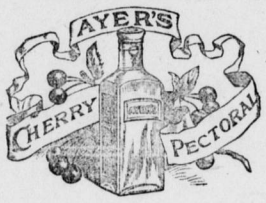

The great trouble in trying to sell what are called patent medicines is that so many claims have been made for them that people don't or won't believe what honest makers say.

We have been telling our story sixty years. Did we ever deceive you once? If we make any statement that isn't so, we will stand the loss. Go to the druggist and get your money back.

Here's an example. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is a good cure for a cough that comes from a cold. Your cough, if you have one, may not come from a cold; your doctor will tell you about that.

It is a straight medicine with sixty years of cures back of it. There isn't a ghost of the ordinary patent thing about it.

J. C. AYER COMPANY,
Practical Chemists, Lowell, Mass.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla	Ayer's Hair Vigor
Ayer's Pills	Ayer's Cherry Pectoral
Ayer's Ague Cure	Ayer's Comatone

The Brevity of Ballarat.

It was in Ballarat that Mark Twain found the local language so puzzling at first, the good people of the place deeming life too short to dawdle in their talk.

The mayor called on the American humorist and laconically said, "K'm." Then when Mark Twain gave him a cigar he simply said, "Q."

Subsequent inquiry revealed that these terms were Ballaratese for "welcome" and "thank you."—London Chronicle.

A Scottish congregation presented their minister with a sum of money, and sent him off to the continent for a holiday. A gentleman just back from the continent met a prominent member of the church, and said to him: "Oh, by-the-bye, I met your minister in Germany. He is looking very well. He didn't look as if he needed a rest." "No," said the church member, "it wasna him; it was the congregation that was needin' a rest."

Farmers of Dubuque county, Ia., are banding together to protect what little game is left in that section. Owners of 7,000 acres have formed a compact with this end in view, and others are joining daily, all determined not to permit further violation of the game laws.

Each package of PUTNAM FADELESS DYE colors more goods than any other dye and colors them better too. Sold by all druggists

The revenues of the street car companies of Buenos Ayres in the month of April in this year amounted to $1,111,-681.63.

$100 Reward. $100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.

Sold by Druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Snails, by means of an acid which they exude, contrive to bore holes in solid limestone.

Best For the Bowels.

No matter what ails you, headache to a cancer, you will never get well until your bowels are put right. CASCARETS help nature, cure you without a gripe or pain, produce easy natural movements, cost you just 10 cents to start getting your health back. CASCARETS Candy Cathartic, the genuine, put up in metal boxes, every tablet has C.C.C. stamped on it. Beware of imitations.

The abandoned farms in Rhode Island number 349, according to the State's official catalogue.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

The report of the Registrar General shows crime in Ireland steadily on the decline.

I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—JOHN F. BOYER, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

owner, who has been running it 33 years. A bachelor boarder remained at the hotel 25 years.

Fits permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. $2 trial bottle and treatise free. DR. R. H. KLINE, Ltd, 931 Arch St. Phila. Pa.

The British succession duties brought a revenue of nearly £70,000,000 in the last fiscal year.

The Best Prescription for Chills

and Fever is a bottle of GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price 50c.

Last year Germany imported 214,139 metric ton of potatoes and 1,370,850 of wheat.

The stomach has to work hard, grinding the food we crowd into it. Make its work easy by chewing Beeman's Pepsin Gum.

Great Britain imported £317,190 worth of natural ice last year.

PURE BLOOD
AND STRONG NERVES

With glowing health all things are possible, small annoyances fade into nothingness and real troubles are battled with successfully. Women who are blessed with perfect health are a constant joy to themselves and all around them. The beauty which health alone can make permanent is a crown which raises a woman above other women. Such beauty is always accompanied by a sweet disposition, for snappishness is a sure sign of ill-health and leaves its mark quickly on the features.

It seems to be the fashion for women to ignore health and sacrifice it to the little every-day trials, or offer it up on the altar of devotion to daily tasks. Then again the nervous organization of women is constantly attacked by woman's natural experiences, so that it is practically impossible for her to retain the beauty which nature gave her, unless she has discriminating advice and right support.

Dr. Greene's Nervura
for the Blood and Nerves.

Trials and troubles are easily overcome by the women whose strength is the genuine strength of perfect health. Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, bridges the chasm that separates the sickly woman from happiness. It fills her veins with blood that is pure and clean.

MRS. WM. E. BOSSE, of 85 Farrington St., Flushing, L. I., says:

"In regard to myself, I have suffered for years with disease, having been troubled with great nervousness, female complaints, indigestion, and great weakness and prostration. I did not have strength to do much of anything. Knowing the great value of health and strength I consulted doctors and took many medicines, but they all failed to cure me, and I grew worse rather than better. I happened to see in the papers how much good Dr. Greene's Nervura, blood and nerve remedy, was doing in restoring to health everybody who took it, and I thought I would try a bottle. I used it and to my surprise I began to gain strength every day. I am so thankful that I tried it! It is certainly the most excellent tonic and strength giver. I recommend it very highly and wish that other people who are troubled in any way would take warning and use it."

TO PRESERVE WOMANLY BEAUTY

At all the stages of a woman's life Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, is shown to be efficient to ward off the results of nervousness, or overwork, or impure blood. From early girlhood to advanced years, this world-renowned medicine builds up the forces destroyed by disease, grief, or over-exertion, and the effects of this great medicine are quickly felt and permanently retained. Let women guard well their health, and consult Dr. Greene freely. Nothing they can possibly do will so surely keep them strong and well, or repair the exhaustion from acute illness, nothing will work so continually to the preservation of beauty as the great health-giving Nervura. Dr. Greene's office is at 35 West 14th Street, New York City, where he may be consulted either by personal call or by letter Women may write in perfect confidence, and get Dr. Greene's advice free.

HOW TO GROW MUSHROOMS.

A Cellar, or Other Cool Place, the First Thing to Get.

Mushroom growing is said to be the latest fad that has attacked Baltimore, and interesting stories of the success, both material and financial, that private growers of mushrooms are meeting with, are being circulated. The cellars of a brewing establishment no longer in operation, in the southeastern section of the city, have been converted into mushroom farms by some enterprising growers, and it is said that they are yielding very satisfactory crops.

Besides these growers, who have gone into the business on an extensive scale, a number of women have started smaller farms in the cellars of the houses in which they live. According to the figures given by Mr Theodore Eckhardt yesterday, these women farmers run a fair chance of adding very considerably to their pin money.

The yield from a fifteen-foot bed, Mr. Eckhardt said, should be about ninety pecks in three months. The cost of the bed would be about $10. The mushrooms would sell for seventy-five cents a peck, bringing the farmer $67.50, making a gain of $57.50 on the undertaking.

The things that are necessary for success in mushroom growing, according to Mr. Eckhardt, are, first, the cellar in which they are to be grown (and this must be so arranged that the plants can be kept at a temperature of from sixty degrees to seventy degrees); second, good ventilation, as plenty of fresh air is essential. Arrangements must be available also by which the soil can be kept moist.

Good manure, rich in phosphate, must be used to form the foundation of the bed, which will be built preferably upon a dirt floor. Two loads will be necessary for a bed fifteen feet long. The mushroom spawn can be procured in the shape of bricks from the florists and nurserymen. The temperature of the bed must be tested, and no planting must be done until it is below ninety-five degrees. Then the bricks can be broken in half-inch pieces and distributed evenly over the bed.

In eight or ten days a white thread-like growth will begin to appear, and when this is noticed the bed must be covered to the depth of one-half to three-quarters of an inch with sandy loam. The beds are built in conical shape, starting from a base about three feet wide and building up to about two and a half feet high, with a width of about ten inches on top. A frame of six-inch boards may be used to keep the bed in place.

The expenses will be: For manure, $4; labor, $2.50; six bricks of mushroom spawn, $1; loam, $2.50.—Baltimore Sun.

"Paper For er Transfer."

"I read this morning of a wealthy woman who walked twenty blocks to save carfare. I may have my faults, but, thank goodness, there is not a stingy bone in my body."

The woman in the turban hat spoke and every one in the car heard. The man in the aisle watched her out of the corner of his eye.

"Yes," she continued, "to be miserly is something I detest. Don't you, dear?"

Her companion, a meek little woman in a black bonnet, nodded.

"I have no use for people that put themselves to inconvenience just to save a penny. Have you?"

"No," assented her companion.

"It is sordid."

"Yes."

"People of that kind make me lose my temper. I have seen one person read over another's shoulder just to save the price of a penny paper. Haven't you?"

"Yes, occasionally."

"Well, I see it every day. I am almost tempted to say something. One day a woman asked me to let her step on the weighing machine while I was on. Just to save a cent, too. Don't you call that flaxy?"

"Yes."

"I should say so, and—conductor, give me a transfer, please."

She received the transfer and beckoned to the newsboy on the platform.

"Want to buy a paper, lady?" asked the urchin.

"No, but I will trade you my transfer for one."

The deal was closed and the newsboy stepped off to dispose of the transfer. The woman in the turban hat became so engrossed in her paper that she failed to say anything more about stinginess.—Chicago News.

Light and Health.

M. Trelat, a well-known authority on hygiene, recently gave it as his opinion that the best light for the house is the slanting light as opposed to the vertical and the horizontal lights. According to this view, the London Lancet points out, houses should be constructed to receive the rays of light at an angle of thirty degrees—that is to say, from a place corresponding with the mid-heavens—and, in order to obtain this light, houses should not be higher than two-thirds of the width of the street. If a street, for example, were thirty feet wide the houses on each side should not be higher than twenty feet. The suggestion is, of course, not to cut down our houses, but to widen our streets.

Science and Society.

A friend of mine said to a dear old scientist who could not be persuaded to accept any one's hospitality or stay at any house, "Well, but why won't you?" "Oh," was the immediate reply, "I should have to wash and dress, and all that rubbish, and I can't be bothered about it."—London Daily News.

THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE PESSIMIST

He didn't like the world:
"'Tis cruel, crass," said he;
"All men are base or coarse,
Unfit to stand with me!

"I'll quit the crowded ways,
I'll leave the noise and strife;
I'll seek a hermit's cave
And settle there for life.

"My own companionship
Is all that I shall claim—
It only may I hold
Without a pang of shame."

And so he found a cave
And there he hid his face,
And bade the world farewell—
The thoughtless world and base.

At last men learned of this,
And, with becoming grace,
Admitted that he'd made
The world a better place.

PITH AND POINT.

"Yes, my daughter plays entirely by ear." "Well, madame, I can recommend an intelligent aurist."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Edith—"The man I marry must be a hero of the gridiron." Ethel—"He will be; if there is any cooking done he'll have to do it."—Judge.

Wife keeps her temper pretty well,
Although she does not boast of it;
And what she loses, truth to tell,
I always get the most of it.
—Philadelphia Record.

Mrs. City—"How are you getting along without your hired girl?" Mrs. Suburbs—"Poorly. I never could work right unless I had some one over me."

Penelope—"Mr. Spooner is going to teach me how to swim." Perdita—"I thought you had been taught already." Penelope—"Not by him."—Harper's Bazar.

Magistrate—"Why don't you reform?" Prisoner—"I haven't time." Magistrate—"Fortunately, I have some at my disposal, I think I can spare you six months."

The Girl—"Is your novel a novel with a purpose?" The Author—"It is My purpose is to acquire enough money to buy a tenderloin steak with mushrooms."—Chicago News.

"As I came by the kitchen window, Jane, I thought I saw you on a young man's knee." "Well, ma'am, it is an artist friend of mine, and I have been giving him a few sittings."—Fun.

Her mouth was not so very large,
Yet, in a confidential minute,
She told the dentist that she had
Three well developed achers in it.
—Baltimore American.

"He suggested that possibly I might learn to love him," said the spinster. "Yes, of course," returned her dearest friend. "Doubtless he realizes the truth of the saying that 'one is never too old to learn.'"—Chicago Post.

Suspicious Housekeeper—"Your coffee is certainly cheap, but how am I to know that it's not half beans?" Grocer—"Easily, madam; no one could afford to sell beans at the price I'm asking for this coffee."—Philadelphia Record.

Deacon Goode (to a little girl formerly of his Sunday-school)—"I hope, Mary, you are still walking in the straight and narrow way." Mary—"Oh, dear, no, Deacon Goode. Haven't you heard? We now live on the boulevard."—Boston Transcript.

Gardener—"I keep this gun loaded, but it is very seldom I discharge it. I call it my magazine rifle." Farmer—"Your magazine rifle?" Gardener—"Yes; you see, when anything goes into it there is no telling how long it will be before it comes out."—Boston Transcript.

An Owl Attends Court.

Although an owl is known for its wisdom it is very seldom that one finds its way into a court of justice, where wisdom is always present.

One of these wily creatures did find its way into the court room at Towson the other day. Court was in session, and Judge Burke sat upon the bench with knitted brows trying to fathom some of the intricaces of the law which was being explained by one of the legal lights of the county. No sooner had the bird gotten inside the court room than it at once took in the situation, and flying over Judge Burke's head, perched itself upon the drapery pole immediately back of the learned Judge. Here it sat without moving a feather, with one eye turned downward and fastened upon the movements of Judge Burke until court adjourned.—Baltimore News.

A Chinese Wedding.

The rite of marriage in China is one of much ceremony. The bride is in no way consulted, but is sold to the highest bidder for her hand. The ceremonies are six in number, namely: finding out the lady's name, the hour, day and month of her birth, which until the ceremony the husband is not supposed to know; the consultation of the soothsayers as to the prospects of happiness; paying the wedding fees, settling the wedding day, and conducting the bride to the house of the bridegroom.

On the day of this latter, or sixth, ceremony the bride is gorgeously dressed and carried to her husband's house in a tightly closed palanquin.

Curious Sentinels.

The cave-like places left after coal has been excavated from the mines are supported by pillars formed from pieces of coal. Any dislodgement of these pieces weakens the supports, which causes the earth above to loosen and in settling it presses down upon the rats that inhabit the mines in great numbers. As a result they give expression to their discomfort by indulging in a general squealing time, which continues night and day for two or three weeks. This serves as a solemn warning to the miners to leave that portion of the mine and thus escape the peril which menaces them.

Motherhood

$5,000 REWARD

Owing to the fact that some skeptical people have from time to time questioned the genuiness of the testimonial letters we are constantly publishing, we have deposited with the National City Bank, of Lynn, Mass., $5,000 which will be paid to any person who will show that the following testimonials are not genuine, or were published before obtaining the writers' special permission. — LYDIA E. PINKHAM MEDICINE CO.

How shall a mother who is weak and sick with some female trouble bear healthy children?

How anxious women ought to be to give their children the blessing of a good constitution!

Many women long for a child to bless their home, but because of some debility or displacement of the female organs, they are barren.

Preparation for healthy maternity is accomplished by **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound** more successfully than by any other medicine, because it gives tone and strength to the parts, curing all displacements and inflammation.

Actual sterility in women is very rare. If any woman thinks she is sterile, let her write to Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., whose advice is given free to all expectant or would-be mothers.

Mrs. A. D. Jarret, Belmont, Ohio, writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I must write and tell you what your Vegetable Compound has done for me. Before taking your medicine I was unable to carry babe to maturity, having lost two—one at six months and one at seven. The doctor said next time I would die, but thanks to **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound**, I did not die, but am the proud mother of a six months old girl baby. She weighs nineteen pounds and has never seen a sick day in her life. She is the delight of our home."

Mrs. Whitney's Gratitude.

"DEAR MR. PINKHAM:—From the time I was sixteen years old till I was twenty-three I was troubled with weakness of the kidneys and terrible pains when my monthly periods came on. I made up my mind to try your Vegetable Compound, and was soon relieved. The doctor said I never would be able to go my full time and have a living child, as I was constitutionally weak. I had lost a baby at seven months and half. The next time I continued to take your Compound; and I said then, if I went my full time and my baby lived to be three months old, I should send a letter to you. My baby is now seven months old, and is as healthy and hearty as any one could wish. I cannot express my gratitute to you. I was so bad that I did not dare to go away from home to stay any length of time. Praise God for **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound**; and may others who are suffering do as I did and find relief. Wishing you success in the future as in the past, and may many homes be brightened as mine has been."—MRS. L. Z. WHITNEY, 4 Flint St., Somerville, Mass."

The medicine that cures the ills of women is

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Young wife—"I knew you would like the slippers, Harry, if for no other reason, because I made them." Husband—"You don't mean this is all your work? Why, what a talented little wife I have, to be sure." Young wife—"Yes, all my work. Of course, I bought the uppers, and Mary sewed them together, and I got a man to sole them; but I put the bows on and did them up in the box. And do you know, Harry, I'm proud of myself. I didn't think I could ever do such things."

Vegetables are usually sold in piles in Buenos Ayres, so that you have to measure quantity as well as quality by the eye; and butchers sell their meat by the chunk rather than by weight.

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

Until the middle of the last century Great Britain imported two-thirds of the iron she used. The use of coal for smelting was then only beginning.

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PORK AND BEANS

There is one flavor in pork and beans that all people like. It was devised in the rural homes of New England. It has made Boston the synonym of beans.

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Plenty of other canned beans, but that flavor comes only in Libby's.

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Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup Safest, surest cure for all throat and lung troubles. People praise it. Doctors prescribe it. Quick, sure results. Refuse substitutes. Get Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

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My neighbor's child was given up, the family concluded it would be useless to make further efforts to save it, but on being persuaded, they administered

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and over 100 worms were expelled. The child recovered.—CALEB HITCHCOCK, Near Zanesville, Ohio. 25 cents at Druggists, country stores or by mail. A perfect tonic for children.

E. & S. FREY, Baltimore, Md.

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It injures nervous system to do so. BACO-CURO is the only cure that Really Cures. Sold with a guarantee that three boxes will cure any case. BACO-CURO is vegetable and harmless. It has cured thousands, it will cure you. At all druggists or by mail prepaid, $1.00 a box; 3 boxes, $2.50. Booklet free. Write EUREKA CHEMICAL CO., La Crosse, Wis.

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If afflicted with sore eyes use Thompson's Eye Water