, from the simplest local irritation to the most complicated diseases of the womb. This, therefore, is the reason why Mrs. Pinkham, in her laboratory at Lynn, Mass., is able to do more for the ailing women of America than the family physician. Any woman, therefore, is responsible for her own suffering who will not take the trouble to write to Mrs. Pinkham for advice.

The testimonials which we are constantly publishing from grateful women establish beyond a doubt the power of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to conquer female diseases.



STANDARD OF THE WORLD. 1897 COLUMBIA BICYCLES \$75 TO ALL ALIKE.

The 5% Nickel Steel Tubing used in 1897 Columbias costs more than any other steel tubing on the market. The expense incident to this construction is justified by the advantages which it enables us to offer to the rider, both in safety, stiffness of tubular parts and consequent ease of running. This is indicated by the regard in which '97 Columbias are held by all riders.

1897 Hartford... \$50 Hartford, Pattern 2... 45 Hartford, Pattern 1... 40

POPE MANUFACTURING CO., Hartford, Conn. If Columbias are not properly represented in your vicinity, let us know.

GET THE GENUINE ARTICLE!

Walter Baker & Co.'s Breakfast COCOA Pure, Delicious, Nutritious. Costs Less than ONE CENT a cup. Be sure that the package bears our Trade-Mark.

Walter Baker & Co. Limited, Dorchester, Mass. (Established 1780.)

EVERY MAN HIS OWN DOCTOR

By J. Hamilton Ayers, A. M., M. D. This is the most valuable Book for the Household, teaching as it does the easy-distinguished Symptoms of different Diseases, the Causes, and Means of Preventing such Diseases, and the Simplest Remedies which will alleviate or cure.

598 PAGES, PROFUSELY ILLUSTRATED. The Book is written in plain everyday English, and is free from the technical terms which render most Doctor Books so valueless to the generality of readers. This Book is intended to be of Service to the Family, and is so worded as to be readily understood by all. Only 60 CTS. POST-PAID.

The low price only being made possible by the immense edition printed. Not only does this Book contain so much Information Relative to Diseases, but very properly gives a Complete Analysis of everything pertaining to Courtship, Marriage and the Production and Rearing of Healthy Families; together with Valuable Recipes and Prescriptions, Explanations of Botanical Practice, Correct use of Ordinary Herbs. New Edition, Revised and Enlarged with Complete Index. With this Book in the household there is no excuse for not knowing what to do in an emergency. Don't wait until you have illness in your family before you order, but send at once for this valuable volume. ONLY 60 CENTS POST-PAID. Send postal notes or postage stamps of any denomination not larger than 5 cents.

BOOK PUBLISHING HOUSE 134 Leonard Street, N. Y. City.

What Brings Release From Dirt and Grease? Why, Don't You Know? SAPOLIO