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I can recommend Pilo's Cure for Consumption to sufferers from Asthma—E. D. Townsend, Et. Howard, Wis., May 4, 1894.

During 1898 Switzerland's imports exceeded its exports by \$64,000,000. It seems clear that a great share of the imports consists of watches.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

GUTTA-PERCHA SCARCE.

Difficult to Get Enough for a Pacific Cable. In connection with the Pacific cable a very interesting question arises, says the Engineering Magazine. From where is the gutta-percha for this gigantic cable to come? Every whisper of the construction of a transpacific line sends the gutta-percha market at Singapore up by leaps and bounds. The ruling price of the gum is the highest that has ever obtained. It is stated, on what authority it is hard to say, that the visible supply of gutta-percha is insufficient for the task, and that if this cable is laid it will be the last—the last with a gutta-percha insulation at least.

While this pessimism on the part of the gutta-percha producers savors somewhat of a desire to stiffen the market, there is yet a sufficiently reasonable foundation for it in the wanton destruction of the gutta-percha forests. It will be interesting to see the outcome of the situation. If the United States acquires an island in the Carolines the building of the cable line seems possible, though expensive. If they do not find a landing place the operation of the cable seems to require a prohibitively costly plant. And meanwhile there is the question of the disappearing gutta-percha tree.

Holding Himself High. The Chicago Post tells of a doctor who hurried into a drug store. "I've been called to attend the Croesus baby," he said, "and I've given a prescription that calls for nothing but paragon. When they send it over here you must tell them it will take at least an hour to put it up, and the cost will be \$2.50. That's the only way to make them think I'm any good, the medicine's any good and you're any good, and I want to keep their business."

CHARMING grandmother!

What a pleasant influence in the house is a delightful old lady in good health! Mrs. MOLLIE BARBER, St. James, Mo., writes: "I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound during change of life, and have passed through that critical period safely. I suffered for years with falling of the womb and female weakness. At times could hardly stand on my feet, also had leucorrhoea. I tried several good doctors, but instead of getting better, grew worse all the time. A friend advised me to try Mrs. Pinkham's Compound. I did so and after taking six bottles, was cured of both leucorrhoea and falling of womb. I am now enjoying good health and feel very grateful for the good your medicine has done me. I would recommend it to all women suffering as I was."

Mrs. N. E. LACEY, Pearl, La., writes: "I have had leucorrhoea for about twenty years, falling of womb by spells for ten years, and my bladder was affected, had backache a great deal. I tried a number of doctors. They would relieve me for a little while, then I would be worse than ever. I then thought I would try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Eleven bottles of Compound and one box of Liver Pills cured me and I am now sound and well. It helped me through the change of life period. I am fifty-five years old."

The women of advanced years who are healthy and happy are invariably those who have known how to secure help when they needed it. Mrs. Pinkham will advise any woman free of charge who writes about her health. Her address is Lynn, Mass.

"Thoughtless Folks Have the Hardest Work, But Quick Witted People Use

SAPOLIO

Yarrow's torpedo-boat destroyer Inadruma, built for the Japanese Government under an order of \$1,037,000, was on her trial trip.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

John Burroughs, the critic, is quite a hermit, and lives by himself in a little cabin on the Hudson half way between New York and Albany.

Ask Your Dealer for Allen's Foot-Ease. A powder to shake into your shoes, rests the feet. Cures Corns, Bunions, Swollen, Sore, Hot, Callous, Aching, Sweating Feet and Ingrowing Nails. Allen's Foot-Ease makes new or tight shoes easy. At all shoe stores and druggists. 25c. Sample mailed FREE. Ad'r: Allen S. Olmsted, Ledyard, N. Y.

A Denver man just returned from Mexico, reports that English is taught in the public schools of most of the larger cities. In Guadalajara the children "were provided with both Spanish and English text books and rather disconcerted members of our party, when they addressed us in pure English, while we could not return the compliment by saying a single word to the little ones in their language."

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Gen. A. S. Kimball, Depot Quarter Master of the U. S. Army in New York City, was sent to man McClarty, Assistant General Passenger Agent of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in New York, a letter of thanks for the prompt movement of troops that were ticketed over the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad during the past year. He says that many of these movements were made on short notice and his department had to frequently rely upon insufficient and sometimes inaccurate data. He realized that under such circumstances the company was placed in an embarrassing position and the extraordinary efforts made by the line to give satisfaction in every respect merited and received his fullest appreciation.

AMERICAN LOCOMOTIVES.

English Workmen Have Many Objections to Their Introduction.

English workmen do not view with complacency the introduction of the American locomotives on the Midland railway. They are not only an affront to their national pride, but they see in them a positive menace to the engineers' trades union, which has been one of the most powerful in all Europe. The American locomotive is placed on the rails in Great Britain at a cost of from 20 to 30 per cent less than the British makers can produce the same sort of machine. So the working of the American locomotives is watched with much more than ordinary interest by men on both sides of the ocean. If the machines can be made thoroughly adapted to British requirements at such a saving of cost to the British railway companies, it means that the British maker must produce them at a like cost or else be thrown out of the market. That means lower wages to the British workman, and against that he will fight with all his characteristic obstinacy, as he has to the introduction of labor saving machinery. Even the long drawn out and disastrous strike which made possible the introduction of the American locomotive, has not taught them the whole of their lesson. There is even now a proposition on foot that the union of locomotive drivers shall adopt a rule prohibiting members from handling an American-made locomotive, when the engineers' union shall reach the conclusion if it does, that the introduction of the American machine threatens seriously the wages of their trade.

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A vessel of heavy sheet iron, formed like the old-fashioned wash boiler, is used for the two-eyed cooking stove. The thistle is thrown into this and tramped down as hard as possible. Then the vessel is inverted over the stove in which it is to be consumed. The absence of air in the vessel prevents the flames from extending too rapidly in that direction and the fuel drops gradually into the body of the stove. A vessel full of the weed will heat a large room for several hours to a very comfortable temperature.

HEALTHFUL OLD AGE

Louis P. Cummins is one of the largest farmers and stock raisers in Nebraska. His ranch and farm is near Nashville, Neb., and he is president of the grange of that section. In a speech before the organization a few days ago, in which he had been requested to give the members the benefit of his experience in feeding thistles to stock, Mr. Cummins said:

"My first use of the thistle was last winter, when I fed it alike to horses and cattle. Though at first a little shy they soon learned to eat it with avidity. I found that cattle of all ages, including the young calf just beginning to eat hay, will eat the thistle and grow fat on the weed. During the present winter my horses and cattle have fed mainly on thistles gathered from my own place, which I started as fodder early in the fall. The stock even fed to advantage on thistles as they stood in the field, but I believe that much of the nutritious element of the weed is lost by leaving it in the weather. When in February the stock could no longer feed on the thistles in the field, because of the weather, I began foddering them from thistles, which I had cut and stacked in the open on August 31, 1897. It is proper to note that this date is rather late for harvesting thistles for fodder, as the weed becomes old at that time and the thorns become brittle enough to stick severely. During the present winter I have fed thistles to a large number of young stock of all kinds and I find them the equal of anything I can purchase. The stock seems to find something especially appetizing about the thistle and lick the very chaff from the ground. As a healthful, milk-producing feed I believe the thistle has no superior."

"I do not contend that the thistle will become a substitute for other feed for stock, but I do believe it will be more generally adopted than any other food in the Western States. Its prolific growth commends it in the first place. Still, on deserted lands it does not thrive as in a cultivated state. I

RUSSIAN THISTLE A BOON

GREAT VALUE OF AN INTRUDER IN THE FAR WEST.

Nebraska Stockmen Find That a Plant Once Regarded as a Menace to Agriculture is Valuable Both as Feed and Fuel—A Case of Figs From Thistles.

The Nebraska State Agricultural Department at Lincoln is in receipt of some interesting data relating to the use of the Russian thistle in Nebraska as food for all lines of stock and as fuel for heating purposes. Thousands of tons of this extraordinary plant are consumed annually in that State for those purposes. The agricultural department shortly will issue a lengthy report on the subject, treating it in all its details. According to the information the department has secured, the Russian thistle, which a few years ago was considered a dangerous menace to the agricultural interests of the entire Missouri Valley, has proved to be one of the best grazing plants known to this section. For the last two years farmers' organizations have been experimenting with the plant, but the progress of the experiments have not been fully reported until now, when there is no longer any doubt as to the utility of the weed.

Five years ago the Russian thistle first made its appearance in South Dakota and scientists declared that the agricultural prosperity of the whole country was threatened by the weed. The stock range was soon alive with the new growth and the whole State became a vast seed bed for the thistle. There was much genuine alarm among stockmen and farmers. The fall winds carried the seeds to the four parts of the compass and the extraordinary vitality of the plant was evidenced by vast beds of thistles appearing in spots so barren as to refuse to yield other forms of vegetation. The rapidity with which the growth overspread the whole country between the Missouri river and the mountains caused many students of agriculture and stock raising to declare that this vast domain would again revert to the wild things of the prairie.

The Department of Agriculture at Washington sent out men to investigate the situation and many Government bulletins were issued on this, "the greatest of evils to agriculture." A quotation from the agricultural department report of 1893 reads: "There is no doubt that the plant will spread throughout the whole great plains and still farther east, destroying a large portion of the wheat-producing region of the United States."

In spite of this prediction of awful calamity from the highest sources of agricultural information, this same Russian thistle is filling a long-felt want in Northwestern Nebraska. The thistle in a dry state very much resembles alfalfa and the experience of farmers and stock men is that it is more sought by stock than is any other wild hay.

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