SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER EIGHT

old enough, smart enough, pretty

"You'll never find a job other-

wise," predicted the older girl.

Pat."

"No."

tract."

"For stakes?"

"Is a cent a point all right?"

"Yes, please."

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Hands Across the Continent

O. M. W. SPRAGUE has resigned his post as special treasury adviser because he is out of sympathy with the Roosevelt monetary program and foresees a dangerous inflation ahead which he feels it his duty to combat. While the writer does not find O. M. W.'s name in his herdbook and so can claim no relation, we have been unable to understand how a man with that name and from Massachusetts could stomach the dervish dance of the dollar which the president is now staging. His resignation wipes out the mystery, which was no mystery at all; and we feel the family name has been vin-

For O. M. W. in his letter to the president hammers home the arguments against price raising by dollar devaluation which we have been emphasizing. Though you inflate prices you cannot maintain inflated prices unless and until there is demand for goods which are in production. The old law of supply and demand will still function; and if cotton goes to 20c a pound it will not stay there unless the cotton passes into consumption. The higher price will attract greater production and increase the prevailing surplus.

We quote some pertinent paragraphs from Mr. Sprague's letter:

"I am opposed to the present policy of depreciating the dollar through gold purchases in foreign markets for two reasons. I am convinced that this policy will prove ineffective in securing a speedy rise in prices. This is not because of any inability to depreciate the dollar.

"When a government announces its determination to depreciate its own currency it can certainly accomplish that result, and without the necessity of acquiring any considerable amounts of gold in other countries; since no sensible person will desire in such circumstances to acquire more of the currency.

"But mere depreciation of the currency in relation to the currencies of other countries will not bring about a general rise in prices, in the absence of widespread distrust of the currency, at a time when there is a large excess plant capacity and millions of unemployed wage earners.

"An advance in prices that has any promise of being maintained requires the development of conditions that will permit a sustained demand for more labor and more materials, with resultant increase in the production of goods and services and a higher standard of living. There is nothing in the depreciation of the dollar to induce this increased demand for materials and labor. A few prices will rise, particularly those of commodities ich as cotton that are exported in large amounts.

'Finally, and of overshadowing importance, the present policy threatens a complete break-down of the credit of the government. The recovery program involves expenditures far in excess of current revenues. Certainly as much as two billions of dollars must be borrowed during the remainder of the fiscal year.

Bonds, including government bonds, are an unsatisfactory favestment at a time when a government is determined to depreciate its currency. Already many issues of government securities have dropped below par, including the issue that was brought out in October.

"I believe you are faced with the alternative either of giving up the present policy or of the meeting of government expendi-

tures with additional paper money."

These are words which the president should heed, but will not. He has ousted from the treasury all who held to the democratic platform enunciation of a "sound currency to be preserved at all hazards". Woodin has gone, Acheson has gone, now Sprague is out. And the president brands as "Tories" those who disagree with his policies. In the stead of these men he has put Henry Morgenthau, ir. who adopts as his policy the declaration, "the president must be right" and clamps a censorship on all of his subordinates.

Mr. Sprague recognizes that "there is no defense from a drift into unrestrained inflation other than an aroused and able profits to the growers and organized public opinion"; and retires from the treasury the concerns performing the retwith the announced intention of joining in the effort to arouse public opinion as to the dangers that impend. Out here on the Pacific rim we salute O. M. W., and welcome him to the ranks of those who fight against the catastrophe of wild inflation.

Thwarting the Water Deal

IT is obvious that concern for the stockholders who are themselves, and not fw bondholders, prompts rejection by the New Yorkers of the proposal of the city of Salem to assume the mortgage debt against the water plant here. For under the Salem proposal the bondholders are assured of payment in full at maturity of their bonds; while under the deal which the New Yorkers must have in mind they would be expected to surrender them for somewhere from 50 to 75 cents on the dollar. New York bankers have shown scant solicitude for the bondholders and there is no reason to assume they have a sudden burst of virtue now.

The Salem plant is assuredly worth not more than \$950,-000 at the present time. Of this amount some \$903,000 represents the equity of the bondholders, the remainder the equity of the stockholders. Salem offers to assume the \$903,-000 in bonds and to pay the remainder in cash. The New York bankers (being the same house of Chase National which is successor trustee for the bond issue and owner of the common stock of the water company by assignment as collateral pending payment of loans) refuse to permit the city to assume the \$903,000 on the ground that it might be unfair to the other bondholders.

This objection might be valid were it not for the terms of the bond issue. The indenture under which the bonds were issued, and which is perforce binding upon the bondholders, definitely outlines the plan which the city of Salem is now proposing. It specifies that where a municipality acquires a plant and assumes the payment of the bonds against it, the particular bonds so assumed are to be designated by lot, and then endorsed. If there is any discrimination it is one which was designed by the attorneys for the water company when

they drew the indenture covering the bond issue. What to do now? There is only one thing to do, and that is to proceed to condemn. If the trustee for the bondholders does not want to take the guarantee of payment of \$903,000, then he can take what a Marion county jury says the plant is worth. And the engineers' latest estimate was \$695,000. Maybe if the trustee in New York recalls his experience at Hoquiam, Washington, he will be glad to have the city renew

The Cherrians are doing a fine thing in acting as sponsors for a ball in honor of the governor and members of the legislature. While the Cherrians have taken the lead and are doing the work, it should restood that this is an all-Salem affair, that everyone is cordially invited to attend and show hospitality to the leaders in cial life. The ball is tomerrow night at the armory. It is informal and no one should stay home because they think it is too hi-sawciety. It is just a hearty greeting from Salem folk to our guests



tions on an equality with those

This might follow, from the fact

that there may always be less loss

fineness of the fiber of the flax,

a percentage of the weight in pre-

is partially made up in low grade

fiber worked out; this residue

but not appreciably comparable

\* \* \*

Let the reader get the idea of

what is meant by yarn. The re-

sult of spinning is yarn, whether

applied to flax, cotton, wool, silk,

hemp, ramie, mohair rayon or

other fiber, vegetable or animal.

The yarn stage is next above the

fiber stage. There must be yarn

from which to fashion thread and

twine. Yarn is the article that is

The yarn fashioned from flax

fiber may be infinitely fine. A

strand of this fiber may be divid-

ed and divided again, and a third

and fourth time, and on and on,

until it is so fine as to not be dis-

cernible to the natural human eye.

It is said that a girl working in

Low Protein Diet Beneficial

ferers from this skin affliction are

benefited by a diet that is low in

only faint traces can be detected.

the disease. Is when the diet is exceedingly low in

there any dan- protein foods, the skin clears and

I was glad to Sufficient protein is included in the

answer this let- diet to make up for "wear and tear"

ter and advise of the body without increasing the

the worried par-ent that there is foods, such as meat, fish, fowl, meat

no need for anx- soups, eggs, liver and kidneys, which

iety. Psoriasis is are high in protein content, be omitted

a chronic inflam- from the diet. Of course, a diet as

matton of the severe as this should only be con-

skin. It is not tinued under the personal supervision

cannot be trans- Since psoriasis is a chronic disturb-

mitted from one ance, and requires prolonged treat-

individual to an- ment, the victim becomes discouraged

other. Nor is it and sometimes resorts to patent

a sign of general medicines. The number of salves and

than benefits it,

thing once, and in many instan

the "remedy" irritates his skin rather

Avoid Unprescribed Ointments

May I warn you against the use of

scribed by a physician who has first

become discouraged, for by persist-

A recent report states that suf-

woven into cloth.

Daily Health Talks

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M.D.

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D., some vitamin deficiency, the exact United States senator from New York | nature of which has not yet been dis-

concerned about my child catching protein. These authorities claim that

contagious, and of a physician.

ill health, for strange as it may seem, ointments that have been recom-

the condition is frequently found in mended for this disorder is legion. In

rebust and otherwise perfectly desperation, the sufferer will try any-

dry, and is usually found on the any ointment that has not been pre-unexposed surfaces of the body. scribed by a physician who has first

Eczema itches. It is moist, and carefully examined the eruption and

stally the hands and face. One not all skins are alike; an cintment

may be found anywhere on the body, studied your skin. I say this because

thing eczema has in common with that may be beneficial to one individ-

psoriasis is that it is not contagious. ual may be harmful to another.

At one time psoriasis was believed. In applying an ointment, it is ad-

to be caused by an infection. This visable first to get rid of the scales

theory has long been discarded. Cer- and rough layer of skin. These scales

that is capable of causing this dis-ease. No evidence has been advanced bath. Use a stiff brush and plenty to confirm the belief that it is infec-tious.

The property of soap. After thorough drying, ap-tious.

that this disorder is a result of some ence you may evercome the affile-disturbance in the digestive tract. It

is possible it may be the result of [Copyright, 1938, K. F. S., Inc.]

tainly, no germ has been isolated which are characteristic of psoriasi

with the value of the yarn.

working with flax fiber.

## Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Double Salem's population in five short years or less: 2 2 2

(Continuing from yesterday:) Fortunes will be made in the flax and linen industries that are certain to come to the Willamette

But the enduring enterprises in his field, and successful from the start, will likely be the ones atmosphere of a spirit of cooperation, with all persons concerned willing to put in their means and devote their services on a basis having some value for other uses, calculated to insure solidity before looking for considerable profits and high rewards

5 5 L With the industry thus organzed and conducted, and with the natural and other advantages favoring it here, it could stand the competition offered in this country, or likely to confront it in the future, and be in condition to compete in foreign markets

The reader who has followed tois series must have been convinced that the industry up to the fiter stage would thus he on an even keel with cotton fiber in terms of cost - allowing reasonting, scutching and sorting. 5 5 5

As to the processes above that stage, beginning with the spin- a Belfast mill took two pounds of ning of the fibers into yarn, flax fiber and succeeded in weavthere might be a shade in favor ing it into a single yarn that of cotton goods as to cost of man- would reach from Belfast to Berufacturing, under natural condi- lin - some 1400 miles.

Former Commissioner of Health,

New York City

from a skin disease called 'peoriasis'

is very fond of my small son. I am

healthy persons.

Confused With Eczema

This baffling disease is frequently

confused with ecsems. Unlike ec-zema, psoriasis does not itch. It is

Recent investigation tends to show

"MY NEIGHBOR who suffers

One may get from this an idea of what was meant by the "fine

When the time comes for organizing cooperatively concerns in the Salem district to take up the growing, retting and scutching of flax, it is conceivable that some of them will in due course of time take up spinning, or even carry on further to weaving, or even in handling cotton fiber than in still further, to the manufacturing of specialties.

The reason is in the extreme in the Belfast district, and in the resulting in the working out of do not attempt to go further. In organized and conducted in the paring it for spinning, and in the cerns carry on from the growing spinning process itself. This loss and processing up to the yarn stage, and through the weaving and making of specialties. Among these few are one of two concerns that are several hundred 1572), after which French weavers fled to northern Ireland and transferred their flax and linen of those gigantic and world embracing industries there.

\* \* \* The reason that paint to cover surfaces from water or air must have linseed oil (linseed meaning flax seed from lin which is French for flax) is that no other known chemical substance will perform this service. It would take a chapter by a chemical scientist to explain. But, in short, nothing else will serve. No substitute, natural or synthetic, has been found, though the search for one has

The pursuit of the principle of flax pulling machine that would replace the back breaking task of hand labor in this task went on of hands in a ring around an old for generations. Many men in many countries were engaged in it. The first one to get it was a Canadian preacher.. The device that he discovered was in the first machine that came to Salem 'in 1924. Soon we had here the largest fleet of these machines in the world - have yet. But several improvements were made in the state shops at the peniten-

There is said to be now an Engish machine that is successful. and that can be made and sold plus." at a much lower price than that of

the Canadian machine. power driven from one motor.

Innumerable experiments have een made in short-cuts for retting and drying flax straw, many (Continued on page 10)

## The Safety Letters from

Editor, Oregon Statesman,

linen" of Bible days.

She seemed very casual as she hung room where several dozen years old - going back to St. Bartholomew's night (Aug. 24, She paused at the desk where an attendant was seated. Her heart industries to the Belfast district, thus bringing about the inception icy. When the attendant looked up, you."

been persistent and world wide.

But most of the flax of the world is grown in small patches. and pulled and scutched by hand. The work is generally done on the Iami, the same as it has been performed in all the generations of he past. There are a few neighberhood retting and scutching plants. But there is perhaps no battery of hand scutches in the world now as large as the one a few years ago discarded in our state plant. It had 30 machines,

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## Statesman Readers

Neotsu, Ore., Nov. 12, 1933.

animal circus, if you can show obey any law these state legisla- or other officials, us one that has the present eco- tors put through. this state beat, I'll show you a ority report, as published in the lessons we are supposed to learn, two-headed, horned owl. It's papers, comes right out and which is, not that there was more

tendant cross the room to a table where three men sat.

To the nervous, anxious girl it was apparent that two of the men, assisted by the attendant, were arguing with the third. She guessed with The fot the country of the said nastily, "Go

Young and lovely Patricia War-ren employs the card skill she in-herited from her late father to help support her : tepmother and stepsisters by playing at bridge parties why. The fat, short man, his round on, take it all. Leda doesn't want given by the wealthy Mrs. Elleen face red now with annoyance, did to be paid in that kind of money." not wish to risk an unknown as a Sycott. Pat receives fifty cents an hour. She declines the offer of Ju-partner. Eventually though he Patricia suggested ironically.

"That's exactly what I think." shrugged and gave up. A moment "That's exactly what I think."
later the attendant beckoned and
Patricia threaded her way past the airily. His objection settled the matlian Haverholt, noted bridge expert, to make her his secretary and partner when, after taking her home, he tries to make love to her. Her concentrated players toward that ter for her. She took the money. Later at the door, when he was not table. She acknowledged introductions to Sam Gillis and Arthur Ray, watching, she attempted to return home, Patricia meets Clark Tracy. her opponents, and to Wally Edge, it. Patricia refused. She tried to her partner. The latter was still thank Leds for all her kindness but her ideal, only to learn he is engaged to the socially prominent sulking.

Marthe March. Pat is heartbroken. New Year's Eve. Bill McGee, a asked shortly.

small-time pelitician and thug, insists that Pat accompany him to a
dance. They stop at a rival racketsharpened interest, unsure whether
sharpened interest, unsure whether
sharpened interest, unsure whether eer's place where Bill demands settlement for infringement on his territory. He is shot and Pat flees in terror. Arriving home, Pat is put out by her stepmother who says the aside his lavish compliments and might have a dozen times his brains police are looking for her. Leda Frayne, a friend, offers Pat a home playing bridge. with her. She suggests that Pat get in touch with Haverholt.

She won just as she had thought she would win. She had not thought the man, she would win thirty-five dollars. The sum seemed stupendous. In a haze of incredulous joy she heard "I don't see how you can advise day, heard herself promise. She that," said Patricia, hurt. "Particularly after what Phil has said about sped from the hotel. She ran all the people who play cards."
"Phil and I are two different way to Leda's, burst in breathless, so excited she could scarcely speak. people. We disagree there. Call up Leda and Phil were at the table. Julian Haverholt, Patricia. You're

"We waited dinner," Leda began in a tone of mild reproach. "Where enough to take care of yourself. have you been?"

"I've been winning at bridge," cried Patricia joyfully. "Look, look You'd have him wound around your little finger inside two days. You could make him pull you to the top; you could be famous in a year. She will you, at what I've won." displayed a handful of bills. Leda sprang from the table, nearly as Contract bridge is the swellest racket going these days. Go ahead, excited as her friend.

Neither of the girls noticed Phil. His face was a thundercloud. In the midst of the feminine jubilation he pushed back his chair, rose.

After two weeks of job hunting "You can take your money and Patricia herself sometimes wavered. get out," he shouted at Patricia. "I Every morning she went out in won't have my fiancee living with a borrowed clothes; every night she common gambler!"

returned on borrowed carfare. She There was a moment of stunned lived from day to day. Some day silence. Patricia's face was white. she would get a job, must get a Her hands, still full of bills, job. The situation now was impos- dropped. Even Phil felt that he had gone too far. He sat down heavily. Phil was a constant visitor to the "Phil's crazy," Leda declared at apartment. He and Patricia tore length. Turning on him, she said

on speaking terms. The girl was "Tell Patricia you're sorry." too young to make allowances for the man; he was too intolerant to graciously. "I'm sorry, but you'll make allowances for her. Endlessly never convince me that gambling is of sorts. His bridge was skillful but Leda played peacemaker. But some- honest.

at each other's nerves, were barely with an undercurrent of sharpness.

times Patricia, wretched at the im- If Leds had been content to acpasse of her own affairs, wondered cept the grudging apology the sir though.

if her friend did not tire of the role. might have cleared. Leda wasn't. He sa Two people, both jobless, Phil had She added tartly, "You're so narrow lost his position as a telephone minded, Phil, I wonder you weren't lineman months before, dependent born on the Ark."

of another-it was not right. Patri- plosive breath, "so you think Patricia knew that. But she was helpless. cia's done something cute. Do you added, "Just for a minute I was Then came the afternoon she really intend to back her up in afraid you meant to propose some dropped into the Hotel Beaucarme. this?"

"I don't need anyone's backing," I see now how wrong I was." strolled through the lobby and Patricia interposed coldly. The She did not intend to make an turned off into a pleasant chintz stricken look had left her now. She enemy of this man if it were poscontinued steadily, "I know what I sible to avoid it. In her situation people were playing cards. She was consider right and wrong. I don't she could not afford to make enenot casual. She had come deliber-ately. She had come to gamble. interfere with your ideas, Phil. Why not allow me the same privilege?" Inwardly he was furious. But after was beating fast. Her hands were me just as your father did before it.

"Keep my father out of this!" she said, "I'd like a game of conother.

At a cent a point a player of bills she had displayed so gieeaverage abilities might lose ten dol- fully, placed twenty-five dollars on lars on a single hand. Patricia had the table, tucked ten into her exactly five dollars borrowed that pocketbook. All this in silence. merning from Leda. But she did She said then, quietly, to Leda, not intend to lose. She paid the "I'm going to find another place to one dellar fee and watched the at-live. It's evident that Phil and I

"I suppose you think it's tainted."

the other brusquely refused to lis-"What system do you play?" he ten. The two girls kissed and parted. They understood each other. Both of them realized that men was posing or telling the simple the long run Leda's friend would always be sacrificed to her sweetber he was sure. His abrupt respect heart. Phil might be domineering, was almost funny. Patricia waved arrogant and intolerant; Patricia settled to the serious business of and charm; but Leda, who loved them both, must, in the very nature of things, side ultimately with

On a worldly capital of ten dollars, Patricia went off to hunt a room. For five dollars a week she Edge urge her to return the next floor hall bedroom with a narrow did not find a palace. But a fifth iron cot and peeling chest of drawers at least offered privacy. Patricia was satisfied. She had lived in worse places.

Next afternoon, promptly at three o'clock, she returned to the Hotel Beaucarme, Wally Edge, her partner of the day before, was on the look-out for her. He greeted her effusively and then to her surprise he drew her from the card room to the lobby adjoining.

"I've got a couple of lambs in tow," he announced in surreptitious glee. "Did you see them by the door? Those birds don't know a hand from a foet. All we've got to do is get our signals straightened out beforehand and we're in clover."

Patricia regarded the man's jubilant round face with disfavor. "I'm afraid I don't understand," she said coldly.

"Don't kid me, sister. You don't play bridge for fun any more than I do. I watched you yesterday. You were out to win."

"Certainly I was out to fairly." The faint emphasis on the last word appeared to disconcert the man. Wally Edge was a card sharp it depended more on shrewdness than on ethics. He was careful

He said now, almost haughtily, Are you inferring that I hoped to win unfairly?"

"I was inferring nothing at all," Patricia inform Widening her eyes a trifle, she private understanding between us.

"Go ahead then," he said angrily. all Patricia had saved his face, left You can go to the dogs for all of him a loophole of escape. He took

He said with assumed heartiness, "I should say you were wrong. I "Now Pat - now Phil." Led a wouldn't put up with anything like looked helplessly from one to the that, never have. That kind of thing doesn't pay. All I meant was that Patricia straightened. Her eyes we should bid more flexibly than were very bright. She divided the we did yesterday, especially on third hand. I believe in opening third hand light."

"Then it's all right," said Patricia, innocently relieved.

(To Be Continued)
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and impossible situations that de- the state have been breaking the but that excessive drinking under velope. Reminds me of that game law all along by tanking up on any circumstances is wrong for of "poison" we boys used to play hard liquor in an antercom be- one thing. And for another thing at school when we all took hold fore going in to the banquet. If | we will find what a great many such is the case what makes him already know, that prohibition is tin can, the object being to seethink any one will obey any law not the cause of the depression, saw back and forth and make he assists in putting through the that the revenue expected from some boy stumble over the can

began. Well, that's the way with life. The experts are trying to find out who is "It." First the experts took our for-

was "poison" and then the fun

and whoever did it was "It."

eign market away so that whereas once we exported the products from 45 million acres of farm land now we have it piled up as "sur-

Next the experts took away the buying power of the American public so that the consumption of this surplus became less.

Now they are going to tax our bread and butter and clothing to feed the needy, while the cotton farmer, in rags, plows his crop under, the dairyman, in rags, uses oleomargarine and the pork barrel artist keeps his flock of brood sows to raise more little piggies to sell to Uncle Sam while he is flush with bonded dellars. Oh boy, that is a keen situation.

But of all the tom foolery the circus. Will some one answer the ques-

help enforce a state legislative state has now are crowded. act? Furthermore, by the time the state, county, city and numer-

makers themselves broke the na- nature. That way there is no tional law of prohibition, what treating, no saloon, no bootleg-Talk about a three-ringed wild makes them think the people will ging, no big expensive commission

surely worth the price of a news- frankly says or implies that he drinking under the Eighteenth paper to learn about all the funny and some of the "best families" of amendment than before or after.

legislature? Let some one anscrop reduction program, or the lumber code or a lot of other ones, everyone has his fingers crossed and says "It doesn't say leave the rest of it up to Mr. mean me." If I were in a position to offer

best method of liquor control it would be just this: Levy a 5c a pint tax on hard liquors as defined in the Govern-

or's committee report. Levy a 25c a case tax on bottled beer and wine. Levy a 25c a barrel tax on bar-

reled stock.

These taxes or revenue to be placed in the state treasury in a specific building fund to house the poor, the destitute, the outcasts, the drunkards, and to buy food and clothing for them. A specific fund, I repeat, to be

used for no other purpose than this, and said tax to be the first tax collected from the sale of alever saw is this matter of liquor | coholic beverages. If you don't control. That's the best ring of collect it first there never will be any collected for the simple reason that by the time all the tion "If public opinion was not other expenses of the business are behind the federal prohibition act, paid the taxpayers will be in the what makes anyone think the pub- hole for some new hospitals etc. lic will care enough about it to In fact they say the ones the Then instead of setting up

complicated state liquor commisous commissions lavy their rev- sion I would sell the stuff in the enue tax in addition to federal cheapest way possible. In fact set revenue, will some one tell us a case of liquor and beer in promhow that will put the bootlegger | inent places where everyone can out of business? The United get what they want by dropping States government didn't do it. in a nickel or the price of what Is a state more powerful than ever amount desired and the liquor is automatically vended out And if some of our brainy law- like gum or other articles of that

nomic and political situation in John J. Beckman, in his min- have demonstrated to us the real

the business is far less than the wer that if they can. This mat- damage done and that members ter of liquor control is like the of the legislature themselves be law makers and law breakers. Aside from the simple regula-

tory measures suggested here I Beckman and some of those who fought the Eighteenth amendment suggestions to any one as to the so strenuously. Let them shoulder the responsibility of their brothers' blood upon themselves. They have asked for it and the people of the state have given it to them by a large majority. I think it will not be long before a great big surprise will be given us. It will be: First, not so many people crave

their liquor as some would have us believe.

toxication will arouse the public of this state to such a pitch that liquor will be burled so deep it will be a long time in coming out

Third some of the law breaking lawmakers will be buried in the political graveyard.

Fourth, the people who place their "personal liberty" above the welfare of the state as a whole and who will have their liquor at any price will be allowed to live in a state where they are free to have all they want whenever they want it but where they can't endanger the lives, liberty or property of the rest of us.

Yours truly, THOS. R. McCLELLAN.

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They relieve and prevent periodic pain and associated disorders. No narcotics. No iust a pain killer but a modern medicine which acts upon the CAUSE of your trouble. Per-sistent use brings permanent relief. Sold by all druggists.