

No Appetite
Means loss of vitality, vigor or tone, and is often a precursor of prostrating sickness. This is why it is serious. The best thing you can do is to take the great alterative and tonic **Hood's Sarsaparilla** Which has cured thousands.

Splitting Hairs.
A somewhat elderly gentleman, with a merry twinkle in his eye, went into a hairdresser's the other day to have his hair cut.

"Excuse me, sir," said the hairdresser, as he began operations, "but your hair is very coarse."
"Of course," ejaculated the gentleman.

The hairdresser looked rather puzzled, and said: "I mean it won't lie straight, sir."
"No; you see it can't lie straight, or even tell the truth, because it can't talk," smiled the gentleman.

Doing Great Work.

Florisant, Mo., Dec. 19.—(Special)—That Dood's Kidney Pills are doing a great work in curing the more terrible forms of Kidney Disease, such as Bright's Disease, Dropsy and Diabetes, everybody knows. But it must also be noted that they are doing a still greater work in wiping out thousands of cases of the earlier stages of Kidney Disease. Take for instance Mrs. Peter Barreau, of this place. She says: "I have been subject to pains in my back and knees for about three years, but since I have been taking Dood's Kidney Pills I have been entirely cured."
Others here tell similar stories. In fact, in this part of Missouri there are scores of people who have cured the early symptoms of Kidney Disease with Dood's Kidney Pills. The use of the Great American Kidney Remedy thus saved not only the lives of Kidney Disease victims, but thousands of other Americans from years of sufferings.

Eagle Caught by a Dog.
A remarkable capture of an eagle by a dog near Romans is reported here. The dog belonged to a farmer named Angelin Descombes, at the village of Chautauques. The eagle swooped down on the dog to carry it off, but the animal, on feeling the bird's claws in his back, turned sharply and bit the eagle's claws. The bird rolled over on the ground, and the dog immediately pounced on it, and held it down until the arrival of his master, who captured the bird alive. From wing point to wing point the eagle measured four feet nine inches.—London Express.

TAINTED BLOOD

Columbus, Ohio, May 19, 1903. Some four years ago I was suffering from impure blood and a general rundown condition of the system. I had no appetite, was losing flesh, and had an all-gone tired feeling that made me miserable. I began the use of S. S. S., and after taking seven or eight bottles my skin was cleared of all eruptions and took on a ruddy, healthy glow that assured me that my blood had been restored to its normal, healthy condition. My appetite was restored, as I could eat anything put before me, and as I regained my appetite I increased in weight, and that "tired feeling" which worried me so much disappeared, and I was once again my old self. I heartily recommend S. S. S. as the best blood purifier and tonic made, and strongly advise its use to all those in need of such medicine. **VICTOR STRUBBINS, Cor. Barthman and Washington Aves.**

Wheeling, W. V., May 28, 1903. My system was run down and my joints ached and pained me considerably. I had used S. S. S. before and knew what it was, so I purchased a bottle of it and have taken several bottles and the aches and pains are gone, my blood has been cleansed and my general health built up. I can testify to it as a blood purifier and tonic. 1533 Market St. **JOHN C. STRIN.**

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CONSUMPTION

THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW.

The Old Year goes away; her eyes are sad—
The eyes of one who hopes or fears no more.
Snow is upon her hair; gray mista have clad
A form the vesture of the spring which wore.
The new buds quicken now beneath the clay;
But not for her—the Old Year goes away.
The New Year enters in; a happy child,
Who looks for flowers to fill her out-stretched hand,
And knows not fear, although the winds be wild.
Soon shall the birds be staging in the land,
On the young leaves the patter of soft rain,
And violets open—the New Year comes again.
So with this mortal life; now young, now old,
A spring which never dreams of frost and snow.
Summer and autumn—then the tale is told;
With tired step, in wintry days we go.
God grant a waking on some happier shore,
Where the lost youth and joy comes back once more.
—Mary Gorges.

MYTH OF THE MISTLETOE.

Customs Surrounding the Plant Are Relics from the Druids.
The custom connected with the mistletoe at the Christmas holidays is a relic of the days of Druidism, handed down through a long course of centuries. In the religion of the Druids the mistletoe was regarded with the utmost veneration, though the reverence which they paid to it seems to have been restricted to the plant when found growing on the oak tree. Oaks were the sacred trees of the Druids. Whatever was found to grow upon them was regarded as sent from heaven and therefore set apart for devotional observance. At the period of the winter solstice the ancient Druids, with men, women and children, sallied forth with great pomp and rejoicings to gather the mystic parasite, which, in addition to religious reverence, was believed to possess marvelous curative powers.

When the oak was reached on which the mistletoe grew two white bulls were bound to the tree and the high priest of the Druids, clothed in pure white, ascended, and, with a golden knife, cut the sacred plant, which, as it fell, was caught by another priest in the folds of his spotless white mantle. The bulls, and sometimes human beings, were sacrificed. Various festivities then followed, in which the mistletoe thus gathered was divided into portions and distributed among the people, who hung up the sprays over the entrances to their dwellings as a propitiation and charm to the sylvan deities for the season of frost and cold.

The mistletoe with its curious white berry, so long a puzzle to botanists and naturalists of all ages, remains as of old sacred to love as when the Scandinavians dedicated it to Frega, their goddess of love and beauty. The custom of kissing under the mistletoe is an innocent survival from the saturnalia of the ancients. In England all classes and ages deliver themselves up willing victims of the long-established custom. There are the jolly bachelors, who kiss every girl that comes their way.

At a later period mistletoe had been for a time abandoned in the Christmas decorations of the places of worship, as also the promiscuous kissing at the close of the service, which usage was transferred, however, and flourished in the home at the Christmas and New Year's celebrations, when it became a kissing game, the mistletoe being tied with other greens high up against the ceiling in the center of the room.

Unkind.
Miss Komlin—What did your brother George give you for Christmas, Lizzie?
Little Lizzie—Mamma says she is afraid he gave me the mumps.—Woman's Home Companion.

Rather Suspicious.
Tom—Miss Willing said she'd give me what was in her stocking Christmas morning for what was in mine.
Jack—Say, that strikes me as being in the nature of a leap-year proposal.



There Are Others.
Customer—Is this article useful in any way?
Truthful Clerk—No; it's merely a Christmas present.



Johnny's New Year's Dream.
"What shall we do with him, grandpa?" asked the gobbler.—Harper's Young People.

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Students Broke Them Up.

There are very few things that escape the notice of college students when they appear en masse. This was demonstrated at an uptown theater the other evening when a stirring melodrama was being enacted, says the Philadelphia Record. A group of ten students occupied the front row of the balcony. Just below them sat a party of young women. It was when the beautiful heroine was about to be thrust out on the mercy of a pitiless world that tragedy was turned into comedy. True to feminine emotional nature, the feelings of the group of women aforesaid were so wrought up that tears began to flow. There was a hasty struggle for handkerchiefs, a deep dive into pockets and bags and then a pause. Only one of the six girls had had the foresight to provide herself with a handkerchief.

With a sympathetic glance of comprehension she wiped the tears from her own eyes and then passed the bit of linen along. One by one the weeping maidens dabbed their eyes with the handkerchief and then it was smuggled back to the owner and the game of progressive handkerchief was begun again. The students saw all this, and one of them took a handkerchief from his pocket to wipe away imaginary tears and passed it along the line. Loud "sobs" drew attention to them. In a moment the house was convulsed with laughter, and it was only after managerial interference that the by-play was stopped and the six maidens with the one handkerchief were spared further mortification.

Cornmeal Is Heating.

Corn meal prepared in any one of a half dozen palatable and digestible ways has been demonstrated to be richer in heat units than almost any other food that comes to the ordinary table. In a bulletin issued by the Michigan Agricultural College the fuel value of corn meal scarcely can find space on a page of the pamphlet for its expression in a long black line that has to double back upon itself twice in order to show the 9,000 calories that are in five pounds of the substance.

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New Uses for Roller Skates.
Little Johnny—Say, pa, will you buy me a pair of roller skates?
Pa—What in the name of common sense do you want with a pair of roller skates?
Little Johnny—Why, pa, I want to use them for mowing the lawn in summer and shoveling snow in winter. What else could I use them for, pa—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Positively Unbearable.
Polly—The way that man looked at me was positively insulting!
Dolly—Did he stare at you?
Polly—No. He gave one glance and then looked at something else.—Illustrated Bits.

His Sphere.
Friend—Do you never take a vacation, doctor?
Doctor—Very seldom. I'm kept busy all summer doctoring people who have been taking vacations.—Puck.

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The Lady—Were you a fireman, my poor man?
Dusty Dennis—No'm; I smoked a cigar butt in a haystack.

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She'd Looked It Up All Right.
Teacher—Have you looked up the meaning of the word "imbibes," Fanny?
Fanny—Yes, ma'am.
Teacher—Well, what does it mean?
Fanny—To take in.
Teacher—Yes. Now give a sentence using the word.
Fanny—My aunt imbibes boarders.—Woman's Home Companion.

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No Flowers.
A Ray County, Missouri, man bet \$2 that he could twist the tail of a dun-colored mule and escape unscathed. In reply to a telegram from the coroner his father, in the East, wired: "Bury the ——— fool where he lit."—Denver Post.

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