

Disfigured Skin

Washed muscles and decaying bones. What have! Scrofula, let alone, is capable of all that and more. It is commonly marked by bunches in the neck, inflammation in the eyes, dyspepsia, catarrh, and general debility. It is always radically and permanently cured by

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Which expels all humors, cures all eruptions, and builds up the whole system, whether young or old.

Hood's Pills cure liver, bile, the non-frustrating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Telety Independent of Doctors.

Count Telety is not an obedient patient. Some time ago his physicians told him not to walk or ride on horseback, but he did what he pleased, remarking, "I know better than all physicians what is good for me."

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflammation of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube gets inflamed, you have a running ear, or the deafness is the result, and it is entirely closed. Deafness can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be restored. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that can be cured by Hood's Catarrh Cure. Send for particulars, free. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists. The Hood's Family Pills are the best.

Oil-Burning Locomotives.

Locomotives to burn oil are appearing in the Pacific states. They are built with the cab and furnace at the front and the smokestack behind. The tender is discarded, and the oil and water are conducted in pipes.

FITS Permanently Cured. No fits or nervousness. After three years of fits, J. H. Allen, of New York, has been cured by Dr. J. H. Allen's Cure. Send for particulars, free. J. H. Allen, New York, N. Y.

Wire Gauge for Hay Fever.

The newest idea for mitigating hay fever—a disease which seems to claim more victims every year, in proportion to the population—is embodied in a small disc covered with wire gauze, which is inserted in the nostril.

La Grippe conquers life—Ward Oil conquers La Grippe.

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An Independent American Citizen.

While riding in a Maine country road—a traveler observed a field of corn which was overrun with rank weeds, and midway of the place was a large, conspicuously displayed sign with the following: "Notice! None of Your Business if This Corn Ain't Hoed."

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

Clean Persons Among the Lepers.

In the leper settlement in the island of Molokai, there were 909 lepers and 164 "clean" persons. The general opinion was that the "clean" would in time become lepers. Nearly 1,100 people are housed, fed and clothed for about \$50,000 a year.

A New Billiard Ball Trick.

An entirely new performance with cue and billiard ball has been given by the famous billiard player, Robert de Bremont, says the Boston Herald. Mr. de Bremont calls his trick "William Tell." He performs it on an ordinary billiard table, upon which a lighted candle has been placed. By hitting a ball with his cue he sends the former over the flame, describing an arc. The holder of candle is not touched by the ball, but its motion extinguishes the light.

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Water Power is Mighty.

Gigantic water power developments are projected in the Alps. There are now in the French Alps 43 factories supplied by 250,000 horse power, electrically generated. Engineers estimate that 3,000,000 horse power is now running to waste in the Alps.

Freddie Would Have His Way.

Little Freddie—Mamma, doesn't Uncle Bob like plum pudding? Mamma—Yes; but the doctor won't let him eat it. Little Freddie—Well, if I was as big as him there wouldn't be any doctor big enough to stop me.—Boston Herald.

SORES AND ULCERS.

Sores and Ulcers never become chronic unless the blood is in poor condition—it is sluggish, weak and unable to throw off the poisons that accumulate in it. The system must be relieved of the unhealthy matter through the skin, and great danger to life would follow should it heal before the blood has been made pure and healthy and all impurities eliminated from the system. S.S.S. begins the cure by first cleansing and invigorating the blood, building up the general health and removing from the system a constant drain effect. When this has been accomplished the discharges gradually cease, and the sore or ulcer heals. It is the tendency of these old indolent sores to grow worse and worse, and eventually to destroy the bones. Local applications, while soothing and to some extent alleviate pain, cannot reach the seat of the trouble. S.S.S. does, and no matter how apparently hopeless your condition, even though your constitution has broken down, it will bring relief when nothing else can. It supplies the rich, pure blood necessary to heal the sore and nourish the debilitated, diseased body.

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is the only purely vegetable known—contains no poisonous minerals to ruin the digestion and add to, rather than relieve your sufferings. If your flesh does not heal readily when scratched, bruised or cut, your blood is in bad condition, and any ordinary cure is apt to become chronic. Send for our free book and write our physicians about your case. We make no charge for this service.

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SOME LARGE FIGURES

NECESSARY WHEN SPEAKING OF OUR FARMING INDUSTRY.

Wheat Crop of 1902 Would Have Made Nearly Ten of the Pyramids—Our American Forefathers Were Poor Tillers of the Soil.

Joseph, son of Jacob, had to warehouse a good deal of wheat in the seven years of plenty. The Egyptians through the seven lean ones. The American farmers produced enough in 1902 to make Joseph's little stock look like a pea in a tub. If it had all been piled in form on the plain of Gizeh it would have made nine pyramids of the size of the pyramids of Cheops, and with the surplus another could have been reared four-fifths as large. That was the biggest American wheat crop ever recorded. It amounted to 673,148,700 bushels, grown on 44,045,278 acres of land. Next year the yield was lighter, and the Americans only turned out seven and nine-tenths pyramids of wheat. In 1900 they even fell short of that, producing only a paltry seven and a half pyramids. Still, that would have been a comfortable addition to Joseph's stock, and considering that it was grown on a smaller acreage than the crop of 1900, was a rather creditable performance. The deficiency was made up with a 2,000,000,000-bushel corn crop, and 210,000,000 bushels of potatoes.

There was considerable ado over the increase of the standing army to 100,000 men. If every man in such an army were a good fat milker, and worked at it ten hours a day, the whole force could milk more than one-third of the country—not to speak of the goats. And if they could milk them all, and if they did, and if they milked them into the Chicago drainage canal, beginning with it entirely empty, they could milk it bankful in about two weeks.

If all the hens in this country were to be commodified, like some of our other manufacturing establishments, into one hen, and that hen were to lay an egg with the cubic contents of all the eggs laid daily on American soil, that egg would be as big as—well, it would be a very large egg. A chick hatched from it ought to be able to peck wheat off the dome of the national capitol. In 1890 there were 258,871,126 chickens in the country, and during the year 1897-98 216 dozen eggs were produced and sold.

When somebody deprecated a billion-dollar Congress Mr. Reed retorted that it was a billion-dollar country. It is. The millions period is no longer adequate to express the magnitude of our manufactures, our trusts, our fortunes and our farming industry.

The acreage of American farms in 1890 was greater than the combined acres of France, Germany, Austria, Italy and the British Isles. The value of their realty was \$13,270,252,040, and the tools and implements on them represented an outlay of nearly half a billion more. They produced over \$3,500,000,000 worth of food and raw material. The value of their exports in 1899 was \$92,811,733, or more than half the value of the entire exports of the country by \$42,000,000. The growth of this industry had the most primitive beginnings, and has gone forward in the face of the most discouraging vicissitudes, says Frank M. Todd, in *Ainslee's*.

The American of the revolutionary period was an extremely poor farmer. Looking back on his methods and his work, it is hard to say which were the more crude, his implements or his ideas.

He used a wooden plow; he was afraid an iron one would "poison the soil." He had not yet learned that glands were contagious, and would work and stable healthy stock alongside stock affected by it, and wonder what there was in the soil, air or climate that carried them off. He didn't understand the use of fertilizers, and instead of spreading his barnyard manure on his fields, he let it accumulate around his barn until the approaches were impassable. Then he dug the barn out and moved it. Instead of rotating crops to save his soil, he planted according to the phases of the moon. There were few sheep in the country, and other like stock was poor and scanty. In Virginia the belief prevailed that it would kill cows to house and milk them in the winter.

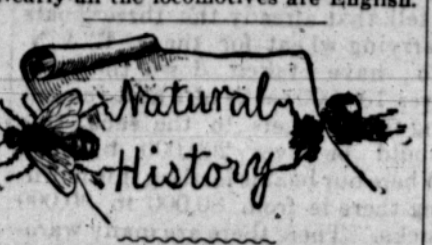
Transportation was poor and continued so for a long time. The roads could not have been worse. Markets were scattered and far between. Each farm attempted to be self-sustaining in as large a degree as possible. What the farmer could not grow or his wife make they went without. Wasteful methods of tillage eventually exhausted a soil originally rich, and in the reign of Andrew Jackson agriculture had fallen into such an alarming state of neglect and inefficiency that the government had to come to its relief. Through the efforts of Henry L. Ellsworth, Commissioner of Patents, a bureau was established in the patent office which developed into the Department of Agriculture. By aid of that department principally farming has been made a science.

CURIOSITIES ON RAILWAY TRIP.

Experiences Met With by a Man Traveling Around the Globe. A globe-trotter sends me some remarkably interesting notes of a journey around the world to the *Pull Mail Magazine*. He says: I traveled from Nagasaki to Yokohama, in Japan, without a break in the journey. The distance is 700 miles, and the best trains require exactly forty-eight hours for the trip. Of these six hours are occupied in crossing the Inland Sea by boat. The first-class fare is \$2.50, second class \$1.40 and third class one-half of the second. Only an occasional train has a dining car or a sleeping car attached to it. Like everything else in Japan, the railway carriages are toylike, usually having only two or three compartments. In the dining cars you eat from tables hardly larger than little girls have for their dolls. At all stations, which are frequent, you can buy freshly made tea for three-halfpence—pot, cup, tea and

all. This you take in the car, and the dishes are thrown out of the window usually. Europeans dislike the prepared luncheons sold in boxes. They consist mainly of boiled rice and undercooked fish.

Smoking is permitted in all compartments, for all Japanese men and women smoke almost continually. A native lady enters the carriage, slips her foot from her tiny shoes—which have wood or rice-straw soles, stands upon the seat and then sits down demurely with her feet doubled beneath her. A moment later she lights a cigarette or her little pipe, which holds just tobacco enough to produce two good whiffs of smoke. All Japanese people sit with their feet upon the seat of the car, and not as Europeans do. All of them have first removed their shoes. When the ticket collector—attired in blue uniform—enters the carriage he removes his cap and twice bows politely. He repeats the bow as he comes to each passenger. More than 90 per cent of all the travel in Japan is third-class, and about 2 per cent only is first-class. Nearly all the locomotives are English.



The British government conducts a turtle race at Ascension Island, January in each year sees the commencement of the turtle season, which does not as a rule last more than three months. All turtles caught at Ascension Island are the property of the crown and are only sent to England and other places for disposal as directed by the admiralty, in whose hands the government of the whole island practically rests. The particular species which favors Ascension with its visits is the green turtle, from whose green fat and portion of the fins that particular brand of soup is made which is proverbially associated with the banquets of London's elite dignitaries.

Many people still smile when they hear travelers talk of oysters that grow on trees, just as, long ago, sailors were laughed at when they came home with stories of flying fish. Both are real enough, however, and the tree oyster is of delicious taste, if you are in the tropics are to be believed. At a conference recently held in Barbados, J. E. Duerdien, of Jamaica, an economic scientist of some note, brought forward an interesting proposal for increasing and improving the cultivation of tree oysters, and as there is a rich field in nearly all the West India islands and along the coast of Central America something may come of the scheme. These oysters cling to the branches of the mangrove.

When the English rooks are building their nests frequently a rookery is disturbed by big quarrels over the placing of those huge bundles of sticks in the treetops. The trouble occurs mostly with young birds wishing to place their nests too near to an old nest. A council of rooks is called, with the result that the disputants' nests are soon scattered to the winds, and the claimant and the defendant both have to begin a new foundation. Sometimes there is a disturbance on a more limited scale when a pair of birds do their very best to pull the sticks from the nest of another pair, each of the contending parties doing all they can to prevent the other from building. Rooks are curiously weather wise and they scent a coming storm and set to work to repair and strengthen their nests before that imminent gale has been evident to the farmer. The rook's powers of sight and hearing are remarkable.

When Baby Writes to Daddy. When baby writes a letter to her daddy far away, The occasion's most important, for she has so much to say. She sits up to the table, as grown-up folks all do, And then a pile of paper all around her we must strew. With grandma's golden spectacles safe perched upon her nose, She dips her pen into the ink, then straight to work she goes, And the onslaught fierce that follows would fill you with dismay—When baby writes a letter to her daddy far away.

When Baby Writes to Daddy. "Baby sends her love to daddy, and hopes that he is well." Is the sentence baby first indites—her methods I must tell—For the sweet and simple message that expresses baby's love Is a dot and dash and big ink splash below and just above, She perforates the paper with many tiny pricks, And plays a tattoo on her chair with sundry little kicks, And all the floor is scattered o'er with fragments of the tray. To tell us baby's writing to her daddy far away.

The letter is a long one, for scores of sheets are used, And every one bears witness to the way it's been abused. A page for every word she takes, she quite ignores the lines. While each one as it's written to oblivion she consigns; Then proudly for an envelope Miss Baby now will call, And she fills it full of paper, with no writing on at all. The address is so illegible, I much regret to say, It's doubtful if 'twill ever reach dear daddy far away.

Hard to Make Right.

A prominent legal light, whose office is not a hundred miles from the city of London, is planning to inquire how I get along out here.—*Somerville Journal*.

Old-time Droughts.

The first great drought on record happened in 678, and the two succeeding years, when, according to the records, there was practically no rainfall in England. In 879 the springs in England were dried up, and it was impossible for men to work in the open air. In 993 and 994 the nuts on the trees were "roasted as if in an oven."

Did Goethe Have Pockmarks?

The Goethe specialists have something new to talk about. A Brazilian professor has discovered in a plaster cast of the poet's face, spots on the chin and the left cheek which look like smallpox marks. The savants are now discussing the important question whether Goethe really had pockmarks in his face, or whether the spots discovered indicate mere imperfections in the plaster. It is known that Goethe did have the smallpox when he was six years old.—*New York Post*.

Good Price for Manuscript.

The late Russian savant, Dr. Kulsh, made a translation into Little Russian of the Bible, which the censor would not allow to be printed. His widow has now sold the manuscript to the British Bible Society for 5000 roubles.

Not Up to the Mark.

Magazine Editor—Haven't you got a poem to go on this page? Assistant—Here's one that I don't quite get the meaning of, but I suppose many of our readers will understand it. Magazine Editor—That won't do. I want something that will puzzle every body.—*Judge*.

Decendants of Scotch Highlanders.

Most of the people in Fictio and Antigosh, in Nova Scotia, and a great part of the neighboring counties, are descendants of the Scotch Highlanders who settled there about a century ago.

The Kaiser's Palace.

In the twenty-odd palaces of the German Emperor some 3500 servants are employed, about 2000 of these being women. A huge income is, of course, required for keeping up establishments on this scale, and the Emperor's total expenditure is estimated at some \$25,000 a day.

Sweet Revenge.

Nebb—You must like to hear that dreadful grind organ since you pay the man to play under your window every day. Nobb—No, I don't like it any more than that girl over the way who is taking vocal lessons.—*Boston Post*.

A Peculiar Wasp.

One kind of wasp found in Brazil and Guiana makes its nest of a brilliant white pasteboard suspending it from the highest branches of the trees, so as to escape the attention of the monkeys, which, in those regions, have a troublesome habit of investigating everything, even a hornet's nest.

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Visitors Help to Enrich Maine.

The vacation visitor to Maine in recent seasons has been so numerous and so generous in his expenditures that the prosperity of the Pine Tree State has taken long leaps ahead.

An Exhibition Stunt.

Mamma—The whipping you got yesterday doesn't seem to have improved you; your conduct has been even worse today. Willie—That's what I wanted to prove. You said I was bad as I possibly could be yesterday and I knew you was wrong.—*Philadelphia Record*.

Anatomical Melancholy.

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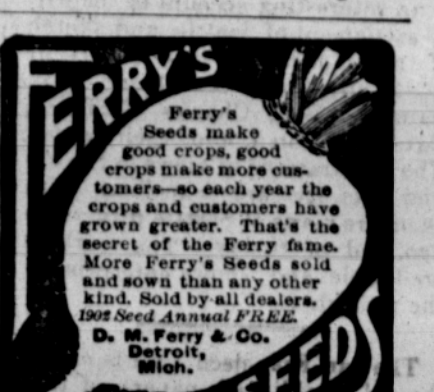
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