

"A Stitch in Time Saves Nine."

A broken stitch, like the "little rift within the lute," is the beginning of trouble.

"I am tired, not ill." "It will soon pass away." "I don't believe in medicine." These are the broken stitches that lead to serious illness.

Nature is wise and in Hood's Sarsaparilla she has furnished the means to take up broken stitches. Why? Because it starts at the root and cleanses the blood.

Bad Blood—For years I was troubled with my blood, my face was pale, I never felt well. Three bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla made me feel better and gave me a healthy color.

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Mortality. One of the counties of the state of Connecticut once boasted of a judge who, though poorly furnished with those little refinements usually met with in polished society, was an energetic, shrewd man, and a promising lawyer.

FOR MIDDLE-AGED WOMEN.
Two Letters from Women Helped Through the "Change of Life" by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—When I first wrote to you I was in a very bad condition. I was passing through the change of life, and the doctors said I had bladder and liver trouble. I had suffered for nine years. Doctors failed to do me any good. Since I have taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, my health has improved very much. I will gladly recommend your medicine to others and am sure that it will prove as great a blessing to them as it has to me."

Relief Came Promptly
"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I had been under treatment with the doctors for four years, and seemed to get no better. I thought I would try your medicine. My trouble was change of life, and I must say that I never had anything help me so much as Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Relief came almost immediately. I have better health now than I ever had. I feel like a new woman, perfectly strong. I give Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound all the credit, and would not do without her medicine for anything. I have recommended it to several of my friends. There is no need of women suffering so much for Mrs. Pinkham's remedies are a sure cure."—MAHALA BUTLER, Bridgewater, Ill.

Another Woman Helped
"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound during change of life and derived great benefit from its use."—MARY E. JAMES, 136 Coydon St., Bradford, Pa.

What do the Children Drink?
Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN-O? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee.

Try Grain-O!
Insist that your grocer gives you GRAIN-O. Accept no imitation.

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A Bbl. Largest Seed Potatoes to Growers in America. Price \$1.20 a Bbl. In lots of 500 lbs. and up. Also Potatoes of various kinds, including the best of the season. Also Choice of Seed Potatoes, including the best of the season. Also Choice of Seed Potatoes, including the best of the season.

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IS THE BEST Ink.

BOERS FED BY AMERICA.

THEIR COMMISSARIES FAIRLY BURSTING WITH OUR FOOD PRODUCTS.

Embattled Farmers of South Africa Ample Provisioned For a Long Siege—Their Staff of Life is Indian Corn—How the National Dish is Prepared.

Exporters in New York City who make a specialty of the South African trade are doing a great deal of thinking at the present time over the problem that is greatly perplexing the British Government—that is, the extent to which the Boers are prepared, as far as food supplies are concerned, to withstand the protracted siege that seems likely to ensue on the British advance. These exporters appear to believe that the Boers are remarkably well provisioned, and that any attempt to starve them out is hardly likely to succeed soon.

The extent of American trade with the Transvaal, especially in the matter of cereals and foodstuffs, according to the statement of one versed in the statistics of international trade, was something of which the American people had no just conception. It was added that the Boers and South Africans generally, although nominally farmers, raise very little of their own food, but are fed almost entirely by foreign nations. As to canned meats and jerked beef—or, as the Boers themselves call it, bill-tong—practically all of the immense quantity consumed in South Africa is supplied by American firms, shipping through the port of New York.

"The British Government has shown a remarkable lack of foresight," remarked one of the largest local food exporters to South Africa, "in forming a just estimate of the preparedness of the Boers for war, and the work of the intelligence department in gaining any accurate information concerning their military supplies is only one aspect of the case. As a matter of fact, the Boers have not only been laying up an almost inexhaustible supply of powder and cartridges, but an abundant supply of food as well. If the British succeed in getting as far as Pretoria or Johannesburg and attempt to lay siege to the cities, they will discover that the inhabitants will suffer little from the lack of food; that their granaries are fairly bursting with the products of American and Australian farms; and that in all the other food-staples of war time, such as canned beef, the Dutch are plentifully provided.

"I base these conclusions upon the examination of my own books. My firm sends great quantities of flour and canned goods to South Africa every year, and especially to Delagoa Bay, Port Natal, Durban, East London, and Port Elizabeth, which are the chief ports of entry to the Transvaal and the Orange Free State. I have never known the South African trade to be so brisk as it has been during the past year, and especially the past few months.

"It was perfectly apparent that the Transvaalers were ordering a great deal more stuff than they could readily consume; and the trade in that direction has for some time been looked upon as abnormal.

"Take the case of flour exports, for example. Flour, under the most favorable circumstances, can hardly be preserved over a year, but in spite of that fact the Afrikaners have been increasing their orders during the past few months in a most surprising way. In the year 1899, according to my figure, some 300,000 sacks of flour were sent from New York to Delagoa Bay, and about 400,000 sacks to the other South African ports—a large amount of which also finds its way into the Transvaal.

"This amount is about twice the normal annual trade in flour. The largest flour shipments ever known were sent in April and May, which are not ordinarily busy months in the South African trade. I know one firm that sent 50,000 sacks a month in the spring of the present year, and the shipments of the other New York concerns were equally large.

"Other commodities than flour, however, have been sent in vast amounts to South Africa during the past few months. One of the choicest delicacies to the Boer palate is the cereal known as samp. Samp is cracked corn, degenerated. It is also the staff of life with the Boers, and is also largely used by the aborigines. The Boers boil it into a sort of porridge and bake it with pork—after the fashion of American pork and beans. Shipload after shipload of this, to them, indispensable article has been sent to Delagoa Bay during the past few months, and you can make up your mind that it is coming in handy at the present time. Canned beef is also a favorite article of diet with the people of the Transvaal, and thousands of cases of this have been sent by American packers.

"Those who have visited South Africa recently will have no occasion to ask where this is stored away. All over the Republic are scattered immense sheet-iron storehouses, and I have not the slightest doubt that these are at the present time crammed full of canned beef and other convenient edibles sent from America during the past year or so, and which will prove, I am sure, one of the strongest weapons of the Dutch in the struggle already under way. When it comes to a siege—"New York Post.

"Scent Farming" Industry.
The culture of perfume-bearing plants and trees, known as "scent farming," is a profitable industry in Australia, where the soil is particularly suitable for the cultivation of such plants.

The Duels of the Sexes.
Life to a man is a duel between him and his enemies; life to a woman is a duel between her and her friends.

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Cures Where All Else Fails. Best Cough Syrup. Tastes good. Use in time. Sold by druggists.

OUR GREAT ALASKAN WEALTH.

Governor Brady Gives Vivid Idea of Northwest Resources.

"Alaska: Its Resources and Needs," is the title of an article by John G. Brady, Governor of Alaska, printed in the Independent. Governor Brady writes:

"If you want to get a vivid impression of the extent of Alaska hitch up a caribou in the northern part of Maine, drive him south as long as he will stand the climate, and continue the journey on horseback or on foot to the end of Florida, and then to the mouth of the Mississippi. If, on the other hand, you choose to compass Alaska by water you will have to follow a coast line of 25,000 miles.

A vast source of wealth is to be found in its fisheries. The canning industry did not fairly begin till 1882; now it is pursued with immense, and even disastrous, rivalry. The value of the pack last year was more than three and a half million dollars. From the best estimates the value of the pack this year will be \$4,120,000. New legislation and a thorough enforcement of existing laws are needed to regulate wasteful and destructive competition. Our cod is practically inexhaustible. It is safe to assume that we have the greatest banks in the world, covering 125,000 square miles.

"But it is the mining possibilities of Alaska that are attracting the attention of the world. It is difficult to set forth with accuracy truthful statements of the product of the mining camps. Last summer I visited Cape Nome. A soldier, in a joking spirit, said he was going to wash gold out of the beach. Greatly to his astonishment, he found what he did not expect, and soon for fifteen miles along the beach a string of tents was pitched and occupied by men who averaged \$20 a day. I am satisfied that the yield at Nome will reach two and a quarter millions for this year. Attention is turned, naturally, to our new acquisitions in the Philippines and the West Indies, but it would be unfortunate to wholly divert the mind of our legislators from the growing needs of Alaska. In all our vast extent of coast there is not a single lighthouse. We need the extension of telegraph facilities. A man said to me last summer that he would willingly have given a thousand dollars if he could have sent a message of ten words to the States."

WISE WORDS.
Money is a fine thing, but it is better to labor than to live in idleness.

Gossip has been well defined as putting two and two together and making it five.

He who commits injustice is ever made more wretched than he who suffers it.

Speculation is a short cut to wealth for the few, the broad road to destruction for the many.

He who receives a benefit should never forget it; he who bestows should never remember it.

Happiness consists in being perfectly satisfied with what we have got and with what we haven't got.

Judge thyself with the judgment of sincerity, and thou wilt judge others with the judgment of charity.

Every man will persevere over little things, but few show the same spirit in going after things that are worth having.

Nothing more completely baffles one who is full of trick and duplicity than straightforward and simple integrity in another.

Often a man who has eight or nine sons thinks he has done all that is necessary to hand his name down to future generations.

AVOID STEPPING UPON CRACKS

Fecklessness of Many People When Walking Along the Pavements.

From the Philadelphia Record: "I wonder why it is," said a quick observer the other day, "that nine people out of every ten in walking along the sidewalk invariably try to avoid stepping upon the cracks or divisions in between the flagging? Now, for instance, if the divisions are made so that an ordinary man's step would measure about two-thirds of the width of one section of the flagging, he would naturally take about three steps in crossing two of them. But instead of making the three steps of the same length and setting one foot down upon the seam, you will find that he will invariably take a step either a little longer or a little shorter than is really most convenient, just to enable him to avoid stepping upon the crack or seam. It seems to be done almost unconsciously, and yet if on the next square the size of the division in the pavement is changed, you will notice that almost invariably the pedestrian adapts his steps to the new arrangement, and still continues to avoid the cracks. Children used to play a game called 'poison' on their way to school. The game consisted entirely in carefully avoiding stepping upon a stone or some other material selected by the leader to be designated as 'poison,' to set foot upon which was supposed to be followed by direful consequences. Whether the habit of 'looking where you step' thus acquired is continued by those who now try to avoid cracks I cannot say, but if you notice you will find that many people who walk are addicted to the habit here described."

The Boston Baby's Mamma.
From the New York Commercial-Advertiser: The Boston baby must have brought his mamma to New York yesterday. There was nothing particularly Bostonian in her appearance and she didn't have the baby with her, but as she was getting out of an elevated car she dropped a book—of course. The simple New Yorker picked it up and restored it to its owner, who turned and said: "Thank you—thank you—immeasurably."

The Best Prescription for Chills and Fever is a bottle of GROVE'S TROPICAL CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price 50c.

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"About a year ago my hair was coming out very fast. I bought a bottle of Ayer's Hair Vigor to stop this. It not only stopped the falling, but also made my hair grow very rapidly, until now it is 45 inches in length and very thick."—Mrs. A. Boydston, Atchison, Kans., July 25, 1899.

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Have you ever thought why your hair is falling out? It is because you are starving your hair. If this starvation continues your hair will continue to fall.

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What Shall We Have For Dessert? This question arises in the family daily. Let us answer it to-day. Try Jell-O, a delicious and healthful dessert. Prepared in 2 min. No boiling or baking! Simply add a little hot water & set to cool. Flavors: Lemon, Orange, Raspberry and Strawberry. At grocers, 10c.

The former military camp at Montauk Point, which a few months ago was fairly alive with American soldiers, is now only a wild waste.

Mr. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c a bottle.

The number of Irishmen who have been prominently associated with the crisis and the war in South Africa is remarkable.

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