

RHEUMATISM RECIPE

PREPARE THIS SIMPLE HOME-MADE MIXTURE YOURSELF.

Buy the ingredients from Any Druggist in Your Town and Shake Them in a Bottle to Mix This.

A well known authority on Rheumatism gives the readers of a large New York daily paper the following valuable, yet simple and harmless prescription, which any one can easily prepare at home:

Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; compound Karkon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces.

Mix by shaking well in a bottle, and take a teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime.

He states that the ingredients can be obtained from any good prescription pharmacy at small cost, and, being a vegetable extraction, are harmless to take.

This pleasant mixture, if taken regularly for a few days, is said to overcome almost any case of Rheumatism. The pain and swelling, if any, diminishes with each dose, until permanent results are obtained, and without injuring the stomach. While there are many so-called Rheumatism remedies, patent medicines, etc., some of which do give relief, few really give permanent results, and the above will, no doubt, be greatly appreciated by many sufferers here at this time.

Inquiry at the drug stores of even the small towns elicits the information that these drugs are harmless and can be bought separately, or the druggists will mix the prescription if asked to.

Under the New Ruling.
His Lawyer—The trouble is that they've got half a dozen witnesses who saw you whipping your wife. It will be hard to establish an alibi in the face of that.

Prisoner—Gosh! I don't need any alibi. All you've got to do is to prove by me that I was drunk.

That Terrible Boy.
Mrs. Kerruthers (making a call)—Yes, indeed, Mrs. Kajones, I put in nearly the whole blessed day in the dentist's chair.

Mrs. Kajones—I can sympathize with you. I know how it hurts.

Mrs. Kerruthers—My dentist hardly ever hurts me, though. He's so careful and gentle that I don't mind it at all. I declare I slept half the time while he was at work.

Johnny Kajones—That dentist wouldn't never do for maw. When she goes to sleep she snores like a thrashin' machine.

Flower of the Family.
"Uncle 'Rastus, how old are you?"
"Pas' seventy-nine, boss. I'll soon be a octogeranum."—Chicago Tribune.

Wayside Commings.
Adam Zawfox—Ever ride on a street 'bout paykin'?

Job Sturky—Wunst. The jigger on the front end o' the car picked me up an' kerried me mighty near a block 'fore the conductor found it out.

Looking in the Wrong Place.
Carrie—What a sweet, happy disposition Mabel has. She can see beauty in everything.

Ethel (jealous)—She can't see it in her mirror.—Boston Transcript.

Playing "Bridge."
"Do you remember before the wedding you used to call your wife a 'poem'?" said the bachelor caller.

"Yes," sighed the domestic man, as he twirled an alarm clock to amuse the baby, "and I still call her a 'poem.'"
"You do? What kind of a 'poem' is she now—a 'poem of beauty' or a 'poem of love'?"

"Neither! She is a 'poem of travel.' Always on the go and never at home."

Self-Protection.
"You say your wife is a poor cook?"
"The worst ever."

"And yet you say that you eat all of everything that she prepares for the table. How can you do that if she can't cook?"

"Great earth, man! If I don't she will use up the scraps in some of those how-to-utilize-left-overs dishes, and that will be my finish."—Judge.

What the Cloth Got in Boston.
If you go to San Francisco and meet a friend he will ask you to stay a week with him. In Omaha he will take you home overnight, in Chicago he will take you out to dinner, in New York he will hurry you off to lunch, in New Haven he will hand you a good cigar and in Boston he will give you an apple.—Congregationalist.

Devotion to the Ideal.
The hero of the play had just died to slow, tremulous, wabbling music, but the audience insisted on his coming before the curtain and kept up the applause for the space of five minutes.

At last a supe came out and stepped forward.
"Ladies and gentlemen," he announced in a high-keyed voice, "he says he'll have the curtain raised and you can look again on his cold corpse if you want to, but he'll be d—d if he's going to v'late the proprieties and degrade his art by coming to life again before to-morrow evening. Thanking you again, ladies and gentlemen, I will now retire."

GRAIN CROPS SHORT, BUT WORTH FAR MORE

Government Final Estimate Shows Great Decline in Cereal Production.

PRICES MAKE FARMERS HAPPY.

They Will Get Half a Billion of Dollars More This Year than Last.

The government report shows a shortage of 785,987,000 bushels in total crops as compared with the crops of 1906, which were the largest ever raised in this country, and a shortage of 377,287,000 bushels as compared with the yields of 1905, which were also very large.

The chief shortage is in the corn crop, with 335,000,000 bushels, oats with 211,000,000 bushels and wheat with 101,000,000 bushels.

There is something of an offset to the big losses in the feeding grains in the increase of 6,431,000 tons of hay as compared to that of 1906, and of 3,045,358 tons as compared to the crop of 1905.

Prominent features of the final revision of its crop estimates for the year by the Department of Agriculture were the increases made in the reports of area seeded to spring wheat, corn and oats. In each of these particulars as well as in the estimated weight of spring wheat and oats the official re-

CROPS OF UNITED STATES FOR THREE YEARS.

	1907, bu.	1906, bu.	1905, bu.
Winter wheat	409,442,000	492,888,004	428,462,834
Spring wheat	224,645,000	242,372,968	264,516,655
Total wheat	634,087,000	735,260,972	692,979,489
Corn	2,592,320,000	2,927,416,001	2,707,993,540
Oats	754,443,000	964,904,522	963,216,177
Rye	31,598,000	33,374,833	27,616,045
Barley	153,317,000	178,916,484	136,651,020
Buckwheat	14,290,000	14,641,937	14,535,082
Flaxseed	25,851,000	25,576,146	28,477,753
Potatoes	297,942,000	308,038,382	260,741,204
Total	5,137,903,000	5,923,890,235	5,515,189,889
Hay, tons	63,577,000	57,145,959	60,531,612

ports ran more or less counter to the general impressions of speculators. In a few instances, such as the weight of oats, the figures given were at variance with all the experiences of the trade for the year to date.

Figures of the Report.
The report gave final estimates of acreage, production and value of farm crops, showing winter wheat acreage to be 28,132,000, production 409,442,000 bushels and value per bushel 88.2 cents. Spring wheat acreage was 17,079,000, production 224,645,000 bushels and value 80 cents.

Corn acreage was 99,931,000, production 2,592,320,000 bushels and value 51.7 cents.

Oats acreage was 31,537,000, production 754,443,000 bushels and value 44.3 cents.

It was announced that the total value of the farm crops for 1907 was \$3,404,000,000, an increase of \$428,000,000 for 1906.

The farm value on Dec. 1 of the four crops already mentioned follows: Corn, \$1,340,446,000; winter wheat, \$361,217,000; spring wheat, \$193,220,000; oats, \$334,568,000.

The comparative prices for the grain crops for the past three years follow:

	1907.	1906.	1905.	1904.
Wheat	81.7	60.7	74.8	92.4
Corn	51.7	39.9	41.2	44.1
Oats	44.3	31.7	29.1	31.3
Rye	73.1	58.9	60.7	68.8
Barley	44.3	41.5	40.8	42.0
Buckwheat	69.8	59.0	58.7	62.2
Flax	95.6	101.8	95.0	99.3
Potatoes	61.7	51.1	61.7	45.3
Hay	11.63	10.37	8.52	8.72

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS.

A monument to Bunsen is to be erected at Heidelberg.

French mints coined \$894,000 of Swiss coins during 1906.

The Persians have a different name for every day in the month.

It will require \$31,641,323 to run the public schools of New York City for the year just beginning.

A blight of the tea plants caused by the bite of mosquitoes is causing much alarm among the planters in India.

President B. F. Winchell of the Rock Island at Guthrie, Okla., said his road would accept the 2-cent fare provision of the Oklahoma constitution.

Gov. Vardaman of Mississippi was prevailed upon to take a ride in Baldwin's airship at Jackson, Miss. Ten feet above the ground was the limit and the trip was very short.

William E. Shiebler, the telegraph operator who received the first message over the Atlantic cable sent to President Buchanan by Queen Victoria died in Brooklyn, N. Y. He also received the message from the front announcing the fall of Richmond at the close of the Civil War.

UNCLE SAM A CAPITALIST.

As a Shipbuilder Outranks All Others in the United States.

The United States government maintains nine navy yards, representing a capitalization of more than \$60,000,000 and employing nearly 15,000 men, including officers. The total wages paid in the navy yards of the government is approximately \$10,000,000 annually, the cost of materials used being about \$7,000,000 annually and the value of the products, depending upon the number of vessels built, runs well up into the millions every year. In 1905 the output of the government yards was over \$17,000,000.

As a shipbuilder the government outranks all other ship owners in the United States. In 1904 the government launched 170,000 tons of battle ships of more than 1,000 tons burden each. While only 3.7 per cent of all vessels launched that year were the property of the nation, these vessels constituted 27.7 per cent of the total tonnage launched that year. These same vessels represented also more than half the value of all vessels over five tons launched, the contract value of the government ships being \$39,513,600. Despite its own facilities for building and repairing warships, only one government yard has been used in recent years for turning out a modern up-to-date battle ship.

All told, the government owns fifteen dry docks where vessels of the navy undergo most of their repairs. All but two of these are located on the Atlantic coast. Another dock is being completed on Puget sound, giving three on the Pacific coast. In addition to the naval dry docks there are thirty-eight in the United States owned by private corporations or individuals. In time of war the navy should find no trouble in taking care of its smaller vessels, but the big battle ships would

WORK OF IRRIGATION.

have long distances to travel on either coast, in event of injury, before finding adequate docking facilities.

The Universalist general convention at Philadelphia listened with approval to the plea for closer fellowship between their denomination and the Unitarian, made by Rev. Lewis G. Wilson, secretary of the American Unitarian Association.

Rev. H. Allen Tupper of the Fifteenth Street Baptist church in Brooklyn announced to his congregation last Sunday that henceforth, with the help of God, he would never preach the gospel for compensation in money. The church has prospered under his charge and he has a comfortable private income. His salary will be added to the new church fund.

Bishop William Paret of the diocese of Maryland has announced that a Protestant Episcopal cathedral is to be erected at Baltimore. He says that while there is still uncertainty as to the details, the cathedral itself is a certainty. He thinks it will take from 100 to 200 years to build, so that those who start the movement need not expect to see its consummation.

Under the direction of Rev. Hugh Birk head and his associates of St. George's Episcopal church, New York, a club has been started on lines similar to that maintained by Emmanuel church, Boston, and Christ Presbyterian church of New York, namely, its membership made up entirely of persons having incipient tuberculosis. Each member promises to care for his health, to give up all work, stop worrying, live an outdoor life and obey all the rules of the club. All are supplied with a tent attachment to be fastened to the window sills so that they may sleep with their heads in the open air. Weekly meetings are held, when all tell of their progress.

The text of the recent syllabus promulgated recently by Pope Pius, which has now reached America and been published in the Catholic papers, defines as heresies sixty-five doctrines, mainly those held by liberal men within the church in Europe. The Literary Digest says that among the American Catholic journals acquiescence is general. Its reception in France and Germany is far less cordial, though there is no open revolt among the clergy. One important French weekly, the Lyons Demain, has suspended rather than take the responsibility of attacking the decree. Its editors say that the task of reconciling religion and science within the church has been made impossible by these prohibitions against all the rationalistic methods of the highest criticism.

WE'LL ADD TO MISERY OF A HARD WINTER.

European Labor Leaders Alarmed Over Increase in Homecoming Contingent.

STEAMSHIPS ARE LOADED DOWN

Hundreds of Destitute Aliens Wandering Streets of Paris on Verge of Destitution.

The increasing contingents of homecoming Italians, Lithuanians and other Mediterranean steerage passengers are disconcerting not only to the steamship companies, who have inadequate facilities for dealing with such a sudden and unexpected traffic, but to the labor leaders of Europe, who deny that these newcomers have sufficient money to pass the winter without working, and declare that they will thus add to the misery of what is sure to be a hard winter among the European working classes.

The figures given by the French labor bureau as to the returning emigrants are corroborated by Nicholas Martin, agent of the American line, who says that all the steerage capacity of every vessel has been taken until Feb. 1, while thousands more will be unable to return to Europe before spring. If this keeps up, a Paris correspondent says, some special measures must be taken to repatriate the hordes of disappointed adventurers, for the ordinary means are insufficient.

"To my knowledge several hundred of more or less destitute aliens are wandering in the streets of Paris on the verge of starvation, and the prefecture police books will probably multiply this figure by three," said one of the officials at the ministry of works to the correspondent. "The best we can do is to expedite their return to their native countries. Something like half of them have no more money than is barely sufficient to pay their fare."

Never since the first ship sailed out of New York harbor has there been anything like the present exodus of emigrants from that port. Day by day the crowds clamoring for transportation abroad grow greater, with no prospect of their reduction in numbers.

NEW PLANS ADOPTED CONTEMPLATE MANY IMPROVEMENTS.

In the irrigation division of the Agricultural Department the three main lines of work will be, as heretofore, dissemination of practical information, scientific and technical investigations, and reporting on irrigation conditions in certain districts. In view of the fact that probably about 5,000,000 acres of land provided with water for irrigation will be available for settlement at the close of 1908, it is believed that in no other way can more good be done than in supplying practical information through publications and expert advice to the new settlers on this land, and it is therefore deemed advisable to broaden the scope of this work so as to make it valuable to every class of farmers dependent upon irrigation and to every project, whether public or private.

The scientific and technical investigations will be a continuation and extension of what has already been done. Prominent features of the work will be to determine what becomes of the large quantity of water which is annually spread over cropped soils, involving a study of evaporation, seepage and distribution of losses, with a view to securing higher economy in the use of water; the relation of irrigation water to quantity and quality of crop and the adaptation of methods to different soils and crops, and a study of the more technical features of the measurement, conveyance, storage and distribution of water on farms, and the various devices used for pumping.

In the study of irrigation conditions in different localities emphasis is to be laid especially on possible improvements of present methods which will lead to a more economical use of water.

CAN COPPER BE MADE?

That the recent experiments of Sir William Ramsay, the English chemist, are not likely to result in the artificial manufacture of copper is the conclusion of President Ira Remsen, who recently made an address on the subject before the Scientific Association of the Johns Hopkins university at Baltimore. Dr. Remsen said that the experiments in question indicated that the substance we call copper, and which we have hitherto regarded as a stable elementary form of matter is capable of undergoing a very slight decomposition, but while it is possible that a minute quantity of the element lithium can be obtained from copper by the action of radium emanation, the change is very slight, and it does not seem probable that any method can be devised by which it can be markedly increased.

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Flip a coin.
Or select your lot in life?
Flip a coin.
Of two evils make no choice.
Save your time, and strength, and voice.
There's a better way! Rejoice!
Flip a coin.

Peat briquettes are now being made at Norfolk, Mass., with a machine. The peat is cut up by revolving knives like a meat chopper and then pressed through a die in a continuous bar, which is sliced into briquettes by a knife operated automatically.

Ferry's Free Seed Book.

For half a century thousands and thousands of farmers and gardeners have regarded "Ferry's Seed Annual" as the best guide not only for the buying of seeds, but for their planting and care. Daily reference to its text and illustrations proves it to be the actual beginning of a successful season. The new edition for 1908 is now ready for free mailing to all who write to the publishers for a copy.

It is a high tribute to the house of D. M. Ferry & Co. that two generations have planted Ferry's Seeds, each succeeding year adding to the confidence that "seed trouble" will never arise when Ferry's seeds are planted as "Ferry's Seed Annual" says they should be.

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Speed.
"It takes you a long time to pass a given point," said the minute hand, en passant.
"I may be slow," answered the hour hand; "but it takes you all of sixty-six minutes to catch up with me."

Blest is He.
There is no nobler monument
Than rises from a life well spent;
And blest is he of whom they tell
"He did his work and did it well!"
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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The Poor Cat.
A young wife called her husband on the telephone to tell him a tale of woe. In tear-choked accents she said: "That you, dearie? Well, you know that lovely chicken pie I made you—that horrid old cat came in and ate it up before I could stop it?"
He answered: "Never mind, darling; I'll get you another cat."

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