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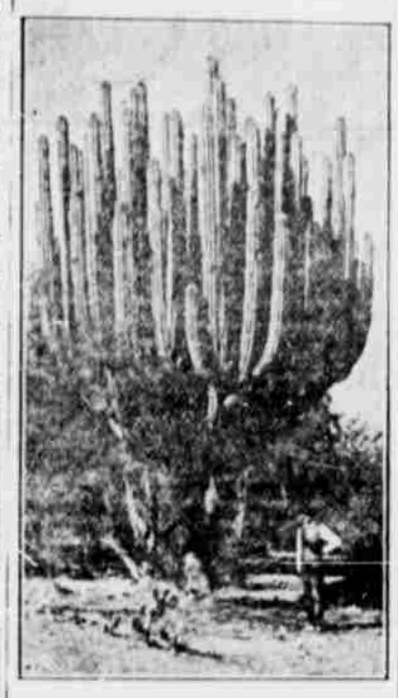
This plant contains a pithy substance which is used by the natives as a tonic for the hair. The heart of old plants is used for certain kinds of



A 25-Foot Cactus.

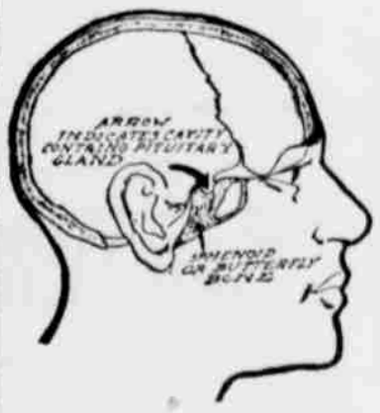
cabinet work. There are between 500 and 600 different species of the cactus family and the actual number probably greatly exceeds this. They are without exception natives of America and their extraordinary forms constitute a remarkable feature in the vegetation of the warmer regions. All of them have fleshy stems, often very soft and juicy, and in numerous instances suitable for good. Most of them are leafless, only a few species having true leaves. Instead of leaves most of the cacti have clusters of hairs or thorn.

The whole organization of the cactus adapts it to withstand long droughts. They vegetate vigorously during a part of the year when moisture is available and then rest for a long time. Some of the cacti family grow on high mountains reaching nearly to the limit of the snow, while others thrive only in torrid districts. The plants of this botanical order are a great boon to the natives of the districts in which they grow, generally regions destitute of water. The stems of many of the varieties contain a wholesome juice of which both men and livestock avail themselves, and some species produce a pleasant fruit. The cultivation of edible cactus is still in the experimental stage.

TO REGULATE HUMAN GROWTH

English Scientist Says Gland Located in the Skull Controls Our Stature and Weight.

Chicago.—Anyone who wishes to regulate his natural altitude above sea level needs only to have his pituitary gland attended to. At least that is what Prof. Arthur Keith of London says, and his statements have been corroborated by a number of Chicago's foremost physicians. The pituitary gland is the first in importance of the principal ductless glands of the



Location of the Gland.

body, which include the typhoid and adrenolin glands and a portion of the pancreas. The juices secreted by this gland, according to Chicago physicians, largely control the growth of the bones of the body. When the secretion is plentiful the bones grow to an abnormal size, but when it is comparatively small in quantity the growth of the bones is retarded. When the secretion is caused to flow freely, say physicians, a rapid development of the bones is the result. Thus, when a boy or girl is ill for some time with a fever, the diseased condition of the body causes the pituitary gland to become unusually active, with the result that the sick person "grows like a weed."

Green for French Soldiers.

Paris.—It is announced that the minister for war has decided to make an experiment with a new uniform at the September maneuvers. A special committee has chosen a uniform of a greyish-green color as being less conspicuous against a French landscape than the red trousers and blue coat now in service. The new uniform will be served out to at least a regiment for the experiment.

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Forty Years in Bloomers.

tration at the time the bloomer movement first started 40 years or more ago. What has become of the other bloomerites no one knows, but this particular bloomerite blooms on in her quaint old costume, and doesn't condescend to notice skittish rivals who prance up Broadway wearing duds that are feeble variations of her original dress.

A Mere Supposition.

"Can you imagine the predicament of a man who is called to a real festival and can't come?"

"Yes, in a way. I guess there's nothing worse, unless it is the chagrin of a woman who buys a hobble skirt that doesn't really hobble."

His Reason.

"Why did he marry his deceased wife's sister?"

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"Sometimes a virtue can be exaggerated until it becomes a vice," said the earnest adviser. "I see exactly what you're comin' at," replied Tarantula Tim. "Whereas four aces is a blessin' and greatly to be admired, five of 'em kin create untold dissession."

When Women Rule.

"That lady judge has decided against us." "That's all right," said the feminine attorney. "I know her. By tomorrow she'll change her mind."—Kansas City Journal.

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Mr. Flynn, who is 75 years old, continued:

"The food which collects the longevity germ is sauerkraut. The man or woman who keeps on a diet of this kind, ought to live a century or more. Sauerkraut is very nutritious and should be on the table of everybody."

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