

The Evolution of Household Remedies

The modern patent medicine business is the natural outgrowth of the old-time household remedies. In the early history of this country, EVERY FAMILY HAD ITS HOME-MADE REMEDIES. Herb teas, ointments, salves and lotions, were to be found in almost every home, compounded by the housewife, sometimes assisted by the apothecary or the family doctor. Such remedies as plasters, which were silver and quinine, dissolved in apple brandy. Sometimes a hot tonic, made of whiskey, hops and bitter herbs. A sort of more potent, home-made remedy was those compounded, the formulae for which were passed along from house to house, sometimes written, sometimes verbally communicated.

The patent medicine business is a natural outgrowth from this wholesome, old-time custom. In the beginning, some enterprising doctor, impressed by the usefulness of one of these home-made remedies, would take it up, improve it in many ways, manufacture it on a large scale, advertise it mainly through statements for the home, and thus it would become used over a large area. LATERLY THE HOME-MADE REMEDY BUSINESS TOOK A MORE EXACT AND SCIENTIFIC FORM.

Peruna was originally one of these old-time remedies. It was used by the Memmott family of Pennsylvania, before it was offered to the public for sale. Dr. Hartman, THE ORIGINAL COMPOUNDER OF PERUNA, is of Mendocino origin. First he prescribed it for his neighbors and his patients. The sale of it increased, and at last he established a manufactory and furnished it to the general drug trade.

Peruna is useful in a great many chronic ailments, such as coughs, colds, sore throats, bronchitis, and catarrhs of the respiratory tract. THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES HAVE LEARNED THE USE OF PERUNA and its value in the treatment of these ailments. They have learned to trust and believe in Dr. Hartman's judgment, and to rely on his remedy, Peruna.

A Snake that Swallowed Eggs.
The hyacinth root is a native of South Africa, and taken all around, but is a curiosity in the reptile line. Unlike the regulation snake, he has no teeth in his mouth, but has a full set of grinding teeth in his stomach. These dental wonders grow from the center of each vertebra. They pass through the walls of the stomach, and are each crowned with enamel. Hyacinth is the champion egg eater, and the teeth in the stomach appear to be nature's provision for breaking the shell of the egg without running the risk of losing the precious contents. When the egg leads in the stomach and the serpent's instinct tells it that everything is all right, the abdominal walls contract, and the egg is crushed against the long row of vertebral teeth.

At the government station Lofes, in Sweden, experiments are being made to secure varieties of plants not likely to be injured by frost.

With a piece of string and a little sand and grease, some Hindus cooklets sewed through an iron bar two inches in diameter in five hours and escaped from jail.

The rate at which the Zulus can run in an emergency is astonishing. Some will cover as much as fifty miles in six hours. Eight miles an hour is common.

A MISSOURI WOMAN

Tells a Story of Awful Suffering and Wonderful Relief.

Mrs. J. D. Johnson, of 603 West Hickman St., Columbia, Mo., says: "Following an operation two years ago, dropsy set in, and my left side was so swollen the doctor said he would have to tap out the water. There was constant pain and a gurgling sensation around my heart, and I could not raise my arm above my head. The kidney action was disordered and passages of the secretions too frequent. On the advice of my husband I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. Since using two boxes my trouble has not reappeared. This is wonderful, after suffering two years."

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SKIN DISEASES HUMORS IN THE BLOOD

When the blood is pure, fresh and healthy, the skin will be soft, smooth and free from blemishes, but when some acid humor takes root in the circulation its presence is manifested by a skin eruption or disease. These humors get into the blood, generally because of an inactive or sluggish condition of the members of the body whose duty it is to collect and carry off the waste and refuse matter of the system. This unhealthy matter is left to sour and ferment and soon the circulation becomes charged with the acid poison. The blood begins to throw off the humors and acids through the pores and glands of the skin, producing Eczema, Acne, Tetter, Psoriasis, Salt Rheum and skin eruptions of various kinds. Eczema appears, usually with a slight redness of the skin followed by pustules from which there flows a sticky fluid that dries and forms a crust, and the itching is intense. It is generally on the back, breast, face, arms and legs, though other parts of the body may be affected. In tetter the skin dries, cracks and bleeds; the acid in the blood dries up the natural oils of the skin, which are intended to keep it soft and pliant, causing a dry, feverish condition and giving it a hard, leathery appearance. Acne makes its appearance on the face in the form of pimples and black heads, while Psoriasis comes in scaly patches on different parts of the body. One of the worst forms of skin trouble is Salt Rheum; its favorite point of attack is the scalp, sometimes causing baldness. Poison Oak and Ivy are also disagreeable types of skin disease. The humor producing the trouble lies dormant in the blood through the winter to break out and torment the sufferer with the return of spring. The best treatment for all skin diseases is S. S. S. It neutralizes the acids and removes the humors so that the skin instead of being irritated and diseased, is nourished by a supply of fresh, healthy blood. External applications of salves, washes, lotions, etc., while they soothe the itching caused by skin affections, can never cure the trouble because they do not reach the blood, and forces out every particle of foreign matter and restores the blood to its normal, pure condition, thereby permanently curing every form of skin affection. Book on Skin Diseases and all medical advice desired sent free to all who write. S. S. S. is for sale at all first class drug stores.

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His Bear Assessor.
The minister kind of a little boy joined a Sunday school class in a West Philadelphia church. He did not know the other scholars and appeared nervous, half-awake and drowsy to say the least. The teacher, however, greeted him cordially and the lessons proceeded without any further incident. After a short recitation from the Bible the teacher began to question the pupils on their last lesson and asked:
"Who led the children of Israel into Canaan?"
As he answered she looked from boy to boy. At last her gaze rested on the new boy. He started guiltily and said, between sobs:
"It wasn't me, honest, teacher. I just moved here last week from Ohio."
—Philadelphia Ledger.

Oldest House in New York.
The oldest house in New York State is situated at the lower end of Staten Island in Tottenville. It is known as the "Billings house" and was built in 1698. The Duke of York presented Captain Christopher Billings with a tract of land on Staten Island, which he built this stone mansion, which still overlooks the waters of Barclay's. That it was well built the survival during 200 years attests. It has been many notable gatherings, and here was held the peace conference. During the revolution Billings' descendants were loyalists, and the famous generals of the British were entertained at the old house.

Medical Church Legends.
Queretaro was a town before the Spanish conquest and was made a city in 1525. A legend of Queretaro is that an Aztec chief, Fernando de Tapia by name, undertook to convert the city to Christianity in a way that seems novel to us, but was common enough to his day. He came from Tula with a challenge to the people of Queretaro to a fair stand up fight. If he won, the people surviving were to be baptized. The challenge was accepted, but while the fight was in progress a dark cloud came up and the blessed lightning was seen in the heavens with a very strong whirring the people of Queretaro gave up and were baptized. They set up a stone cross to commemorate the event on the site of the present church of Santa Cruz. There is scarcely a church in Mexico which has not a legend of this kind attached to it.

A "Guilt of Tuberculosis" has been formed in an English Episcopal church. Its special business is to keep bright the brass gas fixtures of the church.
Reverend persons in a hundred in the State of New York live to be over six hundred years of age.

Mothers will find Mrs. Wadsworth's Boobies Nipples the best to use for their children during the teething period.

Couldn't Abide It.
About a year ago Sewell Ford became a resident of Rye, N. Y. He had lived there only a short time before he discovered that one of his neighbors was Simon Ford. The revelation was made over the telephone.
"Hello!" said a voice, "is this Sewell Ford?"
The author of "Shorty" admitted that it was.
"Well," went on the voice, "this is Simon Ford. Someone's sent me your meat bill."
"Good! Why don't you pay it?"
"I will if you'll pay mine," said Simon.

Air Toss His Face.
After he stepped out of his machine at Ormond, Friday, two miles beyond the finish, Marriott said:
"The pressure of the air fairly tore my face. My eyes felt as though they were melting, even under my wind glasses."
"I gripped the steering wheel like the last thread of life, crouched so that nothing but my goggles were above the top of the hooded car, and clung there till I thought it was over. I didn't see the finish or hear the crack of the pistol. My ears were stricken numb for the time being, and all sense but one—to hold the steering wheel steady—left me."
"Toward the end it seemed as though the top of my head would be taken away."
—New York World.

PRESIDENT TO KING

German Ambassador Carries Message on Hague Meeting.

DISARMAMENT LINES ARE DRAWN

Austria and Germany Refuse to Discuss Limiting of Armament—Serious Rupture Feared.

Washington, April 22.—A most important revelation in connection with the Hague meeting, German ambassador, and his visit to Germany at this time has been made by a diplomat in this city. The diplomat in question is quoted as saying that, although the purpose of the German ambassador's visit—a very brief one, by the way—is ostensibly to take a rest in his own country, in reality it is concerned with the present instability of German international politics. It was even said that Baron von Bernberg was the bearer of an important message to Emperor William from President Roosevelt, and that this action was being hidden under the pretext of a vacation to his estates.

In connection with the German ambassador's departure, it is hinted that two other ambassadors may find their place for the late spring and summer. These are Baron von Franke and M. Josenwald. It is noted that the question of the diplomatic terms in the Hague, as proposed by England, and what may happen in case Germany and Austria insist on not discussing the proposal.

This question concerns the United States, because it is believed—and the president's remarks are lately seen to confirm this view of it—that, if the powers persist in maintaining their objective stand, it will cause a realignment of the nations and a serious rupture will come between the United States and Germany. It is with these possibilities in view that the Italian and French ambassadors will endeavor to place before their respective governments special reports containing suggestions.

Hitches are likely to occur in the negotiations between England and Germany, and France and Germany. It is daily reports in taking sides with America and Germany at The Hague conference, it is stated, it will cause a rift in the sympathies between herself and England and France, and also this country.

DEVoured BY PEST.

Disease is in Nearly Every Chinese Famine House.

Victoria, B. C., April 22.—Mail advices from Shanghai tell of many pestilence incidents observed by committees engaged in famine relief work in Central China. Refugees and dogs were seen fighting for the bones spilled at distributing depots. Scumblers are ravaging the stricken areas. In nearly every house there is smallpox or fever and nothing to eat but the bark of trees and potato vines.

James Ware, of the Red Cross, writing from Tsing King Pu, says he saw bodies of children laid out by the roadside to be devoured by the semi-wild dogs of the plains, and dead men scattered along the roadway.

Many families are tearing down their houses and selling the timbers to purchase food.

Hundreds are employed repairing roads and filling swamps, being paid from 5 to 10 cents a day.

British Delegates to The Hague.
London, April 22.—The British delegates to the peace conference at The Hague are as follows: Sir Edward Grey, ex-lord justice of appeal and a member of the permanent court of arbitration at The Hague; Sir Ernest Satow, ex-British minister at Tokio and Pekin and member of permanent court of arbitration at The Hague; Lord Bealey, president of the Royal Asiatic Society and University college, London, and a member of the privy council, and Sir Henry Howard, the British minister at The Hague.

Bomb Gets Thirty.
Lodz, Russian Poland, April 22.—Thirty armed terrorists held up a carriage this evening in which a portion of the funds derived from the government sale of spirituous liquor was being transported to the bank. The carriage was escorted by soldiers. The terrorists threw a bomb, which destroyed the vehicle, killed three of the accompanying soldiers outright and mortally wounded five more, as well as the coachman and a government officer, who had the money in charge. They secured \$2,000.

Runs Car Through Fire.
Chicago, April 22.—Fire damaged to the extent of \$250,000 a six story building at 290-300 Wabash avenue today. Twenty girls employed by the Healy Music company were obliged to leave the burning building by means of fire escapes, but none was injured. Horace Manley, in charge of the elevator, made repeated trips with his car and rescued 15 girls. Manley finally was overcome by smoke and was carried out.

Wholesale Sheep Theft.
Butte, Mont., April 22.—A Miner speaks from Billings states that John Tilden and Chester Martin, two of the most prominent stockmen of Eastern Montana, have been arrested on the charge of wholesale stock thefts. It is alleged that the two men stole 425 wethers, driving the animals into the recesses of the Bull mountain district, far from their accustomed range.

Rains Flood Mobile City.
Mobile, April 22.—From midnight last night until this morning, Mobile was visited by a torrent of rain. So great was the downpour that streets in many sections of the city were covered with water two feet. Children were unable to reach the schools and the schools were closed. The new union station was surrounded by water.

BREAK HARRISMAN WONGPOLIT.

Secretary Says Pacific Land Grant.
Cheyenne, Wyo., April 22.—As one of the results of the recent investigations by the Interstate Commerce commission into Western land grants, American General Harriman has under consideration an attempt to form the Union Pacific railroad to return to the government all the millions of acres which remain unceded of the original land grant. Of the great grant of more than 20,000,000 acres, the road yet to be built an area equal to the states of Connecticut, Rhode Island and Delaware, and still has nearly 100,000 acres left over. This immense body of land in Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming and Utah, if returned to the government, would immediately be thrown open to settlement under the homestead laws.

Immediately after the Interstate Commerce commission's investigation of the conditions which have made possible the monopoly in coal and which the Union Pacific has maintained for 25 years, Commissioner Priddy called upon the attorneys for the commission to submit recommendations for remedial legislation or to suggest other means of dealing with the monopoly. These recommendations are now in the hands of the attorney general.

"Destroy the land monopoly of the Union Pacific," is the basis of this report.

IMMENSE PRISCO GRAFT.
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BAD CONDITIONS ON ISTHMUS.

Italy Forbids Emigration and Sends Man to Investigate.

Rome, April 22.—Leroy Park, agent for the Panama Canal commission, who was sent here to investigate means of obtaining men for work upon the isthmus, learns that the Italian government has received grave reports regarding the hygienic, humanitarian and moral conditions of the isthmus; that the government had forbidden further immigration of Italians to Panama, and that a government official had been sent to the isthmus to investigate conditions. Mr. Park did everything possible to place the situation before the government and to convince the officials here that the men at work upon the canal earned \$2 a day, were well fed, well housed and humanely treated, adding that he believed that 5,000 immigrants might leave Italy for Panama immediately and that thousands of others would soon follow.

Many Governors to Attend.
New York, April 22.—Fifteen governors have accepted the invitation to name delegates to attend the national conference on combinations and trusts in Chicago, May 28-31. The acceptances of the governors of New York, Iowa, Missouri, Michigan, Wisconsin and Utah were received today. This conference will discuss Governmental powers over corporations engaged in interstate commerce; the division of power under the constitution between the nation and the state, and similar subjects.

Hitch in Negotiations.
Washington, April 22.—Philip Brown, American secretary of the legation at Guatemala, who is at Ampana to assist in the peace negotiations, today reported to the State department by cable that difficulty has arisen over the objection of the Salvadoreans to the Nicaraguan proposition to withdraw the Salvadorean troops from the boundary. Salvador fears that refugees from Salvador who are really revolutionists would soon cross the border from Honduras and invade Salvador if the troops were withdrawn.

May Tie Up Street Cars.
San Francisco, April 22.—San Francisco is threatened with a bitter street car strike on May 1, when the present agreement between the men and the company will expire. The men now receive up to 32 cents an hour for a ten-hour day. The men request a flat rate of \$3 a day for eight hours. Both sides admit they expect a strike and are prepared for it. It is known that the United Railways has begun the recruiting of strike breakers with whom to supplant its men when they go out.

Heavy Snow in Colorado.
Denver, Colo., April 22.—According to the local weather bureau's measurements, 18 inches of snow, equivalent to 1.44 inches of rain, fell here during the storm which came from the north yesterday morning and passed off to the southeast today. A heavy precipitation was general in Colorado, and the ground is now in good condition to bring to maturity the grain crops, which were threatened with failure in some districts.

Only Week's Supply of Coal.
Winnipeg, Man., April 22.—More than 15,000 coal miners are now involved in the strike in Alberta and British Columbia. Within a week, it is said, the Canadian Pacific will not be able to operate its passenger trains for lack of coal. Until navigation pens there is no relief in sight.

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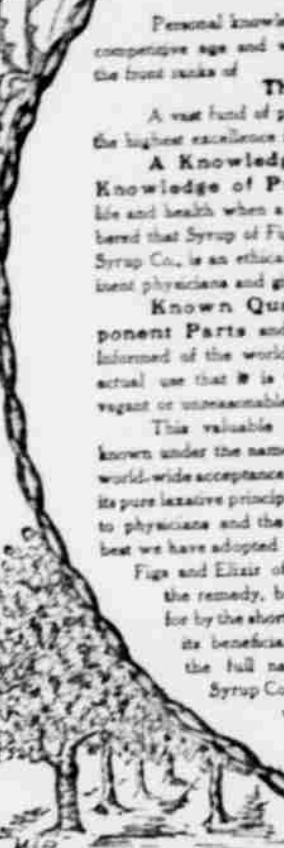
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