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SORES and Ulcers DRAIN THE SYSTEM, ENDANGER LIFE.

That old sore or ulcer, which has been a source of pain, worry and anxiety to you for five or ten years—maybe longer—doesn't heal because you are not using the proper treatment, but are trying to cure it with salves and washes. While these are soothing and relieve pain to some extent, no real, permanent good can come from their use, because the disease is in the blood and far beyond the reach of external applications.

A sore heals promptly when the blood is in good condition, but never if it is diseased. The tendency of these old sores and ulcers is to grow worse, spreading and eating deeper into the flesh. They are a constant drain upon the system, gradually but surely ruin the health and sap the very life. A person's capacity for work or pleasure is soon lost in the great desire and search for something to cure.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The peanut crop of 1899 is nearly 1,000,000 bushels heavier than the crop of 1898.

Horses were introduced into Egypt by the Shepherds Kings less than 1700 B. C. No horse figures appear on the early monuments of Egypt.

It has been discovered that a lot of expensive furniture in the capitol at Washington, supposed to be solid mahogany, is only thinly veneered with that wood.

The sum of \$2,637,000 has been expended in New Jersey making 440 miles of good roads. Massachusetts has spent \$2,637,300 on 250 miles, which are as perfect as any highways in Europe.

Buffalo, with a population of 400,000, expended \$173,840 on the poor last year. Rochester, with 175,889 people, spent \$90,000, while Syracuse, with about 125,000 inhabitants, paid out more than \$200,000.

The street cars of Havana are heavy, cumbersome, old-style cars, drawn by three ponies, one in the lead of a span at the doubletree, all of them hitched too far from the car for economy of effort on the part of the little beasts or successful handling by the driver.

The original copy of the declaration of independence is no longer to be seen by the public, because exposure to the air and light has made the text and signatures almost illegible. The document is now kept in a safe in the library of the state department at Washington, and it is believed that the faded lines are recovering some of their color.

The Chicago fire of October 8 and 9, 1871, burned over about 3 1/2 square miles, destroying 17,450 buildings, killing 200 persons and rendering 98,500 homeless. The loss was over \$200,000,000, the most destructive fire ever known. In the Boston fire, November 9, 1872, over 800 buildings were burned; loss, \$80,000,000. In the Philadelphia fire, July 9, 1850, 367 houses were destroyed.

A RIDE IN A NIGHT SHIRT.

Humorous Incident of William the Conqueror's Escape from a Band of Assassins.

Among several incidents of "The Boyhood of 'The Conqueror,'" related by Adele E. Orpen, is this account of a midnight flight:

One of these shooting-matches nearly cost him his life. He was about 2 years old when, in early summer of the year 1047, he went with a large train of friends and attendants to shoot at Valognes. In those days there were great forests covering the hills and valleys around Valognes, and as these forests were full of game the young duke and his friends expected to enjoy themselves. They formed so large a party that they had to separate and lodge where they could in the town. This left the duke with only a few servants in the castle. In the middle of the night he was suddenly awakened by a loud knocking, and the shouting of some one mounting the stairs to his chamber. He listened, and recognized the voice of Gallet, a strolling buffoon whom he knew very well, and to whom he had frequently given little trifles.

"Fly! fly!" shouted the buffoon. "William, thou art lost! Fly, sweet friend! Thy murderers are coming! I saw them. Fly, or thou wilt be taken!"

William had been through too many dangers, and had had too many narrow escapes, to neglect such a warning. He believed that Gallet, though but a fool, spoke the truth. He sprang from his bed, and, in his nightdress, with only a short cloak hung upon his shoulders, dashed downstairs and into the courtyard. Perhaps he heard the sound of armed men approaching; perhaps he needed to hear nothing more in order to realize his danger; at all events, he seized the first horse he could find, leaped upon its bareback, and rode for his life.

Not a moment too soon. He had scarce galloped out of the courtyard before several armed men hurriedly rode into it. Gallet met them at the entrance. He had seen them a short time before from his hayloft at the inn, when they were preparing for their murderous errand, and whence he had run to warn his "sweet friend" William. He knew them and their purpose. "Ha, ha!" he cried, with mad glee, "you're late, my sirs; you're late. The duke is gone! William is off! Your stroke has missed! But hark ye; side a bit. He will pay you! You made him pass a bad night—he will make you see an ill day." And then he cantered derisively about them.—St. Nicholas.

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PROTESTS AGAINST THE CREDENTIALS

charges Fraud in the Appointment of Clark—He Will Name a Senator.

Chicago, May 17.—A special to the Times-Herald from Helena, Mont., says:

When the United States senate committee on privileges and elections meets tomorrow, it will have to face another complication in the Clark senatorial case. Governor Smith arrived in Butte this afternoon, and wired Attorney-General Nolan to meet him in that city. The governor desired to consult the attorney-general as to the form in which he will put a protest that he will wire to the senate tomorrow against the acceptance of the credentials of Mr. Clark in the appointment of Lieutenant-Governor Spriggs. Governor Smith will base his protest on the ground that the appointment is vitiated because of fraud. He will allege that the resignation of Senator Clark was written in April and that the date that it now bears, May 11, was the result of the erasure of the original date, which, it will be alleged, can be easily proved by examination of the document.

He will allege also that the resignation was in the possession of Charles A. Clark, son of the senator, for several weeks, and that the resignation of Senator Clark at the time he did resign, and his appointment by Lieutenant-Governor Spriggs, was part of a plan to insure his appointment by the lieutenant-governor. In the carrying out of the plot, it will be added, misrepresentation and other devious methods were used to get the governor out of the state. The governor will hold that, owing to alleged fraudulent practices, followed in the appointment of Mr. Clark, that appointment is void, and he will himself make an appointment to fill the vacancy from Montana.

While it is not positively known whom the governor will appoint, it is believed that Martin Maginnis, who represented Montana in congress in the early days of the territory, will be chosen. He is not allied with either democratic faction, and has always been a strong party man.

Predicts Bryan's Defeat.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Wharton Barker, the nominee for president by the middle-of-the-road populists, called on President McKinley today to pay his respects. These gentlemen have known each other ever since the latter entered public life. Later, Mr. Barker said that his nomination makes the election of Mr. Bryan impossible.

"At the last presidential election, Mr. Bryan received about 6,500,000. Of this number, at least 2,000,000 were populists. This year I will get 1,500,000 or possibly 1,750,000, of that number. This will cut Bryan's vote to 5,000,000, or less. Where is he going to get the other votes necessary to elect him? It is estimated Mr. McKinley received 1,500,000 votes from the the democratic ranks four years ago. These will not go to Bryan this year to make up his loss of populist votes."

ACROSS THE TRANSVAAL

Christiana, the First Town Within the Transvaal Borders to Be Occupied by the British, Was Taken by Hunter Yesterday Afternoon.

KROONSTAD, May 17.—Hunter has occupied Christiania without opposition, the enemy having retired to Klerksdorp under the impression that the latter was threatened by a portion of this force from Parys.

Rundie's force was close to Cloccolan yesterday evening. The country was clear of the enemy.

The resident commissioner in Basutoland reports that a number of Boers living in the Enicksburg and Bethlehem districts have applied to him for advice and as to the conditions of surrender. This is very satisfactory.

LONDON, May 17.—2:18 p. m.—The war office has received the following dispatches from Lord Roberts.

"Kroonstad, May 16.—Rundie yesterday occupied Mequatlings Nek and Modder Port without opposition.

"Hunter has entered the Transvaal and has advanced within ten miles of Christiania.

"Methuen has reached a point twelve miles on the Hoopstad road without seeing the enemy.

"Natives and local whites have confirmed the previous reports of the disorganization of the Free Staters. The situation here is unchanged."

LONDON, May 17.—In the committee-room of the house of commons this morning, Sir James Kiteon announced that Mafeking had been relieved. The war office, however, is unable to confirm the announcement.

CAPE TOWN, May 17.—A dispatch from Lourenco Marques, dated today, says that Commandant Eloff, grandson of President Kruger, with a patrol, entered Mafeking, whereupon Colonel Baden-Powell opened fire on the burghers, killing seventeen of them and taking Eloff and ninety of his men prisoners.

Caught a Dreadful Cold.

Marion Kooke, manager for T. M. Thompson, a large importer of fine millinery at 1658 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, says: "During the late severe weather I caught a dreadful cold which kept me awake at night and made me unfit to attend my work during the day. One of my milliners was taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a severe cold at that time, which seemed to relieve her so quickly that I bought some for myself. It acted like magic and I began to improve at once. I am now entirely well and feel very pleased to acknowledge its merits." For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

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Nicaragua Route Favored.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The senate committee on inter-oceanic canals, through its chairman, Senator Morgan, represented its written report on the Nicaragua canal bill to the senate. The committee takes a strong position against the proposition to build a canal via the Panama route, and favors the Nicaragua route.

He Fooled the Surgeons.

All doctors told Renick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with five boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best surest Pile cure on Earth, and the best Salve in the World. 25 cents a box. Sold by Blakeley & Houghton Druggists.

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