

### Pains in the Back

Are symptoms of a weak, torpid or stagnant condition of the kidneys or liver, and are a warning it is extremely hazardous to neglect, so important is a healthy action of these organs.

They are commonly attended by loss of energy, lack of courage, and sometimes by gloomy foreboding and despondency.

### Hood's Sarsaparilla

It cures kidney and liver troubles, relieves the back, and builds up the whole system.

Bighead—Do you think that gossip is increasing?  
Gayboy—By no means. Every day there is an increase in the number of things done that one must not talk about.

### New Birth Record in Texas.

A Mexican woman at El Paso, Texas, has given birth to two healthy children, the second one born six weeks after the first. The case has caused considerable comment among physicians.

Ladies Can Wear Shoes One size smaller after using Allen's Foot-Powder. Cures swollen feet, blisters and callous spots and itching feet. At all drug stores. 25c. Trial package FREE by mail. Address: Allen S. Ostrander, LeRoy, N. Y.

### Discernment.

Office Boy—Dere wuz a poet in ter see yer when yer wuz out ter lunch.

Editor—How did you know he was a poet?  
Office Boy—Well, he wuz some poor guy. He didn't have no Panama hat.

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

### She Wasn't a Blotter.

Edith—Why did you refuse him?  
Ethel—He has a past.

Edith—But he can blot it out.  
Ethel—Perhaps; but he can't use me for a blotter.

For frost-bite, chilblains, sore and lame joints, stiffness of muscles—try Hamlin's Wizard Oil. It won't disappoint you!

### Four Meals a Day.

Washington hotels are said to be the only ones in the country that serve four regular meals a day—breakfast, luncheon, dinner and supper—the latter being served in some cases as late as midnight.

Pilo's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. SAMUEL, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

### Unashamed.

Lady—Ain't you ashamed to be trying fireworks to that dog's tail?  
Boy—Ashamed? Hully gee! Ain't he an English bull dog, an' ain't this de Fourth of July?—Puck.

### FITS

Permanently Cured. So fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Allen's Great Nervine. Send for FREE TRIAL BOTTLE and full particulars. Dr. H. H. Kline, Ltd., 301 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

### No Harm, Anyhow.

Sidney—Then you believe in a coat of arms?  
Rodney—Yes. Almost anynewly-rich American can be benefitted by adding a good Latin motto to live up to.—Puck.

### Want a Sample of Spices?

We are very desirous that you should try our Monopole Spices. If you try them once you will keep on trying them, and other Monopole groceries, too. Therefore, if you'll send your grocer's name and a two-cent stamp, we will send you a full weight two oz. tin of Monopole Cayenne or white pepper, or other variety you select. Monopole spices are the purest and most fragrant obtainable, and we want you to prove it for yourself. Address: Wadhams & Kerr Bros., Portland, Oregon.

### An Impression.

"You say you are going to stop being a reformer?"  
"Yes."  
"But it must be a great and glorious thing to expose the various frauds."  
"It used to be. But there is too much competition. It won't be long before there aren't frauds enough to go around.

From latest statistics the Hebrew population of New York City is estimated at over half a million.

### Handicap for Policemen.

County Wexford, Ireland, police carry revolvers, but are not allowed to load them until they are ready to use them.

## Cancerous Sores

are most frequently to be seen upon the face, neck or breast, though they are liable to appear upon other parts of the body. When they begin to spread and eat into the flesh, sharp, piercing pains are felt as the underlying tissue is destroyed and the tender nerves exposed. Cancerous sores develop from very trifling causes; a carbuncle or boil, swollen gland, a little watery blister on the tongue or lip, a wart, mole or bruise of some kind becomes an indolent, festering sore which in time degenerates into cancer.

"Ten years ago I had a sore on my left temple, which the doctors pronounced a cancerous ulcer; it would itch, burn and bleed, and would not heal, but would never heal. After taking S. S. S. awhile the sore began to discharge, and when all the poisonous matter had been washed out it got well. I took in all about thirty bottles, continuing it for some time after the sore had healed, to be sure all the poison was out of my system. Have seen no signs of cancer in ten years. JOSEPHUS REID, Gant, Audrian Co., Mo.

S. S. S. is strictly a vegetable remedy, and, while possessing purifying and healing properties that no other medicine does, contains nothing that could derange the system. While cleansing the blood it also builds up the general health. If you have a suspicious sore, or other blood trouble, send for our free book on Blood and Skin Diseases, and write to us for any information or advice wanted; we make no charge for this service.

### FRUIT GROWING IN JAPAN.

Sweet Oranges, Persimmons and Figs Raised in Abundance.

Japan is generally looked upon as a land of flowers rather than of fruit, but it has an abundance of both. It will never be, perhaps, a great producer of fruits for export, but the raising of fruits throughout the country is becoming more and more of an industry, although there is only the home market. Consul General Bellows, of Yokohama, says, in a recent report, that fruit growing has not hitherto been an important industry in Japan, and that there have been very few farms on which fruit formed the staple crop. But the Japanese are now paying much attention to fruit growing. What he has to say about the fruits of Japan is of interest:

### RISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION

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## SNAKES OF ARIZONA.

THE TERRITORY NOTABLE FOR ODD REPTILES.

Natural Breeding Ground for Them—Illustrations of the Power of the Serpent to Fascinate—Experience with a Coach-Whip Snake.

The Smithsonian Institution authorities say that more varieties of poisonous snakes are found in Arizona than in any other part of the United States. The best authority on Arizona snakes is believed to be Graham Peck, who has been studying them for years.

"No other region in the United States is so much of a natural breeding ground for the rattlesnake as is southern Arizona," said he to a correspondent of the New York Sun. "The rocks of the mountains and foothills are of a heavy yellow and gray color and the soil is so like the hue of a rattler that a snake can move slowly along and hardly be perceived by a person fifty feet away. The hot, dry air and the warm, sandy earth and the immense quantity of small birds and ground squirrels in the mountain canyons and brush all combine to make life for rattlesnakes in this region one of rare ease and comfort. There are literally tens of thousands of rattlers in the sage brush and chaparral along the edge of southern Arizona wastes. They grow to enormous size and it is common to read of the capture of rattlesnakes five and six feet long, with fourteen and fifteen rattles.

"Hog-nose snakes are quite plentiful in the mountainous parts of Arizona. After all the talk about serpents hissing, this is the only specimen of the ophidian family which I have ever heard utter a sound. "Many writers on reptiles in America say that thunder snakes are common in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. They are really uncommon in the territories. They are a prairie reptile and are often encountered by prairie travelers, especially before and after thunderstorms.

"Flashes of lightning and claps of thunder, which are terrifying to bipeds and quadrupeds, seem to have a charm for these members of the ophidian family. Whenever a thunderstorm comes up these snakes come crawling out of holes, from behind rocks and rotten stumps and enjoy the fun while it lasts.

"The coach whip is remarkable for its tremendous length and surprising speed. It is cream or clay colored, very much like the hard-baked prairie over which it glides, is very long and its scales are arranged in such a manner that they closely resemble the platted leather of a whip. "Not endowed with poison, it has tremendous power of constriction. It forms its body into coils which are capable of crushing sheep, dogs and coyotes.

"When I was in Lower California in 1880 I was told by a Mexican peon that he had a 10-year-old boy squeezed to death by a coach whip a few years ago. The man said that on another occasion his wife was attacked by a coach whip which threw its coils about her quicker than she could see. "She was too frightened to do more than scream and fall to the ground, when her daughter came running up and quickly released her by merely unwrapping the snake's tail. Strange as this may seem, it is a very easy way to release a victim in the coach whip snake's grasp, for while the reptile's constricting powers are abnormal a child may unwrap the coils by beginning at the tail."

"Do you believe that snakes have the power to charm animals?"  
"Yes, there is a certain power to fascinate in a snake's eyes and movements. I saw only the other day a typical illustration of the power of a snake to fascinate.

"Over in the pine woods I saw a ground squirrel fascinated by a black gopher snake. The forked tongue darted out of the snake's mouth almost as regularly and rapidly as the needle of a sewing machine rises and falls. The squirrel seemed to watch it spellbound. The snake crept slowly nearer. "When the gopher snake was within two or three inches from the squirrel it gave a leap and threw three coils about the squirrel. Instantly the spell was gone. The fascination or charm there had been over the little animal was no doubt broken by the very moment the serpent's coils were about the creature, for the animal gave three convulsive, terrified chirps and realized that its death moment had come.

"I believe implicitly that all snakes have a certain degree of power to fascinate their victims to death. Black snakes, gopher snakes and racers have the power to a large degree. Rattlesnakes have the most fascinating power among all the poisonous serpents in the Southwest.

"The indications of charming among poisonous snakes are deceiving sometimes. Poisonous snakes fang their prey once only. The poison does not kill at once. "The victim flutters to a branch, it may be, or runs a short distance and stops. The snake watches it. The poison does its deadly work, and the bird falls.

"Any one who comes up, not having seen the attack, might be readily deceived into imagining that it was the glance of the snake and not the poison that caused the victim to fall."

### THE ORIGIN OF GOLF.

First Played with a Shepherd's Crook and a Pebble.

The man or woman who has become interested in golf must needs know something of its origin over in Scotland. In his book, "The Art of Golf," Sir W. G. Simpson tells the following pretty story as to how the game had its beginning:

"A shepherd tending his sheep would often chance upon a round pebble, and, having his crook in his hand, would strike it away; for it is inevitable that a man with a stick in his hand should aim a blow at any loose object lying in his path as that he should breathe. Over pastures green this led to nothing; but once on a time a certain shepherd, feeding his sheep on a links, perhaps that of St. Andrew's, rolled one of these stones into a rabbit scrape. "Mary," quoth he, "I could not do that if I tried, a thought which nerved him to the attempt. But a man cannot long persevere alone in any arduous undertaking, so Mr. Shepherd hailed another, who was hard by, to witness his endeavor. "That is, easy," said the friend, and, trying, failed. They now searched the grass for the roundest stones, and, having deepened the rabbit scrape so that the stones might not jump out of it, they set themselves to practice putting.

"The stronger but less skillful shepherd, finding himself worsted at the amusement, protested that it was a fairer test of skill to play for the hole from a considerable distance. With this arranged, the game was found to be much more varied and interesting. The sheep having meanwhile strayed, the shepherds had to go after them.

"This proving an exceedingly irksome interruption, they hit upon the ingenious device of nailing a circular course of holes, which enabled them to play and herd at the same time. These holes being now many and far apart, it became necessary to mark their whereabouts, which was easily done by means of a tag of wool from a sheep attached to a stick, a primitive kind of flag still used on many greens, almost in its original form. Since these early days the essentials of the game have altered but little."

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If your druggist cannot supply you, send us one dollar and we will express you a bottle. Be sure you give the name of your nearest express office. Address, J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

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Mrs. Emma Mitchell, 520 Louisiana street, Indianapolis, Ind., writes: "For the past five years I have rarely been without pain, but Peruna has changed all this, and in a very short time. I think I had taken only two bottles before I began to recuperate very quickly, and seven bottles made me well. I do not have headache or backache any more, and have some interest in life."—Emma Mitchell.

The coming of what is known as the "new woman" in our country is not greeted by everyone as if she were a great blessing. But there is another new woman whom everybody is glad to see. Every day some invalid woman is exclaiming, "I have been made a new woman" by Dr. Hartman's home treatment. It is only necessary to send name, address, symptoms, duration of sickness and treatment already received to Dr. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio, and directions for one month's treatment will be promptly forwarded.

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Address Dr. Hartman, President of the Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O.

## FIRST AUTOMOBILE OF ALL

Only a small percentage of those who nowadays see automobiles speeding along the streets and boulevards are aware that the first automobile, considered in the sense of a vehicle containing within itself powers of locomotion, which there is any authentic account was a self-moving shrine of Baecus. This was the invention of Heron, of Alexandria, who describes it in his work on automatic mechanism. The shrine in question was mounted upon two supporting and two driving wheels. On the axle of the driving wheels was a drum, about which was wound a rope which passed upward through the space on one side of the shrine over pulleys and was fastened to the ring of a ponderous lead weight, which rested upon a quantity of fine dry sand.

The escape of this sand through a small hole in the middle of the floor of the compartment containing it allowed the lead weight gradually to descend and by pulling upon the cord caused the shrine to move slowly forward in a straight line. Heron describes the method of arranging and proportioning the wheels in case it was desired that the shrine move in a circular path. He also shows how the shrine can be constructed to move in a straight line at right angles to each other.

Officials of the patent office overlooked the device of Heron when they granted patents on machines, notwithstanding that previously Thomas Eubank, Commissioner of Patents in 1850, illustrated and described Heron's invention. The mechanism of the latter is almost identical with that in the modern device, and simply serves as another proof of the saying, "There is nothing new under the sun."

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