THE NEWSBOY'S DEBT.

Only last year, at Christmas time,
While pacing down a city street,
saw a tiny, ill-clad boy—
One of the thousands that we meet—

As ragged as a boy could be,
With half a cap, with one good shoe;
Just patches to keep out the winds—
I know the wind blew keenly too:

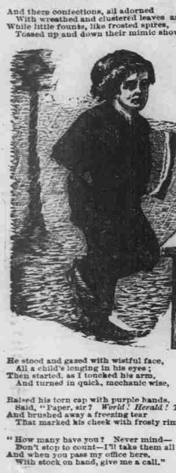
A newsboy, with a newsboy's lungs,
A square Scotch face, and honest brow,
And eyes that liked to smile so well
They had not yet forgotten how:

A newsboy, hawking his last sheets
With loud persistence. Now and then
Stopping to beat his stiffened hands,
And trudging bravely on again.

Dodging about among the crowd,
Shouting his "Extras" o'er and o'er;
Pausing by whiles to cheat the wind
Within some alley, by some door.

At last he stopped—six papers left,
Tucked hopelessly beneath his arm—
To eye a fruiterer's outspread store;
Here products from some country farm,

And there confections, all adorned
With wreathed and clustered leaves and flowers,
While little founts, like frosted spires,
Tossed up and down their mimic showers.



He stood and gazed with wistful face,
All a child's longing in his eyes;
Then started, as I touched his arm,
And turned in quick, mechanic wise,

Raised his torn cap with purple hands,
Said, "Paper, sir? *World! Herald! Times!*"
And brushed away a freezing tear
That marked his cheek with frosty rimes.

"How many have you? Never mind—
Don't stop to count—I'll take them all;
And when you pass my office here,
With stock on hand, give me a call."

He thanked me with a broad Scotch smile,
A look half wondering and half glad,
I fumbled for the proper "change,"
And said, "You seem a little lad

"To rough it in the streets like this."
"I'm ten years old this Christmas time!"
"Your name?" "Jim Hanley." "Here's a bill—
I've nothing else, but this one dime—

"Five dollars. When you get it changed
Come to my office—that's the place.
Now wait a bit, there's time enough!
You need not run a headlong race.

"Where do you live?" "Most anywhere.
We hired a stable-loft to-day,
Me and two others." "And you thought
The fruiterer's window pretty, hey?

"Or were you hungry?" "Just a bit,"
He answered, bravely as he might.
"I couldn't buy a breakfast, sir,
And had no money left last night."

"And you are cold?" "Aye, just a bit,
I don't mind cold." "Why, that is strange!"
He smiled and pulled his ragged cap,
And darted off to get the "change."

So, with half unconscious sigh,
I sought my office desk again.
An hour or more my busy wits
Found work enough with book and pen.

But when the mantel clock struck five
I started with a sudden thought,
For there beside my hat and cloak
Lay those six papers I had bought.

"Why, where's the boy, and where's the 'change'
He should have brought an hour ago?
Ah, well! ah, well! they're all alike!
I was a fool to tempt him so?

"Dishonest! Well, I might have known;
And yet his face seemed candid, too.
He would have earned the difference
If he had brought me what was due.

"But caution often comes too late."
And so I took my homeward way,
Deeming distrust of human kind
The only lesson of the day.

Just two days later, as I sat,
Half dozing, in my office chair,
I heard a timid knock, and called,
In my brusque fashion, "Who is there?"

An urchin entered, barely seven—
The same Scotch face, the same blue eyes—
And stood, half doubtful, at the door,
Abashed at my forbidding guise.

"Sir, if you please, my brother Jim—
The one you give the bill, you know—
He couldn't bring the money, sir,
Because his back was hurted so.

"He didn't mean to keep the 'change;'
He got runned over up the street;
The wheel went right across his back,
And t'other fore-wheel smashed his feet.

"They stopped the horses just in time,
And then they took him up for dead,
And all that day and yesterday
He wasn't rightly in his head.

"They took him to the hospital—
One of the newsboys knew 'twas Jim—
And I went too, because, you see,
We two are brothers, I and him.

"He had that money in his hand,
And never saw it any more.
Indeed, he didn't mean to steal!
He never lost a cent before!

"He was afraid that you might think
He meant to keep it, any way;
This morning, when they brought him to,
He cried because he couldn't pay.

"He made me fetch his jacket here;
It's torn and dirtied pretty bad;
It's only fit to sell for rags,
But then, you know, it's all he had!

"When he gets well—it won't be long—
If you will call the money lent,
He says he'll work his fingers off
But what he'll pay you every cent."

And then he cast a rueful glance
At the soiled jacket where it lay.
"No, no, my boy! Take back the coat,
Your brother's badly hurt, you say?

"Where did they take him? Just run out
And hail a cab, then wait for me.
Why, I would give a thousand coats,
And pounds, for such a boy as he!"

A half-hour after this we stood
Together in the crowded wards,
And the nurse checked the hasty steps
That fell too loudly on the boards.

I thought him smiling in his sleep,
And scarce believed her when she said,
Smoothing away the tangled hair
From brow and cheek, "The boy is dead!"

Dead? dead so soon? How fair he looked!
One streak of sunshine on his hair.
Poor lad! Well, it is warm in heaven:
No need of "change" and jackets there!

And something rising in my throat
Made it is so hard for me to speak,
I turned away, and left a tear
Lying upon his sunburned cheek.

LYNCH LAW.

Particulars of the Hanging of Charles Howard by a Mob at Des Moines, Iowa.

[From the Des Moines Register.]

Mr. Wise says that at half-past two o'clock he was awakened by a knock at the door of his bed-room, in the basement of the jail. He answered the knock, supposing it was a policeman with a prisoner. As he opened the door, a large man, masked, drew a hatchet upon him. Mr. Wise caught him by the throat, but back of the vigilant was a large crowd of ten or fifteen confederates, who bore down upon him, pressing him back into the room, when he was thrown upon the floor, and tied hand and foot. A large man was left to guard him, which he did with his knee on Wise's breast and a cocked revolver at his head.

They took his keys from him. Not a word was said by any of them during their encounter with him.

They took the keys, and went directly to the cell where Howard was and where he was in bed with his wife. They knew all too well what was coming, for the mob has its awful forewarning in its mere murmur, as the earthquake has its awful, terrifying warning in its faintest rumble. Breaking into the room they surged up to the bed amid the frantic and agonizing yells of his wife. As they laid hands upon their victim, his wife threw her body directly across his breast and neck, evidently thinking they meant to kill him there with powder or blade. She clung to him so desperately, intertwining herself about him with such superhuman strength that the vigilants could hardly unloosen her grip and reach the man. And it was not till Howard himself—iron-nerved and dauntless to the terrible last—took hold of her arms and with his gigantic strength pushed her back that she released her frenzied grip. He did this with the ejaculation, "Let me loose, and I will go with them, if I must." The rope was then put about his neck, and he was dragged out of the bed and across the floor out of the door—his wife following him with the most agonizing screams of which the human voice, in its direst agony, is capable—screams which, Scofield and Walker and the guards say, will never die from their memories, so full of terror and supplication were they. The door was slammed to as they went, and the woman was left alone in the palpable darkness, with no companion but the grisly horror which is worse than death.

As he came out of the outer jail door five or six men had hold of the rope, and he trotted along after them, clad only in a short undershirt, holding his two hands in front, grasped upon the rope. He trotted up the middle stairs, —the route taken,—and when at the head of the steps more men grabbed hold of the rope, which jerked him down upon the floor. He was not given time to rise up, but was dragged along through the hall, down the front steps, and along the serpentine walk, as rapidly as twenty strong men could draw him. Mr. Gurney says he saw him as he was going up the middle stairs, and that he had not up to that time spoken a word that he or any of the rest had heard, and he was then turning black or purple in the face. The guards also say they heard nothing from him after he left the court-room, but the boys in the postoffice, who were awakened by the firing which was commenced all around the court-house about this time, say they never heard such awful, terrible, startling, agonized yells,—nearly a dozen shrill, piercing, unearthly screams in quick succession.

Of the rest of the work little is known. All that was known that we could print, in the short time we had, was the dangling body of Howard, swinging with his face next the remorseless iron of the lamp-post, his form nearly naked, his legs all draggled, and begrimed, and bruised, and bleeding, and apparently six or eight bullet-holes in his feet and the lower part of his legs. He was hung with a half-inch hemp rope, thrown up over the two iron arms just below the gas lamp, put around his neck double, with the knot under his right ear, and the two ends of the rope tied, one to the front of the hitching-frame, back of him, the other to the top of the iron fence.

A Curious Fish.

The Chinese fish of Paradise is described as small, of a pale gray color, and with little about it to attract attention. As soon as the animal becomes excited, however, the long fins on the back and belly straighten out and assume a rich purple hue, tinted with green. The long and forked-shaped tail spreads into a kind of fan, and the stripes under the sides of the fish become yellow, red and blue, constantly changing in color. The scales seem to become opalescent, and reflect the light with the greatest brilliancy, while the eyes seem to be illuminated with a bluish-green fire. The habits of the animal are as odd as its appearance. The males take charge of the young and build the nest. The latter is simply a clot of foam floating upon the water, and is made by the fish rising to the surface and alternately absorbing and expelling the air, until a little cluster of fine bubbles, hardly three-tenths of an inch square, is formed. The female then deposits her eggs, which are at once seized upon by the male, who carries them in his mouth to the nest. Then he watches their incubation, carefully guarding and distributing them with wonderful sagacity evenly throughout the mass of foam. When they clot together he pushes them apart with his nose, and besides, keeps up a continual manufacture of bubbles until the eggs are lifted up above the water and rest only upon their soft couch. As soon as the embryos appear his care is doubled. He watches that none escape, and in case some become separated he chases them, catches them in his mouth and replaces them carefully in the nest. If one becomes hurt he removes it from the others and gives it a separate bubble by itself, apparently nursing it until it regains its strength.

Washington Customs.

Many years ago, when David Crockett was a member of Congress, and had returned to his constituents after his first session, a "nation" of them surrounded him one day, and began to interrogate him about Washington.

"What time do they dine at Washington, Colonel?" asked on.

"Why," said he, "common people, such as you here, get their dinners at 1 o'clock, but the gentry and big uns dine at 3. As for the Representatives, we dine at 4; and the aristocracy and the Senate, they don't get their victuals till 5."

"Well, when does the President fodder?" asked another.

"Old Hickory?" exclaimed the Colonel, attempting to appoint a time in accordance with the dignity of the station, "Old Hickory? *well, he don't dine till next day.*"

FINANCE AND TRADE.

Review of the Chicago Market for the Week Ending Dec. 31.

The market remains very quiet, the demands for favors being light. Grain speculation and packing operations have been comparatively restricted for some time past, and the usual demands for loans from these interests are not on the market. Toward the close there was an increased inquiry from the general merchandise trades. Rates of interest unchanged, 10 per cent. to regular customers, with 8 to 9 per cent. to favored borrowers. Latest gold quotation 111½ to 111¾. Government bonds active and firm, 5-20s, '62, 113½; of '65, 117¼. Currency 6s, 117¼. Illinois State 10 per cent. bonds, par and interest.

BREADSTUFFS.

The following table shows the receipts and shipments of breadstuffs and live stock for the periods named:

	Received.		Shipped.	
	1874.	1873.	1874.	1873.
Flour, brls.....	66,652	84 330	57,549	75,758
Wheat, bu......	440,810	1,048 640	34,517	545,522
Corn, bu.......	301,792	140,325	115,484	17,600
Oats, bu.......	143,555	194,429	14,593	64,095
Rye, bu........	4,439	22,580	1,375	7,510
Barley, bu......	79,770	89,960	29,056	68,856
D. Hogs, No. .	7,789	14,339	9,676	8,829
L. Hogs, No...	135,245	152,613	29,529	42,390
Cattle, No......	11,593	8,142	6,398	5,545
Sheep, No	14,202	4,010	7,729	1 993

The visible supply of grain, including the stocks in granary, at the principal points of accumulation, at lake and seaboard ports, and in transit by rail, Dec. 12, 1874, and the comparative stocks at the other undermentioned periods, were as follows:

	1874. Dec. 12.	1874. Dec. 5.	1873. Dec. 13.	1872. Dec. 14.
Wheat ...	12,138,943	11,676,531	9,017,097	6,051,153
Corn......	3,830,152	4,014,175	6,023,283	9,523,445
Oats	2,671,469	2,629,590	2,292,366	3,835,914
Barley....	2,476,141	2,434,822	2,000,862	3,113,439
Rye.......	204,160	197,038	185,220	....
Total bu.	21,320,865	21,052,146	19,518,828	22,523,951

It is seldom that the grain trade is in such a quiet condition as is at present witnessed. The speculative mania seems to have subsided, and there is but little inclination shown to speculate, either by local or outside operators. Indeed, aside from the wheat trade, none of the markets appear to attract any attention from operators worthy of mention, and the general trade is greatly depressed. Usually, at this season of the year we have some shipping demand for grain, but now the prices here are too high to admit of any activity in this line, and the result is an accumulation of the stock in store. The markets at the East are in an unfavorable condition, the scarcity of ocean freight room checking and restricting the export movement. Our stocks, although not large, are steadily increasing, the figures published above showing a general excess of receipts over shipments, and this fact operates unfavorably on the market, aiding the "Bears" in forcing a low range of prices. The Shorts do not seem to have any anxiety regarding their future contracts, and are apparently satisfied with the course of affairs, manifesting but little desire to cover their trades. Outside orders were more or less restricted. Spring wheat was moderately active at times, but generally rather quiet. Prices were 1c to 1¼c lower early in the week, recovered, advancing 2c to 2¼c; and closing easier at exactly the figures current at the opening. No. 2 corn for immediate and December delivery dull, but firm and higher prices. Trading wholly in new corn, owing to the limited amount of old No. 2 in store. New corn lower under a general pressure to sell and increased arrivals. More country selling orders on the market. Oats were weak and easier, but closed steady, with some indications of an advance. Rye was the only grain ruling firm throughout, the offerings being light and the demand good. Barley was dull and a trifle lower all round.

The following were the ruling prices at the opening and the close of the week:

	Opening.	Closing.
No. 2 spring wheat, cash.	88⅝	88⅝
No. 2 spring wheat, Dec.	88⅝	88⅝
No. 2 spring wheat, Jan..	89	89⅛
No. 3 spring wheat, cash.	83½	83
No. 2 corn, cash...........	75¾@ 76	77
New No. 2 corn..........	66¼	64⅞
New No. 2 corn, Dec...	66½	64⅞
New No. 2 corn, May....	72¾	71¼
New rejected............	63⅞	61½
No. 2 oats, cash..........	54	52¾
No. 2 oats, Dec...........	54	52⅝
No. 2 oats, Jan...........	53¾	52½
No. 2 rye................	94½@ 96	97
No. 2 barley, cash.......	$1.24@1.25	$1.23@1.23½
No. 2 barley, Jan.........	1.25@1.25½	1.23½@1.24
No. 3 barley.............	1.12@1.13	1.09@1.11
Rejected barley..........	1.01	1.02@1.04

LIVE STOCK.

The cattle market was firm and active, the light receipts keeping prices firm. Sales at $4.50@6.00 for fair to choice shipping steers; extra, $6.25@7.00; Christmas beeves, $7.50@9.00. Hogs weak and prices very irregular, with but light receipts. Quality of hogs very good. Sales at $6.20@6.70 for light and $6.60@7.15 for heavy packing grades, closing at $6.00@6.90 for fair to good heavy. Sheep active but at lower prices. Sales at $3.00@8.00 for poor to extra; bulk at $4.00@5.00.

PROVISIONS.

This market was very active and very unsettled. The general tendency of values was to a lower range, in sympathy with the weakness in live hogs and a general desire to "bear" the market, there being heavy offerings of pork and lard for future delivery. Cash product was quiet, trading being mainly for future delivery. Mess pork opened at $19.30 cash, and closed at $18.87½@18.90; February opened at $19.40 and closed at $19.17½; seller March closed at $19.40 Cash lard opened at $12.90; closed steady at about the same price. Meats were firmly held, with a moderate demand. The present stock on hand is reported at 110,250 barrels of mess pork and 36,750 tierces of lard.

PACKING.

The packing to date is 858,482, against 893,865 at the same time last year. The Cincinnati *Price Current* gives the packing of the West to date—Dec. 16—at 279 interior points at 1,187,445 head, against 1,096,781 same time last year. The packing of the six leading points is 2,010,000, against 2,070,000, giving a total of 3,414,000, against 3,280,000 at this time last year. The average weight of hogs is placed at 10 per cent. lighter, and there is a decrease in the average yield of lard.

DRESSED HOGS, SEEDS AND HIGHWINES.

Heavy dressed hogs firm and wanted at $8 to $8.30, according to weight and condition. Mixed weights, $7.90 to $8; light, $7.60 to $7.90; pigs, $7 to $7.50. Seeds closed lower under increased offerings. Timothy, $2.30 to $2.50; clover, $5.60 to $5.65; flax, $1.90; Hungarian quiet at 75c to 80c; millet nominal at 70c to 75c. Highwines were steady and firm, with closing sales at 97c.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE MARKETS.

The general merchandise markets were fairly active, there being an increased demand for notions for the holiday trade. Sugars were easier. Coffee firm and in demand. Grain bags dull and prices weak, but no lower. Pork barrels, $1.35 to $1.40. Fruits steady. Hay was fairly active, but prices were easier under increased offerings. No. 1 timothy quotable at $18.50 on track and $19 free on cars. Lumber dull and easy. No change in prices. Fencing and common grades, $11.50 to $12.00. Nails selling at $3.62½ rates. Oils steady and firm. Metals and tinners' stock in good demand; firm. Tin plate $12.00 rates. Salt firm. Wool met with a fair inquiry, with prices well maintained.

PRODUCE.

Butter dull and weak at 23c to 26c for fair to choice roll, 27c to 28c for extra. Packed, dull at 30c to 35c for choice to fancy; 17c to 25c for poor to good shipping. Beans, $1.50 to $1.80 for Western. Broom corn in demand, and firm at 9½c to 12c for No. 1 to extra. Crooked 3½c to 6c. Beeswax steady at 27c to 28c for yellow. Cheese was steady and firm with a fair and moderate offerings. Good factory, 14c to 14½c; prime, 14¾c to 15½c. Cider, $6 to $6.50 per barrel. Eggs, dull at 24c to 25c for fresh, and 18c to 20c for pickled. Prime live geese feathers, 45c to 50c. Game firm under lighter receipts. Prairie chickens $3 to $3.50. Quail, $1.25 to $1.75. Venison, 6c to 7c. Hops firm at 25c to 37½c for common to prime new, 7c to 12½c for old. Honey, 20c to 25c per lb for comb. Hides in demand at 7½c to 8c for green frozen; 8½c and 9½c for heavy and light green salted; 15c to 16c for calf; 16c to 17c for dry salted. Poultry slow at 8c to 11c per lb for turkeys; 6c to 9c per lb and $2 to $3.50 per dozen for chickens; ducks $3 to $4 per doz; geese $7 to $9. Potatoes steady at 75c to 90c for common to choice peachblows. Onions $2.75 to $3.50 per brl. Turnips 35c to 40c per bu. Veal steady and in fair demand at 6c to 9c.

Telegraphic Market Reports.

NEW YORK.

BEEVES........................	8½	@	14
HOGS—Dressed...............	8½	@	9
COTTON	14	@	14½
FLOUR—Superfine Western.....	4 00	@	4 50
WHEAT—No. 2 Chicago.........	1 10	@	1 13
No. 1 Spring.	1 18	@	1 24
CORN.........................	88	@	91
OATS.........................	69	@	71
RYE..........................	92	@	95
PORK—New Mess...............	20 50	@	..
LARD—Steam..................	13½	@	13¾

ST. LOUIS.

WHEAT—No. 2 Red...........	1 07	@	1 07½

Corn—No. 2 New	67	@ 70
Oats—No. 2	57	@ 58
Rye—No. 2	1 03	@ 1 04
Pork—Mess	19 50	@ ..
Lard	13	@ ..
Hogs	6 25	@ 7 50
Cattle	4 00	@ 6 25
MILWAUKEE.		
Wheat—No. 1	90	@ 91
No. 2	89	@ 90
Corn—No. 2	64	@ 65
Oats—No. 2	49	@ 50
Rye	94	@ 96
Barley—No. 2	1 09	@ 1 11
CINCINNATI.		
Wheat—Red	1 08	@ 1 12
Corn—New	70	@ 71
Oats	58	@ 62
Rye	1 11	@ 1 12
Pork—Mess	18 75	@ 19 00
Lard	13	@ 14
TOLEDO.		
Wheat—No. 1 Red	1 10	@ 1 11
Amber Michigan	1 09	@ 1 10
Corn—New	70	@ 75
Oats	56	@ 58
DETROIT.		
Wheat—Extra	1 14	@ 1 15
Amber	1 08	@ 1 09
Corn	75	@ 78
Oats	54	@ 55
CLEVELAND.		
Wheat—No. 1 Red	1 10	@ 1 12
No. 2 Red	1 06	@ 1 07
Corn	72	@ 73
Oats	57	@ 59

Where Hair Comes to a Head.

A correspondent of the Philadelphia *Press* writes: "I have recently learned some interesting facts respecting a manufacture in which every female head throughout the land is interested, namely, the preparation of human hair and its transformation into switches, ringlets, etc. The largest establishment of this nature in the world exists in Germany. It is situated in a town called Wetzlar, in the valley of the Lahn. It is the depot to which traveling collectors of hair bring their wares to dispose of, and so extensive are their transactions that their wares are arranged in bales, each containing three and four hundred pounds of hair. These bales each contain a heterogeneous mass of human locks of every shade and texture, from raven black to flaxen blonde, from horse-hair coarseness to silken fineness. This is the material in the rough, and very dirty and disgusting are often the peasant grown tresses when brought into the factory. But fear nothing, ladies, fair, respecting the cleanliness of your alien locks; all the hair is thoroughly boiled before being placed in the hands of the work-girls, of whom 600 are employed in this establishment. The hair, when dried and smoothed, is then carefully sorted according to color and length. Good brown hair of average length is worth about $15 per pound; the highest-priced hair is pure white, long tresses of which are sold, not by the pound, but by the single hair, each hair being valued at about half a cent. The most valuable of the natural hues is pale gold; a switch of that color was displayed, valued at nearly $100, even in that wholesale mart. The great curiosity there was a switch of light brown hair measuring six feet in length, and for which $100 had been paid to the original owner thereof; this unparalleled braid is not to be sold, but is to be reserved for exhibition at our Centennial."

You get the same accommodations, more attention and better fare at the Sherman House, Chicago, now than under any previous management of that excellent hotel, *and for less money*. In times like the present these are important considerations.

There is no Death.—If it be true that Nature abhors a vacuum, it is equally true that the Great Creator abhors *death* and glories in *life*. There is really no such thing as death—the term is a misnomer, used to designate the changes which occur in life. Life, eternal life, is created by the laws of Almighty will-power, which are as immutable in their application as is the existence of the Creator himself. When God made life, he made everything necessary to sustain it, but left it for man's progressive intelligence to discover, convert and utilize. Good medicine is to the ailing *physique* what good fuel is to the expiring flame; the better the fuel, the quicker the fire—the better the medicine, the quicker comes relief from pain. California Vinegar Bitters is life's elixir for old or young. Use this medicine properly and you will live to a good old age without those physical ailments which make seventy years a burden. 15

France and Germany are at last declared officially to be on friendly terms. This is the first real intimation of war which could be relied upon.

"A Drop of Joy in Every Word."

Flemington, Hunterdon, Co., N. J., June 26, 1874.

Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.: *Dear Sir*—It is with a happy heart that I pen these lines to acknowledge that you and your Golden Medical Discovery and Purgative Pellets are blessings to the world. These medicines cannot be too highly praised, for they have almost brought me out of the grave. Three months ago I was broken out with large ulcers and sores on my body, limbs and face. I procured your Golden Medical Discovery and Purgative Pellets, and have taken six bottles, and to-day I am in good health, all those ugly ulcers having healed and left my skin in a natural, healthy condition. I thought at one time I could not be cured. Although I can but poorly express my gratitude to you, yet there is a drop of joy in every word I write. God's blessing rest on you and your wonderful medicines is the humble prayer of

Yours truly, James O. Bellis.

When a medicine will promptly cure such terrible eating ulcers and free the blood of the virulent poison causing them, who can longer doubt its wonderful virtues? Dr. Pierce, however, does not wish to place his Golden Medical Discovery in the catalogue of quack patent nostrums by recommending it to cure every disease, nor does he so recommend it; but what he does claim is this, that there is but one form of *blood* disease that it will not cure, and that disease is cancer. He does not recommend his Discovery for that disease, yet he knows it to be the most searching blood cleanser yet discovered, and that it will free the blood and system of all other known blood poisons, be they animal, vegetable or mineral. The Golden Discovery is *warranted* by him to cure the worst forms of Skin Diseases, as all forms of blotches, Pimples and Eruptions, also all Glandular Swellings, and the worst form of Scrofulous and Ulcerated Sores of Neck, Legs or other parts, and all Scrofulous Diseases of the Bones, as White Swellings, Fever Sores, Hip Joint and Spinal Diseases, all of which belong to Scrofulous Diseases.

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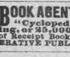

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