

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

WE ARE ASSERTING IN THE COURTS OUR RIGHT TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE WORD "CASTORIA," AND "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," AS OUR TRADE MARK.

I, DR. SAMUEL PITCHER, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* on every wrapper. This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," which has been used in the homes of the Mothers of America for over thirty years. LOOK CAREFULLY at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought and has the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* on the wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.

March 8, 1897.

Samuel Pitcher M.D.

Do Not Be Deceived.

Do not endanger the life of your child by accepting a cheap substitute which some druggist may offer you (because he makes a few more pennies on it), the ingredients of which *even he* does not know.

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Ten Tabules for Five Cents.

This sort is put up cheaply to gratify the universal present demand for a low price.

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PIT AND THE PENDULUM.

A Prisoner Waiting to be Hacked
by Time's Scythe.

ONLY ONE MINUTE OF LIFE LEFT.

Thousands Whose Situations Are
Scarcely Less Terrible May Easily
and Readily Find Help.

A man lies flat on his back, bound so that he cannot move an inch. He is in a dungeon, at first dark as a well, but in a few minutes a light in the ceiling, far up, shows a mechanical figure of Time with his scythe. The figure descends slowly, the scythe swings, and the prisoner realizes that unless some unexpected help should come, he will be slowly cut to pieces. What followed is told by Edgar Allen Poe in the fantastic story called "The Pit and the Pendulum."

The man awaiting the approach of a dreadful death is a type of a large class of unfortunates who, entangled in the strangling coils of an octopus, have lost all hope of freedom. This monster is Morphine. Perhaps the victim is yet reveling in that glorious state of exhilaration which follows the first use of the drug. If so, like the man in Poe's story, he has not noticed the light in the ceiling and is unaware of his danger. Maybe the disease has progressed so far that the sufferer notices a weakness of the heart's action, that the general health is feeble, the body poorly nourished, the sight double. This is soon followed by a peculiar twitching of the muscles, a numbness of the hands and feet and the utter collapse of the nervous system. The victim now becomes restless and uneasy. A feeling of despondency seizes him. This mental depression increases as one course of treatment after another fails utterly. The future is dark and filled with gloom. Days of wretchedness follow nights of horror in endless procession. His utter helplessness to rid himself of the incubus adds to his misery. The terrible effects of the deadly drug become more and more apparent. Deeper and deeper he sinks into the mire of despair, until all hope of ever being anything but a slave in bondage is abandoned. Remorse and apprehension take possession of his mind, and the temptation to end his miserable existence becomes almost overpowering.

But there are few situations completely hopeless. Poe's prisoner was rescued when the swinging scythe was close to his breast, and the victims of the Morphine habit and their shattered nerves are restored to the enjoyment of life by a system of treatment which has been perfected by R. A. Gunn, M. D., 41 East 21st street, New York City

and which has yet to record its first failure. It is not a "tapering off" or substitution process. It is as harmless as it is painless. It does away with all desire for the drug, and quickly restores the shattered nervous system to its normal condition. It treats the condition as a disease and not as a habit. It is scientific and successful. For full particulars address as above.

"My daughter, when recovering from an attack of fever, was a great sufferer from pains in the back and hips," writes Loudon Grover, of Sardis, Ky. "After using quite a number of remedies without any benefit she tried one bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and it has given entire relief." Chamberlain's Pain Balm is also a certain cure for rheumatism. Sold by Gold Hill Drug Co.

"The cars of the S. P. Co. will hereafter be fumigated at the end of each trip, in order to eradicate the germs of disease collected through carrying infected passengers."

We hope this fumigating will include the mail cars also, as germs of diseased brains are transported therein through some of our county sheets.

A thrill of terror is experienced when a brassy cough of croup sounds through the house at night. But the terror soon changes to relief after One Minute Cough Cure has been administered. Safe and harmless for children. C. Allison & Co.

Mothers whose children are troubled with bad colds, croup or whooping-cough will do well to read what Dr. R. E. Robey, of Olney, Mo., says on this subject. He writes: "For years we have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and always keep it in the house. It is regarded in our family as a specific for all kinds of colds and coughs. The 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Gold Hill Drug Co."

The large annual increase in the consumption of sugar shows a constantly widening field for the growers of sugar beets and the promoters of sugar-beet factories. The sugar consumed in 1896 was 1,960,086 tons, but in 1897 was 2,096,260 tons, an increase in the year of 136,177 tons or 272,354,000 pounds. Of the total production in 1897, only 41,347 tons was from beets grown in the United States. The total sugar production of the United States was 336,650 tons, leaving other countries to supply us with 1,760,607 tons, most of it coming from Europe. There seems no reason why this should be, possessing, as we do, the best sugar-beet land in the world.

Whooping cough is the most distressing malady but its duration can be cut short by the use of One Minute Cough Cure, which is also the best known remedy for croup and all lung and bronchial troubles. Sold by C. Allison & Co.