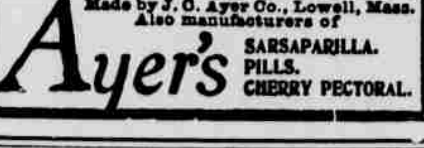


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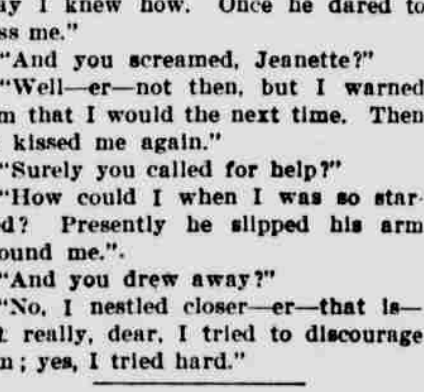
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Nagus—What are you working at now, Borus?
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"And you screamed, Jennette?"
"Well—er—not then, but I warned him that I would not the next time. Then he kissed me again."
"Surely you called for help?"
"How could I when I was so starved? Presently he slipped his arm round me."
"And you drew away?"
"No, I nestled closer—er—that is—really, dear, I tried to discourage him; yes, I tried hard."

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"Does this railroad company allow passengers to give it advice, if they do so in a respectful manner?"
The conductor replied in gruff tones that he guessed so.
"Well," Artemus went on, "it occurred to me that it would be well to detach the cowcatcher from the front of the engine and hitch it to the rear of the train; for you see, we are not liable to overtake a cow, and what's to prevent a cow from strolling into the car and biting a passenger?"—Boston Herald.

Pleasant.
"Now, that it's all over, darling," said the delighted bridegroom, "I must confess I never expected to win you. Even now I can't understand why you married me."
"Well, George," said the Chicago bride, "I'll tell you. Some time ago a fortune teller told me that my second marriage would make me very happy and wealthy. So, of course, I had to get my first marriage over with."—Philadelphia Press.

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Only Wanted a Square Deal.
"Prisoner," said the judge, "stand up. Have you anything to say why judgment of the court should not now be pronounced against you?"
"I'd like to say, your honor," answered the prisoner, "that I hope you will not allow your mind to be prejudiced against me by the poor defense my lawyer put up for me. I'll take it as a great favor if your honor will just give me the sentence I'd have got if I had pleaded guilty in the first place."

Quick Settlement.
The lad looked up from his geography.
"Pa," he said, running his finger over the map of South America, "who settled Venezuela?"
"I don't know exactly, my son," yawned pa, "but I can tell you who settled President Castro."
"Who?"
"Why, France."

His Natural Conclusion.
"I'm entertaining Miss Sniggs, the most popular girl in our class," said the Bryn Mawr girl. "I'd like you to meet her."
"No, thank you," replied Dick. "I'm not interested in homely girls."
"Why, how did you know she was homely?"
"She must be or she wouldn't be so popular with you other girls; also, you wouldn't want me to meet her."—Philadelphia Press.

Thrilled.
He was looking at Niagara Falls.
"Splendid! Magnificent!" he murmured.
"So the spectacle touches you, too?" ventured a fellow spectator.
"Touches me!" roared the first.
"Such splendid horsepower, such magnificent energy! And me running my mill by steam! Say, it more than touches me. It breaks me all up."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Swore Unconsciously.
A leading football player of a few years ago, who is now in business in Chicago, was as careful of his conduct off the field as he was aggressive on the field. He was captain of the eleven in his senior year, and his friends were shocked more than once at the vigorous supply of profanity that he turned on in the football practice when things did not go to suit him. Finally he was requested by the faculty to sidetrack the swearing. He was amazed at this action on the faculty's part, for he declared that he was utterly unconscious of the fact that he had offended. His character was such as to leave no doubt that he spoke the truth. Even after the faculty warning he sometimes broke out.

Made While Growing.
Oriental gardeners are adepts at their work, the most striking production of one of their number being a natural arm-chair, in which the required shape was attained during the growth of a vine. Almost from its first appearance the vine had been carefully treated in anticipation of the use to which it was to be put. By the time it attained full growth it was formed into a rustic arm-chair. All of the joints were made by grafting, so that the chair is practically in one solid piece, and after it had attained a growth of some three feet it was cut and thoroughly dried. Finally it was polished, the wood taking a finish not unlike mahogany.

Dentistry.
The art of dentistry was introduced into New York by John Greenwood in 1788. He is said to have made the first artificial teeth ever manufactured in this country.
When a woman walks along the streets after dark with a dollar in her pocket, she thinks every man she does not meet is following her.

Conquest of the Great American Desert

Irrigation is going to be a success, says the Boston Transcript. The third inquiry by the House committee on this enterprise has brought out evidence that appears to justify confidence in the results. The Secretary of the Interior has testified that including the irrigation projects under construction and those contemplated and approved but not begun, there will have been spent in two years from the last of next June \$37,000,000, while the estimated receipts from the operations of the law up to that time will be about half a million more than that amount. In addition a return of about a million is expected from settlers on irrigated lands.

Irrigation was one of the forces upon which the late Prof. Shaler laid emphasis when enumerating the resources upon which we could depend to meet the needs of an ever-increasing population. But it was not the only one. We must utilize the dike and drain as well as the canal. We must fertilize the now arid desert by giving the moisture that it requires, but we must not forget that there are vast reaches of almost exhaustless fertility now submerged that will blossom as the rose when the waters that cover them have been drawn off. It has been estimated that irrigation will ultimately bring into cultivation and generous production 100,000,000 acres that are now barren and forbidding. We have begun reclamation at this end, and perhaps it is the natural end; but no sooner is it undertaken than the opposite enterprise is more strongly suggested. This, if carried to its approximate limit, would free as much more in all parts of the country of its watery burden, and open it up to the service and support of man.

There are in the United States in the neighborhood of 100,000,000 acres of swamp-land, of which about 70,000,000 have been surveyed. These are located east, west, north and south, or all over the country. The weird Everglades of Florida, if drained and cleared, as engineers now claim they can be, would give 7,000,000 acres of the finest farming land in the world. New Jersey and Virginia possess vast swamp lands. Illinois has 4,000,000 acres of them; Minnesota, 6,000,000; Michigan, 6,000,000, and Iowa, 2,000,000. In every State there are swamps of greater or less extent which would be its choicest treasure if once put into tillable condition. These suggestive facts are behind the Steenserson bill, now before Congress, proposing similar economic treatment of the submerged lands that the government is now giving to its arid tracts.

Perhaps in some cases the work of reclamation along these lines would be more expensive. In others it would probably be less so. The necessary undertakings would be vast, but if successful the rewards would be vaster. The two enterprises would have the potential effect of adding to our productive area, and equal in extent to more than six times that of the State of New York, or about a tenth of our entire territory, including Alaska, and it would be soil of unexampled fertility. With such reclamation many other problems now formidable, like general sanitation, the mosquito crusade, and so forth, would be much simplified. There is hardly a New England farmer but has one swamp or more that would be the best part of his holding could be brought into subjection. It is a question of engineering and upon such questions the light is breaking all over the country.

More Appropriate.
The district attorney was about to summon another witness in the great blackmailing trial.
"I can't get his real name," said the attorney, "but I'll just put him down as John Doe."
"But he has so much money," ventured the assistant, "suppose we put him down as John Dough?"

Devotion to an Idea.
Watt Goup—Isn't it something startling for old Hanks to be dropping into extravagant habits at his time of life?
Muskum Downe—Yes; he has just found out that there is an inheritance tax, and he's opposed to it on principle. He says he is going to see to it that his heirs don't have to pay any such tax.

He Loved Her Not.
A little 6-year-old girl friend of mine came running to me and threw herself into my arms, sobbing as if her heart would break.
"God doesn't love me any more," she wailed; "God doesn't love me!"
"God doesn't love you? Why, dear, God loves everyone," I assured her.
"O, no, he doesn't love me. I know he doesn't. I tried him with a daisy."—Harper's Bazar.

The Need.
"Here is another question that ought to be brought before Congress," said the earnest citizen.
"My dear sir," answered Senator Sorghum, "Congress now has all the questions it can take care of. What it needs is some answers."—Washington Star.

SKIN DISEASES

There is nothing more distressing than an itching, burning skin disease, and upon the return of warm weather those who are afflicted with skin troubles find the symptoms appearing and know that they will be tormented through the hot summer months. The blood is heated with humors and acrid matter, and as they are forced to the surface the skin seems to be on fire. The treatment of skin diseases with external applications is all wrong, because they do not reach the trouble which is in the blood. The most such treatment can be expected to do is, allay the itching and burning and cover up the trouble for awhile, but as soon as it is left off the disease returns.

All food taken into the body contains, in some form, the elements necessary to sustain the different parts. One portion is used for the making of bone, another for muscle, one for bone, still another for fat, and so on. After these different properties are extracted from the food there still remains a portion that is useless, or waste matter, which is intended to be disposed of through the natural channels of bodily waste, the Liver, Kidneys and Bowels. At this season of the year, however, these organs become torpid, dull and sluggish, and fail to perform this duty, and these accumulations remain in the system and are absorbed by the blood to ferment and sour, producing burning acids and acrid humors. The blood cannot properly nourish the system while in this impure condition, and begins to throw off these acids through the pores and glands of the skin, producing Acne, Eczema, Tetter, Psoriasis, Salt Rheum and skin diseases of every description.

EZEMA appears usually with a slight redness of the skin, followed by pustules from which there flows a sticky fluid that dries and forms a crust, and the itching is intense. It is generally on the back, breast, arms, legs and face, though other parts of the body may be afflicted. In **TETTER** the skin dries, cracks and bleeds, and is often very painful. The acid in the blood dries up the natural oils of the skin, causing a dry, feverish, hardened condition and giving it a leathery appearance. **AONE** makes its appearance on the face in the form of pimples and black-heads, and is particularly disagreeable because of its unsightly appearance, while **PSORIASIS**, a scaly disease, comes in patches on different parts of the body. One of the worst forms of skin disease is **SALT RHEUM**. It discharges a watery fluid, forming sores and producing intense itching. The head and face are the parts usually affected, and sometimes the hair falls out and a mass of sores forms on the scalp.

These and all skin diseases are due to the same cause—burning acids and humors in the blood, and until this vital fluid is cleansed and made pure they will continue. The best treatment for all skin diseases is S. S. S., a remedy that is purely vegetable, being made entirely from roots, herbs and barks, and acts directly on the blood with a cleansing, healing effect. It neutralizes the acids and purifies the blood so that the skin, instead of being blistered and burned by the fiery fluids, is nourished by a supply of cooling, healthy blood. It goes down into the circulation and forces out every particle of waste or foreign matter,

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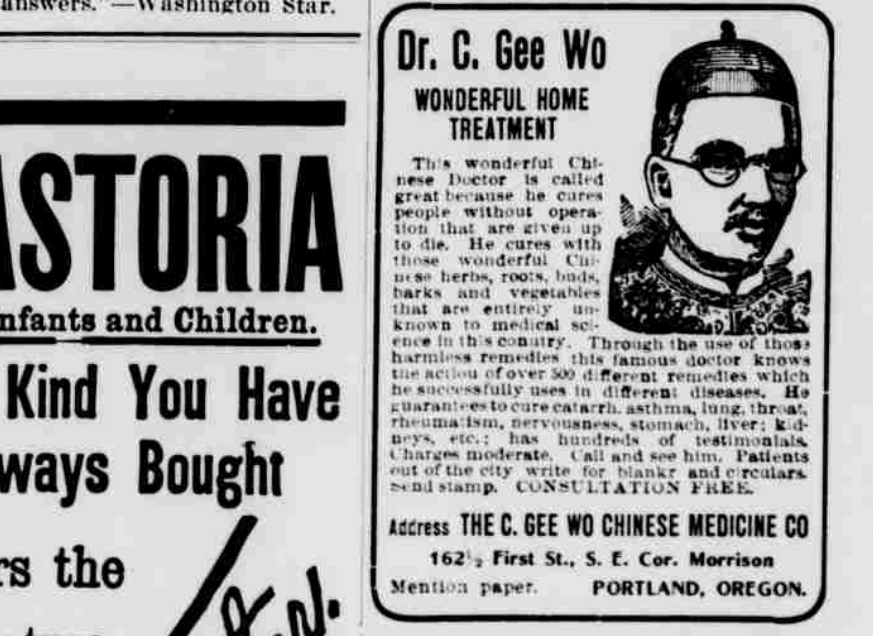
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