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There is a best time for doing anything—that is, a time when it 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 itself—you know this by the pimples and other eruptions that have come on your face and body.

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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. "I cannot recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla too highly as a spring medicine. When we were in the spring we all feel better through the summer." Mrs. S. H. Searles, Detroit, Mich.

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In a Lighter Mood. She: "No man has ever kissed me." He: "I wouldn't boast of my unpopularity if I were you."—Philadelphia Record.

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

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

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

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With local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills are the only medicines that can reach the seat of the disease and cure it. Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills are the only medicines that can reach the seat of the disease and cure it.

A Southern Poet. "Here, Marie! Send up a peck or two of corn dodgers and a hunk o' meat to Joseph."

"Lax takes! Why can't he come to talk?" "Kase he's locked himself in his room, an' is expressin' of himself in poetry."

Poor's Cure is the best medicine we ever used for an affection of the throat and lungs.—Wm. O. Emsley, Vauburn, 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 brutal 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—**HAMM'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.

OREGON BLOOD PURIFIER

TESTED AND TRUE GUARANTEED NOW! In the blood is the seat of all disease.

Too Indigestible. "Hear Bromley is dead?" "So; what was the trouble?" "Winter 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 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 red, disagreeing pimples.

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

Mr. H. T. Shobe, 2704 Lucas Avenue, St. Louis, Mo., says: "My daughter was afflicted for years with a disagreeing eruption on her face, which resisted all treatment. She was taken to two renowned 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 and clear. She is now seventeen years old, and a sign of the embarrassing disease has never returned."

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Science AND INVENTION

The bacillus of the grip is the smallest disease germ yet discovered.

The amount of blood in the human body is one-thirteenth of the body weight.

It has often been claimed that the presence of nickel in dust is a sufficient criterion to distinguish it as of cosmic rather than terrestrial origin. It has lately been shown that nickel is found in dust, and hence that nickeliferous dust may be terrestrial. Gallium, also, is found in all aluminum minerals, in many fine dusts, in many iron ores, in soil and in atmospheric dust.

The cultivated oasis of Dakhla in the Libyan desert has a copious water supply, derived entirely from an underground bed of sand stone which is never visible. The water rises to the surface through wells, averaging about 400 feet in depth. Many of these wells were made in ancient times, during the Roman occupation. They fertilize broad areas of cultivated lands, interspersed with palm groves. The success of this system of irrigation in Dakhla is interesting in connection with the projects for supplying moisture to some of our Western plains which are similarly underlain by hidden supplies of water.

The continually increasing demand for India rubber, and the great interest manifested in all efforts to prevent waste of the trees from which rubber is derived, have led our consuls in countries where valuable facts concerning them, Consul Godefricht at La Guayra, recently transmitted to Washington some highly interesting statements about the rubber, or caoutchouc, trees, of the upper Orinoco by Dr. Lucien Morisse, who has made extensive personal investigations in that region. Dr. Morisse makes the somewhat surprising statement that the prohibition of the Venezuelan Government against the felling of the trees is altogether unnecessary, because "it relates to an immense forest measuring upward of 74,000,000 acres, where caoutchouc exists in abundance, and which it would require billions and millions of hands to exploit, whereas it only contains three or four thousand Indians, not more than the tenth part of whom are engaged in the work."

Some interesting details have lately been published concerning the use of ozone in purifying water. Ozone is oxygen in a highly active condition and it occurs in small quantities in the air of the sea and of the mountains. Near Berlin an establishment has been erected for the purpose of experimenting on the effects of ozone in ridding water of the microbes it contains. Ozonized air containing from 2 to 3 grams per cubic meter in cubic meter equals 220.09 gallons and a gram is about 15 grains) is passed upward into a tower which is filled with flints and in its passage meets the water coming down and thus acts upon it. It has been shown that, as regards water from the Spree, the number of microbes was decreased from 600,000 per cubic centimeter (one cubic inch is 16.01, which is practically nil. The total cost is set down at 35 cents per 1,000 cubic feet. Ozone has long been known as "nature's disinfectant," and its application to the purification of water becomes, therefore, a matter of great interest. If the cost can be reduced this mode of purification may have a chance of widespread adoption.

JUST AS GOOD.

Backwoods Merchant Who Always Had What a Customer Wanted.

Abel Judkins kept the corner store in Centerville, and it was his boast that no man who patronized him need lack for anything he wanted, provided he had the wherewithal to pay.

Occasionally some unreasonable person would ask for a commodity not included in Abel's list; but if he did so, he was either provided with something which Mr. Judkins assured him was better than the article he had desired, and served exactly the same purpose, or he was made to feel that it was, for some dark and mysterious reason, no longer "carried" by any progressive and self-respecting shop.

When a certain summer resident, whose pair of ancient bellows, bought at an auction sale, had collapsed beyond repair, expressed surprise that no bellows were to be had of Mr. Judkins, the Centerville storekeeper turned upon her with a lofty smile.

"Folks here, ma'am," he said, coldly, "don't hold with getting so took up with old ideas, or being so narrow, as some of those that summer with us from below. The advances of civilization are prized here in this town, the air-tights with drafts are more thought of than old chimney fireplaces that require constant feeding and have to be blown on to keep 'em a-going."

He glanced at the summer resident, but could discover no special signs of weakening or humility in her face. With a briskness which always marked his mercantile proceedings, he changed in a twinkling from the advocate of progress to the upholder of primitive methods.

"But folks will be folks, ma'am," he said, indulgently, "and if you like an open glow I don't know what to hinder. And better than any bellows that ever were made, ma'am, is an onion-stalk. I can fit you out complete with three stout ones at this present, and when you've blown them out o' usefulness, all you've got to do is to come to Abel Judkins and get some more."

CHANGE SECURED AT HOME.

Value of New Surroundings for an Invalid Shows.

The doctor looked at his young patient with a rather a dissatisfied air. "Why do you not get well?" he asked her, somewhat impatiently. "Your fever left you long ago, and you have no organic trouble, and yet you stay just in the same state day after day. You will hurt my reputation if you keep on in this way," he added, jokingly; but on leaving the room he spoke more seriously.

"She must be roused in some way," he said to her mother and the trained nurse who was in attendance. "What she really needs is a change, but she is too weak in her present condition to travel. I am going to try an experiment which will do no harm and may do good."

"I want you to let me have another bedroom for her, and arrange it quite differently from the way it is now. Hang up new chintz curtains and put furniture in it she is not familiar with. A room with a fireplace, if possible. Light a bright little wood fire, and buy her a pretty new dressing gown. We will give her a radical change in her own house and see what that will do."

A couple of days afterward the girl was told that she was so much better that she was going to be moved into another room, and, despite her reluctance, the change was made.

The next day she showed languid pleasure at her pretty and novel surroundings, her diet was altered, and she gradually acquired an appetite. In a pretty new dressing jacket, she received the compliments of the doctor and nurse with complacency, and from that time on began to convalesce rapidly.

"All going to prove," said the doctor, "that absolute change is often an essential toward recovery, and that the required stimulus may be given, if necessary, at home."

Even to those who are in health the benefits of a home change should not be underrated, says the New York Tribune. "I like to get a new cook because it is the only way we get different food," said a young married woman; but the more experienced housekeeper appreciates the imperative hygienic value of change, and varies the family diet accordingly.

Every woman has experienced the mental and even moral stimulus of a new gown (always provided it has been paid for, but not every one recognizes the fact that it is the same with domestic surroundings, and that to occasionally make a different arrangement of furniture is a good thing, which small novelties in the way of new books and periodicals, a change of dress, and particularly the menu, all go to brighten the home atmosphere and give a tired man the change he really requires.

DESEMONA'S FEET.

They Quite Drove Up the Scene for Elder Salvini.

From the sublime to the ridiculous is but a step, and in an anecdote recently related by Clara Morris, the feet which took that step were very conspicuous. It was when Tommaso Salvini was in this country. The play of the evening was "Othello," and the scene of Desdemona's death had been reached.

Already the raging Moor had slain his innocent victim, and disturbed by Emilia's knock, had let fall the curtains before the couch on which the body lay. The draperies provided, although rich and heavy, did not come to the floor. They missed it by a space of at least a foot, and this the deceased Desdemona unfortunately failed to observe.

The audience, which had been held tense and breathless under the tragic spell of the great actor, suddenly uttered a curious, long-drawn breath of amazement, followed by a bobbing of many heads, a universal craning of necks, and then, to poor Salvini's bewilderment and dismay, by a burst of downright laughter. He could perceive nothing amiss, and there was nothing for him to do but to ignore the laughter and proceed with the scene. But no wonder the people laughed!

The murdered Desdemona had risen and was evidently sitting on the side of the couch, for beneath the curtains her dangling feet were plainly seen, kicking cheerfully back and forth. Such utterly unconscious feet they were that the audience might not have laughed again had they kept still; but all at once they began a heel-and-toe stop, and people rocked back and forth trying to suppress their merriment.

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Says the Boston Globe: "In taking her out sleigh riding, young man, be careful of that vaccinated arm."

That advice may do for Boston young men, but out here a sensible youth would rather forego the minor pleasure of the ride than be handicapped in that prevailing manner.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Sister Ships. Mrs. Crimsonbeak—I see by this wireless telegraph, while at sea, one ship can communicate with another.

Put His Feet On It. "Did—did your wife ever bake a chocolate cake?" asked Nuxed, cautiously.

"Lads of 'em," replied Oldred, promptly; "why?"

"Well, my wife baked her first one yesterday and placed it out on the porch to cool. I came along and thought the dern thing was a haddock."—Ohio State Journal.

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