

The Evolution of Household Remedies.

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In the early history of this country, EVERY FAMILY HAD ITS HOME-MADE MEDICINES. Herb teas, bitters, laxatives and tonics, were to be found in almost every house, compounded by the housewife, sometimes assisted by the apothecary or the family doctor. Such remedies as pica, which was aloes and quassa, dissolved in apple brandy. Sometimes a hop tonic, made of whiskey, hops and bitter barks. A score or more of popular, home-made remedies were thus compounded, the formulae for which were passed along from house to house, sometimes written, sometimes verbally communicated.

The patent medicine business is a natural outgrowth from this wholesome, old-time custom. In the beginning, some enterprising doctor, impressed by the usefulness of one of these home-made remedies, would take it up, improve it in many ways, manufacture it on a large scale, advertise it mainly through almanacs for the home, and thus it would become used over a large area. LATTERLY THE HOUSEHOLD REMEDY BUSINESS TOOK A MORE EXACT AND SCIENTIFIC FORM.

Peruna was originally one of these old-time remedies. It was used by the Mennonites, of Pennsylvania, before it was offered to the public for sale. Dr. Hartman, THE ORIGINAL COMPOUNDER OF PERUNA, is of Mennonite origin. First, he prescribed it for his neighbors and his patients. The sale of it increased, and at last he established a manufactory and furnished it to the general drug trade.

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Not Attracted.

"Are you Mm. Bombazino, the beauty specialist?" asked the fair caller.
"Yes, ma'am," answered the sly, square-jawed matron. "What can I do for you?"
"Nothing!" said the caller, making a hasty exit.

Making a Start.

"I am glad to hear, Miss Bertha, that you have decided to become a part of the church militant."
"Why, I haven't gone so far as that yet, doctor, but I'm to be—a part of the church social."

The curious fact is noted by Prof. Landain of Breslau that careful measurements of the intensity of gravitation in different parts of the globe show this to be greater on islands than on continents.

The one hundredth anniversary of the opening of the port of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to international commerce is to be celebrated in that city next year by a national exhibition of industrial, pastoral and art products, from June 15 to Sept. 7.

Uncle Jerry.

"Speakin' of these here State charitable institutions," remarked Uncle Jerry Peebles, "I reckon they ain't as black as they're painted nor as white as they're whitewashed."

Filling a Need.

"Mister," whined the small urchin, as he shivered from head to foot, "it is so bitter cold. C-can't yer spare me a nickel?"
"Yes, my boy," replied the benevolent old gentleman as he opened his purse and fished out the coin.
"Thanks, mister."
"And now I suppose you are going to buy fuel with it?"
"Nope! An ice-cream soda."

The General Demand

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PORTLAND CEMENT.

Ingredients Necessary in the Manufacture of This Product.

By J. Shirley Jones, Chemist, Idaho Experiment Station, Moscow.

From time to time the members of the experiment station staff are asked for information concerning the properties, composition, and methods of manufacture of Portland cement. These inquiries are usually answered by the station chemist. Below is given a typical letter of inquiry on this subject, and following it is the reply given by the station chemist.

Welsler, Ida., Feb. 26, 1908.

I would like to know the ingredient and process of making Portland cement. Is the body of clay or soapstone? I think I have the raw material. Please answer and oblige.—A. W.

A great deal of time and labor have been spent by various chemists in investigating the composition and properties of Portland cement. The conclusions drawn from these investigations are not always concordant, but no one dissents from the view that the essential ingredients of this kind of cement are lime, silica and alumina. Other elements are always present, however, among them being magnesia, soda, potash, iron, phosphorus, manganese, titanium, etc. According to Meade, good cements vary considerably in composition, but the three important ingredients will run about as follows: Lime, 58 to 67 per cent; silica, 19 to 25 per cent; alumina, 5 to 10 per cent; and magnesia is allowable to the extent of 3 to 5 per cent.

The raw materials from which Portland cement is manufactured are classified as argillaceous and calcareous. Some common forms of the first are clay, shale, and slate, and of the latter limestone, marl and chalk. In these two classes of raw materials are found all the ingredients necessary in the manufacture of Portland cement. In the iron regions of Pennsylvania, however, blast furnace slag is made to replace the clay or shale. From whatever source the raw materials are obtained, the cement manufacturer must see that they are so mixed that the product of calcination contains the important compounds mentioned above in the proportions that experience has taught are the ones necessary in a good cement. It becomes almost imperative then that the chemical composition of the raw materials should be known.

Although the writer is not personally acquainted with the limestone regions of this state, it appears that there are at least two localities in Northern Idaho where limestone is found in abundance, and since clay is also present, at least in spots, in the same district, there seems to be good reason for believing that in the future a great deal of the Portland cement used in this state will be made at home.

Of Interest to Farmers.

The following publications of interest to farmers and others have been issued by the Agricultural department of the Federal government and will be furnished free, so long as they are available, except where otherwise noted, upon application to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.:

Bulletin No. 100.—Report of Irrigation Investigations in California, under the direction of Elwood Mead, expert in charge. Pp. 411, pls. 29, figs. 16. Price, paper, 90 cents; cloth, \$1.25. This report deals with investigation carried on during the summer of 1900 in cooperation with the California Water and Forest Association. In addition to a review of the agricultural situation in the state, it presents a comprehensive discussion of the water laws and customs under which irrigation is practiced in California as typified by the conditions in Honey Lake basin and on Yuba river, Cache creek, Salinas river, San Joaquin river, Kings river, Los Angeles river, Sweetwater river and San Jacinto river. It describes the methods and means by which water is diverted from these streams and used for irrigation and the indefinite and excessive appropriations of water and the resulting litigation, and discusses the evils resulting from absence of state control of streams.

Bulletin No. 105.—Irrigation in the United States. Testimony of Elwood Mead, irrigation expert in charge, before the United States Industrial commission, June 11 and 12, 1901. Pp. 47, pls. 12, fig. 1. Price 15 cents. The statement made before the Industrial commission deals chiefly with the legal status of irrigation, touching on state control, national aid to irrigation, and the disposal of the public grazing lands. The necessity and possibility of storage are also discussed.

Bulletin No. 133.—Report of Irrigation Investigations for 1902, under the direction of Elwood Mead, chief of irrigation investigation, office of experiment stations. Pp. 286, pls. 12, figs. 18. Price 25 cents. This bulletin gives the result of the fourth season's investigations of the problems of irrigation, the results obtained in similar investigations in previous years being reported in Bulletins 86, 104 and 119, of this office noted above.

Canned Pumpkin.

Feel the pumpkin, cut into pieces and cover with boiling water. Stew until very tender, then rub through a colander. Return to the fire, bring to a hard boil, sweeten to taste and, while boiling, fill the overflowing hot jars and seal immediately.

To Fit the Crime.

"I reckon I'm guilty, y'r honor," snuffed the leathery faced old vagabond who had been run in for drunkenness and general worthlessness, "but it ain't my fault."

"Whose fault is it?" inquired the police justice.

"It's the fault o' my brother-in-law an' my sister-in-law. They won't let me live with 'em any more. When a feller's in-laws goes back on 'im, y'r honor, he can't help bein' a outlaw."

"Six months in the workhouse!" roared the police justice.

Absence of Mind.

Exhausted by the labor of carrying the furniture out of the building, the man whose dwelling was ablaze from cellar to garret mechanically rolled a cigaroot and turned to one of the firemen.

"Have you got a match?" he panted.

"A match?" growled the fireman. "If you want to light that thing go and touch it to your house!"

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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A Delicate Task.

"The newspapers," said the orator solemnly, "do not tell the truth."

"Perhaps not," answered the editor regretfully. "We do our best; but you know, there is nothing more difficult than to tell the truth in a way that won't put it up to some one to challenge your veracity."—Washington Star.

Giving an Illustration.

Voice (over the telephone).—"Professor, I am getting up a special article for one of the illustrated weekly papers on 'The Value of the Comparatively Unimportant.' Please tell me, for instance, one of your methods of saving your odds and ends of time, by which you are enabled to do so much work without having to hurry."

The Professor.—"Always omitting the 'good-by' when using the telephone." (Hangs up receiver.)

A new desk and office convenience is a tool for removing rusty or corroded pens from the holder. Most persons who work at a desk have experienced more or less difficulty in this connection, and very often the fingers are cut with the sharp edges of the pen or soiled with rust and ink. This clever device has handles like pliers; by closing which the pen is gripped and then drawn out by a small trigger-like lever operated by the forefinger.

Free Consent of the People.

The "pioneer American Democrat" was the Rev. Thomas Hooker of Connecticut, who, in a sermon in Hartford in the year 1633, said, "The foundation of all authority is firstly laid in the free consent of the people." There, in embryo, were the Revolution and the great republic. In the "Fundamental Orders of Connecticut," inspired by Hooker and adopted at Hartford in 1638, we have the first written constitution known to history that created a government. And that government was as near a perfect democracy as the world has ever seen.—New York American.

Naming the Tiger.

On the overthrow of the monarchy of Louis Philippe a Sunday crowd visited the Jardin des Plantes and was amazed to find the fine specimen of the Bengal tiger still bearing the label of "Le Tigre Royal." Nothing would serve the furious crowd but that at once on the spot the authorities should change the name to "Le Tigre National," and they did.—London Academy.

For the Children

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No Privileges.

The business agent stuck his head inside the shop door. A solitary man was at work.

"What are you doing here?" he demanded. "Don't you know this is a holiday?"

"Not for me," answered the solitary man, without looking up from his work. "I'm the boss."

Her Generosity.

He—I wish that you were poor, so that you would be willing to marry me.

She—Evidently I am far more generous than you. I wish you were rich, so that I might be willing to marry you.

S.S.S. CURES RHEUMATISM

Every case of Rheumatism has its origin and its development in the blood. It is not a disease which is contracted like a cold, but it is in the blood and system before a pain is felt, and the changes in the weather or any physical irregularities, such as a spell of indigestion, bowel disturbance, etc., are merely the exciting causes producing the pains and aches, which are the natural symptoms of the disease. Rheumatism is caused by an excess of uric acid and other corrosive, irritating poisons in the blood, which are carried through the circulation to every part of the system. Every muscle, nerve, membrane, tissue and joint becomes saturated with these acrid, irritating impurities, or coated with fine, insoluble caustic matter, and the sharp, piercing pains or the dull, constant aches are felt with every physical movement. When the blood is filled with uric acid poison, permanent relief cannot be expected from liniments, plasters, or other external treatment. Such measures give temporary relief, but in order to conquer

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CONRAD LOHR,
122 E. 19th St.

I was severely troubled with Rheumatism. I had it in my knees, legs and ankles, and any one who has ever had Rheumatism knows how excruciating the pain is and how it interferes with one at work. I was truly in bad shape—having been bothered with it for ten years, off and on. A local physician advised me to use S. S. S. I did so. After taking two bottles I noticed the soreness and pain were greatly reduced. I continued the medicine and was thoroughly cured; all pain, soreness and inflammation gone. I recommend S. S. S. to all Rheumatic sufferers.

J. L. AGNEW,
Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

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