

"Proof of the Pudding Is in the Eating."

It is not what we say, but what Hood's Sarsaparilla does, that tells the story. Thousands of people give the proof by telling of remarkable cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla of Scrofula, Salt Rheum, Dyspepsia, Catarrh, Rheumatism, and all other blood diseases and debility.



The prevailing use of electricity has brought about a large increase in fires, owing to crossed wires. Ten years ago there were only 66 such fires, and last year there were 958.

Statisticians have been studying up the Spanish Armada, apropos of the statement that never in the history of Europe has so large a force been sent by sea as that now on its way to South Africa. The estimate of the number sent from Spain in 1588 on the 130 ships of the Armada is this: Sailors, 8,050; galley slaves, 2,088; soldier, 18,973; volunteers, 1,382; total, 30,493. But England is sending 49,000 soldiers and followers, without counting the crews of the transports.

It has been discovered that what may be called the first daily newspaper was a manuscript letter written by salaried correspondents and forwarded by them every 24 hours from London to the provinces. That was in the days of the early Stuarts. During the commonwealth these London letters were printed in type and circulated in large numbers. Even so long ago as 1680 the law of libel was such as to be characterized by Judge Scroggs as making any newspaper publication illegal and tending to provoke a breach of the peace.

Improved Train Equipment. The O. R. & N. and Oregon Short Line have added a buffet, smoking and library car to their Portland-Chicago through train, and a dining car service has been inaugurated. The train is equipped with the latest chair cars, day coaches and luxurious first-class and ordinary sleepers. Direct connection made at Granger with Union Pacific, and at Ogden with Rio Grande line, from all points in Oregon, Washington and Idaho to all Eastern cities. For information, rates, etc., call on any O. R. & N. agent, or address W. H. Hurlburt, General Passenger Agent, Portland.

Brooklyn stair builders have the Saturday half holiday and a wage scale of \$3.25 a day, including Saturdays, on which the same wage is paid as on the longer working days.

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

Judge Falconbridge, of the high court of Canada, has ruled that it is not compulsory for persons to give evidence that may incriminate themselves in liquor cases.

Buffalo bridge and structural iron workers want the eight-hour day and \$3.50.



An Excellent Combination.

The pleasant method and beneficial effects of the well known remedy, SYRUP OF FIGS, manufactured by the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO., illustrate the value of obtaining the liquid laxative principles of plants known to be medicinal laxative and presenting them in the form most refreshing to the taste and acceptable to the system. It is the one perfect strengthening laxative, cleansing the system effectually, dispelling colds, headaches and fevers gently yet promptly and enabling one to overcome habitual constipation permanently. Its perfect freedom from every objectionable quality and substance, and its acting on the kidneys, liver and bowels, without weakening or irritating them, make it the ideal laxative.

In the process of manufacturing figs are used, as they are pleasant to the taste, but the medicinal qualities of the remedy are obtained from senna and other aromatic plants, by a method known to the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. only. In order to get its beneficial effects and to avoid imitations, please remember the full name of the Company printed on the front of every package. CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. LOUISVILLE, KY. NEW YORK, N. Y. For sale by all Druggists.—Price 5c. per bottle.

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Relief and pleasant to take. One bottle gives relief. \$1.00 per bottle at your druggist's.

DR. MARTEL'S BOOK.

Relief for Women. French Female Pills. Prepared by thousands of afflicted ladies in France, always reliable and without an equal. Sold by all druggists in metal box. French made on top in Blue, White and Red. Try one other. Each box 50c. Dr. Martel & Co., 211 Pearl St., New York City.

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Georgie's Gab

"That's where Bein a quean has its Disadvantage," paw sed yistady nite after He kicked the pupp out the Back Door fer chewin up the parlor curteens. "Where?" maw ast.

"Look at Will Hell, Meeny," paw says. "If she wasn't no quean she mite Have a Bow to come around Every nite and Stay fer Dinner on Sundys like other girls, and they could Set in the parlor with the lites out after the Rest of the Folks Had went to Bed and Talk about the War in Africky and the Alaska boundary and expanshun and all them kind of Things and They wouldn't be nobuddy But her nuther lisenen at the Key Hole. But being a quean she can't Have none of them Kind of pleasures. She Has to Do all Her Luv makin Out in the Open where the Ministers of State kin keep watch. It's a Good Deal Like if I was gona to By a Horse. I would go Down to the Horse market and they would Bring out the Horses that Had in stock and I would Look Them over and axamun thare Teeth to See if enny of Them would Do. That's the way the Quean Has to find a Husband. I spose you red about Her Goin to Germunny to Hunt one Diden't you?"

"No," maw says, "I Bin too Bizzy to keep track of all Them affairs. What's Happened so fur?"

"Well," paw told Her. "She ain't Had much Luck. When she Got thare they was a Lot of princes on Hand, But they was Sumthing the matter with neerly all of Them. One was Loosen his Hare and One had fits, and another Diden't Have no Grammer, and the next one Diden't Have a manly chest what she could Lean on in Times of trouble, and So when she Looked Them over she Shook her hed and sed: 'No, maw, none of these Boys Can't sine with me. Beoz thare Batten averidge ain't enny good.'

"The hole trouble," paw says, "is That the Quean has a Feller picked out what she wants, and her Folks is agin Him."

"Who is that?" maw ast. "It's the Prince of Weeds," paw told Her. "His fawther is a Justice of the piece in Sum township Over thare, But they can't afford to keep only one Gurl so they ain't in Hi society."

"Well, the Quean has plenty of munny, and could give Him sum kind of a politticle Job where He could Have a Good Salary and Go Huntin and Fishen whenever He wanted to, couldn't she?" maw ast.

"Oh, yes," paw says, "But you see They always Haft to Keep Thinkin about Future generashuns over in Them Countries. The Quean, poor Gurl, knows she Hast to Be a muther sum Day, and It Would Be turrable Hewmilliyaten fer Her to Haft to tell Her oldest Boy when she was Bringin Him up to Be King that his fawther was Some cheap skalt without the Rite Brand of blud in His valins, that she married Jst Beoz he was a gentlemun and a skolier. What anser could she Give the poor child when he Hurst into tears and ast why she ronged Him that way By not Takin a Prince of the Blud to Be his fawther even if He did ware a number five Hat and called all the actresses around the cort Theater Bi thare front name."

"My! I don't no," maw says. "No, you Bet you don't," paw told Her. "You Don't no nawthin that you always ot to keep posted about. Wimin would Be Fine people to Go out and vote, Wouldn't they?"

GEORGIE.

Influence of Railway Advertising.

American railway management is always alert and ready to take advantage of every opportunity for extending the commerce of the country, and railway men are among the very first to seize upon each coin of vantage. Within a week from the day that the Paris peace commission adjourned, more than one American railway had ordered the re-engraving of its maps to include the West Indies, the Hawaiian Islands and the Philippines. The description of the beauty of our American lakes and valleys, the magnificence of our rivers, the grandeur of our mountains, the fertility of our soil, the wealth of our mineral resources and the superiority of our manufactures, with which our railroad advertising is filled, has been of incalculable value to the export trade of the United States. It has induced thousands of foreigners to visit every section of our country who otherwise would never have come here. It has been the means of the investment in the United States of untold millions of foreign capital. It has been one of the strongest aids to the expansion of American commerce in every direction.—Geo. H. Daniels, general passenger agent New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, before International Commercial Congress at Philadelphia.

Aluminium Utensils.

French army officers report that aluminium cooking utensils employed in the messes of the rank and file stand the wear and tear of service very well, suffering less than tinned vessels when overheated. Other observers make the same report. Aluminium undoubtedly has a widening prospect of use in the family as well as in the arts.

Long Routes at Sea.

The longest steam route given on the hydrographic office map is that connecting New York and Esquimault by way of Cape Horn, 16,290 miles. This is exceeded by the track used by sailing vessels connecting New York and Yokohama, via the Cape of Good Hope. This is 16,900 miles in length.

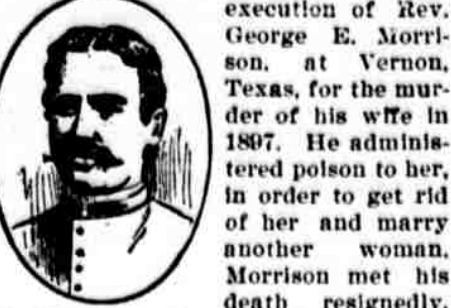
Pipe Lighted by Lightning.

A Maine hunter claims to have once had his pipe lighted by a flash of lightning.

FROM PULPIT TO GALLOWS.

Career of a Texas Preacher Ended in a Hangman's Noose.

The way of the transgressor, no matter what his condition in life, is hard. Tais thought is brought forcibly to mind by the recent execution of Rev. George E. Morrison, at Vernon, Texas, for the murder of his wife in 1897. He administered poison to her, in order to get rid of her and marry another woman. Morrison met his death resignedly, but declared that he was innocent, circumstances over which he had no control placing him where he was. He had a large following of friends who made strenuous efforts to have the Governor commute the sentence to imprisonment for life, but without success.



Morrison was married to his wife, who was Minnie Brady, at Hanford, Texas, in 1881. She sang in the church choir. Later they moved to Pan Handle City. In 1897 he went to Topeka, Kan., to attend a Sunday school convention. Here he met Miss Anna Whittlesey, whom he knew at school. She had fallen heir to \$100,000, and he fell deeply in love with her. He told her that his wife had been dead eleven years, that he had retired from preaching and owned a ranch near Higgins, Texas. He made her an offer of marriage and she agreed to become his wife. He returned to Texas and kept up a correspondence with Miss Whittlesey. To get his wife out of the way was the next question. He made up his mind to murder her. This was in October, 1897. He went to a druggist to obtain some strychnine, which, he said, was to poison some "varmints" that were killing his chickens.

The crime was committed on a Sunday night. Before the deed he preached a particularly effective sermon, speaking in a pathetic manner of the sad parting with loved ones at death. Then he went home and gave his wife an apple in which he had put some of the strychnine. She died the same night with her arms about her husband's neck. She never knew of her treachery. He still continued the correspondence with Miss Whittlesey and the day after his wife's burial he sent a letter in which he expressed his love in the most lavish terms. He went to Topeka a few days later and obtained a promise from Miss Whittlesey that she would become his bride. On his return he was arrested, suspicious circumstances coming to light concerning his wife's death, but was soon released. He fled, but three months later was re-arrested in San Francisco and taken back to Texas, where the full extent of his villainy became known. At the trial Miss Whittlesey was the principal prosecuting witness and her testimony sent him to the gallows.

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One of the Michigan food inspectors who has been making a tour of the state, says that Michigan's pure food law is working admirably in diminishing adulteration. He says that, of late years, great quantities of imitation fruit jellies have been sold; these are made of glucose and corn jelly, colored to resemble the desired fruit. In one town the inspector stopped the sale of imitation strawberry jam, which was made of corn jelly and glucose, flavored with strawberry extract, and further improved by the addition of hayseed.

New Pass in Rocky Mountains. After numerous hairbreadth escapes a party of explorers in the Rocky Mountains stumbled onto a new pass. In a like manner, people who believed dyspepsia incurable are astonished to find that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters used faithfully will make the digestion strong, the bowels regular, the liver active. Try it.

An ordinance has been passed in West Palm Beach, Fla., forbidding females to enter saunas.

HOW'S THIS? We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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BEST FOR THE BOWELS

If you haven't a regular, healthy movement of the bowels every day, you're sick, or will be. Keep your bowels open, weak, or sore. Force, by the abuse of violent physic or pill poison, is dangerous. The smooth, quiet, most perfect way of keeping the bowels clear and clean is to take



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The Philosophy of Dead Gameness.

"Now," said the man who had reared for riches, "I will go forth to-day and risk once more. Success has attended all my ventures. I have \$9,990,000. If all goes well today I will be ten times a millionaire. Then I will risk no more. Then I will be content and some one else may step into the place that I leave vacant." So he risked again and won the \$10,000 that he thought he needed in his business; but the man who lost the money was not dead game. If he had been dead game he would have said nothing and hoped for better luck next time. Therefore, lacking the qualities that make for gameness, he jumped upon the man who had won and thumped him so hard that he died on the way to the hospital. There is in the heart of every man who succeeds here below a soft spot for the dead game loser.—Chicago Times-Herald.

A Story With a Moral.

An old sailor once appeared to give evidence in a case of assault, when he was asked the following questions:

The Judge—"Where was plaintiff standing when defendant struck him?"

Witness—"Who are they?"

The Judge—"Don't you know the difference between plaintiff and defendant?"

Witness—"No."

The Judge—"Well, you are a nice chap to come here and give evidence! And you don't know the plaintiff from the defendant? Where was he when the man struck him?"

Witness—"Aha! the binnacle!"

The Judge—"Aha! the binnacle! Where is that?"

Witness—"You are a fine chap to sit as a judge! And you don't know where 'abait the binnacle' is?"

Its Origin. "Hoot!" cried the owl ever and anon.

The fowls of the air and the beasts of the field stirred uneasily in their sleep and muttered maledictions.

"Why are they so angry?" asked the owl at last.

"They are envious, my child," replied the owl, "of my Scotch dialect. Hoot, hoot!"—Detroit Journal.

The average loss by fire in the United States has been reduced in 10 years from \$6,922 to \$1,860. The insurance loss in the same period was reduced from \$3,998 to \$1,056.

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No DISEASE has so baffled the medical skill of all ages as RHEUMATISM.

and no remedy has ever been known to cure it until "5 Drops."

the Rheumatic Cure demonstrated its wonderful curative power.

It has never failed to cure RHEUMATISM in any form, Acute or Chronic.

Here is what a Prominent Physician has to say who has had 28 years of active Practice of Medicine:

I have never before in my 28 years of practice of medicine given my testimonial or recommendation to any patent medicine, but there is a remedy, the result of which has been under my own observation; for there is no Disease which has so baffled the medical skill of all ages as Rheumatism and to find a Reliable remedy for the same. At last we have found it in "5 DROPS," manufactured by the Swanson Rheumatic Cure Company, Chicago, Ill.

The "5 DROPS" has proven itself wonderful for its curative power in Rheumatism, not as a Temporary Reliever only, but to give a Permanent Cure even in chronic cases. Sometimes ago, I had among others several Rheumatic cases, under my treatment and prescribed for these patients the best Remedies which I skillfully selected, but without desirable results. I then heard of "5 DROPS" and of its Wonderful Cures, and prescribed it to a few patients who found relief from its use within a few days. After that I prescribed it to a great number and to my surprise, I will say that in the course of Two or Three Weeks after they had used "5 DROPS" and "5 Drop" Plasters they were Cured.

Among these were a few who had, for a number of years, been suffering with Chronic Rheumatism, and had piloted themselves around on Crutches. They came to my office without Crutches and told me they were perfectly Well. They give all the credit to "5 DROPS" and "5 Drop" Plasters and this is their testimony to the Swanson Rheumatic Cure Company for their kindness and for the conscientious way in which they are placing these Wonderful Remedies among suffering humanity, which they told me to write to the Company as an acknowledgment.

As I have seen the Curative Power of "5 DROPS" and "5 Drop" Plasters, in a great many instances, I can Truly recommend them and also that the firm is perfectly honest and reliable to deal with. C. A. JACKSON, Physician and Surgeon, Kearney, Neb., Aug. 29, 1899.

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"As for Dr. Hartman's remedy, Peruna, I have found it to be the best, if not the only reliable remedy for these affections.

"Peruna has been my stand-by for many years, and I attribute my good health and my extreme age to this remedy. It exactly meets all my requirements.

"I have come to rely upon it almost entirely for the many little things for which I need medicine. I believe it to be especially valuable to old people."

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