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COST OF THE BOER WAR

But for the discoveries of gold in the Witwatersrand a few years ago the Boers would doubtless have been left in the undisputed possession and sole enjoyment of the South African veld north of the Vaal river.

Even then the Boers did not avail themselves of the opportunity to grow rich by digging the gold out of the Rand, but contented themselves with exacting tribute from the people who actually developed the gold mining industry in and about Johannesburg.

What the Boer war has meant to the gold mines of the Rand and the holders of "Kaffir" stocks in Europe, especially in England, may be surmised from the fact that the output of the mines for two years past has been only trifling in amount.

Leading merchants of Mexico are hoping, if not actually praying, for the establishment of the gold basis in the currency of that country. And, singularly enough, the annoyance and embarrassment to which these Mexican merchants have recently been subjected by reason of the fluctuations in the value of the peso may with fairness be laid at the door of the United States government.

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A distinguished foreigner has said that if women were made eligible to the office now restricted to men they would be more just to accused persons of their sex than male persons are.

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Accept no substitute for the "Discoverer." There is nothing "just as good" for weakness, nervousness and debility.

Mr. W. W. Baker, of Plainview, Neb., writes: "My wife had lung trouble for over fifteen years. We tried a number of doctors and spent over a thousand dollars without any relief."

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An ex-cabinet officer and a few friends plotted to drink Minister Wu under the table. With a sweet, sad, sober smile Wu helped each and every one of them to bed.

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"This is indeed a god!" shouted the Austrian burghers as they heard young Mr. Schwab order up a special train with the same nonchalance that Emperor Francis Joseph exhibits when he marches to the ticket office window.

Worse than an alarm of fire at night is the brassy cough of croup, which sounds like the children's death knell and it means death unless something is done quickly.

England needn't lose any sleep about her food supply in time of war. Business is business, and even the terrible Napoleon bought his soldiers' uniforms from the "nation of shopkeepers" he tried so hard to strangle.

An Iowa woman has sued a dead man for breach of promise of marriage and recovered \$5000 damages. The poor fellow is left with only a small balance of 50 cents to start house-keeping in the present location.

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