Scrofula Few are entirely free from it.

It may develop so slowly as to cause little if any disturbance during the whole period of childhood.

It may then produce irregularity of the stomach and bowels, dyspepsia, catarrh, and marked tendency to consumption before manifesting itself in much cutaneous eruption or glandular swelling.

It is best to be sure that you are quite free from it, and for its complete eradication you can rely on

Hood's Sarsaparilla

The best of all medicines for all humors.

Sleepy Grass.

Sleepy grass is found in New Mexico. Texas and Siberia. It has a most injurious effect on horses and sheep, being a strong narcotic or sedative, and causing profound sleep, or stupor, lasting 24 to 48 hours.

BANKING BY MAIL.

A Convenient and Helpful System for Rural Residents.

Special attention is called to the announcement of the Portland Trust Company of Oregon, which appears in another column. This is a very old and well established trust company, and its certificates of deposit are in use throughout Oregon, as well as in Cali-fornia. Maryland, Wisconsin and other points. Farmers and stockmen, who have money lying idle, can by the use of these certificates get interest up to the very date on which they withdraw the money. If, for example, a farmer had to make a payment on the 15th of December, and he held one of the Porttand Trust Company of Oregon's 90 day certificates, he could give notice on the 15th of September, and would re-ceive his money on the 15th of December, with interest up to that very date. The trust company will be glad to furnish additional information upon request.

Not Encouraging.

He-It is reported around town that we are engaged. She-What idiotic things people do

ADVANCE IN PRICES.

Binder Twine Market Rises Half a Cent and Is Still on the Up Grade.

Confirming predictions in our former comments on Binding Twine, prices have advanced one-half cent per pound on all grades. This advance is made on the strong position of the fiber market, and indications are that present prices will be maintained, although his presence there will be due largely to even higher prices may prevail in the the man who is at present governor and very near future.

Consumption will be larger than anticipated as, from farm papers of the Mississippi valley, a larger amount of twine than usual will be required for the oat harvest, an increase of at least 25 per cent by most conservative estimate. Wheat straw is large and grain lodged, thus demanding more twine where only an average was looked for a few weeks since. This means a shortage of twine in the East.

A careful canvass of the Northwest indicates that home manufacutrers are well prepared to take care of the market of this section, and native pride would dictate that, other things being equal, home products should be given preference. Brands with no superior in quality, and an excellence such as possessed by the Cover Leaf Brand with lower cost per 1,000 feet, also a market near at hand, dealers should not hesitate in making up their orders. At present, however, heavy shipments are being made, and orders should be placed at once as better attention can be given to early orders than where bunched so near harvest time.

Just Suited Him.

Mother-Clara, I don't like that young man calling here so often. Next time he comes I'm going to sit or him good and hard!

Clara—It won't do any good, ma. I do that every time he calls!

BAD BLOOD. BAD COMPLEXION.

The skin is the seat of an almost endless variety of diseases. They are known by various names, but are all due to the same cause, acid and other poisons in the blood that irritate and interfere with

the proper action of the skin.

To have a smooth, soft skin, free from all eruptions, the blood must be kept pure and healthy. The many preparations of arsenic and potash and the large number of face powders and lotions generally used in this class of diseases cover up for a short time, but cannot remove per-manently the ugly blotches and the red, disfiguring pimples.

disfiguring pimples.

Eternal vigilance is the price of a beautiful complexion when such remedies are relied on.

when such remedies are relied on.

Mr. H. T. Shobe, 1704 Lucas Avenue, St. Louis,
Mo., 2012; "My daughter was afflicted for years
with a disfiguring eruption on her face, which
resisted all treatment. She was taken to two
elebrated health aprings, but received no benesit. Many medicines were prescribed, but withsut result, until we decided to try S. S. S., and by
the time the first bottle was finished the aruption
began to disappear. A dosen bottles cured her
completely and left her skin perfectly smooth,
she is now seventeen years old, and not a sign of
the embarrassing disease has ever returned."

S. S. S. is a positive, unfailing cure for
the worst forms of skin troubles. It is
the greatest of all blood purifiers, and the
only one guaranteed purely vegetable.

Bed blood makes bed complexions.

But invigo-

that nourishes the body and keeps the body and keeps the ondition to perform its part towards arrying off the impurities from the body. If you have Eczema, Tetter, Acne, Salt

Rheum, Psoriasis, or your skin is rough and pimply, send for our book on Blood and Skin Diseases and write our physi-cians about your case. No charge what-

PUNISHED FOR AN INSULT.

Mexican Opera House Has Remained

For seven years one of the most beautiful opera houses on the North American continent, that at Guanajuato, Mexico, has been tenantless. Its original cost was \$1,250,000, yet its stage has never been trodden by actor or musician. It has been under a ban because of an insult offered to President Diaz.

When Mexico was lifting its head just above revolts, rlots and revolutions two men stood prominently before the people as leaders. One was Diaz, the other Gonzales. It was arranged, therefore, so the story goes, that the presidency of the Mexican people should alternate between Diaz and Gonzales and the programme was carried out until the time came when Diaz should have abdicated in favor of Gonzales' second term.

At this particular time Diaz thought any change might endanger results, so said to Gonzales: "You go and take charge of the State of Guanajauto as its Governor. It is more important that you should be there than in the

President's chair." Gonzales obeyed, but the people resented the nonfulfillment of the articles of the contract and they waited revenge. It came.

Diaz, some eleven years ago, decided to tour his great republic. He was received with ovations everywhere. On entering the city of Guanajauto, however, his carrige was stoned and he was insulted. The story further states that 100 men were shot partly to avenge the insult, but apparently Diaz has a memory. Gonzales died. Since then his people have had time to repent.

Three years after the insult another Governor was elected over the State of Guanajuato, also a Gonzales and a warm personal friend of the President. To furnish a playhouse at the capital of his State he raised the necessary \$1,250,000, and the building was erected, but it could not be of any practical use until the President of the republic opened it. This Diaz has not as yet

But the President, while unforgiving. is, above all else, progressive. So it is claimed that at a very near date he will open the place officially and be given a reception unprecedented in the history of Mexico. It is further stated that American influence is largely responsible for the relenting. It is stated that the influence of this foreign capital has been brought to bear on the President. In the main this may be true, but should Diaz visit Guanajuato officially who bears the same last name as the old governor.

GUTTA PERCHA IN NEW GUINEA.

Germans Say They Have Found Large

Quantities of It.
The German Colonial society two years ago offered a reward of 3,000 marks for the finding of a plant in any part of the German colonies which would supply gutta percha suitable for cable purposes. A dispatch from Ger- hand, but to pretty Nellie Boyd Indepenago, says that gutta percha has been found there in large quantities.

This is good news, indeed, for scarcely any tropical product is more needed In writing on gutta percha a while ago. Maj. J. O. Kerbey sald that the demand for this substance was now about 600 times greater than the supply. The reason for this is that gutta percha is getting scarce, and it is the only substance used for covering ocean cables that is not soon destroyed by the effeet of salt water.

It is known that the gutta percha tree thrives in the Philippines, though it she indited two dainty notes, does not abound there in great quantities. One of the reports of our Philippine commission encouraged the belief tunt the industry there may be largely developed. This should be done, if possible, as gutta percha is a very paying product and would add a great deal to the wealth of the islands.

Until recently Great Britain and Hol land were supposed to own all the gutta percha lands outside of the Philippines. It now looks as though the United States and Germany would be added to the lands having a large interest in this product. France is also sending gutta percha seedlings to all her tropleal possessions, and great attention will hereafter be paid by several countries to the cultivation of this product.

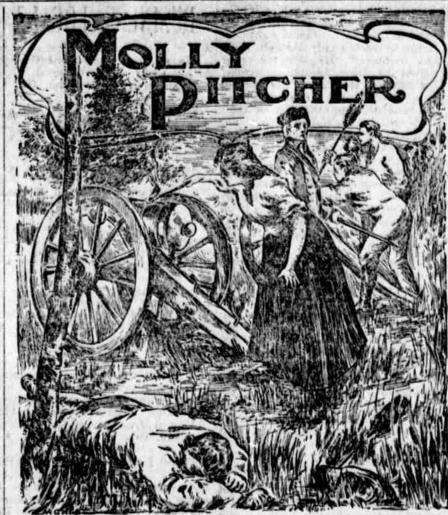
A discovery was recently made that may have great effect upon increasing the supply. It has aways been supposed that it was necessary to cut down the tree in order to secure the milky juice. It is said that at least 150,000,000 trees have thus been destroyed in the last half century. It is now asserted that a method of tapping may be employed which will preserve the tree so that it will produce for many years.-New

York Sun. When Woman Strikes, Man May Also John N. Shank, of Woodberry, was acquitted in the criminal court the other day of the charge of assaulting Miss Bessle Saunders, also of Woodberry. Mr. Shank claimed that Miss Saunders struck him with a stone and he pushed ber down to prevent her striking him

James Fluegel, attorney for Mr. Shank was entitled under the law to retaliate, even though he had been struck by a woman, as the law recognises no differences between the sexes. and if the aggressor used force toward him he would only be liable for returning the blow in a cruel and dispropor

tionate manner. The jury agreed upon the verdict of not guilty in afteen minutes.—Balti-more News.

Set your mind on the eggs of pleas ure and you will hatch remorse.



lightsome heart and a merry tongue, like a fox, an eye like a hawk, that would sooner run than walk, hand that can touch the linstock

As the lightning darts from the thunder He hates a tory; he loves a fight; The roll of the drum is his heart's delight:

The roll of the drum is his heart's urigon And three things rule the gunner's life: His country, his gun, and his Irish wife. Oh, Molly, with your eyes so blue! Oh, Molly, Wolly, here's to you! Sweet Honor's roll will aye be richer To hold the name of Molly Pitcher.

A builet comes singing over the brow,
And-Pitcker's gun is silent now,
The brazen throat that reared his will,
The shout of his warlike joy, is still.
The black lips curl, but they shoot no flame, And the voice that cries on the gunner's

name.
Finds only it's echo where he lies
With his stendfast face turned up to the skies.
Oh. Molly, Molly, where he lies
His last look meets your faithful eyes;
His last thought sinks from love to love
Of your darling face that bends above.

No one to serve in Pitcher's stead? "No one to serve in Pitcher's stead?
Wheel back the gun!" the captain said;
When, like a flash, before him stood
A figure disshed with smoke and blood,
With streaming hair, and eyes of flame,
And lips that falter the gunner's name.
"Wheel back his gun, that never yet
His highting duty did forget?
His voice shall speak, though he lie dead:

A LUCKY FOURTH

BY WELDON J. COSB.

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OTHING had been talked of at Fordham for a week but picnics, buggy drives, ice cream and tire-

works, for Fourth of July was near at

Nellie had two lovers-Roy Newton

and Hugh Dennison. Roy was full of

Hugh was plain, honest and earnest, a

giant in athletic sports, and with inborn

reverence and respect for all womankind,

asked her to go on a steamboat exent-

sion on the Fourth, Hugh to the picnic

of the local Veterans' Club. She knew

On the 1st of July Nellie kept out of

cut the Gordion knot. In great relief

That evening two young men entered

the postoffice. When they came out each

had a letter. Roy went around one cor-

heart beating like a trip-hammer.

-both looked sheepish.

of July entirely, does it?"

Fourth at that place.

had acted very coldly.

a hotel later.

bled Roy.

ner hurriedly-Hugh turned another, his

Absorbed, these two young gentlemen

unconsciously walked around the block

and met. Hugh stammered, Roy flushed

"Er-going anywhere particular the Fourth?" inquired Roy.
"I was," replied Hugh, "but this set-

tles it," and he frankly exhibited Nellie's

"I reckon we are in the same bont."

pursued Hugh. "We're left on the same

girl, but that don't blot out the Fourth

"Too late to ask another girl," grum-

"Oh, I wasn't thinking of another girl,"

put aside some money for the Fourth,

They arranged to take the train down

to Brocton the next day and put in the

Nellie's letters had told them that a distant school friend had written asking

her to spend the Fourth with her, and she had accepted the invitation.

They reached Brocton, got a meal at a restaurant, and here Roy left his satch-el, promising to return and arrange about

Hugh wished he was back home, for as

soon as Roy had found out he had brought only five dollars with him, he

Hugh was wandering down a rather

ill-looking street when he noticed a bar-

ber shop.
"I believe I'll get a haircut," he de cided, and entered the place.

There was solid luxury in the velvet chair, and soothing influence in the barber's deft touch. Hugh fell asleep.

When he awoke he looked into the mirror startled. His hair was a creation of

streak of glittering black. He was oiled. scented, pomaded from scalp to throat!
"Monsieur nodded 'Yes,' when I asked

shampoo? hair dye? sea foam? extract

rosa-de-rose? curl mustache?" explained

the wily artist. "But—view monsieur's superb casemble! And only three dollars and eighty-five cents!"
"What!" shouted Hugh.

Glibly the barber ran over the Items. They tallied. Hugh got boisterous. The

His incipient mustache was

and I guess it's patriotic to spend it."

she received an unexpected letter,

not which invitation to accept.

Nellie was in a quandary. Roy had

'smart talk," flashing like a meteor.

my 'bushand's gun!" she said. Molly, now your hour is come! Up, girl, and strike the linstock home! Leap out, swift ball! Away! away! Avenge the gunner's death to-day!

All day the great guns barked and roared; All day the big balls screeched and soared; All day, 'mid the sweating gunners grim, Who tolled in their smoke-shroud dense and

dim,

Sweet Molly labored with courage high,
With steady hand and watchful eye,
Till the day was ours, and the staking sun
Looked down on the field of Monisouth wor
And Molly standing beside her gun.
Now, Molly, rest your weary arm!
Safe, Molly, all is safe from harm,
Now, woman, bow your aching head,
And weep in sorrow o'er your dead!

And Jooks where our garant Greeke dota
lead
A figure clad in motiey weed—
A soldier's cap and a soldier's coat
Masking a woman's petticoat.
He greets our Molly in kindly wise;
He bids her raise her fearful eyes.'
And now he halls her before them all
Comrade and soldier, whate'er befall.
"And since she has played a man's full part,
A man's reward for her loyal heart!
And Sergeant Molly Pitcher's name
Be writ henceforth on the shield of fame;"
Oh, Molly, with your eyes so blue!
Oh, Molly, Molly, here's to you!
Sweet Honor's roll will aye be richer
To hold the name of Molly Pitcher,
—Laura E. Richards, in St. Nicholas.

barber called a policeman. Hugh adjust ed the infamous swindle, and wrathfully returned to the restaurant. Roy had called for his satchel and departed.

Hugh had just enough money to pay his railroad fare home, but the evening train had departed. He was not hungry, but he was sleepy. He walked to the city's edge, and turning in among some bushes,

had slipped down the embankment. Struggling to right itself, the steed rolled almost over on Hugh. He grasped out and caught the saddle girth. It snapped loose, he fell back, narrowly escaping the flying hoofs, and the horse sprang up into the road again and dashed off the way of the luckless swains. July 2 wildly,

some one after it.

Into view galloped a horesman, who halted with a shock. He glared down at Hugh, leveling a pistol.
"Quick!" he demanded—"did you see

"Of course I did," answered Hugh boldly facing. "Don't you hear him?" In the distance sounded the hoofs of the runaway. With a growl the man started in pursuit before Hugh could refer to the saddle.

Hugh did a heap of thinking. Then he covered the saddle with brush, and

'Full account of the postoffice robbery! Hugh purchased a paper.

answered Hugh, loyally. "I was won-dering if you and I couldn't go off some-where and have a pleasant day of it? I

and told his story. There was no doubt

Next day on that field so hardly won, Stately and calm stands Washington, And looks where our gallant Greene dot lead

the slip purposely. I'm too common for

It was about 5 o'clock Fourth of July morning when Hugh awoke. In the distance echoed fitful spurts of explosive sound, but nearer noises disturbed him. A horse, riderless, but heavily saddled.

"A runaway!" murmured Hugh-"and

a horse?"

This the horse had left behind him in

the bushes. Hugh examined its buiging flaps. The leather pockets were bursting with bank notes, silver and postage

Hugh went to the nearest police station

"He's too mean to train with!" commented Hugh, bitterly-"he has given me

slept as he had often slept at home-New Guinea, received a few weeks dence Day meant anxiety and dissatis- on the soft grass, under the quiet stars.

went into the city. Early editions of the morning papers were just out. Newsboys were shouting:

Amid the rising pop and bang of early fireworks, he read of the burgiary of the local postoffice-booty secured, twenty thousand doilars; reward offered, ten per

the thieves. As Hugh left the station, two hours after the saddle had ben sent for, and the stolen booty identified, he carried in his pocket an order for two thousand

but that he had in hiding the plunder-

stuffed saddle of a runaway horse of

A patrol wagon just then drove up, loaded with young men. He started as he recognized among them his recreant comrade Roy, one of a coterie arrested

in a gambling haunt. Hugh secured his release and loaned him twenty-five dollars to get to a dis-tant relative in temporary humble retire-

That was a lucky Fourth of July for Hugh. A few evenings later, when he modestly told his story to the Boyds, Nellie looked pleased, and her father observed:

"You showed yourself no spendthrift with your five dollars, Hugh, if you did get tricked out of most of it-and as you have two thousand in bank as a nest egg, why not settle down and get married?" Nellie This was plain and plump. Nellie blushed. Later, she hid her head on sturdy Hugh's shoulder as he asked her: 'Roy or Hugh, dear; which is it to be?"

There was no hesitation in the answer, and brave, loyal Hugh was made happy.

The Patriotic Spirit.

Every boy and girl in America may well be proud of the bright fing which waves above so many school houses today; and the youth of other countries also love their national flag and their native land, so that the patriotic spirit

is not confined to any one people nor to any one period of human history. Just because that spirit is sweetest where the people are most earnest to seek the happiness of all their country-men, it is right that we study the history of other countries and peoples, to see if we can learn from them that which will make us more blessed and prosper

Sometimes we think that there never was a country where everybody had so much cause for being happy as in these United States. And sometimes we forget that nearly all the laws, maxims and incentives to patriotism which move our own hearts and bless mankind had their real origin long before Greece and Rome

were known to history. The trals of our forefathers when they first landed upon these shores and during their gradual attainment of national independence never fail to awaken sympathy. And yet the most noteworthy adoption of a new country by a wandering people was that of the Hebrew. The devotion of his Hebrew ancestors to their native land when they were captive exlies, far away from home, is a sublime type of the patriotic spirit in its noblest and best expression: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning! If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of mouth?"-Gen. Henry B. Carrington, U.



After the Fourth. Hurrah! hurrah, for the glorious Fifth, And our boys who survived the fray; Who wear the scars, of the bloodless wars. They fought and wou in a day.

The shouting, screeching, howling mob
That rent the heav'ns with noise!
Are these sweet things, tied in leading strings, Those same distracting boys?

But yesterday they were soldier lads,
Marching to fife and drum;
While with frowning brow each told us how
He was going to make things hum.
"You bet we will." And you bet they did!
They're now the Invalid Corps,
With blackened stains, and powder grains,
But safe at home once more.

Then hurrah, hurrah, for the glorious Fifth! Hurrah for our patriot kids. Who are laying low-for repairs, you know. And doing as mother bids.

A Commercial Spirit. "Yes." said the aristocrat, "I was indignant, and I wrote him that the clandestine marriage of our son to his daughter was a blot on the family 'scutcheon, and-will you believe it?his only reply was to send me an advertisement of a new brand of soap he is just putting on the market!"

Papa's Definition. "Papa, what is a diplomatist?" "Any man, my son, whose wife respects him."-Life.

Library for the Blind. London's first library for the blind has been opened at Stepney.



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