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WEAK, PAINFUL KIDNEYS, With their weary, dull, aching, lifeless, all-gone sensation, relieved in one minute by the **Cuticura Anti-Pain Plaster.** The first and only instantaneous pain-killing strengthening plaster. 25 cents.

An insane man who traveled through Northern Missouri three days ago has reappeared. He drives a horse and an ox and wherever the ox chooses to go the man follows.

$100 Reward $100.

The reader 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.

Mike Collins, of St. Louis, has agreed to eat three pigs' feet a day for thirty days for $10 and the championship of Missouri.

Pneumonia.

At no time in the history of the country has pneumonia been so prevalent as during the winter months of the last two years. In times past a common cold was not considered at all serious, but of late years the great tendency of colds to result in pneumonia has made people apprehensive. The trouble is that colds are not always properly treated. No preparation containing opium, wild cherry or chloroform should be used, as they have a tendency to dry up a cold, whereas it should be loosened and the lungs relieved. It has been observed that when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is used the cold never results in pneumonia. The reason is that this remedy stimulates the mucous membrane which lines the throat and lungs, to a healthy action, causes a free expectoration, throwing off the poisonous matter, and counteracts any tendency toward pneumonia. For sale by all Druggists.

India rubber is the newest paving material. It is more durable than asphalt.

To-Day

Hood's Sarsaparilla stands at the head in the medicine world, admired in prosperity and envied in merit by thousands of would-be competitors. It has a larger sale than any other medicine. Such success could not be won without positive merit.

Hood's Pills cure constipation by restoring the peristalic action of the alimentary canal. They are the best family cathatic.

Rabbits are becoming a serious nuisance in some parts of Kansas. Barber county pays a bounty of 5 cents each for rabbit scalps, and about 5000 scalps have been paid for there since last October.

Attention to the daily habits of the young prevents suffering. Take Simmon's Liver Regulator.

Don't belch in peoples' faces. Take Simmon's Liver Regulator.

The Romans began every banquet with eggs and it with apples.

A dose of Simmon's Liver Regulator, taken daily, will relieve and prevent indigestion.

The latest holiday novelty is a derby hat which contains a cigar rack.

Affections of the bowels, so prevalent in children, cured by Simmon's Liver Regulator.

By this time nearly or quite all of the fattening hogs should have all the food that they will eat.

Bile Beans Small

Guaranteed to cure Billous attacks, Sick Headache and Constipation. 40 in each bottle. Price 25c. For sale by druggists.

Picture "7, 17, 70" and sample dose free. I. F. SMITH & CO., Proprietors, NEW YORK.

A Balloon for the Kaiser.

The sum of 50,000 marks ($2,000) which the German emperor has just presented to the German Society for the Promotion of Aerial Navigation for the advancement of this science is to be devoted to the construction and equipment of a giant balloon. This balloon will be as high as a four storied house, will be fifty-six feet in diameter and it will contain no less than 2,530 cubic meters of gas. It will be made of Egyptian cotton stuff, and will be coated with vulcanized gum, which is considered better than varnish.

A rather interesting feature of the balloon will be the provision of a special valve of a new kind, which will keep the gas pure for a longer time, and therefore sustain the balloon for a longer period. It is proposed to make within a year no less than fifty journeys with the balloon and to ascend as high as possible, up to 33,000 feet if necessary, with artificial respiration. Over £400 will be expended in purchasing scientific apparatus for this balloon. Experiments will, if possible, be simultaneously made with two other balloons to further investigate the physical conditions of the atmosphere.—Pall Mall Budget.

The Queen's Statuary at Balmoral.

Her majesty proposes to place a statue of the Emperor Frederick in the grounds of Balmoral, which are crammed with memorials of the queen's deceased relatives and friends, while every hilltop in the neighborhood bears a cairn. There are only three statues—one the prince consort, by Theed (representing him in highland dress); the jubilee statue of the queen, which was presented to her by her Scottish tenantry and servants; and a statue of John Brown, by Boehm, which occupies a conspicuous position on a wooded bank near the garden. Princess Alice is commemorated by a Celtic cross of granite, and the Duke of Albany by a seat of polished granite. The memory of Sir Thomas Biddulph is recalled by a granite fountain. The bronze statue of the prince consort in the grounds is an exact copy of his white marble statue in the corridor of the castle.—London Star.

An Enemy Baffled.

There is an enemy with whom thousands are familiar all their lives, because they are born with a tendency to billiousness. With this enemy they are constantly battling with ineffectual weapons. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters will baffle it. Mere purgatives will not reform a disordered condition of the liver indicated, not by constipation alone, but also by sick headaches, yellowness of the skin and eye balls, nausea, furred tongue and uneasiness, more particularly upon pressure on the right side, upon and below the short ribs. Avoid drastic purgatives which gripe and weaken the intestines, and substitute this world-famous anti-bilious cordial, which likewise removes malarial, stomachic and kidney complaints, rheumatism and nervousness. As a laxative of the bowels, painless but effectual, it improves appetite, sleep and the ability to digest, and possesses the additional advantage of a standard tonic.

The main drainage dipes of London are 82 miles long.

The shark is the oldest type of fish.

One *Small* Bile Bean every night for a week arouse Torpid Livers. 25c. per bottle.

London has 60,000 telephone.

The two bridges of Xerxes had 366 and 314 boats, respectively.

The Egyptians kneaded their bread in a wooden bowl with their feet.

Shirts embroidered by hand and costing $50 each came in fashion in the reign of Elizabeth.

Stockholm, the capital of Sweden, had a summer without nights.

Pimples, blotches and sores and their cause is removed by Simmon's Liver Regulator.

If the hens have to shift themselves, they will be likely to prove a shiftless set.

An electric locomotive of 2,000 horse power— nearsy twice the power of the largest steam locomotive— is reported as finished at Baden, Zurich.

A curious wedding ceremony recently took place in Dublin, when the clergyman, the son of a well known Dublin artist, married his father to a second wife.

An enormous rice crop has just been harvested in Louisiana.

About 10,000 gross of pens are produced from a ton of steel.

Fifty thousand Missouri mules are sold in St. Louis every year.

The historical egg which Columbus made stand on its little end has been made the model of a pipe which has just been put on the market.

Give growing pigs plenty of exercise, with such changes of feed as will induce a proper development of the muscular system.

A sheep that will not yield a profit has no place on the the farm.

The latest musical phonomenon in Paris is a monkey that plays the violin.

Many Atlantic liners burn as much as 300 tons of coal per day.

Work everything into the soil that will give it life or add to the supply of plant food.

The pig is prehaps the most profitable of all the meat producing animals on the farm.

It is as easy to grow an ordinary pig as to have a rowdy. Supply plenty of feed, as contentment is a preventive of rowdyism.

A small quantity of oil meal mixed with the slop is good for the suckling sow.

An Idea for Church Fairs.

One of the ladies in charge of the bazar in Chicago for the benefit of the Children's Home building of the exposition has hit on the device of sending distinguished authors several copies of their works, requesting them to put their autograph within. This of course enhances the value of the books, and she intends to sell them for double their original cost. The idea is not a bad one for other fairs and bazars, and then it increases the author's already handsome income and sets him up with his publishers.—Hartford Courant.

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Always the best, they are recognized as the standard everywhere.

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CARE OF THE PIANO.

Some Practical Suggestions Which Should Be Remembered.

"The care of a piano must be begun the moment the piano enters your house," a piano maker said to a New York Recorder writer, "and to be effective it calls for the employment of some good common sense. If it be an upright piano, do not stand it close to the wall unless you prefer to have the tone muffled. It will sound best across a corner of a room. Keep a piano in the winter in the coolest part of the room—not exposed, of course, to frost or dampness.

"The most serious injuries that befall pianos are usually the results of temperature; either it is too dry or too damp. From careful observation it is safe to say that 90 per cent of the pianos in cold latitudes have after the first year one or more cracks in their sounding boards. If your house is heated by a stove, put your instrument in a room without a stove—in one that is heated from an adjoining room. If you have steam or furnace heat, your piano will do better if kept in a room that is not quite warm enough for comfort.

"You know the sounding board—the life of a piano—is forced into the case when it is made so tightly that it bulges up in the center. The wood is supposed to be as dry as possible, but of course it contains some moisture and gathers a lot more on damp days and in handling. Now, when you put a piano in an overheated, dry room all this moisture is dried out, and the board gets flabby and finally cracks.

"How can you prevent it? Easily enough. Keep a growing plant in the room, and as long as your plant thrives your piano ought to, or else there is something wrong with it. Just try it and see how much more water you will have to pour on the flower in the room where your piano is than on the plants in any other room.

"Every one has observed, after purchasing a new piano, that it soon takes on a dull, smoky appearance. To remove this use a fine sponge, tepid water and castile soap. Go over the case a little at a time. The water alone, with the soap, will usually be all that is needed. A chamois skin, as dry as can be rung out of water, should be used to dry the surface after using the sponge. For old pianos a polish of raw linseed oil, two parts, alcohol and best venegar, one part each, may be applied with good results. Shake the polish frequently, use a soft cotton cloth, one piece to rub it on, and a large clean piece to finish off with. Bruises, usually on the front, can be taken off by rubbing with powdered pumice stone and water, or with sapolio. Clean the keys with alcohol and water, equal parts.

For Your Husband.

Here are simple directions for making a cravat holder which any gentleman would appreciate: Take a piece of pale blue silk, says a New York Recorder correspondent, eighteen inches long for

A CRAVAT CASE.

the inside, and allow one-half inch for hem, and for the outside take a piece of pale gold silk twelve inches long and allow one-half inch for hem. The two parts are joined together at all their edges and between them put several layers of wadding to produce a soft effect. The cotton is thickly sprinkled with sachet powder, and the edges are followed with a row of thick silk cord, the latter being formed in a coil a little back of the right upper corner, which is reversed. The upper side of the case is embroidered with a word and floral design in shades of blue, green and yellow. The case is closed with ribbon ties. Of course any other choice color may be used, and the material may be of silk, surah, velvet, plush or any other pretty figured silks.

Veils All the Time.

The face veil is now a sine qua non of every woman's street, church, reception and theater toilet. They are worn indeed to the table at luncheons, slipped up during the actual eating process, to be lowered when the finger bowls appear. The vagaries in these flimsy face coverings are legion, almost every shade known being represented, with the fabric running the gamut of plain, dotted, jetted and even jeweled. The new reddish purple is the latest caprice, and is as unbecoming as its color would suggest. Oculists have grown weary of warning women against these veils, strapped close to the eyes and worn so continuously, and now confine their efforts to repairing, so far as possible, the damage which they work.

Poetry in the Kitchen.

Beneath this piecrust that I roll
I see oh, lovely spot—
A wild, wild nook,
A shaded brook,
O'ergrown with cherries wild,
Whose fragrant plumes are tossed in air
On wafting breezes mild.

And in these cups I slowly work
I see a meadow fair,
Where daisies grow
And clover, too,
With grasses everywhere,
And broken fences all grown o'er
With wild grapes growing there.

And while I polish bright my stove
I see a mountain gorge,
With bowlders gray,
And o'er them lay
Long briers all filled with bloom,
And dainty ferns of maidenhair:
I hear the wild bird's tune.

And sweeping floors and dusting chairs,
I see a pasture green,
A velvet floor
That's all grown o'er
With waves, a grassy sea
Where buttercups are growing gay,
Which nod to you and me.

And so in all the work I do
I see a picture sweet,
A lovely spot
That cheers my lot
And makes my daily care
All bright with blossoms and with songs
From nature's wild woods fair.
—Good Housekeeping.

No graduate of Vassar college has ever been divorced from her husband. Such is the statement of a man who married one of them, and who declares that the young ladies who have been educated at the college are the best cooks in the world.

Put up in neat watch-shaped bottles, sugar coated, *Small* Bile Beans. 25c. per bottle.

Oregon's output of wool for 1892 is estimated at 16,000,000 pounds.

They increase appetite, purify the whole system and act on the liver, Bile Beans *Small.*

Minneapolis is making 38,000 barrels of flour on an average a day.

Guaranteed to cure Bilious Attacks and Constipation, *Small* Bile Beans.

Great Britain has enough coal stored in her mines to last her 900 years.

To aid digestion, take one *Small* Bile Bean after eating. 25c. per bottle.

The dictionary was made by Chinese scholars B. C. 1109.

Prevent and cure Constipation and Sick-Headache, *Small* Bile Beans.

Dickens wrote twenty-four books, comprising 1,123 characters.

Cure for Colds, Fevers and General Debility, *Small* Bile Beans. 25c. per bottle.

A souvenir spoon made by a Des Moines man bears on its handle the low coat of arms and in the bowl the Lord's Prayer.

How It Became Popular.

When people find an article much superior to anything of the kind they have ever before used, they are almost sure to tell their friends about it, and especially if they know of some friend's needing such an article. Dealers also soon learn the true value of their goods, and when they have an article of unusual merit they will almost invariably mention the fact to their customers. This accounts in a great measure for the large sale on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Here is an instance: W. L. Needham, a prominent citizen and business man of Orrsburg, Mo., has been selling Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for several years and recommend it to his customers, because in his experience it has proven to be the best for colds, croup and whooping cough. He says it is the most popular medicine that he handles, and gives the best satisfaction. 50 cent bottles for sale by all Druggists.

WAITING FOR THE CHANGE.

Some People Would Say It Is Just Like a Woman.

Time—Fifteen minutes before the train is due to leave.

Place—The jewelry store.

Husband discovered looking at his watch impatiently.

He—We haven't a moment to spare, dear, and we must catch that train.

She—But I am waiting for the change. It will be here directly.

He—We ought to start right away.

She—I'm so sorry, but we must wait. I gave the clerk a hundred dollar bill.

He—Yes, if it's that much we'll have to wait for it, but it's very important that I catch that train to close up that deal with Jones. The option expires in an hour, and I'll lose several hundred if I miss it.

She—This waiting is really aggravating, but the change will surely be here in a moment.

He—They're unconscionably slow.

She—Ah! Here it comes at last.

She thrusts it in her purse, and both start for the door. By tremendous exertion they succeed in reaching the station in time to see the train move out.

He—There, confound it, waiting for that train has knocked me out of $300 at the lowest calculation.

She—Oh, I'm so sorry, dear!

He—So am I. By the way, how much did that measly change amount to anyhow?

She—Let me see. I paid for that necklace I got a month ago. That was eighty-five dollars.

He—Anything else?

She—Yes. That set of spoons we gave Mrs. Taddles on her silver wedding. That amounted to six dollars. That makes ninety-one dollars, doesn't it?

He—It does. Go on.

She—Then there was a ring for Lulu and one for Ida. The children had been promised them, you know.

He—Exactly. How much were they?

She—Two and a half each. Ninety-one dollars and five dollars make ninety-six dollars.

He—Anything else?

She—Yes. There was a dear little butter spear at $2.50.

He (grimly)—The total is $98.50 now. What else?

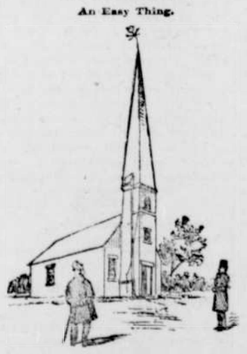
She—Well, I got a cute little stickpin that I really needed for $1.25.

He—Ninety-nine seventy-five.

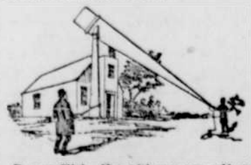
She—And twenty cents' worth of silver polishing powder. What does that come to? How much change ought there to be out a hundred dollar bill?

He (making a desperate but ineffectual effort to keep calm)—Five cents!—Anna Pierpont Sivivier in Brooklyn Life.

An Easy Thing.



Visiting Bishop—I see your vane has been damaged by the storm. I suppose you will have to hire an expert climber, such as we read of in the newspapers, to have it repaired. A great deal of expense, I fear, for your little parish.



Deacon Slick—Not with our new adjustable balance church steeple. How does that suit you, bishop?—Harper's Bazar.

Legal Advice.

"What are you asking a month for the rent of this room?" asked a young lawyer of the proprietor of an exceedingly small room.

"Ten dollars a month, invariably in advance."

"Whew! that's steep. You have no ventilation and very little light."

"That's so, but you seem to overlook the advantages this room has for a young lawyer."

"What are they?"

"In the first place you are nearer the court house, and there are two pawnbrokers' establishments and several free lunch stands within a block and a half."—Texas Siftings.

"German Syrup"

The majority of well-read physicians now believe that Consumption is a germ disease. In other words, instead of being in the constitution itself it is caused by innumerable small creatures living in the lungs having no business there and eating them away as caterpillars do the leaves of trees. The phlegm that is coughed up is those parts of the lungs which have been gnawed off and destroyed. These little bacilli, as the germs are called, are too small to be seen with the naked eye, but they are very much alive just the same, and enter the body in our food, in the air we breathe, and through the pores of the skin. Thence they get into the blood and finally arrive at the lungs where they fasten and increase with frightful rapidity. Then German Syrup comes in, loosens them, kills them, expells them, heals the places they leave, and so nourish and soothe that, in a short time consumptives become germ-proof and well.

A Germ Disease.

Thought It the Regular Thing.

The patient traveler had sat alone in the car for an hour, absorbed in his newspaper, when the brakeman opened the door and bawled out:

"How long are you going to wait here? All the other passengers have got out and walked to the station long ago."

"What's the matter?" inquired the traveler, looking up from his paper.

"Wreck just ahead. Thirty-seven freight cars piled all along the track. It'll take another two hours to clear it away."

"That's all right," said the lone passenger, settling himself down again to the perusal of his paper. "I don't mind it. I'm used to traveling on milk trains."—Chicago Tribune.

Extremes Meet.

—Life.

Peck Smith's Proverb.

"She was a bright young Yankee schoolmarm," said Thompson H. Herndon. "She came highly recommended to a prosperous and aristocratic neighborhood not far from Little Rock a few months ago, and was not long in building up a good school. Time wore on and her pupils advanced wonderfully in their studies. She conceived the idea a few weeks ago of giving an exhibition of her most proficient class, and invited all the neighbors to come to the little schoolhouse on Friday evening, that they might see and hear for themselves the progress that had been made by her teachings. There was a good crowd present. She had all the little girls and the little boys to stand up. She questioned this one about one thing and another about something else. Their answers were gratifying to the pretty teacher and to the parents of the children.

"'Now,' she said to them toward the close, 'I want each of you to repeat some old proverb.'

"Said Johnny, 'All is not gold that glitters.'

"'Very good,' said she; 'very good.'

"'Be virtuous and you'll be happy,' said Jimmie.

"'That's splendid. Why, you boys remind me so much of a school I once taught in Boston,' responded the fair teacher.

"'The germ of ambition is the chrysalis of wisdom,' said Willie.

"And so on down the class she went until she got to Peck Smith. He wasn't very bright, and she intended to skip him, but he seemed anxious to say something and she asked him if he knew any old proverb. He did.

"'A stump tailed yaller dog is the best for coons,' was his answer.

"Peck's father grabbed him up joyfully, and before he left paid a year's tuition for Peck in advance."—St. Louis Republic.

How He Came There.

The defendant, who was as black as the ace of spades, bore the euphemistic surname of John White. Magistrate Donnelly laughed as he asked:

"Well, White, what black crime are you guilty of?"

White shuffled his big feet uneasily, and Officer Nevins responded:

"Stealin chickens, your honor. At least he didn't get no chickens, but he tried hard enough."

Farmer Edwards, the owner of the henhouse, was called and said, "Last Saturday night I seen this here man hangin round my henhouse, and"——

"No, sah, yo' honah, sah; he didn' see me; hit wuz Si Lufty wot he seen," the prisoner interrupted.

"I suppose you weren't near the place at all," said the magistrate sharply.

"No, sah."

"How do you know Lufty was there?"

"A frien done tole me."

"But, your honor, I'm sure I seen this man," the prosecutor cried.

"No, sah; hit wuz Lufty, kase yo' didn't look inter de chicken house, whar I wuz."

"Oh, ho!" said the judge. "So you were there after all? Well, White, probably you can tell us what you were doing there?"

White scratched his head and said, "I doan strictly recommember how hit happened, judge, but somebody knocked me down and toted me in and locked de doah."—Philadelphia Record.

He Ought to Know.

A well known actor was talking one day in a cafe about an acquaintance that he had picked up in a train. I was perfectly amazed at the intimate knowledge the man possessed of everything relating to the Berlin theaters. He was thoroughly initiated in all their little schemes and knew all about the financial position of each of the managers. I asked him, "I presume I have the honor of speaking to a fellow actor?"

"No," he replied.

"Or a theatrical agent?"

"Nothing of that kind."

"Or one of our leading critics?"

"No, I am sorry to say."

"But allow me to ask, how did you acquire this unprecedented familiarity with the concerns of the Berlin theaters; you must have a great deal to do with actors and managers?"

"Quite correct," said the man curtly; "I am a sheriff's officer."—Kreuzzeitung.

Sporting Item.

Mr. Amateur Nimrod—I shot sixty quail in one hour the other day.

Native—Let me congratulate you, stranger. I'm something of a professional myself.

Mr. Amateur Nimrod—Professional sportsman?

Native—No; professional liar.—Texas Siftings.

Her Lot.

The old maid sat in misery
And murmured 'mid her sighs and tears,
"There are no lovers' laps for me;
Mine only is the lapse of years!"
—Smith & Gray's Monthly.

An Omission.

Seedy Individual (approachingly)—My dear sir, you look like an American. I am one of your countrymen. For heaven's sake help me to get something to eat.

Tourist (recognizing)—Why, Bugley, old boy, is this you?

Seedy Individual—Yes, Cholly, old fellow.

Tourist—Why, what could have brought you to this?

Seedy Individual (wiping away a tear)—A book called "How to Make a Trip to Europe on $200," but—but it didn't say how to get back.—Million.

Looking for Work.

Farmer's Wife—Why don't you go to work?

Tramp—I would if I had the tools.

Farmer's Wife—What sort of tools do you want?

Tramp—Knife and fork.—Texas Siftings.

The Trial Too Great.

She felt that she had not sufficiently tested his love for her in making him wait thirty-seven minutes while she adjusted her hat.

When she took her seat beside him in the carriage there came over her an awful doubt lest his heart was not all hers.

She resolved to try his affection.

"Plantagenet"——

She threw her soul into the words.

——"are you prepared to make a sacrifice for me?"

He instinctively gathered the reins in one hand and turned a startled face upon her.

"An—anything"——

For some reason he faltered perceptibly.

——"you want, my darling."

"Would"——

She looked pleadingly into his eyes.

——"you die for me?"

He breathes freer.

"Willingly," he declared.

"Then"——

She nestled still closer to his side.

——"perhaps you will let me drive a little way."

Gently, but firmly, he told her it would be impossible.—Detroit Tribune.

All That He Wanted.

He had looked over the samples of the various goods in stock, and finally the tailor asked:

"Can't I make you a nice dress suit?"

"Naw," said the young man languidly. "Naw, I think not. I nevah get my dress suits this side of the watah!"

"We have some very fine imported broadcloth," persisted the tailor.

"Of cou'se, but I prefer a London maker."

"We have a London tailor's tag that by special permission, we put on our goods when desired," explained the tailor.

"Ya-as, but no one sees the tag, you know."

"Well, we have a special case for packing and carrying our dress suits when traveling that has a London tailor's name on it. Very handsomely gotten up, with the name in gold letters, and below is the inscription, 'Special Tailor to the Duke of Wildoats.'"

"Weally?"

"Certainly. Special arrangement, you know."

"Aw, well, I don't need the suit, but I'll—aw—take the case."—Detroit Free Press.

The Usefulness of Riches.

Rankin—Yes, old Bullion was immensely wealthy and immensely stingy, but you must remember he was a man who had no vices.

Fyle—No vices? Great Crossus! How could a man ever have time to form any vices while he was robbing the world of $37,000,000?—Chicago Tribune.

JAPANESE PILE CURE

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A system of gravel and macadamized roads, built by competent men, is needed in every state of the Union. The legislatures of a number of states have shown a disposition to aid the advocates of good highways. Soon we may expect the passage of bills providing for the inauguration of the work. But before the movement receives the hearty support of the farmers they must be convinced that the actual distance from farm to market is not to be measured by miles, but by the character of the roads, and that poor dirt roads are a tax exceeding in volume every other burden borne by the rural population.

As soon as farmers will take the trouble of keeping regular accounts of the cost of hauling products they will demand better roads. Until then the agitation must be kept up by the press and that growing class of bright young men and women commonly called "bicycle cranks." The latter, under the able leadership of Mr. Isaac B. Potter, have already accomplished a great deal. If they continue the good work substantial results are bound to reward their labors.—Chicago Graphic.

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King Oscar of Sweden celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary as a doctor of philosophy last month. As Duke of Ostgothland the university of Lund conferred that degree upon him a quarter of a century ago in recognition of his services to literature and science. His majesty spent the day at the university and allowed the bishop of Flensburg to place again a wreath of laurel upon his brow. The university is naturally proud of its adopted alumnus, as the king is a man of learning, able to converse intelligently upon almost any topic and a poet of no mean parts.

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