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 Pale Bohemian Beer
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SSS THE OLDEST AND BEST BLOOD PURIFIER
THE GREATEST OF ALL TONICS.
 A Spring Medicine that adds vigor and strength to the system, purifies and enriches the Blood, and lays the foundation for a strong constitution and good health during the hot sultry summer.

Most everybody feels bad in the spring. Some have no particular ailment but are just tired, worn out and totally unfit for work or anything else that requires energy or effort. They mope around upon the border-land of invalidism, irritable, peevish, hysterical and unreasonable.

A good appetite in the spring is a rarity, and we sicken at the sight of food, or thought of eating, and what little we do eat is a burden to the stomach and a tax upon the digestion.

Warm weather is sure to bring out the hidden poisons, germs and seeds of disease that have been collecting in the blood and system during winter, and you may look for some old chronic trouble to make its appearance. It is a time, too, when boils and carbuncles, and pustular or scaly skin eruptions like eczema and tetter, pay their annual visits and make life miserable by their intense pains and intolerable itching and burning.

The fight for health should begin before any warning symptoms of physical collapse are felt, or before the seeds of disease have time to germinate if we would avoid the usual spring sickness; and with S. S. S., the acknowledged king of blood purifiers and greatest of all tonics, you can put your blood and system in such perfect condition and so strengthen the constitution that one may be as free from sickness and as vigorous and strong during the trying months of spring and depressing summer season as at any other time.

S. S. S. not only builds you up, but searches out and destroys any poisonous germs or impurities that may be lurking in the blood. The benefits derived from the use of S. S. S. are permanent because it acts directly on the blood and purifies and cleanses it of all impure matter, leaving nothing to cause fermentation and deterioration of this life-giving fluid.

In selecting your blood purifier and spring tonic get one that long experience and thorough test have proven the best. In S. S. S. you will find a remedy whose purifying properties are unquestionable, and just such a tonic as your system needs. Ask your druggist for S. S. S.—there is nothing else just as good.

For the past 40 years we have had a standing offer of \$1,000 for proof that S. S. S. contains the least particle of any mineral whatever, and this offer is still open.

Gentlemen: For over four years I suffered with general debility, causing a thorough breaking down of my system, so that I was unable to attend to my household duties. I had tried other medicines, which did not relieve me. Seven years ago my cousin, who had been benefited by S. S. S., told me about it. I tried it and it cured me. I have been able to attend to my household duties ever since, experiencing no inconvenience whatever; in fact, I am able to work in the garden as well as my house.

I heartily recommend S. S. S. to all who may feel the need of a thoroughly good blood tonic, feeling sure they will be benefited thereby.

Yours truly,
MRS. JOSIE A. BRITAIN,
 44 W. Ninth St., Columbia, Tenn.

SSS NATURE'S REMEDY PURELY VEGETABLE

AWFUL CRIME OF HUSBAND

After Brutally Butchering Helpless Wife He Ends His Own Worthless Life.

DYING MAN TELLS NEIGHBORS

After Relating Story of Murder Fiend Finishes Tragedy by Cutting His Throat, Expiring by Side of Victim.

Huntville, Ala., April 30.—As the mother was in the act of laying her baby in bed, Fleming Forman of Dallas Mills has shot his wife, cut her throat, killing her, and then inflicted fatal wounds upon himself. Neighbors hearing the shots rushed to the place. Froman met them at the gate with his throat horribly cut and told what he had done. Going back to the body of his wife, he again cut his throat and fell dead beside her.

By Boat to New Orleans

New York, April 30.—The naval reserves of New Jersey who are to row at the St. Louis exposition have decided to send an ensign with a crew of 12 men and a cook. It is purposed to go overland to Pittsburg, down the Ohio river to Cairo and then up the Mississippi to St. Louis. On the return trip the crew will row down the Mississippi river to New Orleans and return from there by steamship. A double bark whale boat will be used on the river trip and the crew will camp en route.

Boy Awarded \$14,000.

Chicago, April 30.—For the loss of his right foot while he was helping a train crew at a turn table, William Chartres, 11 years old, has been awarded \$14,000 damages in Judge Honore's court. In August, 1903, while at play near the turntable of the Belt railway the boy was called by an engine crew to help turn the table.

SACRED OPERA "BELSHAZZAR"

Most of the leading singers of the city have been practicing for the past ten days, under the direction of Mr. Robinson, and have brought to a degree of perfection quite surprising the difficult music of the great dramatic story of the "handwriting on the wall." The possibilities for stage pictures, dramatic climaxes and electrical effects are far greater in this opera than in "Queen Esther" which so pleased Astoria audiences last January, and the ladies of the Library Association have a rich treat in store for those who attend the production of Belshazzar at the opera house on Thursday and Friday evenings, of this week. The following list comprises the cast and chorus of the opera:

PERSONATION

Belshazzar, King of Babylon	Frank Carnahan
Nitocris, the Queen	Reba Hobson
Daniel, the Prophet	James Johnson
Hananiah	H. H. Brown
Jewish Maiden	Mrs. F. Spittle
High Priest of Baal	Samuel Gill
Lord of the Court	Nello Johnson
Lady of the Court	Mrs. C. I. Houston
Cyrus, King of Persia	Chester Fox
Angel	Alice Sweeney

Pages

Bertha Stephenson	Lena Fastabend
Nan Rahles	Mrs. W. Babbidge
Stella Stephenson	Elsie Larsen
May Utzinger	Frank Spittle
Neal Stupp	C. H. Abercrombie
J. T. Ross	T. L. Ball
Sue Elmore	Ralph Roelofs
Carol Young	Amy Rannels
Mary Nowlen	Helen Brooks

Belshazzar's Maidens

Winifred VanDusen	Nelle Barker	Amy Rannels	Nora Wilson	Hazel Robb
Pauline Kirchoff	Myrtle Shabour	Ellen Nowlen	Lola Parker	Letta Drain
Maude VanDusen	Laura Fastabend	Alice Wright	Ethel Gerding	Gertrude Upshur
Winifred Higgins	Mrs. Eva Holmes	Martin E. Robinson		

PERSONALIS

Soprano	Amy Rannels	Reba Hobson
	Alice Sweeney	Florence L. Turner
	Ella Thompson	Bertha Simpson
	Mrs. C. P. Zigler	Stella Stephenson
	Clara G. Barker	Nan Rahles
	Helen Brooks	Martha Powell
	Sue H. Elmore	Ellen Nowlen
	Lulu Estes	Mae Magee
	Bertha Fannon	Pauline Kirchoff
	Lena Fastabend	May Utzinger
Alto	Winifred Van Dusen	Winifred Higgins
	Alice Wright	Nora Wilson
	Carol Young	Maude Van Dusen
	Nelle Barker	Gertrude Upshur
	Elizabeth Busey	Bertha Stephenson
	Letta Drain	Hazel Robb
	Laura Fox	Elsie Larsen
		Mrs. C. Houston
Tenor	Nello Johnson	J. T. Ross
	Clarence Hansen	Simon Little
	John Downey	Frank Spittle
	C. W. Barr	
Bass	R. H. E. Roelofs	Ino. N. Griffin
	Wm. Lindau	Frank Carnahan
	Grover Utzinger	Arthur J. Rich
	Wm. H. Wood	Neal Stupp
	F. L. Bishop	J. Vernon
	Walter M. Berry	Frank Woodfield.

FEAST OF BELSHAZZAR

Act I
 Scene:—A room in the Jewish quarter of the palace.
 Chorus of Jews—"O, Lord to whom vengeance belongeth."
 Trio, Jewish Maidens—"Why standest thou afar off, O Lord."
 Solo, Daniel and Chorus—"Lord thou hast heard the desire of the humble."
 Solo, Hananiah and Quartet—"Behold the Lord of Hosts."
 Solo, Queen—"O that I had wings like a dove."
 Quintet, Jews—"O Holy and Most High."
 Solo, Daniel, evening devotion—"I will lay me down and sleep."
 Aris, Jewish Maiden—"Care-charming sleep."
 Solo, Daniel, morning praise—"I laid me down and slept."
 Duet, Jewish Maidens and Chorus—"Our hearts shall rejoice" and "Praise the Lord."

Act II
 Scene:—Belshazzar's palace. The feast.
 Chorus, Babylonian National Anthem—"With high-sounding paeans."
 Solo, King and Chorus—"Turn we awhile from war's acclaim."
 Solo, Lord of the Court and Chorus—"Fill Zion's golden goblet high."
 Duet, King and Lord and Chorus—"And now the silver flagons fill."
 Solo, High Priest and Chorus—"Turn now awhile from Baal's shrine."
Babylonian Scarf Dance.
 Solo and Duet, Lady of the Court and Queen—"While war and famine reign without."
The Handwriting on the wall.
 Chorus and King, recitative—"Mene! Mene! Tekel! Peres!" and "Bring in the Astrologers."
 Trio, Wise Men—"O, King! I've forever, there is none that can show it before thee."
 Recitative, King and Chorus—"My spirit is troubled."
 Double Chorus—Jews and Babylonians—"Jehovah we worship thee." "Great Baal we cry to thee."
 Recitative, Queen—"O, King, let not thy thoughts trouble thee."
 Recitative, King—"Bring Daniel before me." "I have heard of thee."
 Solo, Daniel—"O, God, Thou hast taught me from my youth."
 Recitative, Daniel and Chorus—"O, King, thy rewards be to another."
The Interpretation of the Handwriting.
 Solo, King—"Woe is me."
 Chorus—"Here let us gay and jovial be."
Belshazzar's Maidens' March Drill.

Act III
 Scene:—Night camp of King Cyrus' Army.
 Solo, Angel, messenger from the Lord to Cyrus—"Arouse ye, Arouse!"
 Chorus of Soldiers—"Sound the warlike clarion!"
 Recitative, Hananiah—"Still revel and riot."
 Chorus, Soldiers and Women—"Victory! Victory! Victory!"
Duel and Death of Belshazzar.

Act IV
 Scene:—Queen's apartments in the Palace.
 Recitative, Queen—"Of a truth it is that God is a God of Gods."
 Solo, Daniel and Chorus—"Like as a father pitieth his children."
 Solo, Queen—"Rejoice! O daughter of Zion."
 Grand Chorus of Babylonians and Jews—"Magnify, glorify, extol and exalt the Lord—Amen."

CLAIMS NOT YET SETTLED

French Canal Company Continues to Be Involved in Litigation Regarding Rights

BUILDINGS ARE EMBARGOED

Claimants Prepare Documents Demanding Immediate Sale at Public Auction of Property.

New York, April 30.—The long pending claims against the French Canal Company have not yet been settled, says a Herald dispatch from Panama. The company's buildings have been embargoed in the courts for some time, and it is impossible to transfer them except through a Panama notary in accordance with the present civil laws after the embargo on the property has been cancelled. The claimants are now preparing legal documents demanding the immediate sale at public auction of the embargoed property by an authorized judge.

Society Notes

Mrs. Clara Reames is in the city from Portland visiting with her father and sisters.
Miss Nellie F. Busey returned Friday from a few days' visit with Mrs. Frank Dow at Seaside.

The Semi-Monthly Euchre Club will be entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Griffin next Friday evening.

Miss Alice Sweeney of Warrenton spent Friday and yesterday in the city, a guest at the home of Mrs. Jennie Busey.

Mrs. C. H. Callender, who has been in the city for the past few days from Knappton, went to Portland yesterday morning to pay a brief visit with friends.

The ladies of the Methodist church were entertained at the home of Mrs. Gerding Tuesday afternoon. Instructive and entertaining games were played and refreshments were served.

Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Ball entertained the members of the Epworth League and their friends Friday evening. A fine musical program was rendered and a novel game, in which peanuts figured conspicuously, was played.

The game of "500" was played by the Thursday Afternoon Club at the Stevens Thursday afternoon. Miss Wood won first prize. The rooms were prettily decorated and Mrs. Horace Thing, the hostess, proved a charming entertainer.

The young ladies of the Saturday Afternoon Club were entertained by Miss Lucile Cole at the Cole residence yesterday afternoon. The parlors were prettily decorated, and the young ladies spent a delightful time together playing games.

The young ladies of the Browning Club spent a delightful afternoon at the home of Mrs. David Morgan yesterday, Miss May Morgan being the hostess of the occasion. The time was occupied in study of some of the best work of the great English poet, much profit and entertainment resulting from the studious gathering.

The wedding of Mrs. Mina A. Megler and J. W. Hedrick was solemnized at Mrs. Megler's home on Exchange street yesterday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Grim of the Methodist church officiating. The bride was attended by Mrs. Mary Surprenant and Fred Munson was best man. The rooms were handsomely decorated for the occasion and intimate friends of the couple witnessed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Hedrick will continue to make their home in this city.

A THOUGHTFUL MAN.

M. M. Austin, of Winchester, Ind., knew what to do in the hour of need. His wife had such an unusual case of stomach and liver trouble, physicians could not help her. He thought of and tried Dr. King's New Life Pills and she got relief at once and was finally cured. Only 35c at Charles Rogers' drug store.