

Spring Humors

Come to most people and cause many troubles,—pimples, boil and other eruptions, besides loss of appetite, hat tired feeling, fits of biliousness, indigestion and headache.

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Charles Steckler and a friend were driving along a country road on the Canadian shore of Lake Ontario when his sign, nailed to a gatepost, attracted their attention:

L.A.M. SHEEP.

"Now, what does that fellow mean?" mused Mr. Steckler. "Is his name Lamb, and has he got sheep for sale, or is his name Sheep, and has he got lamb for sale?"

Halling a native, Mr. Steckler repeated the question. The native grinned and drawled:

"Tis a little bit complex, come to look at it, ain't it? Farmer Towle there ain't much on spelling, but he's powerful strong at trading. What he's trying to let people know by that sign is that he has lamb for sale and that he'll sell it cheap."

This Is Miraculous.

Manhattan, Kansas, March 14.—One of the strangest cases that has ever been heard of in Riley county is that of the three year old daughter of Mr. Jonas Brubaker of this place.

Sometime ago the little girl took whooping cough, which was followed by pneumonia. When the pneumonia left her, she was taken down with malaria fever with at times symptoms of Spinal Meningitis.

The family doctor brought her safely through these troubles, but after the fever Bright's Disease set in, and the doctors gave her up. Her father tells the rest of the story:

"We began to give her Dodd's Kidney Pills and after she had taken about three and a half boxes, she was entirely cured. Now she is well as any child, running and playing as if nothing had ever been the matter. The doctors said she was beyond the reach of medicine. Dodd's Kidney Pills certainly saved our little girl's life, when she was so far into the chronic stage of Bright's Disease that we thought nothing could save her."

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PORT ARTHUR.

For hundreds of years Chinese coasting junks, beating along the Yellow Sea in the coastwise trade, had run into the land locked harbor of Lu Shun Kow, down at the extreme southern end of the Liaotung peninsula. All along the shore great gray cliffs ran up straight from the sea to a height which varied from 300 to 1,500 feet. If you came close enough in you could make out a slit in the mountains which gave entrance to a body of water within. This slit was not more than 200 or 300 yards wide. Once you got through the passageway there was a wide stretch on every side. At high tide the water was deep enough for the anchorage of a big ship, but

In 1894, during the month of November, the victorious Japanese army marched down one of the two narrow passes which lead through the surrounding mountains to the city of Port Arthur, captured the city, and put to the sword many of the inhabitants, non-combatants as well as the members of the garrison. It was a bloody day, though the Japanese officers stopped the slaughter as quickly as was possible.

For a time then Port Arthur was apparently in the permanent possession of the Japanese, until the pressure of the allied powers forced her to give it back to the Chinese in January, 1895. Before they marched out the Japanese destroyed a large part of the Chinese fortifications.

In 1898 Port Arthur was "leased" to Russia, which immediately began to fortify it, with the intention of making it the strongest port in the East-



HARBOR AT PORT ARTHUR AND PART OF CITY.

when the tide went out hundreds of acres of mud flats were exposed to view.

In the valleys between the cliffs were built some fifty or sixty miserable mud huts, and in them lived 300 or 400 Chinese coolies. That was the situation up to 1890 in what is now Port Arthur.

In that year three or four ships of the British navy came that way on a surveying expedition. One of these ships was the gunboat Algerine, commanded by Lieut. William Arthur. Lieut. Arthur daringly ran his vessel in between the cliffs which guard the harbor, which was thereupon named Port Arthur in honor of his exploit.

But beyond the name, Port Arthur gained no new fame for another 20 years. In 1881 it was still merely a convenient harbor into which coasting junks could run for safety when great storms swept the seas outside. On the cliffs and in the valleys thereabouts there still lived only a few hundred wretched Chinese coolies.

Then the great Celestial empire began to wake up. Foreign engineers were sent along the coast to pick out a safe harbor which might be fortified and made the chief station for the new and modern navy of China. They settled on Port Arthur, and it was planned to transform the place into an immensely strong and completely fitted naval station. Plans were drawn for great dockyards, workshops, dry docks, refitting basins and foundries, while above them on the commanding cliffs strong fortresses were to be erected.

The contracts for all this work were let to French contractors, so that it was France which first among the nations had to do with this Gibraltar of the far East. French contractors, with the aid of swarms of Chinese coolies, working like slaves for 15 cents or 20 cents a day, worked for years on the works in and about Port Arthur. Not until 1891 was the place turned over to China, ready for occupancy as a great naval station.

By that time Port Arthur—its name—already forgotten—had become a fairly well built town, containing more than 1,000 houses and shops, outside of the government works. It then had a commercial population of 6,000, to say nothing of the Chinese garrison of 7,000 or more soldiers. The forts were mounted with modern guns, and Chinese gunners were trained by German and other foreign experts in the use of the artillery.

ern seas. Its importance to Russia is great. Vladivostok, the other great Russian port on the Japan Sea is ice bound a large part of the year. The possession of Port Arthur gives the navy of the Czar a port which is never frozen. Moreover, it is a port which commands the approach to Peking, the Chinese capital. Never since the Russian occupancy has there been any cessation of activity in and about Port Arthur.

One important result of the Russian occupancy of Port Arthur has been a tremendous increase in the imports from the United States. During several weeks in 1902 American goods to the value of more than \$2,000,000 weekly were landed at Port Arthur and the yearly commerce of the United States with that and the adjacent ports has been estimated at nearly \$100,000,000.

But the Russian plan has been from the first to make Port Arthur a purely military and naval center. With that plan in view the Russians several years ago began the construction of the wonderful city of Dalny, 30 miles north and 10 miles east of Port Arthur, which they hope to make the commercial capital of the far East. The plan contemplates that all commercial ships shall be barred out of Port Arthur and sent to Dalny and that the former fortress shall be barred to civilians, where, indeed, they are now allowed only on sufferance, property being held on merely temporary leases.

Dalny—or rather the site of the present city—was located on an open roadstead, where the navies of all nations might ride. In order to make there a safe harbor, an immense break-water, costing millions, was built and is now completed, projecting into the sea for a great distance and inclosing a splendid anchorage. At Dalny, also, great administration buildings were erected and even—that rare thing in the far East—a first-class and comfortable hotel.

Eventually, as planned, Dalny is to be the final terminus of the great Siberian railroad by means of which Russia has tied together her widely scattered empire.

Disappointed. Gritty George—Dat young lady must have been reading the comic papers. Dusty Dennis—Why so? Gritty George—She expected a tramp to be funny.

Any wise little fish begins business on a small scale.

FLASHES OF FUN

He—So your husband has given up smoking? It requires a pretty strong will to accomplish that! She—Well, I'd have you understand that I have a strong will!—New-Yorker.

"How long shall I boil the eggs, ma'am?" asked the cook. "I don't exactly know," replied the young housewife, "but cook them until they are real tender."—Chicago Post.

"Maud said something clever about that rich Chicago uncle of hers." "What was it?" "She said he was born with a silver pie-knife in his mouth."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

How it felt: Maggie—I say, Chimmie, when yer look inter dat restaurant winder don't it make yer mout' water? Jimmie—Water? Hully gee! it makes me mout' feel like a ship-builldin' trust.—Ex.

Nodd—Awfully sorry to hear your house burned down. Did you save anything? Todd—Oh, yes. After some very lively work we succeeded in getting out all the things we didn't want.—Town and Country.

Easy error: La Montt—Made a terrible blunder to-day. Saw a man in a rubber suit and cap, and asked him if he was a sewer-cleaner. La Moyné—Who was he? La Montt—Millionaire chauffeur.—Chicago News.

"Well, Snowball," said the patron to the dusky waiter, "how did you ever come by a name like that?" "Well, sah, I was born in Chicago. Reckon yer never seed a Chicago snowball, sah!"—Yonkers Statesman.

"I hear you're dissatisfied with your doctor's bill." "Yes, I don't think he's entitled to two hundred and fifty dollars for that operation." "Why not?" "Because if he was he'd claim more."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

A way she has: Morton—Is Mrs. Styles much of a talker? Norton—Much of a talker. I should say so! It is impossible for her to play solitaire intelligently—she has so much to say to herself, you know.—Boston Transcript.

A question: She—Charles, dear, how many teeth does a baby have? He—I don't know. But I think that, after the way I've walked the floor for the last six months, ours ought to have at least a hundred and fifty by this time.—Detroit Free Press.

Howes—Don't like this cold weather, eh? Why, only last summer you were complaining of the heat. Barnes—Not of the heat itself, but rather because of its untimeliness. It would be all right if reserved for such weather as this.—Boston Transcript.

Mr. Trucker—I think I shall give up my business, my dear. I might as well have some good out of my money. Mrs. Trucker—Oh, not yet, Samuel. But when one of us dies, I shall give up housekeeping and see a little of the world.—Town and Country.

Wife—There was a man around to-day selling big brass burglar alarm bells to put on the front of the house, so I ordered one. Husband—What! You know we haven't anything worth stealing. Wife—I know, but it will make the neighbors think we have.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Editor in Chief (to office boy)—Bennie, where's the theater tickets I sent you after? Bennie—I forgot 'em. City Editor—Bennie, where's that paste I sent you for? Bennie—I forgot it. Sporting Editor—Bennie, what was Jack Glasscock's battin' average in 1888? Bennie (promptly)—Three hundred and eighty-six.—Cleveland Leader.

Turpin—Come with me to the zoo. Jenks—No, thank you. I'll stay at home. My oldest daughter does the kangaroo walk, my second daughter talks like a parrot, my son laughs like a hyena, my wife watches me like a hawk, my cook is as cross as a bear, and my mother-in-law says I'm an old gorilla. When I go anywhere I want a change.—Tit-Bits.

Icy.—"Didn't you get no money from dat woman yer held up?" asked the first footpad. "Naw," replied the other, shivering slightly; "she wuz from Boston." "Well, Boston people has money." "Mebbe dey has, but when I sez to her, 'Money or yer life, lady,' she sez, 'How dare ye speak ter me widout de formality of a interdiction?' sez she, an' leaves me froze stiff."—Philadelphia Press.

"I thought," said the irate strap-hanger, "you claimed when trying to get the franchise that you proposed to build the road for the benefit of the public!" "My dear sir," replied the director of the soulless corporation, who occasionally condescended to patronize his own cars, "the road was built for the benefit of the public, but it is run for the benefit of the officials."—Chicago Daily News.

"There was once a minister in Hartford," says Mark Twain, "who had a lot of boys in his Sunday school who were in the habit of staying away on the Sunday when the big steamer City of Hartford docked in the morning."

"One Sunday the minister came down to Sunday school and found all the boys there. He was profoundly affected."

"Boys," he said, "you cannot imagine how much this exhibition of loyalty on your part to the Sunday school affects me. When I came by the docks this morning and saw the City of Hartford there—"

"Gee whiz!" shouted the boys in chorus, "is she in?" and they left in a body.—Philadelphia Post.

Remarkable Bridges.

Perhaps the most remarkable bridges in the world are the kettle bridges in Russia and Siberia, of which Cossack soldiers are expert builders. They are built up on the soldiers' lances and cooking kettles. Seven or eight lances are placed under the handles of a number of kettles and fastened by means of ropes to form a raft. Each of these rafts will bear the weight of half a ton.

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Scribbles—No.

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