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Sarsaparilla is unquestionably the greatest blood and liver medicine known. It positively and permanently cures every humor, from Pimples to Scrofula. It is the Best Blood Medicine.

Military Botany.

Miss Johnson was an excellent teacher, but her taste in dress, especially head-dress, was so peculiar that even her adoring pupils could not fail to notice it. The verdure which appeared upon Miss Johnson's hat one season was so gaudy that several wondering comments were made by the boys.

"I'm going to ask her what that green stuff is," said one boy, valiantly, in spite of the vigorous objections of his companions. "She won't mind, and next nature-study class I'm going to ask her, and see who's right."

So, red in the face but stubborn, he rose at the end of a lesson on wayside flowers, in response to Miss Johnson's general request for any questions which might have come up since the last lesson.

"I'd like to know about that green stuff on your hat," he said, bluntly. "John Aken, he says it's beach grass, but I say it's onion sprouts."

Greatest in the World.

Arlington, Ind., Dec. 5th.—(Special)—Mr. W. A. Hysong, the photographer, who moved here recently from Sapp, Ky., is firmly of the opinion that Dodd's Kidney Pills are the greatest Kidney Remedy the world has ever known.

"In the years 1901 and 1902," says Mr. Hysong, "and for some time before I was afflicted with Kidney Trouble. My joints were sore and stiff and I finally got so bad I could not turn in bed without assistance. In the spring of 1903 I was induced, by a friend, to try Dodd's Kidney Pills and after using one and one-half boxes I was and am still completely cured. Several of my neighbors, too, used Dodd's Kidney Pills and in every case they did as recommended."

Cure the early symptoms of Kidney Disease, such as Backache, with Dodd's Kidney Pills and you will never have Bright's Disease.

The Grand Duke Constantin is one of Russia's favorite poets. He won a record as a fine soldier before he began to write verse.

It is not wealth nor ancestry, but honorable conduct and a noble disposition that make men great.—Ovid.

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Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure you in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

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Miss DePuyster—Just think, I can trace my ancestors back to the Reformation.

Jack Dashing—That's nothing. I can trace mine back years and years before any reform was necessary.

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

Prof. F. B. Loomis of Amherst has secured over 500 specimens in the fossil fields of the Big Horn basin and the Badger creek basin.

FITS Permanently Cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for Free \$2 trial bottle and treatise. Dr. R. H. Kline, Ltd., 531 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Henry J. Cove, for many years in charge of the cloakrooms of the English House of Commons, left his property, worth \$200,000, to various hospitals.

SKIN DISEASES

Altoona, Pa., June 20, 1903.
I was afflicted with Tetter in bad shape. It would appear in blotches as large as my hand, a yellowish color, and scale off. You can imagine how offensive it was. For twelve years I was afflicted with this trouble. At night it was a case of scratch and many times no rest at all. Seeing the good the medicine was doing a friend who was taking it for Eczema, I commenced it, and as a result the eruption began to dry up and disappear, and to-day I am practically a well man. Only two tiny spots are left on the elbow and shin, where once the whole body was affected. I have every confidence in the medicine, and feel sure that in a short time these two remaining spots will disappear. S. S. S. is certainly a great blood purifier, and has done me a world of good. I am grateful for what it has accomplished, and trust that what I have said will lead others who are similarly afflicted to take the remedy and obtain the same good results that I have.
125 East Fifth Ave. JOHN F. LEAR.

While washes, soaps, salves and powders relieve temporarily, they do not reach the real cause of the disease. The blood must be purified before the cure is permanent. S. S. S. contains no potash, arsenic or mineral of any description, but is guaranteed purely vegetable.

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PLENTY TO DO

Congress Will Have a Very Busy Session.

FEW NEW LAWS ARE PROBABLE

Appropriation Measures Will Take Up Much of the Time—Rivers and Harbors are Safe.

Washington, Dec. 5.—On the stroke of 12 today the second session of the 58th congress will be called to order by President Pro Tem Frye in the senate, and by Speaker Cannon in the house. When the gavel of the presiding officers summon the senators and representatives to duty nearly every member will be in his seat, but only routine business will be transacted.

The president's message generally is received and read the first day, but the senate is punctilious in certain matters, and is almost sure to adjourn as a tribute of respect to the late Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, and the late Senator Quay, of Pennsylvania. The message, therefore, probably will not be read until Tuesday.

After the opening day, when the message of the president is read, the regular business of the session will begin and the legislative wheels will grind steadily until March, 1905. There is plenty to do. The calendars of both houses are loaded with bills of all kinds; hundreds of new bills will be introduced, and committees are ready to report enough to keep congress busy for 12 months, but in the three months congress probably will do little more than pass the regular annual appropriation bills.

There has been some talk of a possible extra session. The only reason why such a session should be called is because there is a demand in certain quarters for a revision of the tariff, but many of the incoming congressmen during the past two weeks have made it plain they do not want tariff revision and further say that they do not want an extra session.

There is one feature of the tariff revision talk that has some substance. More revenue must be had, or there must be a curtailment of expenditures. With the increasing annual appropriations, a river and harbor bill, increase of the navy, the Panama canal and other features of extraordinary disbursement, there will be need of more money than present customs and internal revenue provide. An intimation has been made that curtailment will satisfy many congressional leaders, but the majority may determine otherwise, in which event some revenue legislation may be necessary, and an extra session for that purpose may be called.

But this is said to be a remote contingency, and the probabilities, according to the leaders who are here, are that there will be neither tariff legislation nor an extra session.

WILL WORK FOR SIUSLAW RIVER.

Hermann Will Co-operate With San Francisco Delegation.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Representative Hermann appeared today before the rivers and harbors committee with the expectation of having a hearing, so that he might present the needs of various river and harbor improvements along the Oregon coast, but was informed that the committee is giving no hearings. An arrangement has been made, however, for a hearing before the subcommittee, at which time Mr. Hermann will appear with the delegation from San Francisco, now en route to Washington to urge a liberal appropriation for the improvement of the Siuslaw river. Mr. Wendling, a large shipowner of San Francisco, who is deeply interested in the Siuslaw trade, will head the committee. If permitted to do so, Mr. Hermann will also urge the subcommittee to make liberal appropriations for other rivers and harbors along the Oregon coast.

Taft's Mission a Success.

Panama, Dec. 5.—Negotiations are still in progress between Secretary of War Taft, representing the United States, and the Panama government, looking to the settlement of points in dispute regarding the government of the canal zone, and an agreement may be said to be in sight. In order that possible complications may be avoided the conferences are being conducted in secret, and nothing will be given out until both sides are agreed. President Amador tonight gave a banquet in honor of Secretary Taft.

Will Wait on Russia.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Official announcement was made at the State department of Russia's conditional acceptance of the American government's invitation to join the other powers at The Hague for a second peace conference. Russia's suggestion for a postponement of the congress until the close of the war must necessarily delay further steps for the present, for the reason that it is desired that Russia shall participate in this conference.

New Russian Loan Soon.

Paris, Dec. 5.—The bankers here expect that the new Russian loan of \$20,000,000 will be issued this or next month. A syndicate of French banks will take approximately \$160,000,000, and the German banks \$100,000,000. It is believed that the loan will be readily taken up at nearly par, or above 98 1/2%.



Mrs. Anderson, a prominent society woman of Jacksonville, Fla., daughter of Recorder of Deeds, West, who witnessed her signature to the following letter, praises Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—There are but few wives and mothers who have not at times endured agonies and such pain as only women know. I wish such women knew the value of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It is a remarkable medicine, different in action from any I ever knew and thoroughly reliable.

"I have seen cases where women doctored for years without permanent benefit, who were cured in less than three months after taking your Vegetable Compound, while others who were chronic and incurable came out cured, happy, and in perfect health after a thorough treatment with this medicine. I have never used it myself without gaining great benefit. A few doses restores my strength and appetite, and tones up the entire system. Your medicine has been tried and found true, hence I fully endorse it."—Mrs. R. A. ANDERSON, 225 Washington St., Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. Reed, 2425 E. Cumberland St., Philadelphia, Pa., says:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I feel it my duty to write and tell you the good I have received from Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"I have been a great sufferer with female trouble, trying different doctors and medicines with no benefit. Two years ago I went under an operation, and it left me in a very weak condition. I had stomach trouble, backache, headache, palpitation of the heart, and was very nervous; in fact, I ached all over. I find yours is the only medicine that reaches such troubles, and would cheerfully recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to all suffering women."

When women are troubled with irregular or painful menstruation, weakness, leucorrhoea, displacement or ulceration of the womb, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation of the ovaries, backache, flatulence, general debility, indigestion, and nervous prostration, they should remember there is one tried and true remedy. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once removes such troubles.

The experience and testimony of some of the most noted women of America go to prove, beyond a question, that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will correct all such trouble at once by removing the cause and restoring the organs to a healthy and normal condition. If in doubt, write Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., as thousands do. Her advice is free and helpful.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The 18-year-old daughter of Sir Chen-tung Liang Cheng, Chinese minister to the United States, is to make her social debut in Washington this winter. She will be the first high-born Chinese girl to enter American society.

A Famous Seed House.
An instance of commercial development and growth to proportions unusual is cited in the career of the well known seed firm, D. M. Ferry & Co., of Detroit, Mich. Since its establishment half a century ago, the company, following out principals of strict business integrity and building upon unquestionable merit, has steadily grown until the name of Ferry's Seeds is now a household word with every planter in the land.

Ferry's Seeds are famous for their purity, freshness and reliability. The greatest care is exercised in their growing and selection, and only seeds of the highest possible standard are placed upon the market. Every package has behind it the reputation of a house whose standards are the highest in the trade. A fresh stock, just received from the growers, is carried by dealers everywhere.
All farmers and gardeners ought to have a copy of the 1905 Seed Annual of the Ferry Company. It contains information and suggestions that are invaluable. The Annual will be mailed free to anyone addressing D. M. Ferry & Co., Detroit, Mich.

No circumstances can repair a defect of character.—Emerson.

The Czar a Saint.
The Emperor, Nicholas II., has already reigned for nearly ten years, and ruled for fully eight; yet the concrete man, his individual character, and the order of motives to which it is sensible, are nearly all as legendary as those of Numa Pompilius. Clouds of journalistic myths, mainly of German origin, envelop his figure, hiding it from the vulgar gaze as thoroughly as though he were Delat Lama; and the fanciful portrait, which we are asked to accept, is as abstract and as colorless as that of our legendary Russian princes. Beyond the precincts of the palace, his person is transfigured, his most trivial deeds are glorified, and his least disinterested motives are twisted and pulled into line with the fundamental principles of ethics. The result is a caricature almost bordering on the grotesque. Nikolai Alexandrovitch is depicted as a prince of peace, a Slav Messiah sent for the salvation, not of his own people-only, but of all the world. The most precious porcelain of human clay was lavished in the making of this unique ruler, who stands upon a much higher level than that of the common run of mortals or of kings, in virtue, not only of the dread responsibilities laid upon him by the Most High, but also by reason of his own passionate love of humanity and his selfless devotion to the true and the good. In short, he is an "Ubermensch," whose innate goodness of heart exceeds even his irresponsible power.—World's Work.

Couldn't See the Harm.
The proprietor of a lunch cafe in Philadelphia was greatly agitated the other day to discover a man at one of the tables feeding a saucer of cream to a cat. The restaurateur rushed over and commanded the man with the cat to remove his pet from the place. "But I paid for this cream," pussy's owner protested. "Here's your money back. We can't have cats eating here," said the proprietor. The man with the cat couldn't see anything the matter with allowing pussy to feed in the restaurant and said so. "Matter!" echoed the proprietor. "Why, man, people have to eat out of those dishes." "Well," returned the patron in a surprised tone, "don't you ever wash your dishes?"

The Czar and His Books.
Here is a confession from the Czar of All the Russias: "I love traveling, but only when I can do it in my own way. I never travel otherwise than at night, and spend my day visiting museums and quaint old streets and bazaars when I am in the east, antiquarian shops when in the north. I am more of an Asiatic than a European in my tastes, and I have not only a vast collection of Indian curios and quite an army of Buddhas large and small, but also a library composed of books treating of Indian subjects alone, and another of books dealing with Egyptian law. Were I not—well, what I am, I should be the greatest bookworm in the world."

Mrs. Henry K. Sheldon has given \$20,000 to the proposed university of lucis in Brooklyn.

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Bess—Good gracious! I suppose we will be wearing rubber hose next.

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Her—I have often wished I were a man.
Him—How would you like to be me?
Her—Oh, I'd like it immensely.
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