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There is a best time for doing everything—that is, a time when a thing can be done to the best advantage, most easily and most effectively. Now is the best time for purifying your blood. Why? Because your system is now trying to purify it—you know this by the pimples and other eruptions that have come on your face and body.

Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills

Are the medicines to take—they do the work thoroughly and agreeably and never fail to do it. Hood's are the medicines you have always heard recommended. It cannot be recommended too highly as a spring medicine. When we take it in the spring we all feel better through the summer. Mrs. S. H. Neal, McCray, Pa. Hood's Sarsaparilla promises to cure and keeps the promise.

No Doubt About It. "Bridget, what did you say to Miss Smith when she called?" "I told her you were out this toime for sure ma'am."—Harper's Bazar.

FITS Permanently Cured. No fits or nervousness after use. Send for FREE \$2.00 trial bottle and treatise. Dr. H. H. Kline, Ltd., 301 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Snap-Shot Opinion. Ned—Clara says you are a perfect gentleman. Fred—Why, she doesn't know me. Ned—That's what I told her.

Piso's Cure is the best medicine we ever used for all affections of the throat and lungs.—W. O. ENGLISH, Vanuren, Ind., Feb. 10, 1900.

A Reprobate. "Aren't you ashamed to go away and leave your wife in tears?" asked the near relative. "Oh, I don't know," answered the reprobate man, "that's the way she has a good time when she goes to the theater."—Washington Star.

Why suffer yourself, or let others, when relief may be had at once by using—Hamlin's Wizard Oil.

Defined. "Paw, here's something in the paper about a 'junket.' What is a junket?" "A junket, my boy, is an excursion at public expense to which you are not invited."—Chicago Tribune.

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

Too Indigestible. "Hear Bromley is dead?" "No; what was the trouble?" "Splinter of wood in his stomach." "How in the world did that happen?" "Eating club sandwiches."—New York Times.

BAD BLOOD, BAD COMPLEXION.

The skin is the seat of an almost endless variety of diseases. They are known by various names, but are all due to the same cause, acid and other poisons in the blood that irritate and interfere with the proper action of the skin.

To have a smooth, soft skin, free from all eruptions, the blood must be kept pure and healthy. The many preparations of arsenic and potash and the large number of face powders and lotions generally used in this class of diseases cover up for a short time, but cannot remove permanently the ugly blotches and the red, disagreeable pimples.

Eternal vigilance is the price of a beautiful complexion when such remedies are relied on.

Mr. H. T. Shobe, 374 Lucas Avenue, St. Louis, Mo., says: "My daughter was afflicted for years with a disgusting eruption on her face, which resisted all treatment. She was taken to two celebrated health springs, but received no benefit. Many medicines were prescribed, but without result, until we decided to try S. S. S., and by the time the first bottle was finished the eruption began to disappear. A dozen bottles cured her completely and left her skin perfectly smooth. She is now seventeen years old, and not a sign of the embarrassing disease has ever returned."

S. S. S. is a positive, unailing cure for the worst forms of skin troubles. It is the greatest of all blood purifiers, and the only one guaranteed purely vegetable.

Bad blood makes bad complexions. S. S. S. purifies and invigorates the old and makes new, rich blood that nourishes the body and keeps the skin active and healthy and in proper condition to perform its part towards carrying off the impurities from the body.

If you have Eczema, Tetter, Acne, Salt Rheum, Poor skin, or your skin is rough and simply, send for our book on Blood and Skin Diseases and write our physicians about your case. No charge whatever for this service.

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CONSUMPTION

NOW THEY MERELY SPEAK.

For She Knew All the Time Who It Was.

Half a dozen persons in a big downtown office building enjoyed themselves hugely the other day at the expense of a young lady with whom all of them are well acquainted, and who is located in a room adjoining the one which is the scene of their daily labors.

The leader of the six jokers went to the telephone instrument and called the 'phone in the next room. As was anticipated, the young lady answered. "This is central office," announced the joker. "We are testing the wires. Will you kindly assist us?" Of course all this was said in an altered tone of voice.

"Certainly," was the sweet response. "What shall I do?" "Kindly place your mouth about two inches to the right of the instrument," directed the joker, "and say 'hello' three times at short intervals."

The obliging creature at the other end promptly complied with the request. The joker waved his disengaged hand at his five associates and bent double in the effort to repress laughter.

"Now place your mouth one inch to the left and repeat 'hello' four times," the joker instructed. The response proved excruciatingly funny to the man at the 'phone, and, although they could not hear what the young lady said, his five companions were not devoid of imagination. By this time they were holding their sides.

It required such a long time for the joker to regain control of his voice that the victim had twice inquired, "Is that all?" before he could say "with your mouth just above the instrument pronounce the same word again." This was done.

The joker could keep in no longer. Though beginning to laugh, he managed to splutter:

"Now stand on your head and say 'hello'—"

With a shout he slapped the earpiece on the book and literally fell into a chair. The other five screamed. Still giggling, the six merry men, a little later, proceeded to visit the imposed-upon damsel. As they reached the doorway of her room she turned up her nose disdainfully and remarked, in chilling manner:

"Humph; I knew it was you all the time."

They speak now as they pass by, but that's about all.—Washington Star.

TALKS ON ADVERTISING

Small spaces can be made to pay; it is not necessary to take a half-page to tell a good story. It is more important to put interesting matter in your ads than it is to make them big and hoisterous.—Press and Printer.

There never was a bigger mistake made by any merchant than for him to think that he had reached a point where he could do without advertising. He may not realize it, but when he stops the more enterprising merchant is gradually taking his business away from him.—Jacksonville (Fla.) Metropolis.

Newspaper advertising is not only more direct, but it offers more chances of success than magazine advertising. The newspaper reaches so many different classes of people that there is always a wide margin for miscalculation in copy. The big dailies furnish many different sets of ideas. They reach the sporting man, the society folk, the merchant, the banker, the laborer, the woman in the home, all by matter that is specially prepared to suit their tastes. The magazine, on the other hand, furnishes but a single set of ideas. It treats all matters from one point of view—the woman's, the literary reader's, the educational, the critical. Each magazine aims to appeal to one definite class; therefore nice discrimination is needed in selecting magazines to carry certain forms of advertising. There is a very narrow margin for errors. When the medium is fitted to the advertising, it is sure to reach larger numbers of people, however, and the leisure and intelligence of readers are large factors in returns.—Printers' Ink.

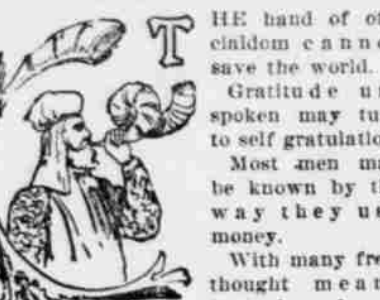
Irish Tobacco on Sale. Tobacco has been grown in no fewer than twenty-five centers in Ireland, and the leaves have been cut and dried, and are now offered for sale. Its excellence for smoking is vouched for, and there seems no adequate reason why the weed should not boom contemporaneously with the new Irish literature. Quite possibly here and there the growing may bring wealth to the cultivators, and eventually—who knows?—become the envy of American trusts?

Still Useful. Loanedit—Borrowit, didn't you get my lawn mower last summer? Borrowit—Yes, I'm the man. Loanedit—Are you thinking of bringing it home this winter? Borrowit—Hadn't thought of it. I'm going to lower the knives in that machine and use it to shave the ice off my sidewalk.—Indianapolis News.

When a girl hangs around a store to see a young man her parents should pull on the lines and yell whoa. Many a disastrous marriage has begun in this way.

TRUMPET CALLS

Ram's Horn Sounds a Warning Note to the Unredeemed.



HE hand of off-cinidom cannot save the world. Gratitude unspoken may turn to self gratulation. Most men may be known by the way they use money.

With many free-thought means freedom from thought. Diversity of gifts in the church depends on unity in God.

The dawn of God's day will mean darkness to the ungodly. If our transgressions are not blotted out they will blot us out.

The door to friendship with Christ lies in the path of service. You may know a man's principles by the things he has an interest in.

It is vain giving men their rights unless you give them righteousness. He that is transformed by the spirit cannot be conformed to the flesh.

The invitation to lean on the Lord is for the weary and not for the lazy. It is well to lay our troubles before the Lord and better to leave them there.

Chicken-feed in the collection does not promise growth of wings on the givers. Character will be the first thing to be cramped when life is crowded with chattels.

Don't cast your bread on the waters when you might just as well hand it to some hungry one. He who sweeps the pews for the glory of God will be more pleasing to Him than the preacher who seeks his own praise.

DR. MATHEWS' DISCOVERIES. Their Probable Practical Results as Forecast by Himself.

Dr. Mathews, writing in the Century of "The Nature of Nerve Force," apropos of the experiments made by Dr. Loeb and himself, says in conclusion:

It will probably be asked, what are likely to be the practical results of these conclusions? It is, of course, impossible to predict what practical results may follow in the future, but it appears to me probable that the immediate practical consequences will very likely occur in the following directions:

First, the physical explanation thus attained of one of the phenomena of life will, if it proves true, bring us a step nearer the understanding of other life-phenomena, the artificial synthesis of living matter, and the prolongation of life. There is apparently no inherent reason why a man should die, except our ignorance of the conditions governing the reaction going on in his protoplasm.

Second, it looks as if we had at last secured a rational basis of pharmacology. If the poisonous action of salts is due to the electrical charges their particles bear, and we are able to offset this action by particles with the opposite charge, there is every reason to believe that the poisonous action of drugs is also caused and may in the same manner be counteracted. The credit for this work should be given to Professor Loeb.

Third, we have at last secured, apparently, a basis for attacking the great problem of fermentation, for the peculiar fermentative or catalytic powers of colloidal solutions are probably, in their essence, electrical. A solution of the problem of fermentation probably means a revolution in some of the great industries of the world, for it will enable us to build up our food-stuffs from the soil, the air, and sunlight, just as plants do. It will put in our hands a power of controlling chemical phenomena, the results of which can at present hardly be conceived. In the absence of experimental data it is impossible to say definitely whether our results will ultimately illuminate the problem of fermentation or not, but they at least suggest a means of attacking this problem, and I think I do not overstate the probable consequences of the solution of that problem.

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Qualified. "Are you married or unmarried?" asked the theatrical manager of an applicant for engagement. "Unmarried," replied she. "I've been unmarried four times."—Detroit Free Press.

A Chance to Retaliate. The minister was young and easily embarrassed. The first time he performed the marriage ceremony it was for a couple who were both younger and still more easily embarrassed than he.

When he had finished the service and murmured a few kindly means by halting words to the young couple whom he had just united, the bride looked at him, blushing but confident. "Thank you," she said, clearly. "It's real kind of you to congratulate us, and as long as you haven't ever been married, yet, maybe we'll have a chance some day to retaliate."

Naturally. "Great cinders! Smith, look at this paper! Jones kicked out of the house by his father-in-law! Awful, awful! Why, Jones is one of our biggest guns!"

Answer to Woman Question. A woman's club in Berlin offers a prize of 1,000 marks for the best "catechism of the woman question."

Dogs can't talk, but you always know what they mean. With some men it is different.

Any father is an authority on the management of other people's children.

The Change of Life

Is the most important period in a woman's existence. Owing to modern methods of living, not one woman in a thousand approaches this perfectly natural change without experiencing a train of very annoying and sometimes painful symptoms. Those dreadful hot flashes, sending the blood surging to the heart until it seems ready to burst, and the faint feeling that follows, sometimes with chills, as if the heart were going to stop for good, are symptoms of a dan-



gerous, nervous trouble. Those hot flashes are just so many calls from nature for help. The nerves are crying out for assistance. The cry should be heeded in time. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was prepared to meet the needs of woman's system at this trying period of her life. It builds up the weakened nervous system, and enables a woman to pass that grand change triumphantly. "I was a very sick woman, caused by Change of Life. I suffered with hot flashes, and fainting spells. I was afraid to go on the street, my head and back troubled me so. I was entirely cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."—MRS. JENNIE NOBLE, 5010 Keyser St., Germantown, Pa.

A Mean Restriction. "Oh, my!" exclaimed the young wife, reading over the insurance policy on her husband's life in her favor, "this insurance company is just hateful." "Why, what's the matter?" asked her husband. "Why, if you commit suicide they won't pay any money at all."—Philadelphia Press.

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