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Royal Baking Powder possesses peculiar qualities not found in other leavening agents, which arise from the superior fitness, purity and healthfulness of its ingredients.

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LOOKING GLASSES.

Backs of Most Modern Mirrors Are Covered with Silver.

"How is a looking-glass made?" was the question recently put by a writer for the Washington Star to a large manufacturer of mirrors in New York. "Well," replied the manufacturer, "most of the glass used in this trade is prepared for us at a molding factory, and we merely cut, bevel and silver it in our works. All the bevels are cut in the same way, first with sand and water, then on an emery wheel and afterward put through several processes to bring back the polish.

"Great improvements have been made in this line of business in the last sixteen years. Formerly it took two or three days from the time work was begun on a mirror before it could be finished. Nowadays we can get the glass in the morning and make it into a looking-glass perfectly finished and ready for sale before night. We make all sizes, from the smallest hand-glass of 2 by 4 inches, to a mirror 10 by 20 feet, or even larger, and we have a capacity of turning out 3,000 feet a day.

"Not many years ago the backs of mirrors were coated with mercury; now sheets of pure silver are used instead. The old looking-glass reflected 60 or 65 per cent. of the light that fell upon it; the modern mirror reflects nearly 95 per cent. The mercury looking-glass was very liable to rub off; heat and cold also affected it; the quicksilver would crack or melt, and thus the beauty of the glass would be spoiled. None of these dangers threaten the silvered mirror. Besides, mirrors, those engaged in this line of business cut a great deal of beveled glass for doors and windows. In fine buildings this is largely taking the place of stained glass."

A Modern Instance.

The wonderful advance made in the science of farming during the last few years is one of the best examples of American progressiveness. A little incident recounted by the Ashtabula (Ohio) Sentinel is characteristic. One evening, a short time ago, a society in Jefferson needed a gallon of cream. The committee called up by telephone the proprietors of a milk farm five miles north of the town and if they could furnish the cream that they could [illegible]

Should Women Smoke.

I have no earthly objection to women smoking; only, if they do smoke, they should smoke seriously. Most of them just fool a little with a cigarette. Now, that scarcely amounts to smoking at all. If they really mean it, let them take to cigars and pipes. I know a dignified old lady, a Polish countess—what is her name?—oh, well, Thingamojisky—it ends in "isky," anyhow—and I respect that woman. She genuinely smokes, and no mistake about it. There is no playing there. She looks on it as a sacred duty. She has a long pipe with a wooden stem and the bark on, and a fine big bowl—a regular man's pipe. When she was visiting me, she just loaded up and smoked, and loaded up and smoked, and loaded up and smoked again. She meant business. I know another lady who has a long Turkish pipe, and she, too, means business. If women are ever to be genuine smokers, that is the way they must go to work.—Mark Twain.

In Germany the capital for carrying on the pawnshops by the municipal authorities is derived either from the city treasury or the city savings bank, which is usually operated in connection with the pawnshops. The articles offered in pawn are valued by sworn appraisers.

HOW TO TRAVEL.

Information for the Public.

In selecting your route to the East you cannot afford to overlook the advantages and comforts offered by the Rio Grande Western Railway in connection with the Denver & Rio Grande and Colorado Midland railroads. It is the only transcontinental line passing directly through Salt Lake City, and in addition to the glimpse it affords of the Temple city, the Great Salt Lake, the salt palace, and the picturesque Utah valley, it offers choice of six distinct routes to the East and the most magnificent scenery in the world. A double daily train service and through Pullman palace and ordinary sleeping cars, free reclining chair cars and a perfect dining car service are now in operation via these lines.

For maps and descriptive of the Salt Lake Route, apply to J. D. Mansfield, general agent, 258 Washington street, Portland, Or.

Climate, Scenery and Nature's Sanitarium.

Scenery, altitude, sunshine and air, constitute the factors which are rapidly making Colorado the health and pleasure grounds of the world.

Here the sun shines 357 days of the average year, and it blends with the electric mountain air to produce a climate matchless in the known world. No pen can portray, no brush can picture the majestic grandeur of the scenery along the line of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad in Colorado. Parties going East should travel via this line which is known all over the world as the Scenic Line of the world. For any information regarding rates, time tables, etc., call on or address R. C. Nichol, general agent, 251 Washington street, Portland, Or., or any agent of the O. R. & N. Co., or Southern Pacific Company.

The Swedes are probably the tallest people in Europe, and have, on the whole, erect, handsome figures. To some extent this advantage is due to physical exercise, for Ling's Swedish gymnastics are compulsory in the elementary schools, and much used in other schools and colleges.

The United States silk flag offered by German Typographia No. 6, Cleveland, to the union securing the largest number of cash subscribers for the Citizen was won by the Granite Cutters' union.

The queen of Saxony possesses four sapphires equal in size and beauty to the one that glows in the crown of England. The favorite wives of the shah of Persia and sultan of Turkey wear turquoises the like of which no western queen can boast.

Every workman in the building trades of Scranton, Pa., is on a strike to enforce their wage scale and working rules. Every job is tied up, all work being stopped on fair and unfair work alike.

There are still four widows of revolutionary soldiers on the pension rolls of the government at Washington. At this rate the United States will be paying pensions to soldiers of the civil war or their widows well on in the last quarter of the coming century and to soldiers or their widows of the Spanish-American war nearly to the close of the first quarter of the twenty-first century.

The Boot and Shoe Workers' National Union will begin the publication on January 1, of a journal to be devoted to the interests of the craft.

Twin Chickens.

Twenty-five dollars for a pair of spring chickens is a liberal price, yet a Massachusetts farmer rejected it. His pair of chickens, he thinks, are quite unique, for they are twins, five weeks old, and it is said that two chickens born from a single egg have never before been proved to live beyond eight days. The buff brahma hen laid rather a large egg, but no one thought much about it until one morning the farmer saw two bills instead of one trying to break out of the shell. He quickly removed the egg to the kitchen, extricated the twin chicks, wrapped them in cotton batting and placed them in the oven. For three weeks the chickens were kept in doors on a diet of malted milk and brandy dropped down their throats with a medicine dropper. The twins are now hale and hearty and run about the yard as vigorously as any of their comrades. One peculiarity, however, distinguishes them from their mates. They are exclusive little aristocrats and neither of them will associate with any other chicken except his twin.

Ald. Chase approves a suggestion recently made by Comptroller Wolf for a solution of the problem of the rate of fare to be charged by the Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company. Mr. Wolf suggested that a 4-cent fare be charged for a single trip without transfer privileges, and that a 5-cent fare be charged when the passenger desired a transfer. This plan has been adopted in Cleveland.

The assessors of Montreal are having no little discussion with the street railway company, the Bell Telephone Company and other large companies, as to the machinery tax. The street railway company has now, through its lawyer, informed the assessors, that it does not consider any tax can be legally placed upon its poles, rails, etc.

$100 REWARD $100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood, and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Sold by druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The California state board of health urges a strict quarantine against consumptives, as being much more dangerous than those afflicted with smallpox or yellow fever.

Wood carvers are in demand in New York and the trade is booming. Members of the craft are coming from London to secure work.

The man who condemns all others condemns himself most.

Improved Train Equipment.

The O. R. & N. and Oregon Short Line have added a buffet, smoking and library car to their Portland-Chicago through train, and a dining car service has been inaugurated. The train is equipped with the latest chair cars, day coaches and luxurious first-class and ordinary sleepers. Direct connection made at Granger with Union Pacific, and at Ogden with Rio Grande line, from all points in Oregon, Washington and Idaho to all Eastern cities. For information, rates, etc., call on any O. R. & N. agent, or address W. H. Hurlburt, General Passenger Agent, Portland.

A trade paper mentions that another new molding machine has been perfected, by the operation of which three men can do the work of some 60 odd mechanics.

The Painters' and Decorators' union of San Francisco inaugurated a schedule providing for $3 per day of eight hours. The employers have accepted the union's terms.

The recent raise of 20 per cent of the wages of the employes of the Atlantic (Ga.) Railway & Power Company, without solicitation, is commendable.

Only commercial houses that have paid taxes for the privileges can do business through agents in Russia. Traveling men are also obliged to pay individual taxes for permission to sell goods as representatives of these houses, whether they are domestic or foreign enterprises.

It is averred by a famous Chinese doctor that nervousness is kept out of the Celestial Empire by the use of soft soled shoes. The hard soles worn by the Anglo-Saxon race are said to be the cause of their extreme nervous temperament.

LIVES WORTH MONEY.

CROWNED HEADS WHO ARE INSURED FOR MILLIONS.

The Prince of Wales Carries Policies Aggregating $10,000,000—His Death Would Benefit Many Persons Outside of His Own Family.

A big insurance man told me recently in New York that the Prince of Wales was the heaviest risk of any patron of the insurance business, and that his death would cost English, German, French and American companies not less than $10,000,000.

"No other person carries 20 per cent. of that insurance," he said, "but comparatively little of it is for the benefit of his family; perhaps not more than $1,000,000. Some years ago large policies were taken out by his creditors as security for money loaned. If he should ever pay his debts they would of course revert to him, and might be carried for the benefit of his family, but his premiums, like the premiums on all of the royal families of Europe, are very high—much higher than those paid by private individuals for the same amount of insurance."

"It is a curious fact," continued my insurance friend, who spends a good deal of his time in England, "that $2,000,000 or $3,000,000 of insurance, perhaps more than that, has been placed on the life of the Prince of Wales as a speculation by persons who do not know him and have never had any relations with him whatever. This would not be possible under the insurance laws of the United States, but it is allowed by some of the English companies. Over there any man can secure a policy on the life of a neighbor, provided he can persuade the neighbor to submit to a medical examination or find a company which has recently had him examined. Thus when the Prince of Wales undergoes an examination for insurance lots of speculators apply to the same company for policies on his life, or get certified copies of the report of the medical examiner and use them with other companies. It is a pure speculation. They pay a high premium, a margin, so to speak, or, to put it in another way, they book a wager with the insurance companies that the Prince will die before the total of their premiums exceeds the amount of the policy. Therefore, many persons would be financially benefited if Albert Edward should drop off suddenly one of these fine days. The Prince is perfectly aware of this fact. He knows very well what advantages have been taken of his situation, but I do not suppose it makes any difference with his habits."

"Are kings generally insured?" I asked.

"Yes, most of them, but they are not regarded as a good risk, and companies that carry the policies do not advertise the fact any more than necessary. It injures rather than benefits them. The late Emperor Frederick, father of the present Kaiser, carried nearly $5,000,000 of insurance, which is about all the money his widow has to live on, for her pension from the German government is small. Frederick was considered a first-class risk. He was a man of robust health, splendid stature, with the training and frugal habits of a soldier, and was an athlete; but all at once a cancer was discovered, which he doubtless inherited from his grandmother, the beautiful Queen Louisa, and he failed rapidly. The present Kaiser is not considered a good risk. This is quite as much because of his constitutional defects as for political considerations, but for obvious reasons no company would decline an application from him for insurance."

"I understand the Queen of Spain is heavily insured?"

"Yes, that is supposed to be the case, although little is known about it, and the prevailing impression is that most of her policies are in American companies, which have agencies in Madrid. Alfonso XII., her husband, was insured in several French and English companies—some say to the extent of $5,000,000, but I do not know the exact amount."—W. E. Curtis, in Chicago Record.

Distinction in Umbrellas.

It is no new thing to hear that China was ahead of the rest of the world in invention. Even the umbrella owes its existence, we are told, to the genius of the Chinese or Japanese. It is said to have been copied from a shade-giving tree, and at first received the same veneration accorded to the tree of which it was a copy.

Great dignitaries were allowed to appear in public seated under umbrella canopies, and later these canopies were made portable, until a regular series of court regulations for the carriage of umbrellas became necessary. By the umbrella a Chinese gentleman is allowed to carry, one who is initiated can tell his rank. The common people may use an umbrella if it is not made of cloth or silk, but only of paper.

If in China one sees a procession headed by two enormous silk umbrellas, he may be assured that a governor general of a province or a military officer of the first rank is coming behind them.

The grandeur of a royal procession or religious demonstration is denoted by the number of umbrellas which are carried. It is said that formerly, when the emperor went hunting, he had to be preceded by twenty-four umbrellas. It hardly seems as if the hunt could have been very successful.

American Horses.

Importations from America have caused the horse raisers of Holstein to suffer much of late. A stock company has been formed in Berlin for the express purpose of importing horses from the United States. The Americans have succeeded in breeding a horse which compares very favorably in every way with the Holstein animal, especially in those points so highly prized in a work horse, namely, broad hips and large build generally. The best markets for Holstein horses has always been the provinces of Saxony, Thuringia and Brunswick. The demand is created by the large sugar factories. This market has been decreasing of late, owing to American horses being purchased in Berlin. A few days ago, this Berlin company shipped a drove of eighty through Hamburg en route for Milan, Italy, where they are to be used on the tramways. Almost every week, a long freight train filled with American horses leaves the Berliner Bahnhof for various parts of Germany. In spite of expensive freight and a tariff of $7 per head, the Americans have built up a very respectable competition in the German market.

Chinese History Is Ancient.

The authentic history and biography of China is doubtless the oldest in the world, even antedating that of the Jews. Those familiar with its chronology state that it embraces a period from the year 122 of our era back to the remote period of 2,697 years before Christ. The historians of China embrace a succession of uninterrupted series of more than 2,400 years. The full and continuous history of the empire was compiled in the second century of our era.

The great libraries of Pekin contain volumes of books numbered by the hundreds of thousands. In the archives of the government are still to be found the ancient predictions of eclipses made with great accuracy, together with works on astronomy which show a fair knowledge of that interesting science. Biographers, very succinctly written, of the emperors of the most ancient dynasties still exist, and written works of learned men are as voluminous as those of European nations. And all this learning and love of learning has been acquired without help or suggestion from any foreign people. If their authentic histories reach back to nearly five centuries ago mythical history reaches still further back into the very night of time.

When Nineveh and Babylon were in the splendor of their might men in China were predicting eclipses, making catalogues and giving names to the stars. But Nineveh and Babylon were mere mounds of earth and rubbish when China was great, and to this date the civilization and life of the empire is the wonder of the world.

SCIENCE AND INVENTION

A railway will be built up the Rax Alp, which is 6,400 feet high.

Some authorities hold to the idea that a child's disposition is largely governed by his diet, citing the gentleness of the rice-eating races against the quarreling meat-eating children as proof.

The figures given in the London Coal and Iron Trades Review show that of the world's pig iron product of 1898 78½ per cent. was converted into steel. In 1868 only 4 per cent. of the world's pig iron product was applied to the manufacture of steel.

Verrazano, an Italian navigator, is said by Sweetser, in his White Mountain Guide, to have been the first European to speak of having seen the White Mountains. Cruising along the coast northeast from the present site of Portsmouth in the year 1524, he saw "high mountains within the land." They appeared on maps published as early as 1529.

Members of the engineering corps of the United States army have cleared the Pasig River of a number of stone-laden canoes which were sunk to close the channel. The total value of the property recovered by the engineers is estimated at $750,000. Maps and topographical sketches of the country around Manila were made for the use of the army commanders, and the surveys were frequently made under fire.

Dr. Francis H. Williams, of Boston, says that when it becomes customary to examine the chest with the X-rays deaths from heart failure without previous warning will be less common. The rays not only enable the physician to determine the size of the heart, but with their aid he can also follow its movements in health and disease, which has not before been possible. Such examinations are also useful in cases of incipient consumption. With proper precautions taken no harm need be feared from X-ray examination.

As in the case of the X-rays, it is possible that one of the earliest practical uses of liquid air will be in surgery. Already experiments have indicated that a spray of liquid air can be applied as a local anesthetic, but the application should never be made except by an experienced operator. In a minute a small part of the body can be frozen as hard as ice, and surgical operations conducted with the aid of liquid air are attended with no hemorrhages. In the Medical Record Dr. A. C. White describes various experiments with liquid air, including the successful treatment of such diseases as sciatica, neuralgia and ivy-poisoning. Boils and carbuncles can be aborted with liquid air, and it is useful in the treatment of ulcers.

According to the conclusions of Mr. A. H. Keane, a well-known English ethnologist, the first creatures that could properly be called men appeared on the earth in what geologists know as the Pliocene period, somewhat about a million years ago. The precursor of man, Mr. Keane thinks, was some such ape-like creature as the Pithecanthropus erectus, discovered by Dr. Dubois in Java a few years ago. Four varieties of men were developed: Homo Ethiopicus in Africa south of the equator, Homo Mongolicus in Central Asia, Homo Americanus in the new world, and Homo Caucasicus in northern Africa. From these the existing races are descended. Whether man has existed a million years in the past or not, there is no apparent reason why he should not exist more than a million years in the future.

His Occupation.

A rather good story is told at the expense of the Rev. W. W. Moir, rector of St. Eustace Church. It is Mr. Moir's custom to take the offertory every Sunday to some one of the hotels and receive a check therefor. The hotels are glad of the small change, and it is more convenient to send a check to the secretary than a quantity of small change. Mr. Moir was counting out the silver and bills at one of the large hotels while the clerk was making out the check. He observed a small boy watching him with evident curiosity. "Well, my boy, what is it" asked the reverend gentleman in his usual kindly way. "Oh, nothing, sir," said the boy, and glancing again at the pile of silver and nickels on the counter, "only, are you the gentleman what runs the slot machine downstairs?"—The Adirondack.

Motto of the Siamese Nation.

Have you heard the motto of the government of Siam? And having heard it, have you repeated it? And having repeated it, have you caught its purely personal application? And having caught it, have you tried it on your friends?

This is the motto: "Ah Wa Ta Nas Siam." It sounds unintelligible nonsense, but keep saying it over as long as you can and as fast as you can and you will discover at last that the Eastern patois has a Western sense that aptly classifies many a remorseful subject of Uncle Sam. For "Ah Wa Ta Nas Siam" is easily evolved into "Ah, what an ass I am."

Antiquity of the Top.

Probably the oldest toy in the world is the top. It has been used all over the world for thousands of years, and in some savage tribes is used in the performance of religious rites.

Before every failure there are plenty of signs to give the people warning, if they will read them.

IN BED WITH RATTLESNAKES.

A Belgian Naturalist's Night in the Toltec Ruins of Quemada.

"When I was collecting specimens of plants and animals in Zacatecas," said the noted Dr. Maximilian Schumann, "I had an experience with rattlesnakes which came near being the death of me."

The doctor is the Belgian explorer and naturalist who went through Africa, and in telling of his adventures he said:

"I had gone a day's journey on horseback from the city of Zacatecas to the southeast to examine some old Toltec ruins there. These are known as the Quemada ruins. They are very extensive. I got there late at night. I had shot a couple of doe on the way and had thrown them across my pack animal.

"On my arrival within the ruins I lit a fire to get my supper, after which I spread my blanket and lay down. In the morning when I woke up I threw my hand outside of the blanket and it almost touched a big, poisonous rattlesnake. I escaped by the merest chance. Looking toward my feet, what was my astonishment to see rattlesnakes all over the blankets. There were no less than six of them besides the one that missed my hand.

"The reptiles were not the crotalus horridus, or diamond crotalus, known in California, but the crotalus milarius, found in the hot regions. They are very poisonous. When I had lit my fire in the evening I could not see the snakes, which, I presume, had crept along the walls.

"The altitude of Zacatecas and the old ruins is between 7,000 and 8,000 feet, and it gets quite cold at night. My fire was what undoubtedly attracted them. When they got out toward it they found my bed, and, discerning the warm blankets, crawled up on them and went to sleep. I have always thought it was almost miraculous that I escaped being bitten. As I did not want the snakes, having already all I wanted, I killed them and nailed them all to the adobe wall, with my card on each.

"The lizards and other reptiles which I got there I salted away in casks and forwarded to Europe. It is a general belief among the Indians, notably among the Creeks, Cherokees and Choctaws in Indian territory, where I was for a time, that if one is bitten by a rattlesnake all he has to do to prevent fatality is to eat the snake. But I never discovered any virtue in this. The best remedy is to immediately bind a thong above the wound, so that the poison cannot circulate higher. Then cut an incision below the wound and squeeze out as much blood as possible. Then, if to the wound is made an application of potash or any alkali, there is almost no danger.

"I got the best collection of reptiles from Mexico and forwarded them to Europe that has ever been seen here. The rattlesnakes were so plentiful that they could be seen by thousands and thousands."—San Francisco Call.

ALL ARE IN THE CEMETERY.

Clever Device of a Chicago Woman to Secure a Flat.

Out at the Queen Anne flats there is an ironclad rule that no family with children shall be permitted to take a lease of an apartment. This rule and the situation of the building militate against the filling of the flats, but the agent succeeded in making a fair showing, none the less. One day while wondering if he would receive any more applications before the rush season was ended a large, portly and red-faced woman dressed in black entered the office.

She wanted a flat and had inspected the premises. She fancied the third of a certain row and was willing to make an advance right then. The terms were agreed upon and the papers drawn up, when the agent said: "We cannot permit any children in those flats. Have you any?"

The woman sobbed aloud. She coyly admitted to having had seven, but said between her gasps: "They are all now in the cemetery, sir."

The agent was sympathetic and consoling. The papers were signed, the keys delivered and the new tenant departed, wiping her eyes, while her shoulders heaved with woe. The next time the agent went there for rent he was met by a bunch of children who clambered the stairs with him and seemed very much at home. He went to the flat on the third floor and was admitted.

"Are these your children, ma'am?" he asked of the portly tenant.

"Seven are, sir," was the reply.

"But you told me all of yours were dead."

"Indeed I did not, sir. What I said was that they were in the cemetery, and they were. Their father was out of a job and he took them out to the cemetery on a picnic."—Chicago Chronicle.

Extinguished.

It was a tram car and he was a fearfully and wonderfully got-up masher. Over his "pince-nez" he eyed the other passengers haughtily, and they in turn looked at him with the amused, indulgent smile with which the public usually regard the genius. Presently a soldier of the Seaforth Highlanders entered and took his seat beside the masher. A stalwart, soldierly looking fellow, he soon became the cynosure of all eyes. The masher looked at him for a moment, then siding up to him he said condescendingly:

"I say—er—Mr. Soldier, I've got—er a brother who is a soldier, don't you know?"

"Is that a fac'?" said the soldier, taking a comprehensive look at his questioner, "weel, that's kinna queer tae. Ye see, I've got a brother who's a confounded idiot, so we're aboot even, I'm thinkin'."

For a moment the dude looked as if he had swallowed something that disagreed with him, then he sank back in his seat and thought it over for the remainder of the journey.—London Spare Moments.

Queer British War Vessel.

Theh most singular vessel in the world is the Polyphemus of the British navy. It is simply a long steel tube, deeply buried in the water, the deck rising only four feet above the sea. It carries no masts or sails and is used as a ram and torpedo-boat.

Your Chance of Life.

The French statistician, Dr. Livrier, says that half of all human beings die before 17, that only one person in 10,000 lives to be 100 years old and that only one person out of every 1,000 lives to be 60.

Long—I'm getting too stout for comfort, but am unable to find a remedy. Short—It is said that nothing reduces surplus flesh like worry. Long—But I have nothing to worry me. Short—Well, just to help you, I'm willing to let you lend me ten dollars.—Chicago News.

That man never lived who wasn't sorry he wrote a certain letter.

Missourian's Contempt for a Surf Bath.

A Missourian at Manhattan beach looked with contempt at the men lolling in the sand. "Shucks," said he, "they think they are having fun. Have to come ashore to get in the sand. They ought to live in old Missoury, on the river. You get the sand and water mixed there. Sometimes a man gets more sand than water and has to go home and be washed off. Them mud baths in the northwest that you hear so much about ain't in it with a wash in the old Missoury."

Thorite, the New Explosive,

Distinguished itself by passing through a 4½ inch steel plate. If its success continues, it will make as great a record in the military world as Hostetter's Stomach Bitters in the medical world. Nothing has appeared which can equal this wonderful medicine for all diseases of the stomach, liver or kidneys.

Panama canal construction employes over 3,000 men.

Piso's Cure for Consumption has saved me large doctor bills.—C. L. Baker, 4228 Regent Sq., Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 8, '95.

Hartford plumbers get $3 for eight hours.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

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TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

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The National Consumers' League have adopted a label to distinguish ladies' garments which are made in sweatshops or under unfair conditions as to wages and hours. It is not a rival of the regular trades union label, but will be used on goods produced by working men and women who get just treatment from employers, even if they do not belong to labor organizations.

The Walter Steel Company's plant in Reading has been absorbed by the Walter Steel Company of Jersey City, N. J., recently organized with a capital of $100,000.

The agricultural department, Washington, D. C., has a machine for taking continuous photographs of growing plants. It works automatically, taking a picture each hour, and during the night an electric light is thrown into circuit as the exposures are made.

"Daily Feed Man and Steed."

Feed your nerves, also, on pure blood if you would have them strong. Men and women who are nervous are so because their nerves are starved. When they make their blood rich and pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla their nervousness disappears because the nerves are properly fed.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Never Disappoints

When Doctors Disagree

Herbert M. Fish, a progressive and respected reside of Cape Vincent, N. Y., said: "The doctors disagreed in my case, one said I had the grip, another that it was jaundice, and so on. I tried many remedies but did not receive the slightest benefit. I was low spirited and nervous and had become reduced in weight from 155 pounds to less than 123. One day a friend recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I tried them and the result was indeed marvelous. My appetite returned and I began to feel rested and restored. At the end of the tenth box my physical condition was better than it had been for years and I was a well man.

"HERBERT M. FISH."

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of November, 1898.

LLOYD O. WOODRUFF, *Notary Public.*

—From the Eagle, Cape Vincent, N. Y.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are never sold by the dozen or hundred, but always in packages. At all druggists, or direct from the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y., 50 cents per box. 6 boxes $2.50.

A gorgeous bicycle has recently been sent from France to an Indian rajah. The parts which on an ordinary machine are nickel plated are in this bicycle of gold. Even the spokes are cased with gold. The gold-cased rims are studded alternately with turquoises and rubies. A scarlet cloth held down with jewels covers the saddle.

There is a walnut tree 1,200 years old in the Baider valley, near Balaklava. It belongs to five Tartar families, and still yields nearly 100,000 nuts annually, which are divided equally between the five owners.

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