

**Easily Gotten Over.**  
A cripple from a sprain is one who neglects to use St. Jacobs Oil to cure it. Prompt use of it brings prompt cure, and the trouble is gotten over easily.

**Woman's Weapon and Tool Box.**  
Keeper—Then she picked the catch on her handcuffs, dug through a two-foot wall of stone, took out a pane of plate glass by removing the putty, and then opened the big lock on the gate. What tools had she?  
Matron—None whatever. Stay. Good gracious, I forgot to take away her hairpins!  
Keeper—Then pursuit is useless. She still has them.—Stray Stories.

## Pains and Aches

**Of Rheumatism Make Countless Thousands Suffer.**

But this disease is cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which neutralizes the acid in the blood. If you have any symptoms of rheumatism take Hood's Sarsaparilla at once and do not waste time and money on unknown preparations. The merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla is unquestioned and its record of cures unequalled.

**Hood's Sarsaparilla**  
Is America's Greatest Medicine for Rheumatism  
Hood's Pills cure all liver ills. 25 cents.

**No Mystery to Him.**  
"Have you paid any attention to the race problem?" asked the thoughtful man, as he laid down his paper.  
"Have I?" answered the very small man with the massive diamond. "I'm the fellow who taught Tod Sloan how to ride."—Washington Star.

## DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surface.  
We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that can not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.  
Sold by Druggists, 75c.  
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Bamboo pens still retain their hold in India, where they have been in use for more than 1,000 years.

If you want the best wind mill, pumps, tanks, plows, wagons, bells of all sizes, boilers, engines, and general machinery, see or write JOHN POOLE, foot of Morrison street, Portland, Oregon.

## A New Invention—Flying Top.

The latest invention of considerable merit is the "Flying Top," invented by a Western boy. It is so easy to operate, that a boy six years of age can manage it without any difficulty. The top is constructed on the principle of a flying machine and by simply pulling a cord, ascends from 50 to 300 feet, or, until its momentum ceases, when it gradually descends like a parachute, still spinning when it strikes the ground.

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The rivers in Northern Russia were frozen this year before the end of October.

## TRY ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE.

A powder to be shaken into the shoes. At this season your feet feel swollen, nervous and uncomfortable. If you have smarting feet or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot-Ease. It rests and comforts; makes walking easy. Cures swollen and sweating feet, blisters and callous spots. Relieves corns and bunions of all pain and is a certain cure for Chilblains, Sweating, damp or frosted feet. We have over thirty thousand testimonials. Try it today. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores for 25c. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

In 1850 the highest house in New York city had only five stories.

No household is complete without a bottle of the famous Jesse Moore Whiskey. It is a pure and wholesome stimulant recommended by all physicians. Don't neglect this necessity.

Taxes on beards are levied in Japanese cities.

**To Cure a Cold in One Day**  
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

## DON'T DELAY...

In securing the COLUMBIA AGENCY for 1899; one day's delay may result in your competitor getting it. We are the only bicycle house having a delivery point in the Northwest. Prompt delivery of all orders assured. Dealers who handle the COLUMBIA and HARTFORD line will have a double advantage over others who do not. We have improved the quality of our products, while our increased output enables us to reduce our prices, as follows:

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## Ownership of Wedding Presents.

A recent decision in Springfield, Mass., as to the ownership of wedding presents is that where such presents are sent to the bride before marriage, as is the custom, the presents are her property, and remain so even if a separation takes place after marriage.

**View of a Layman.**  
Bill—What do you reckon that doctor tumps me all over de cheat fer?  
Jake—Tryin' to see how much dough you had in your inside pocket, of course.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

**He Knew Not All.**  
He—You think you know it all, don't you?  
Him—No I have never been able to figure out any reason for you being alive.—Indianapolis Journal.

Samples of merchandise carried by a traveling salesman are held, in Kansas City, P. & G. R. company vs. state (Ark.), 41 L. R. A. 333, not to be baggage within a statute regulating charges on excess baggage.

Weasels and skunks are enemies of the careless poultry keeper. All poultry should be kept in quarters made secure at night from these depredators. Openings for ventilation should be covered with wire screens.

**REGAINED HEALTH.**  
Gratifying Letters to Mrs. Pinkham From Happy Women.

**"I Owe You My Life."**  
Mrs. E. WOOLHISER, Mills, Neb., writes:  
"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I owe my life to your Vegetable Compound. The doctors said I had consumption and nothing could be done for me. My menstruation had stopped and they said my blood was turning to water. I had several doctors. They all said I could not live. I began the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and it helped me right away; menses returned and I have gained in weight. I have better health than I have had for years. It is wonderful what your Compound has done for me."

**"I Feel Like a New Person."**  
Mrs. GEO. LEACH, 1609 Belle St., Alton, Ill., writes:  
"Before I began to take your Vegetable Compound I was a great sufferer from womb trouble. Menses would appear two and three times in a month, causing me to be so weak I could not stand. I could neither sleep nor eat, and looked so badly my friends hardly knew me.  
"I took doctor's medicine but did not derive much benefit from it. My druggist gave me one of your little books, and after reading it I decided to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I feel like a new person. I would not give your Compound for all the doctors' medicine in the world. I can not praise it enough."

The Tibetans have a week of five days, named after iron, wood, water, feathers and earth.

I never used so quick a cure as Piso's Cure for Consumption.—J. B. Palmer, Box 1171, Seattle, Wash., Nov. 25, 1895.

No fewer than 2,401 patents have been taken out on processes for making sugar and salt.

Hogs are fattened on oranges in Paraguay, and orange-fed pork is said to be very good.

**Warmth and Strength.**  
The cold of winter certainly aggravates rheumatism, and at all seasons St. Jacobs Oil is its master cure. It imparts warmth and strength to the muscles, and cures.

Among the industrial novelties are aluminum carpets and steel billiard balls.

When coming to San Francisco go to Brooklyn Hotel, 208-212 Bush street, American or European plan. Room and board \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day; rooms 50 cents to \$1.00 per day; single meals 25 cents. Free coach. Chas. Montgomery.

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## THE TARTARIAN LAMB.

**A Strange Plant that Closely Resembles an Animal.**

Among the strange stories to be found in the narratives of early travelers, few are stranger than that of the vegetable lamb of Tartary. This story, as believed by the reading public, and even by the naturalists of two centuries ago, is so marvelous, and so obviously absurd that we wonder how the most credulous could have believed it to be true.

The story is that in an elevated and cultivated salt plain of great extent, west of the river Volga, there may be found a creature half-animal, half-plant, to which the natives give the name of barometz, meaning "little lamb." To obtain the Tartars sow in the ground a seed like that of a melon, from which, in due time, rises the strange plant, having the figure of a lamb, with the feet, the hoofs, the ears, and the whole head, except the horns, of that animal, distinctly formed.

It grows on a stalk about three feet in height, being according to one version, rooted to the ground by its four feet, while another account raises the whole lamb, feet and all, from the ground on a single stem, on which it is able to turn, and also to bow itself downwards to the herbs on which it feeds. It lives as long as there is grass or herbage around it, but when it has consumed all within its reach, it dies, and withers away. Its skin is covered with a very white down, as fine as silk, and is greatly prized by the Tartars, who pull it off, and wear it as a cover for the head.

Inside, it is composed of flesh and bones, and when wounded it gives out a liquid resembling blood. Wolves are said to be the only animals that will eat it, and they are very fond of it.

Specimens of this remarkable production were looked upon as the rarest treasures in the collections of the curious in days gone by. Two different specimens have been described in the "Philosophical Transactions," and a third has its portrait given in an engraving in Darwin's "Flower Garden" and its history told in the florid verse of that work.

The "lamb" is a natural production, greatly helped, in the development of the particulars in which it most resembles that creature, by the ingenuity of the natives. The body is a portion of the creeping stem of a species of fern which generally grows as erect as a tree. This stem is densely covered with beautiful, jointed silky hairs, of a rich golden color.

On the surface next to the ground a few roots are given off, while the leaves—or fronds, as they are called in ferns—spring from the upper surface. The fronds reach a height of twelve or fourteen feet, and have a long bare stalk before the leaf is spread out. The Tartar takes a suitable part of this creeping stem for a body, deprives it of the roots, and of all the leaf stalks except four, which are intended to be the legs, two short ones for the ears, and a stump for the tail, and then, turning it upside down, trims the stem, and so produces this marvel of the early explorers. The fern, known to botanists as the fibrotum barometz, is a native of Eastern Asia; it has been introduced into our conservatories, where it flourishes, producing, after a few years' growth, good specimens of the "lamb."

The silky hairs of this fern form a favorite remedy among the Chinese for checking the flow of blood by applying them to a wound, in the same way as felt or cobwebs are used by some people in this country. The more fibrous and elastic hairs of several species of the same group, natives of the Sandwich Islands, are largely exported from these islands to California and Australia for stuffing cushions and for similar purposes.—Philadelphia Times.

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I, C. R. Rollins, M. D., of Grass Valley, Or., voluntarily make the following statement: After having my teeth extracted I have had five sets made at intervals of about nine months, three in Portland, one in San Francisco and one in Spokane. With neither of these have I been able to eat a meal's victuals or even an apple or piece of ripe peach. On December 10, 1898, I had my sixth set made by Dr. Stricker, L. O. O. P. Temple, First and Alder, Portland, Or., and within twenty minutes after the time they were put into my mouth I was able to eat a common hard winter apple and a piece of dried venison, and at this time, December 15th, have eaten every meal since with the greatest comfort and with no trouble at all. They are a perfect fit and satisfactory in every respect.  
References: French Bros. Bank, The Dalles, Or.; Sherman Co. Bank, Wasco, Or.; Wm. Holder, Sheriff of Sherman Co.; Drs. A. S. Nichols and Brother, Portland, Or.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of December, 1898.  
JOHN OGILBEE, Notary Public for Oregon.  
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## DR. DARRIN'S CURES.

**Baker City Republican.**  
Those who are disposed to doubt Dr. Darrin's cures will have their doubts shaken on reading the following card from Mr. John Martin, of Cove, Or. Mr. Martin is a man well and favorably known to all of our readers, and a man of 20 years' residence in Union county. His case will go far to establish the skill of Dr. Darrin:

For the benefit of the afflicted as well as Dr. Darrin, I will state I had been afflicted 10 years with hydrocele and other troubles before being treated and cured by Dr. Darrin, five years ago, in Portland. I am happy to say the cure was perfect and permanent, and I am now a well man. I reside at Cove, Or., and will gladly answer any inquiries.  
JOHN MARTIN.

**Dr. Darrin's Place of Business.**  
Dr. Darrin gives free examination to all, and when necessary gives medicines in connection with electricity. The poor treated free from 10 to 11 daily, except medicines. Those willing to pay, 10 to 5; evening, 7 to 8; Sundays, 10 to 12.

Deafness, catarrh, eye, nose and throat, heart, liver, stomach, lung troubles, errors of youth, blood taints, gleet, impotency, varicocele, hydrocele, stricture, gonorrhoea and syphilis a specialty. Cross eyes and hydrocele operated on until January 12. All chronic male and female and private diseases treated at reasonable rates. No cases published except by permission of the patient. All business relations with Dr. Darrin strictly confidential. Letters of inquiry answered. Circulars and question blanks sent free. Batteries and belts furnished when necessary. Office, 265 Morrison street, Portland.

**Metals.**  
Four hundred years ago only seven metals were known. Now there are 51, 30 of which have been discovered within the present century.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

**Germany and Asia Minor.**  
It is inevitable that Asia Minor shall eventually pass from the possession of Mohammedanism, and whether Germany accomplishes the task or not, the Sultan must yield to a Christian nation. It is just as inevitable that diseases of the digestive organs must yield to Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. The disorders of this kind are usually called dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness. The Bitters are equally good for all such complaints, regardless of the name.

**One of Many.**  
Mrs. Weeks—What business is your husband engaged in?  
Mrs. Meeks—He operates in stocks. "Is he a 'bull' or a 'bear'?"  
"Both. He's a bull at the stock exchange and a bear at home."—Chicago Evening News.

**The Thing to Do.**  
When the Sciatic nerve gives its worst torment in the shape of Sciatica, the one thing to do is to use St. Jacobs Oil promptly and feel sure of a cure.

**Perfectly Harmless.**  
Dix—I once knew a young man who smoked 50 cigarettes daily without any particular harm resulting therefrom.  
Hix—Is it possible?  
Dix—Yes; and the only noticeable effect was the death of the smoker.—Chicago Evening News.

**Heroes of the War with Spain**  
thousands of them, are suffering from lingering diseases induced by life in poisonous southern camps, the result of changes of climate, or of imperfect nutrition caused by improper and badly cooked food. Sleeping on the ground has doubtless developed rheumatism in hundreds who were predisposed to the disease. In such cases the Boys of '98 may take a lesson from the experience of the

**Heroes of the Civil War.**  
Hundreds of the Boys of '63 have testified to the efficacy of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People in driving out malaria, rheumatism and other diseases contracted during their days of hardship and privation in the army. These pills are the best tonic in the world.

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