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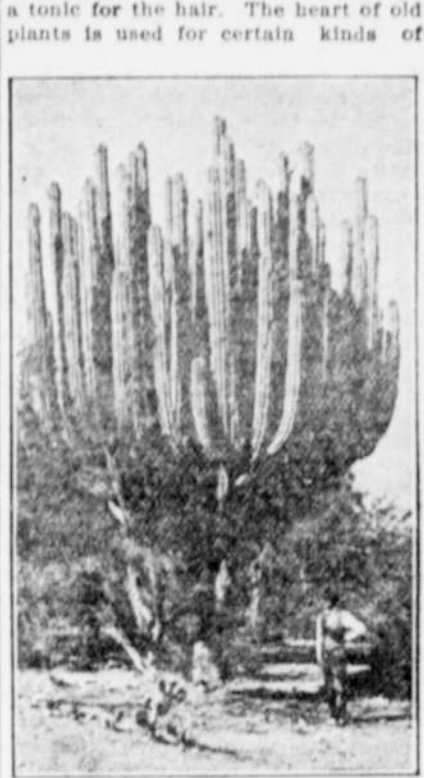
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This plant contains a pithy substance which is used by the natives as a tonic for the hair. The heart of old plants is used for certain kinds of



A 25-Foot Cactus.

cabinet work. There are between 500 and 600 different species of the cactus family and the actual number probably greatly exceeds this. They are without exception natives of America and their extraordinary forms constitute a remarkable feature in the vegetation of the warmer regions. All of them have fleshy stems, often very soft and juicy, and in numerous instances suitable for food. Most of them are leafless, only a few species having true leaves. Instead of leaves most of the cacti have clusters of hairs or thorns.

The whole organization of the cactus adapts it to withstand long droughts. They vegetate vigorously during a part of the year when moisture is available and then rest for a long time. Some of the cacti family grow on high mountains reaching nearly to the limit of the snow, while others thrive only in torrid districts. The plants of this botanical order are a great boon to the natives of the districts in which they grow, generally regions destitute of water. The stems of many of the varieties contain a wholesome juice of which both men and livestock avail themselves, and some species produce a pleasant fruit. The cultivation of edible cactus is still in the experimental stage.

TO REGULATE HUMAN GROWTH

English Scientist Says Gland Located in the Skull Controls Our Stature and Weight.

Chicago.—Anyone who wishes to regulate his natural altitude above sea level needs only to have his pituitary gland attended to. At least that is what Prof. Arthur Keith of London says, and his statements have been corroborated by a number of Chicago's foremost physicians. The pituitary gland is the first in importance of the principal ductless glands of the

body, which include the thyroid and adrenalin glands and a portion of the pancreas. The juices secreted by this gland, according to Chicago physicians, largely control the growth of the bones of the body. When the secretion is plentiful the bones grow to an abnormal size, but when it is comparatively small in quantity the growth of the bones is retarded. When the secretion is caused to flow freely, say physicians, a rapid development of the bones is the result. Thus, when a boy or girl is ill for some time with a fever, the diseased condition of the body causes the pituitary gland to become unusually active, with the result that the sick person "grows like a weed."

Green for French Soldiers.

Paris.—It is announced that the minister for war has decided to make an experiment with a new uniform at the September maneuvers. A special committee has chosen a uniform of a greyish-green color as being less conspicuous against a French landscape than the red trousers and blue coat now in service. The new uniform will be served out to at least a regiment for the experiment.



Location of the Gland.

PIONEER OF HAREM SKIRT

Woman Fell in With Bloomer Craze Forty Years Ago, and Has Kept It Up.

Jersey City.—Talking of your Broadway beauties in their freakish harem skirts, why not give a little attention to this old lady, who has worn 'em for ever since the early bloomer movement long before those Broadway freaks were born and wears 'em with entire satisfaction to herself at least to this very day. She is Miss Powler of Vineland N. J. She donned the costume she is seen wearing in the illus-



Forty Years in Bloomers.

tration at the time the bloomer movement first started 40 years or more ago. What has become of the other bloomerites no one knows, but this particular bloomerite blooms on in her quaint old costume, and doesn't condescend to notice skittish rivals who prance up Broadway wearing duds that are feeble variations of her original dress.

A Mere Supposition.

"Can you imagine the predicament of a man who is called to a real festival and can't come?"

"Yes, in a way. I guess there's nothing worse, unless it is the chagrin of a woman who buys a hobbie skirt that doesn't really hobbie."

His Reason.

"Why did he marry his deceased wife's sister?"

"So as only to have one mother-in-law."

Scored Heavily.

The Burglar—How much is five rolls of movin' picture films, a snare drum and a cornet worth you, Snooks?"

The Fence—Where did you lift that stuff, Bill?"

The Burglar (smilingly)—I broke into vaudeville last night!

FASHION HINTS



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MEN'S PLUMED HATS APPEAR

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Chicago.—Plumed hats for men are the latest. They have made their appearance in Chicago and have caused a great wave of excitement among the fashionable men of the city. They are the biggest departure in masculine adornment made in a century, and are so decided a change from the conventional that leading hatmakers declare that a complete transformation in men's formal attire will be the result.

The extreme styles in men's plumed hats will not become popular at once, say experts. Extreme styles never do. But observant persons have noticed that for several years many of the better dressed men of Chicago have



The Plumed Hat.

worn a ruffed feather just above the bow of their dress hats.

Recently this feather has been made a trifle larger until the leaders of fashion have accepted it as permanent feature of the thoroughly up-to-date hat.

The most striking of the new hats are in the shape of the foreign Alpine hat which comes in all colors and can be had with any style of trimming desired. One shown is of a light pearl gray and trimmed with a dark green plume, with a light border of rich yellow. A Paris milliner would call it striking.

The same style with a long green quille makes another combination becoming to many faces. The Alpine hat admits of almost unlimited changes and will permit well-dressed men to show as much individuality in the matter of hats as women do now.

The dent-crown imported soft hat shown, with a novelty wing, is of dark gray and comes in many pretty shades of brown, which will harmonize well with the newer fabrics which the tailors have been importing for spring suits. Wearers of the always formal silk hat will also be able to take advantage of fashion's latest caprice and will not be denied the privilege of ornamenting it.

Dignified white and gray saggrettes and other more conservative feathery effects can be added to the latest French style with the flat brim without defying the mandates of Dame Fashion.

FOR CROSS-COUNTRY FLYING

Aviators Gradually Turning Their Attention to More Important Phase of Sport.

New York.—Cross-country flying is gradually attracting more and more attention on the part of aviators. This is, of course, as it should be. Mere racing around a track, for hours at a time, goes for nothing in indicating



Pierre Vendrine of France.

the value of the aeroplane. Gradually the short trips, so uncertain and dangerous, have been stretched out, until now 150 miles in an air line is a common occurrence, made in a single non-stop flight. One of the most daring cross-country flyers is Pierre Vendrine, whose feats have astonished France. In one of these cross-country journeys he flew 181 miles and in another 212. Recently he flew from Paris to Pau, a distance of about 500 miles.

Bargains in Bright Dollars.

Trenton.—Because many foreigners in South Trenton were parting at half price with bright, new, silver dollars bearing the date of 1879, it has been necessary for some of the banks to announce that these dollars are not counterfeit. The cry was raised among the small tradespeople that money of this particular date was no good, and several strangers have been going about collecting them.



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Mr. Flynn, who is 75 years old, continued:

"The food which collects the longevity germ is sauerkraut. The man or woman who keeps on a diet of this kind, ought to live a century or more. Sauerkraut is very nutritious and should be on the table of everybody."

Continuing his health talk, Mr. Flynn wound up with saying: "To be healthy every minister must sweat twice a week. A good many ministers only sweat once a month, when they draw their salaries."

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