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To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarella's Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fails to cure, druggists refund money.

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In other months we forget the harsh winds of Spring. But they have their use, as some say, to blow out the bad air accumulated after winter storms and spring thaws. There is far more important accumulation of badness in the veins and arteries of humanity, which needs Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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Kidneys—"My kidneys troubled me, and on advice took Hood's Sarsaparilla which gave prompt relief, better appetite. My sleep is refreshing. It cured my wife also." MICHAEL BOYLE, 3473 Denny Street, Pittsburg, Pa.

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Hip Disease—"Five running sores on my hip caused me to use crutches. Was confined to bed every winter. Hood's Sarsaparilla saved my life, as it cured me perfectly. Am strong and well." ANNIE ROBERT, 49 Fourth St., Fall River, Mass.

Plano Practice and Peas. Leschitzky, the famous teacher of the piano in Vienna, often brightens his talk with reminiscence. "I always practiced a piece with six dried peas," he said to one pupil. "When I began I would lay the six peas on the piano rack side by side. Then when I had played the piece through perfectly, or a part of it, I would put one of the peas in my pocket. And so I would go on until I had played it through perfectly six times in succession and all the peas were in my pockets. But if I made a single mistake, say in the third playing or the fourth playing, I would put the six peas on the rack and begin all over again. Whoever practices with six dried peas is sure to play as well as he can."—Ladies' Home Journal.

President Kruger's favorite reading is the work of Mark Twain.

PERFECT womanhood depends on perfect health. Nature's rarest gifts of physical beauty vanish before pain. Sweet dispositions turn morbid and fretful. The possessions that win good husbands and keep their love should be guarded by women every moment of their lives. The greatest menace to woman's permanent happiness in life is the suffering that comes from derangement of the feminine organs.

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MRS. H. J. GARRETSON, Bound Brook, N. J., writes: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I have been taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound with the best results and can say from my heart that your medicines are wonderful. My physician called my trouble chronic inflammation of the left ovary. For years I suffered very much, but thanks to Mrs. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and kind advice, I am today a well woman. I would say to all suffering women, take Lydia E. Pinkham's medicine and your sufferings will vanish."

Mrs. Maggie Phillips, Indianapolis, writes: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—For four years I suffered from ulceration of the womb. I became so weak I could not walk across the room without help. After giving up all hopes of recovery, I was advised to use Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and wrote for special information. I began to improve from the first bottle, and am now fully restored to health."

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After physicians had given me up, I was saved by Fish's Cure. DR. J. R. BRIDGEMAN, Williamsport, Pa., Nov. 22, 1893.

Jerusalem is now nothing but a shadow of the magnificent city of ancient times. It is about three miles in circumference, and is situated on a rock mountain.

Beauty Is Blood Deep. Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarella's Candy Cathartic cleans your blood and keeps it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin today to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarella's—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

General Annenkov, the builder of the Trans-Caspian Railway, who died recently, had been disgraced and deprived of all his offices four years ago for peculations which were said to amount to 11,000,000 roubles. In the war against Turkey in 1878 he was in charge of the transportation.

From Head to Foot. For all aches, from head to foot, St. Jacobs Oil has curative qualities to reach the pains and aches of the human family, and to relieve and cure them promptly.

"The thin red line" was formed by the Ninety-second Highlanders at Inkerman; Kinglake's "Invasion of the Crimea" describes it. Kinglake was the first to use the expression.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarella's Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fails, druggists refund money.

The annual report of Superintendent of Prisons Collins to the Legislature at Albany shows satisfactory progress in the development of new industries in the prisons. Sixteen industries have been established, giving employment to 1,546 men, an increase during the year of 402. The value of goods shipped from prisons for the use of the State and its various political divisions was \$494,720 15.

They Never Sleep. There are several species of fish, reptiles and insects which never sleep during their stay in this world. Among fish it is now positively known that pike, salmon and goldfish never sleep at all. Also that there are several others of the fish family that never sleep more than a few minutes during a month. There are dozens of species of fish which never indulge in slumber, and from three to five species of serpents which the naturalists have never yet been able to catch napping.

The Regret of Bismarck's Rescuer. Bismarck stories continue to enliven the German press. A few days since the world was informed of a youthful escapee of the late Chancellor at Rudesheim which nearly led to his death by drowning. He was saved by the prompt action of a Nassau cadet, who sprang into the river and brought the sobbing student to shore. Bismarck did not care to be reminded in later days of this incident, and, to judge by the sequel, it constituted a source of regret also to the cadet. The latest story depicts the brave rescuer of the future Chancellor as he was one day marching with the army of Prince Alexander of Hesse during the war of 1867. The former cadet had developed into the corpulent Captain Sterzing, with whom the exertion of marching under a blazing July sun did not seem to agree. At intervals the exhausted officer wiped his forehead and gave vent to low muttered imprecations. In the course of one of these outbursts he was heard to say: "Ah, if I had only let him drown!" "Let whom drown, captain?" inquired the colonel of the regiment. "Why," answered the Nassauer, in his broad dialect, "had I just let Bismarck drown that day instead of fetching him out of the Rhine, there would have been no need for us to run like this."—London Post.

History Told in Knots. Tying knots in the handkerchief to jog one's memory had its origin in China thousands of years ago. Before writing was invented in that country, which did not happen until 3000 B. C., memorable and important events were recorded by long knotted cords. The most ancient history of China is still preserved as told by these knots. When Emperor Tschang Ki invented writing the entire system of "knotting" was abandoned. And to-day the knots made by us in handkerchiefs are the only surviving descendants of that ancient custom.

HOT AND COLD WAVES.

Both Kinds Flourish Beautifully in This Happy Land of Freedom. Speaking about cold waves and weather in general a member of the Maryland Academy of Sciences said: "We have some kinds of weather in the United States that are unknown abroad. Take the cold wave, for example, that struck the far South a couple of years ago. It was a record breaker, you know, carrying the rigors of winter to a lower latitude than has been known for sixty years at least. Florida suffered \$4,000,000 worth of damage. At Pensacola the oranges froze hard on the trees. The thermometer at Tampa fell to 18 degrees above zero, five degrees below the lowest ever noted. At Orange Park ice two inches thick formed on ponds. A cold wave of equal severity, it is said, struck the flowery peninsula in 1835, but temperatures were not recorded with reliable accuracy.

"Cold waves are unknown in Europe. We may justly pride ourselves upon them as an American institution. It is the same way with blizzards. Who ever heard of a blizzard in Europe?"

"Cold waves are very strange phenomena. Nobody knows with certainty where they come from or how they are formed. They are formed somewhere inland in the far Northwest, in the latitude of greatest cold, as you know, is a good way south of the North Pole. At the North Pole it is probably comparatively warm, and that extremity of the earth's axis is perhaps surrounded by an open and unfrozen sea. As for the typical cold wave, my belief is that it is composed of air drawn from the higher and more frigid regions of the atmosphere. Ascend to an altitude of thirty miles above the earth's surface and you might find a rarified air at a temperature of 100 degrees below zero, or even much lower. The body of cold formed by the downrush of this frigid air from above starts on a journey eastward across the continent, traveling at the speed of a fast railway train, thirty-five or forty miles an hour. As it proceeds it spreads out. Obviously the cold air would be gradually warmed during the trip unless the waves were replenished with cold in some fashion. My notion is that while the wave is in transit fresh cold is continually drawn into it from above, where there is always an unlimited supply of air at an extremely low temperature. Finally, the wave passes off over the ocean. In some manner the Alleghany Mountains seem to interrupt the passage of cold waves, to a certain extent, as if the cold air was banked up against that range of hills, and its passage thus impeded. On this account it is very difficult to predict cold waves for the region of Baltimore and Washington.

"The lowest temperature ever recorded on the earth was taken at Werchojansk, in the interior of Siberia, January 15, 1885. It was 90 degrees and a fraction below zero. Werchojansk is in the latitude of the pole of cold, and in the warmest season it never thaws. The highest temperature recorded is 124 degrees and a fraction, taken in Algeria, July 17, 1879. The lowest temperature on record in the United States is 64 degrees below zero, at Tobacco Garden, N. D. Greely, the Arctic explorer, has probably experienced a wider range of temperature than any other living man. He recorded 66 degrees below zero at Fort Conger, on Lady Franklin Bay. On another occasion, in the Maricopa Desert of Arizona, his thermometer in the shade ran up to 114 degrees above. A lucifer match dropped upon the burning sands of Sahara will catch fire. It is very difficult, even with the finest thermometers, to get accurate records of extreme temperatures, and on that account such observations in general are to be regarded as only approximately correct."

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Blank's wife is one of the women who occasionally takes the platform to advocate some reform movement. Blank was accosted by a fellow citizen the other night, who said: "I heard your wife lecture. Her power of diction is wonderful." "Yes, fair. But it's nothing compared to her power of contradiction."—Detroit Free Press.

Dewey's Life a Lesson. It has been said that Commodore Dewey sought to obtain the command of the Asiatic station because he foresaw the opportunity that was to come to him. In one sense this is true. Dewey has always been a man of action, a natural fighter. That he went gladly to the East Indies command, when at least two other flag-officers could have had it if they had wanted it, and that he preferred taking service ashore to any kind of comfortable duty of shore, is true; but it was the seaman's instinct that led him, rather than any prophetic power. There were several questions of grave importance likely to come before the country, and Commodore Dewey knew that the man in command at sea is the man who is in a position to make opportunities for himself; while the men who cling to easy billets ashore must—when war-clouds threaten—stand around and wait for chances to come to them. It was no mere chance that put George Dewey in command in the East; it was the logical working out of the principles of a lifetime. The men who had always had sufficient influence to keep them in time of peace in easy places in New York and Washington, while others did the hard work of the service at sea, discovered that all their influence could not give them the places of danger and of honor in time of war. It was a good lesson for the navy, and it should be remembered by every young officer.—Joseph L. Stikney, in Harper's Magazine.

An Error in Punctuation. The following anecdote illustrates the importance of correct punctuation: At some ports in the kingdom prayers are offered for the safety of the crew of outgoing vessels. A slip as follows was handed to the Sailors' Mission chaplain: "Captain Jones going to sea his wife, desires the prayers of the congregation. And, amid the giggling of some, they prayed accordingly."—London Chronicle.

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THE PARSON'S DAUGHTER.

Little foot whose lightest pat seems to glorify the mat, Waving hair and picture hat, Grace the nymphs have taught her; Gown the pink of fit and style, Lips that ravish when they smile— Like a vision, down the aisle Comes the parson's daughter.

As she passes, like a dart, To each luckless fellow's heart Leads a throbbing thrill and smart, When his eye has sought her; Trips to then his sight to bless, Does she glimpse of face or tress, Does she know it?—well, I guess! Pretty parson's daughter.

PITH AND POINT. Flynn says that he once let a room to a man who paid him "two weeks ahead every Saturday night."

Teacher—"What happens when a man's temperature goes down as far as it can go?" Smart Scholar—"He has cold feet, ma'am."—Tit-Bits.

"If you don't have me," he exclaimed with unwonted passion, "I'll go to the dogs." "Not," she coldly returned, "if the dogs see you first."—Chicago News.

"They tell me Grimley, that your daughter sings with great expression." "Greatest expression you ever saw. Her own mother can't recognize her face when she's singing at her best."

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Grecco Bars the Theater Hat. The first official act of M. Triantophylacos, the Grecian minister of the interior, was to issue an order forbidding the wearing of hats at any theatrical representation. This met with unanimous approval from the men and a storm of protests from the women. One of Athens' leaders of fashion appeared at the theater a short time ago with her luxuriant tresses crowned with a very minute bonnet. The officer on duty politely called her attention to the printed notices forbidding the wearing of hats, and she was obliged to remove the objectionable headgear, all the while vowing to be revenged. The next evening the woman arrived at the theater bonnetless, but her hair was arranged in such a manner that it was little short of a monument on top of her head. Those of the spectators behind her deeply regretted that the law had not also forbidden monstrosities of the hair-dresser's art.

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Among the oldest and best known residents of Bluffs, Ill., is Adam Vandusen. He has always been prominently identified with the interests of that place. He was the first President of the Board of Trustees, and for a long time has been a Justice of the Peace. He says: "I had been a sufferer of rheumatism for a number of years and the pain at times was very intense. I tried all the proprietary medicines I could think or hear of, but received no relief. I finally placed my case with several physicians and doctored with them for some time, but they failed to do me any good. Finally, with my hopes of relief nearly exhausted I read an article regarding Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, which induced me to try them. I was anxious to get rid of the terrible disease and bought two boxes of the pills, I began using them about March, 1897. After I had taken two boxes I was completely cured, and the pain never returned. I think it is the best medicine I have ever taken, and am willing at any time to testify to its good merits."—Bluffs (Ill.) Times.

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