

## The Evolution of Household Remedies.

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In the early history of this country, EVERY FAMILY HAD ITS HOME-MADE MEDICINES. Herb teas, bitters, laxatives and tonics, were to be found in almost every house, compounded by the housewife, sometimes assisted by the apothecary or the family doctor. Such remedies as picra, which was aloes and quassa, dissolved in apple brandy. Sometimes a hop tonic, made of whiskey, hops and bitter barks. A score or more of popular, home-made remedies were thus 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 almanacs for the home, and thus it would become used over a large area. LATTERLY THE HOUSEHOLD REMEDY BUSINESS TOOK A MORE EXACT AND SCIENTIFIC FORM.

Peruna was originally one of these old-time remedies. It was used by the Mennonites, of Pennsylvania, before it was offered to the public for sale. Dr. Hartman, THE ORIGINAL COMPOUNDER OF PERUNA, is of Mennonite 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.

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### Not Attracted.

"Are you Mme. Bombazzino, the beauty specialist?" asked the fair caller.

"Yes, ma'am," answered the elderly, square-jawed matron. "What can I do for you?"

"Nothing!" said the caller, making a hasty exit.

### Making a Start.

"I am glad to hear, Miss Bertha, that you have decided to become a part of the church militant."

"Why, I haven't gone so far as that yet, doctor, but I'm to be—er—a part of the church social."

The curious fact is noted by Prof. Lamdain of Breslau that careful measurements of the intensity of gravitation in different parts of the globe show this to be greater on islands than on continents.

The one hundredth anniversary of the opening of the port of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to international commerce is to be celebrated in that city next year by a national exhibition of industrial, pastoral and art products, from June 15 to Sept. 7.

### Uncle Jerry.

"Speakin' of these here State charitable institutions," remarked Uncle Jerry Peebles, "I reckon they ain't as black as they're painted nor as white as they're whitewashed."

### Filling a Need.

"Mister," whined the small urchin, as he shivered from head to foot, "it is so bitter cold. C-can't yer spare me a nickel?"

"Yes, my boy," replied the benevolent old gentleman as he opened his purse and fished out the coin.

"Thanks, mister."

"And now I suppose you are going to buy fuel with it?"

"Nope! An ice-cream soda."

## The General Demand

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## GUN BARRELS FOR PICKETS.

Unique Fence Yet Standing in Historic Old Georgetown.

Historic old Georgetown, Va., lays claim to the only fence in the world built of gun barrels, and there is little reason to doubt that this claim will go undisputed.

More than half a century ago there lived in Georgetown a lock and gunsmith named Reuben Daw, whose shop was on M street, in the business section. His large shop was packed with all kinds of pistols, guns and knives, which he had bought at different times, and many a trusty firearm bought from him may yet be found in the old homes of Georgetown. These old citizens will say, "I bought that gun from Reuben Daw long before the war, and she's as good and true as the day I bought it."

There are old citizens who will remember the armory established at Harper's Ferry by the United States. Here was made the first breech-loading rifle, but which proved rather tricky and dangerous weapons. Other makes of guns were turned out at the arsenal to take the place of the Hall rifles, and these were called in and stored.

Later the government decided to dispose of the worthless guns at the armory, and a public auction was held. Reuben Daw, the Georgetown gunsmith, attended the sale and bought a large number of the guns, having them shipped to his home. He sold a few of them and then decided he would utilize the stock in hand in building a fence around his two houses at the corner of Twenty-eighth and P streets, he then occupying the residence immediately on the northwest corner. Mr. Daw took the barrels from the stocks, and placing in the end of each barrel a forked, fancy topping, thus making upright iron and steel pickets, about as substantial and attractive as any used in building the fences around the old mansions in Georgetown. He had the posts and other portions of the fence manufactured to order, and with his own hands he did the largest part of the work in putting up his gun-barrel fence, which today is in almost perfect condition.

On some of the old barrels may yet be seen the sights, but most of them have been broken off by souvenir hunters, as have also been taken away many of the top pieces. The two splendid old brick and stone dwellings are occupied by the families of Charles and Edward Daw, sons of the man who built the historic fence.

## THE RESULT OF FOOT-BINDING.



The Chinese inscription on the sketch, which was made from an X-ray photograph of a Chinese woman's foot, is rather ironical. It is a Chinese proverb, "To tamper with creation is to spall the harmony of heaven."

### Word Derivations.

"Disaster" is an astrological term meaning "unfavorable star," one of the many words that astrology has bequeathed to the English language. "Predominant," "ill starred," "In the ascendant," are other instances, not to speak of the expression "My stars!" Even "influence" is really astrological, signifying the flowing in upon human affairs of the power of some heavenly body. "Petrel" and "petrol" both descend from "petra," a rock. "Petrol" comes directly enough through "petroleum," rock oil, but "petrel" through St. Peter, after whom the bird was named because it appeared to walk upon the waves.

### Not Halt Through.

"Well," said the obedient husband, "now that I am in politics, I hope you are satisfied."

"Getting in politics," replied his ambitious wife, "is comparatively easy. Getting out again gracefully is what counts these days."—Washington Star.

### After the Prom.

Ethel—Was he satisfied with one kiss?

Gladys—Humph. I think he was satisfied with all of them.—Yale Record.

How hard it is to convict a guilty man in the courts; and how easy it is to convict an innocent man in the newspapers and reform meetings!

## To Fit the Crime.

"I reckon I'm guilty, y'r honor," muffed the leathery faced old vagabond who had been run in for drunkenness and general worthlessness, "but it ain't my fault."

"Whose fault is it?" inquired the police justice.

"It's the fault o' my brother-in-law an' my sister-in-law. They won't let me live with 'em any more. When a feller's in-laws goes back on 'im, y'r honor, he can't help bein' a outlaw."

"Six months in the workhouse!" roared the police justice.

## Absence of Mind.

Exhausted by the labor of carrying the furniture out of the building, the man whose dwelling was ablaze from cellar to garret mechanically rolled a cigaroot and turned to one of the firemen.

"Have you got a match?" he panted.

"A match?" growled the fireman. "If you want to light that thing go and touch it to your house!"

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

## A Delicate Task.

"The newspapers," said the orator solemnly, "do not tell the truth."

"Perhaps not," answered the editor regretfully. "We do our best; but, you know, there is nothing more difficult than to tell the truth in a way that won't put it up to some one to challenge your veracity."—Washington Star.

## Giving an Illustration.

Voice (over the telephone)—"Professor, I am getting up a special article for one of the illustrated weekly papers on 'The Value of the Comparatively Unimportant.' Please tell me, for instance, one of your methods of saving your odds and ends of time, by which you are enabled to do so much work without having to hurry."

"The Professor"—"Always omitting the 'good-by' when using the telephone." (Hangs up receiver.)

A new desk and office convenience is a tool for removing rusty or corroded pens from the holder. Most persons who work at a desk have experienced more or less difficulty in this connection, and very often the fingers are cut with the sharp edges of the pen or soiled with rust and ink. This clever device has handles like pliers, by closing which the pen is gripped and then drawn out by a small trigger-like lever operated by the forefinger.

## Free Consent of the People.

The "pioneer American Democrat" was the Rev. Thomas Hooker of Connecticut, who, in a sermon in Hartford in the year 1633, said, "The foundation of all authority is firstly laid in the free consent of the people." There, in embryo, were the Revolution and the great republic. In the "Fundamental Orders of Connecticut," inspired by Hooker and adopted at Hartford in 1638, we have the first written constitution known to history that created a government. And that government was as near a perfect democracy as the world has ever seen.—New York American.

## Naming the Tiger.

On the overthrow of the monarchy of Louis Philippe a Sunday crowd visited the Jardin des Plantes and was amazed to find the fine specimen of the Bengal tiger still bearing the label of "Le Tigre Royal." Nothing would serve the furious crowd but that at once on the spot the authorities should change the name to "Le Tigre National," and they did.—London Academy.

## For the Children

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No Privileges. The business agent stuck his head inside the shop door. A solitary man was at work.

"What are you doing here?" he demanded. "Don't you know this is a holiday?"

"Not for me," answered the solitary man, without looking up from his work. "I'm the boss."

## Her Generosity.

He—I wish that you were poor, so that you would be willing to marry me.

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