

Scrofula

Makes its presence known by many signs, glandular tumors, bunches in the neck, cutaneous eruptions, inflamed eyelids, sore ears, catarrh and wasting diseases.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Effects permanent cures.

"Spoken for Yourself." Lord Lovelace of Holkham, nearly a hundred years ago, was a witness, and in the latter part of his life nearly blind. He enjoyed an intimate friendship with his neighbor, Lord Alton, and had, in his own mind, selected Lord Alton as his future heir.

"One day Lady Anne came along to join a morning drive, and Lord Lovelace seized the opportunity of asking her:

"Am I, my dear, how should you like to be mistress of Holkham?"

"There is nothing I should like better," answered Lady Anne, drawing herself up in her saddle.

"Then I shall send my nephew William to court you."

Lady Anne drew herself up still more, and tightening her rein, replied calmly but very gravely:

"I shall never be mistress of Holkham on those terms."

It was then that the gentleman's turn came to reply to her. He looked at her with a certain look in his eyes, and asked her: "Why, you don't mean to say you would marry me?"

"Yes, indeed I would. And there is nothing I should wish more."

"This was a woman that was not 'long a coming' and it led to a most happy marriage."

Of Wide Interest.

Bread, Wis., July 18.—Special—Charles V. Peterson, Justice of the Peace for Grant Co., has delivered a judgment that is of interest to the whole United States.

That judgment is "Dodd's Kidney Pills are the best kidney medicine on the market today."

And Mr. Peterson gives his reason for this judgment. He says: "Last winter I had an aching pain in my back which troubled me very much. In the morning I could hardly straighten my back. I did not know what it was but an advertisement led me to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. After taking one box I can only say they have done more for me than expected as I feel as well now as ever I did before."

Fair in the back is one of the first symptoms of kidney disease. If not cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills it may develop into Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Rheumatism or some of the other deadly forms of kidney disease.

An Author Pensioned.

Two British authors are at present in the public eye on account of pensions they are receiving. Joseph Conrad has \$1,500 from the British Society of Authors, which generosity is explained by the fact that the author whose works are among those in greatest demand by the publishers to day, yet seems to have difficulty in providing for his daily wants, says the New York Globe.

The immediate reason for the pension, moreover, was the accidental burning of a manuscript, which catastrophe so depressed Mr. Conrad that his friends thought it wise to relieve him from the necessity of anything so humdrum and soul-destroying as looking out for his bread and butter.

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GOOD ROADS

Free Delivery an Aid.

At the recent International Good Roads Convention, at St. Louis, Mo., Frank E. Nevins, of the United States Postoffice Department, delivered an address in which he said:

"The establishment of the rural free delivery of mail throughout the country has produced a marked improvement in the condition of the highways. When there is a prospect of rural free delivery in a community, work immediately begins on the roads. There are now in operation 23,000 rural routes over which carriers travel 550,000 miles delivering mail to over 10,000,000 people. More than 15,000 bridges have been constructed over streams that would not have been built if it had not been for the establishment of the free delivery system. Nearly every portion of the country, where road conditions will warrant it, is now supplied with this service. But in many sections the bad conditions of the roads, or the lack of bridges, prevent the extension of the service. The rural carrier of a standard route is now expected to travel about twenty-five miles each day to earn his salary of \$900 a year. He is required to furnish and maintain his own outfit and team, and to give a bonus of \$300 for the faithful performance of his duties. Experience has demonstrated that this distance is too great on account of the bad condition of the roads. So many carriers have resigned, thereby causing much confusion and labor in the department, that the Congress just adjourned has been compelled to add \$170 a year to the salaries of the carriers of the country. This increase of salaries amounts to about \$4,000,000 a year additional that the department has to pay to maintain this service on account of bad roads. Over a good gravelled or macadamized pike road a carrier can easily make twenty-five miles a day six times a week. With the roads as they are, it is a question whether the next Congress will be called upon to add another \$1,000,000 to the salaries of the carriers."

"Under the road laws of most of the Western States at the present time work is done upon the roads in the fall by the various road districts, when there is no work to be done on the farms. In the spring this work disappears. Nothing permanent remains, and the roads are in as bad condition, or worse, than they were before. The cost of \$2,000 to \$3,000 a mile for the construction of hard roads in this Western country is too great. In most instances, for road districts, townships and counties to bear; neither is it right that they should bear the entire cost. The public at large, which shares directly or indirectly in the benefits, should contribute to the expense. There never will be good roads in this country until the National Government takes the initiative in this movement, and the respective States of the Union join in with liberal contributions, and this again is supplemented by local enterprise. Continental Europe, England and Ireland are covered with hard broad pikes built at the expense of the governments of those countries. No country in the world ever yet had or ever will have permanent and passable highways constructed and maintained by local authority."

"Sixty per cent of the population of this country lives in the cities and villages; 40 per cent lives in the country. It is not fair or just to place the entire burden of good roads upon the shoulders of the farmer. The general public shares directly or indirectly in the benefits and should bear the expense of an equitable tax for this purpose on all assessable values. The weight of it upon the individual would then be as light as a summer shadow. While this specter of taxation may frighten some of our western country friends and cause them to rear and plunge a little, they will find on closer inspection that the golden is a harmless creation of the imagination. They will get back in benefits ten times more than they will pay out in taxes."

"Why some of our friends spurn Government aid when it is offered them I cannot understand. They claim to be opposed to it on principle, and can see no good in it. There are some people so constructed that when looking into a pool of water they can never see the sky and the clouds above if reflected on its surface, but only the mud at the bottom."

"This Government never fails to do the right thing in the end. It will not fail to do the right thing in this instance. The impetus given to this movement by a few progressive statesmen who introduced measures in Congress last winter authorizing national aid in the construction of highways, will ultimately produce the results aimed at. It cannot fail to do so because the public interest demands it; the progress of the age demands it; the welfare and development of the country at large demand it; and it is bound to come in spite of those who raise their voices in opposition to it."

FREE MEALS FOR PUPILS.

European Schools Look After the Welfare of the Poor Scholars.

It is the boast of Americans that their public school system is the best in the world, but there is one respect, at least, in which Germany leaves the States far behind. In several cities of the fatherland free meals are provided at the public schools for children needing additional nutrition, the custom prevailing by the report of Consul Warner at Leipzig in twenty-one cities.

With the exception of Berlin, Bremen, Brunswick and Nuremberg, not only the poor but the sick and infirm children were also given breakfast. In Magdeburg food is only supplied in very hard winters. Instead of breakfast dinner is given to the children in Dresden, Munich, Stettin and Strassburg, but in Munich it is projected to

Ayer's

Losing your hair? Coming out by the comb? And doing nothing? No sense in that! Why don't you use Ayer's Hair Vigor and

Hair Vigor

promptly stop the falling? Your hair will begin to grow, too, and all dandruff will disappear. Could you reasonably expect anything better?

"Ayer's Hair Vigor is a great success with me. My hair was falling out very badly, but after using it a week my hair began to grow again."—W. C. Goodwin, Lowell, Mass.

Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

INVISIBLE HANDWRITING

Transfer Left by Ink Which May Be Readily Developed.

In writing with certain forms of ink on ordinary paper, placing the sheet after thorough blotting in contact with a white sheet of paper, it is possible to make on this latter an invisible transference, which, as M. A. Bertillon has shown, may be rendered visible by the use of certain methods. In fact, a letter placed for several hours between the leaves of a book will leave its secret in this book, and a falsification in a letter may be proved by the examination of the page against which the falsified page rests.

A Swiss investigator (E. A. Reles, of Lausanne) has recently made investigations in reference to the above phenomenon and in reference to the conditions under which it may be produced. It appears that the formation of the image depends principally on the ink, although it was discovered that the latent image may be produced by nearly one-half of the inks in current use, out of thirteen different varieties of ink seven having produced a positive result. It further appeared that the formation of the image depended upon the presence of acids in the colored mixture, the gum and the sugar having no part in the phenomenon, although the paper on which the writing has been placed gives different results. The best results were obtained with paper well sized and polished, for the reason that the contact in this case is closer, thus favoring the production of the image.

The duration of the contact is not necessarily long. In general about an hour, while in order to reveal the image two very simple messages are resorted to. The first method is to apply the back of the sheet on which the latent image is supposed to be a warm iron, an ordinary flatiron, which is held in place until the paper is slightly browned, after which the image will appear as distinct as if it had been written.

In any chain, and in fact with all of silver, gold, and steel, the contact with the photograph is broken, and the latent image is destroyed.

The Great Russian Lake.

Lake Baikal, which figures so much in the Oriental situation, is a somewhat remarkable body of water. Its name is a corruption of the Turkish Baibai, "rich lake"—the reference being, presumably to the valuable fish with which it swarms.

Lake Baikal is the third largest body of water in Asia. The Caspian and Aral seas are the two larger. Both are salt, however, while Baikal is fresh. It is, therefore, the largest fresh water lake in Asia, and the sixth in size in the world, the five Great Lakes of North America each exceeding it in area. Its waters occupy a remarkable depression in the vast plateau of Central Asia. The level of its waters is 3,200 feet above the sea, while the bottom of the lake is, in some places, more than 3,000 feet below the sea level. Its depth is, therefore, 4,500 feet in the deepest parts.

The lake is 330 miles long, and from one end to the other is 40 miles wide. Its waters are a deep blue, and remarkably clear. There are a number of islands in it; the largest Olkhon is forty-two miles long. There are numerous hot springs on the shores, and earthquake vibrations are frequent. The annual value of its salmon, sturgeon and other fisheries is about one hundred and sixty thousand dollars. Fresh water seals are abundant, and they are caught for their fur. It recedes the waters of several streams, the main one being the Selenge River, eight hundred miles long. The upper Angara River, also of considerable size, enters its northeastern end. Its outlet is the Lower Angara, on which Irkutsk is situated.

The reason why the Siberian Railroad was not built around the southern end of the lake is that the solid rock of the mountains reaches to the water's edge, and the task would be herculean. Events in the East may compel it nevertheless.

Betting on a Sure Thing.

The magistrate was German, but the prisoner at the bar wasn't.

"You been here before, already," said the magistrate.

"Sure I has," said the prisoner.

"How many times arrested?" asked the judge.

"Aw! I been plinched more times than I got fingers an' toes," said Mr. Plinchedly, "an' I was always discharged now."

The magistrate took a long look at the prisoner. Then, leaning toward him in a confidential way, he said:

"I'll bet you \$20 you're not discharged now."

"Put ten on that for me. It's a cinch," said the court policeman who stood near by.—New York Sun.

Consider the other side. You may be unreasonable.

THE WEEKLY HISTORIAN

One Hundred Years Ago.

The Governor of New Hampshire refused to sign the bill the Legislature had passed agreeing to the amendment to the constitution, adopted by two-thirds of the State.

At a meeting of the chiefs of the Seneca Indians at Buffalo, N. Y., one of the tribes was accused of the practice of witchcraft and executed.

The Legislature of Massachusetts offered a bounty for the encouragement of the cultivation of hemp in that State.

General Desaulniers, of Hayti, formerly declared war against Spain, employing cruisers to intercept Spanish vessels.

For three weeks there had been a almost incessant fall of rain in the Middle Eastern States which caused such damage to crops in that section.

Georges and eleven of his fellow conspirators were guillotined at Paris.

Seventy-five Years Ago.

The Board of Aldermen of Boston refused to allow the Tremont Theater to be open on the Fourth of July, that day being Saturday.

Commercial affairs in Turkey were in a distressed state owing to the seizure by the Sultan's order of all camels (bringing produce to market and conveying supplies to the people of Constantinople).

The courts of Georgia, in order to prevent gambling in the State, ordered that lottery houses should be imposed for such offense.

James L. M. Southton, founder of the Southern Sanitation Institute, died at Ipswich, Italy.

The Emperor of Brazil was said to be negotiating with the Rothschilds for another large loan.

Work on the Banker Hill monument was suspended for lack of funds.

Fifty Years Ago.

The law forbidding the International Exhibition to be held in London was repealed.

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Chronic Sores

Eating Ulcers A Constant Drain Upon the System.

Nothing is a source of so much trouble as an old sore or ulcer, particularly when located upon the lower extremities where the circulation is weak and sluggish. A gangrenous eating ulcer upon the leg is a frightful sight, and as the poison burrows deeper and deeper into the tissues beneath and the sore continues to spread, one can almost see the flesh melting away and feel the strength going out with the sickening discharges. Great running sores and deep offensive ulcers often develop from a simple boil, swollen gland, bruise or pimple, and are a threatening danger always, because while all such sores are not cancerous, a great many are, and this should make you suspicious of all chronic, slow-healing ulcers and sores, particularly if cancer runs in your family. Face sores are common and cause the greatest annoyance because they are so persistent and unsightly and detract so much from one's personal appearance. Middle aged and old people and those whose blood is contaminated and tainted with the germs and poison of malaria or some previous sickness, are the chief sufferers from chronic sores and ulcers. While the blood remains in an unhealthy polluted condition, and the sore will continue to grow and spread in spite of washes and salves, for the sore is the outward sign of some constitutional disorder, a bad condition of the blood and system, which local remedies cannot cure. A blood purifier and tonic is what you need—something to cleanse the blood, quicken the circulation and invigorate the constitution, and S. S. S. is just such a remedy. It counteracts and removes from the blood all the impurities and poisons, and gradually builds up the entire system; and when the blood has been purified the healing process begins and the ulcer or sore is soon entirely gone. S. S. S. contains no mineral or poisonous drugs of any description, but is guaranteed purely vegetable, a blood purifier and tonic combined and a safe and permanent cure for chronic sores and ulcers. If you have a slow-healing sore of any kind, external or internal, write us about it, and our physicians will advise you without charge. Book on "The Blood and Its Diseases" free.

THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.

Public Schools in Russia.

Social Service gives some late statistics regarding public schools in Russia. There are 8,524 public schools in the Empire, of which number 40,131 are under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Public Education, 42,588 under the jurisdiction of the Holy Synod, and the remainder under other departments. Of the pupils, 73,167 are adults, 3,291,994 boys and 1,203,962 girls. The teachers number 172,000. The maintenance of these schools costs more than \$2,000,000. The average school tax for city schools is \$2.50 and for village schools \$5 per pupil.

By Elimination.

One day as Pat lilted at the top of a river bank, a man, famous for his sensitive mind, stopped and asked:

"How long have you lilted water for the village, my good man?"

"Oh years, sir."

"How many loads do you take down?"

"From ten to fifteen, sir."

"Ah, yes! Now, I have a problem for you. How much water do you take down in all, sir?"

"The driver of the watering cart jerked his thumb backward toward the river and replied, "All the water you don't see there, now, sir."

For coughs and colics there is no better medicine than Peto's Cure for Consumption. Price 25 cents.

A Knock-Down Argument.

Skeptic—You have given me many messages from departed friends, but not one of them has told me anything I didn't know.

Melancholy (with dignity)—I would have you understand, sir, that the spirits of the dead have something better to do than to come back to earth and teach school.

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

On the Other Hand.

"Of course," remarked the very young man who knows it all, "a woman's 'no' always means 'yes.'"

"Perhaps it does," replied the man with the sunny hair; "but I'm right here to tell you that her 'yes' never means 'no.'"—Chicago News.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers 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 forms. It is Catarrh, which is often called Gleet, and is a constitutional disease, and requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Think Soap Injurious.

An English writer asserts that the English people have greatly deteriorated physically because of the too frequent use of soap. The English he says, are too clean. The Creator gave us a natural oil to protect the skin and make it supple, and we pass our time removing this oil with soap. In consequence, we are more vulnerable to colds, rheumatism, and to all sorts of diseases. Soap opens the pores of the skin, and disease enters with ease.

The Inward-Traveler.

"Remember," said the man with the red face and angry eyes, "the worm will turn."

"Well," answered the cold-blooded citizen, "let him. About all the comfort the average worm gets is a chance to wriggle."—Washington Star.

Twenty Years Ago.

The Builders and Traders' Exchange of Chicago opened, with headquarters at 129 La Salle street.

The heirs of Richard Wagner refused an offer of \$250,000 from an American for the exclusive rights to "Parsifal."

The city of Toulon, in France, was stricken with an epidemic of cholera. A bill to incorporate the national enhancement of the Grand Army of the Republic was introduced in the National Senate.

The grounds of the Washington Park Driving Club were opened to the public for the first time.

The third general council of the reformed churches (pan-Presbyterian) opened in Belfast, Ireland.

Ten Years Ago.

Francois Sadi-Carnot, President of the French Republic, was assassinated in Lyons by Cesare Giovanni Sante.

M. Casimir-Perier was elected President of the Republic of France to succeed the murdered Carnot.

The trial of Prendergast, murderer of Carter H. Harrison, to determine his sanity was commenced in Chicago.

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