

Her Transformation.

She drank quantities of water, ate a lot of starchy foods, abstained from exercising every day; she assimilated lactic acid and a case of malted goods, but it seemed her fate to have to fade away. She so mourned attenuation, with a visage like an owl's, that a smile upon her face was never seen; while below her mouth were wrinkles, and above her eyes were scowls, and her nose was like a hatchet in between. But one day she fell to laughing in a strange, hysterical way. Just in thinking how ridiculous it proved; and it mellowed to a cackle that was sane enough, they say, till at last she giggled every time she moved. Why, she chuckled out her wrinkles, and she snickered off her frowns, and then took to all the things she shouldn't do; now she's grown as fat as butter, and has outgrown all her gowns; but she laughs away at that disaster, too.

—Woman's Home Companion.

Protesting Against Rate Reduction.

Atlanta, Ga.—The recent proposition of J. Pope Brown, chairman of the Georgia Railroad commission, to reduce the passenger rate in Georgia from three to two cents per mile was protested against by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the Order of Railway Conductors, and unions of the blacksmiths, machinists and telegraphers, boiler makers, railway train men, carpenters and joiners, clerks and car men. These organizations employed an attorney especially to represent them, who urged that such a reduction would work against the prosperity of the state and lead to a reduction in the number of railroad employes as well as of their wages. The Travelers' Protective association also protested that a reduction as proposed would result in fewer trains and poorer service.

Knew Whereof She Spoke.

"I dearly love to go shopping," said the giddy maid of 33 summers—more or less—especially when there is a bargain sale. "Huh!" growled the old bachelor. "I fail to see any particular pleasure in getting in a crowd and being almost squeezed to death." "That is just what I enjoy most," replied the coy maiden, as she hid her glowing face behind her fan.

Piso's Cure is a remedy for coughs, colds and consumption. Try it. Price 25 cents, at druggists.

Room for Improvement.

"I have here," said the agent, "an alarm clock that will kindle the fire in the kitchen range and start the coffee boiling. Can I sell you one?" "No," yawned the lazy man, "but when you find one that will pour the coffee out and bring it upstairs I will be pleased to consider its purchase."

He Was Skeptical.

"I can tell the character of any woman by her hair," said the wise man. "Nonsense!" rejoined the skeptical person. "Many a true woman has hair that is false."

A Strenuous Test.

He (angrily)—I actually believe you would marry the first fool that asks you. She (calmly)—Just ask me to marry you and prove the fallacy of your belief.

Heard at the Table.

"I pity the poor sailor," said the sentimental boarder. "His is a dog's life." "Yes," rejoined the cheerful idiot, "he goes from one bark to another, as it were."

Modern Enterprise.

Smith—Hill, the real estate man, is certainly an enterprising chap. Jones—What's the answer? Smith—He is offering a hand-painted house with each lot as a special inducement to purchasers.

As you value your sight, avoid all quack eye doctors.

THE COST OF LIVING.

Purchasing Power of a Dollar To-day and from 1890 to 1900.

All important food articles except sugar and coffee are higher at the present time than the average for the 10-year period from 1890 to 1900, says a writer in Pearson's. In looking back upon the course of prices since 1890 it is interesting to discover (from figures compiled by the government) that in that year \$1 would buy seven and four-fifths pounds of fresh beef, while to-day it will purchase only six and four-fifths pounds. That amount of money in 1890 would buy ten pounds of salt beef; to-day nine pounds. Of salt pork in 1890 it would buy nine and a half pounds; to-day a little over seven pounds. One dollar in 1890 would purchase seven and a quarter pounds of chickens; to-day less than six and a quarter pounds. It would buy ten pounds of fresh fish in 1890; to-day nine and a third pounds. In 1890 it would pay for five dozen and four eggs; to-day for only four dozen and three. One dollar in 1890 would buy nearly 17 quarts of milk; to-day less than 16 quarts. It would purchase in 1890 four and a quarter pounds of butter; to-day only three and three-quarter pounds. One dollar in 1890 was a fair equivalent for six and a third pounds of cheese; to-day it will purchase half a pound less.

To-day \$1 will buy less than eight and a half pounds of lard; in 1890 it would pay for nearly 11 pounds. Of cornmeal to-day you can purchase for that sum 38½ pounds; in 1890 you could get 46½ pounds. When it is considered that the average American family whose income does not exceed \$1,200 spends nearly 45 per cent of its entire income on food, it is easily seen how great a difference is made by a rise in prices of 10 to 25 cents on every dollar's worth of edible supplies, covering meats, vegetables and practically all other eatables. As compared with the average prices governing during the period from 1890 to 1900 it is reckoned by the United States Bureau of Labor that hams and salt beef have gone up 12 per cent, salt pork and bacon 32 per cent, lard 35 per cent, fresh vegetables 13 per cent, cornmeal 16 per cent, crackers 19 per cent, New Orleans molasses 20 per cent, beans 31 per cent, herrings 31 per cent, salt 21 per cent, pepper 72 per cent and currants 121 per cent.

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As Others See Us.

"Yes," said the young man, "I am about to get a political job, where I will have nothing to do but sit around and look wise!"

"Well," rejoined his fair companion in the parlor scene. "I'm sure you will be able to fill the first half of the requirements all right enough."

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

Trials of the Fair Sex.

He—If a girl declines an offer of marriage and becomes a spinster, she is apt to regret it.

She—Yes; if she marries she is apt to regret it—so what can a poor girl do?

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

Supply vs. Demand.

Mrs. De Smythe—I wonder why old china is so rare and valuable?

Mrs. De Jones—Is it possible you don't know after keeping a servant girl all these years?

A JUDGE'S WIFE PAIN IN THE BACK AND SIDE



MRS. MINNIE McALLISTER

Mrs. Carrie King, Darlington, Mo., writes:

"I have suffered for years with biliousness, and kidney and liver trouble.

"If I caught a little cold, the pains were increased and backache and headache were of frequent occurrence.

"However, Peruna cured me—twelve bottles made me a healthy woman."

No Laughing Matter.

Wags—Did you ever hear the joke about the two moons?

Jags—That's no joke. I've seen 'em many a time.

Whenever an eye is injured, call in an experienced oculist at once.

PAIN IN THE BACK AND SIDE

Quickly Cured by a Short Course of Pe-ru-na.

MRS. MINNIE E. McALLISTER, wife of Judge McAllister, writes from 1217 West 33rd street, Minneapolis, Minn., as follows:

"I suffered for years with a pain in the small of my back and right side. It interfered often with my domestic and social duties and I never supposed that I would be cured, as the doctor's medicine did not seem to help me any.

"Fortunately a member of our Order advised me to try Peruna and gave it such high praise that I decided to try it. Although I started in with little faith, I felt so much better in a week that I felt encouraged.

"I took it faithfully for seven weeks and am happy indeed to be able to say that I am entirely cured.

"Words fail to express my gratitude. Perfect health once more is the best thing I could wish for, and thanks to Peruna, I enjoy that now."

Pain in the back, or on the right side.

How often a physician hears this complaint!

Over and over we hear women say: "I have a pain in the small of my back. I have a pain in my right side, just below the ribs."

These symptoms indicate pelvic or abdominal catarrh.

They indicate that the bowels are not acting properly—that the liver is out of order—that the pelvic organs are congested.

Pelvic catarrh—that is the name for it.

Peruna cures pelvic catarrh, when all of these symptoms disappear.

The catarrh may be all in the abdominal organs, when it would be properly called abdominal catarrh.

At any rate, it is one of those cases of internal catarrh which can be reached only by a course of treatment with Peruna.

We have on file thousands of testimonials similar to the above. It is impossible here to give our readers more than one or two specimens of the number of grateful and commendatory letters Dr. Hartman is constantly receiving in behalf of his famous catarrh remedy, Peruna.

Both Sides of It.

Biggs—Easyun is a philosophical sort of chap. He spends a lot of time getting at the bottom facts in an argument.

Diggs—Yes, and his wife spends a good deal of her time scraping the bottom of the flour barrel.

A HOPELESS FIGHT

It is as impossible to conquer the king of diseases—Contagious Blood Poison—with Mercury and Potash as it would be to conquer the king of the forest in a hand-to-hand encounter, as thousands who have had their health ruined and lives blighted through the use of these minerals will testify. They took the treatment faithfully, only to find when it was left off, the disease returned with more power, combined with the awful effects of these minerals, such as mercurial rheumatism, necrosis of the bones, salivation, inflammation of the stomach and bowels, etc. When the virus of Contagious Blood Poison enters the blood it quickly contaminates every drop of that vital fluid, and every muscle, nerve, tissue and bone becomes affected, and soon the foul symptoms of sore mouth and throat, copper-colored blotches, falling hair and eyebrows, swollen glands, sores, etc., make their appearance. Mercury and Potash can only cover up these evidences for awhile; they cannot cure the disease. S. S. S. has for many years been recognized as a specific for Contagious Blood Poison—a perfect antidote for the deadly virus that is so far-reaching in its effects on the system. S. S. S. does not hide or mask the disease, but so thoroughly and completely cures it that no signs are ever seen again. S. S. S. while eradicating the poison of the disease will drive out any effects of harmful mineral treatment. A reward of \$1,000.00 is offered for proof that S. S. S. contains a mineral ingredient of any kind. Treatise with instructions for home treatment and any advice wished, without charge.

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