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No Lack of Opportunity.
Miss Gooden—Think of those poor, neglected children of Mrs. Offenwed! How can you expect them to be well trained?

Miss Tartun—O, I don't know. They have had five or six different stepfathers, some of them quite respectable and well meaning men.

About to Make a Change.
"Norah, are you engaged to that policeman who comes here to see you so often?"
"Yes, ma'am, but I've given him warning."

Now They Don't Speak.
Clara—Don't be surprised if Willie Sleigh goes to you to-night.
Maude—Gracious! Do you think he will?
Clara—Sure I do. When I refused him last night he said he didn't care what became of him.

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F. J. CHENEY & CO., Prop., Toledo, O. We have cured many cases of Catarrh of the bladder, prostate gland and kidneys, and believe this medicine to be the best for all such cases. It is sold by all druggists and wholesale houses. Write for full particulars and testimonials free.

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Gunner—Sh! Don't whistle on this street!
Guyer—What's the matter? Some one sick?
Gunner—No. But I'm afraid the vibration will knock the city hall down.
—Chicago News.

Uncle Allen.
"A curious thing about a man that has a lot of stock in a fire insurance company," remarked Uncle Allen Sparks, "is that a big fire generally gives him cold feet."

Perfectly Willing.
E. Bangs Izzard—May I—aw—have the best value?
Letta Sloan—I haven't the slightest objection. That's the one I don't—aw—dawce.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought

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Properly Respecting It.
"Your husband," said Mrs. Highman graciously, "is decidedly interesting and original, even if he does sometimes blow his own horn a little too."

It Isn't So!
"It isn't so!" indignantly exclaimed Mrs. Goswell. "My husband always uses his handkerchief!"—Chicago Tribune.

Previous Training All for Nothing.
Dealer—How does your wife like the sewing machine you bought for her?
Young Husband—She hasn't learned how to operate it yet. She had an idea it worked something like a typewriter.

Among Friends.
"When I What Lotte Brown engaged to? That no matter what I've always said—that no matter how plain and badly tempered a girl may be, there's always a fool ready to marry her. Who's the poor man?"
"I am!"—Life.

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St. Vincent's and all Nervous Diseases permanently cured by Dr. King's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE TRIAL BOTTLE and treatise. Dr. R. H. King, Ltd., 101 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

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Tom—The last time I saw you you were looking for a position where you could keep dressed up all the time. Did you get it?
Dick—No. The only job I could find was one where they keep all the time dressing me down.—Detroit Free Press.

Nothing Accomplished.
"The society papers speak of her as 'a young woman of many accomplishments.' Is she really?"
"Oh, yes. She's a sort of female Jack of all trades; not much good at any of them."—Philadelphia Press.

BACKACHE IS KIDNEYACHE.
Get at the Cause—Cure the Kidneys. Don't neglect backache. It warns you of trouble in the kidneys. Avert the danger by curing the kidneys with Doan's Kidney Pills. J. A. Haywood, a well known resident of Lufkin, Tex., says: "I wrenched my back working in a sawmill, was laid up six weeks and from that time had pain in my back whenever I stooped or lifted. The urine was badly disordered and for a long time I had attacks of gravel. After I began using Doan's Kidney Pills the gravel passed out, and my back got well. I haven't had backache or bladder trouble since."
Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

REBELS ARE STRONG

All Western Cuba Said To Be In Sympathy With Guerrera.
MANY RURAL GUARDS DESERTING

Government Forces Recapture One Town — Attack by Rebels on Pinar Del Rio Expected.

Havana, Aug. 25.—(Official advice received from the western part of the province of Pinar del Rio are to the effect that the insurgent forces now concentrating west of San Juan de Martinez are far more formidable and better supplied for camping and a long and aggressive campaign than had been supposed.

A prominent resident of Havana whose word is beyond question, has just returned from a three days' tour in the vicinity of San Luis and San Juan de Matanzas. He informed the Associated Press that Pino Guerrera's following in Pinar del Rio is now from 1,500 to 2,000 men. He said the idea of his not having sufficient ammunition was ridiculous, and that he is abundantly supplied with every possible necessity. The behavior of his forces is excellent.

He said the insurgents had eight miles loaded with dynamite and that lately they had received supplies from unknown sources. He positively declared that fully a hundred members of the rural guard had deserted and joined the insurgents since the trouble began, and that practically all Cubans in Western Cuba were sympathizers with the movement.

Word has been received here from Santiago that General Jesus Rabi, with 2,000 veterans, will come to the Vuelta Abajo to help put down the insurrection. This, however, is not confirmed.

The government's extra expenses since August 19 have been \$270,000. Aside from slight encounters in the provinces of Havana and Santa Clara, nothing of importance has transpired here. The enlistment of rural guards and volunteers is going on very slowly, in the provinces, but in the city of Havana enlistments are somewhat better. The city council has appropriated \$50,000 for the support of the city militia, of which there are two divisions, the interior and the exterior.

The government expects that the steamer Mexico, which will sail from New York today, will bring eight rapid-fire guns, 10,000,000 cartridges and 12,000 Lee rifles.

The government force in the city of Pinar del Rio consists of 250 artillerymen and 150 guards. The inhabitants of the city of Pinar del Rio are reported to be loyal and it is said that most of them are armed and will assist the troops in resisting an attack on the part of the insurgents.

WHEN AMERICA MAY STEP IN.
Provisions of Platt Amendment for Keeping Peace in Cuba.

Washington, Aug. 25.—The Platt amendment, as the legislation which defined the conditions on which the United States should withdraw from Cuba and turn the island over to the control of the Cuban people was known, provided that a part of the new republic's constitution should contain certain provisions concerning the future relations of the United States with Cuba. The third of these provisions was as follows:

"That the government of Cuba consents that the United States may intervene for the preservation of Cuban independence, the maintenance of a government adequate for the protection of life, property and individual liberty and for discharging the obligations with respect to Cuba imposed by the treaty of Paris on the United States to be assumed and undertaken by the government of Cuba."

Record Crop of Apples.
Chicago, Aug. 25.—The apple crop this year will break all former records for gigantic yields. Never before in the history of the country has there been so great a crop. The record for 1896, which was considered phenomenal, experts say will be more than doubled. Not only is the yield the greatest ever known, but the quality of the fruit is likewise the best ever known. Prices run from \$1.50 to \$2.50 a barrel for early varieties, and by fall it is predicted that choice grades will bring exceedingly low prices.

Date of Convention Postponed.
Salem, Or., Aug. 25.—Notice has been sent out that the date of the interstate convention on the subject of election of senators by direct vote of the people has been changed from September 5 to December 5. The convention is to be held in Des Moines, Ia. The purpose is to adopt a plan of procedure which shall result in two-thirds of the states of the Union demanding that congress call a constitutional convention to draft an amendment providing for popular election of United States senators.

Opposed to Joint State.
Tucson, Arizona, Aug. 25.—The Republican party in Tucson and Pima county, at the primary held today, went on record as opposed to joint statehood. In Tucson the anti-joint state ticket received 402 votes against 263 cast for jointure. In outside precincts the result was similar. Great feeling was exhibited between the opposing factions at the polls. There were many challenges and several fist fights before the day closed.

San Francisco Gave First.
Washington, Aug. 25.—San Francisco made the first American contribution to the Valparaiso earthquake sufferers. A dispatch received by the State department today from American Minister Hicks, at Santiago, announced that a donation of \$10,000 had been received from San Francisco.

TERRORISTS WRECK HOUSE.

Bomb Kills 27 Persons and Wounds Over 30 Others.
St. Petersburg, Aug. 25.—Twenty-eight persons are dead and more than 30 wounded as the result of a dastardly attempt yesterday afternoon to assassinate Premier Stolypin with a bomb while he was holding a public reception at his country house on Aplekassy Island. The premier was slightly wounded on the face and neck by flying splinters.

Among the dead are the premier's 15-year old daughter, who had both legs broken by the explosion and subsequently succumbed to her injuries; General Zanatin, the premier's personal secretary; M. Khosov, ex-governor of the province of Pensa; Colonel Fodoroff, chief of the premier's personal guard; Court Chamberlain Davidoff; Chamberlain Voornin, Aid Doubovoff; Prince Sakashidze, Police Officer Konanoff, several guards, several servants, four women and two children.

The wounded include M. Stolypin's 3-year old son, who is seriously if not fatally injured, and a number of persons prominent in the society and official world.

Of the four conspirators who engineered the outrage, two were killed with their victims, while the third, who acted as coconspirator for the party, and the fourth, who remained inside the carriage, were badly wounded. Whether the assassins who entered the crowded reception hall threw the bomb or accidentally dropped it probably will never be known, as all the immediate eye witnesses were killed. The tremendous force of the explosion absolutely blew out the front of the premier's residence, and carried away the ceilings above and the floors beneath and the walls of the adjoining rooms.

People were literally blown to pieces. Those who were not killed instantly were horribly mangled and the others were prostrate by the shock. The premier's escape was miraculous, for only a moment before the explosion he had stepped inside his study at the rear of the salon to speak to Prince Shakovsky. Although he was but slightly injured, he is completely prostrated by the calamity.

The havoc wrought by the explosion was indescribable. Bodies were so torn or mangled that identification was impossible, some of them headless, armless or legless, lying among the blood-dripping wreckage.

RAILWAY GIANTS CLASH.
\$25,000,000 Cash and St. Paul Road is the Prize at Stake.

Chicago, Aug. 27.—A special to the Tribune from New York says: A financial battle, with \$25,000,000 in cash and the control of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway system in between J. Pierpont Morgan and E. H. Harriman.

In the battle are involved twice as many millions of dollars and three times as many thousands of miles of railroads as were represented in the famous fight for the possession of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, which resulted in the memorable Northern Pacific corner, when the price of that stock was rushed up to \$1,000 a share and a panic in Wall street followed.

The opposing forces consist of J. P. Morgan, James J. Hill and their friends, foreign capitalists, on one side, and E. H. Harriman, practical owner of the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific roads, with Sir William Van Horne, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, as controllers of the vast Canadian Pacific system, with their friends, on the other. Remaining neutral for the time being, but inclined to throw their weight to Harriman, are James H. Smith and William Rockefeller, as principal stockholders in the St. Paul.

On the outcome of the war depends whether the St. Paul road is to be extended to the coast, for which purpose a new \$25,000,000 stock issue was voted, in a northerly direction, and so seriously injure the traffic of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific systems, or southerly, to impair the future profits of the Union and Southern Pacific.

Early this summer there was a mysterious bonching of three Pacific coast lines stock. Before Harriman or Hill could discover who were the purchasers, the Canadian Pacific had obtained sufficient interest in the road to wield the balance of power.

Revive Sienland Bank.
Chicago, Aug. 27.—The reorganization of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank as an auxiliary or branch of the First National bank is soon to be begun. As the first move in the rehabilitation of the defunct institution, an understanding between the business men of Milwaukee Avenue district, and James Fagan, president of the First National bank, has been reached through which the resumption of business is hoped for. The officials of the new bank will be taken from the present force of the First National.

Guerrera Gets Ammunition.
San Juan de Martinez, Aug. 27.—A correspondent of the Associated Press who rode out from here today says that when Pino Guerrera left San Luis, he took from that town 40,000 rounds of ammunition he found there. He also secured 25,000 rounds in San Juan de Martinez. It is reported that Colonel Julian Brantcourt, the Havana Liberal, who is second in command of Guerrera's force, was slightly wounded in the engagement near San Luis. No order for advance have yet been given.

Must Spell in Old Way.
Washington, Aug. 27.—The president's order adopting the new system of spelling may be put into practice in several departments, but it will not conform with the Civil Service commission in examination. Applicants will be graded in spelling according to the standard dictionaries and not according to the rules of spelling reform. Phonetic spelling will hereafter be used in the transmission of district governmental correspondence.

Bring in Valencia Victims.
Washington, Aug. 27.—Notification was sent to the revenue cutter Grant today to proceed to Bamfield, B. C., for the bodies of the Valencia victims. The Grant is not seaworthy, so cannot go direct to the scene of the wreck.

ASHES OF FUN

With pompanos in oysters, clams, ice cream and pie, it begins to look as if the days of the church festival were numbered.—Scissors.

A Hard Task.—"There's no danger," said the doctor. "It's only a carbuncle coming on the back of your neck. But you must keep your eye on it!"
No Reply.—"That little girl has one bad habit. She always answers back." "It is easy enough to break her of that. Get her a place as a telephone girl."

"I hear your boss expects to raise your salary this month." "So he says; but he hasn't succeeded in raising all of last month's yet.—Philadelphia Press.

"Give me a package of chewing gum." "We don't keep such things." "Well, you've got a card in the window that says 'Typewriter Supplies.'"—Houston Post.

"What kind of pie will you have, Willie—mince or apple?" "I'll take two pieces of each, please." "Two pieces!" "Yes, mamma told me not to ask twice."—Life.

Love—Indeed I love you for yourself alone, Miss Millynn. Helms.—That is a loan on which you can only borrow trouble, Mr. Cashunter.—Baltimore American.

Victim—What has happened? Where am I? Doctor—You have been seriously injured in a trolley accident. But cheer up—you will recover. Victim—How much?—Cleveland Leader.

Servants Who Hang On.—"Public officeholders," said Cityman, "are only servants after all." "Yes," rejoined Subbubs, "and I wish we could get a servant who would hang on like they do."

Where Ignorance Is Bliss.—Blotbs.—When I get up to make a speech I feel as though I had forgotten everything I knew. Blotbs.—What an ideal witness you would make in a trust investigation.

A young lady went into a well-known establishment a few days ago and said to the floor-walker: "Do you keep stationery?" "No, ma'am," replied the man; "if I did I should lose my job."—Headlight.

"For goodness sake. What's that noise?" "The girl next door is having her voice cultivated." "Huh! Apparently the process of cultivation has reached the harrowing season."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Tramp (outside the gate)—Does your dog bite? Mrs. Weptonish (on the porch)—Yes, he does, and—oh, please, don't come in! We are so particular about what we feed him!—Somerville Journal.

Mrs. Peckem—I know I'm a trifle irritable at times, Henry, but if I had to live my life over again I'd marry you just the same. Mr. Peckem—Oh, no, you wouldn't! You only think you would.—Scissors.

Hopeless.—Flynn—O! tell me they're no use thyrin' to lddca-ate thim Chinee. Mulhoolley—An' plwya' tho? Flynn—O! just asked wan ar thim thim Chinee wur-rod for St. Patrick's day, an' he couldn't tell me.

Mrs. Jawback—Just like a man! The idea of being your temper and swearing at your razor because it's dull. Mr. Jawback—Well, I've got a right to. Didn't the razor lose its temper first?—Cleveland Leader.

Visiting Philanthropist—Good-morning, madam; I am collecting for the Drunkards' Home. Mrs. McGuire—Shure, I'm glad of it, so—if ye come round to-night ye can take my husband.—Harper's Weekly.

Rivers—What have you got that string tied around your finger for? Brooks—By George! I'm glad you mentioned it. That's to remind me to ask you for the five I lent you a month ago.—Chicago Tribune.

"Do you think that wealth is essential to happiness?" "From some of the letters I receive," said Dustin Stas, "I am inclined to think a number of people consider some of my wealth essential to their happiness."—Ex.

SKIN DISEASES

There is nothing more distressing than an itching, burning skin disease, and upon the return of warm weather those who are afflicted with skin troubles find the symptoms appearing and know that they will be tormented through the hot summer months. The blood is heated with humors and acrid matter, and as they are forced to the surface the skin seems to be on fire. The treatment of skin diseases with external applications is all wrong, because they do not reach the trouble which is in the blood. The most such treatment can be expected to do is, allay the itching and burning and keep up the trouble for awhile, but as soon as it is left off the disease returns.

All food taken into the body contains, in some form, the elements necessary to sustain the different parts. One portion is used for the making of blood, another for muscle, one for bone, still another for fat, and so on. After these different properties are extracted from the food there still remains a portion that is useless, or waste matter, which is intended to be disposed of through the natural channels of bodily waste, the Liver, Kidneys and Bowels. At this season of the year, however, these organs become torpid, dull and sluggish, and fail to perform this duty, and these accumulations remain in the system and are absorbed by the blood to ferment and sour, producing burning acids and acrid humors. The blood cannot properly nourish the system while in this impure condition, and begins to throw off these acids through the pores and glands of the skin, producing Acne, Eczema, Tetter, Psoriasis, Salt Rheum and skin diseases of every description.

EZEMA appears usually with a slight redness of the skin, followed by pustules from which there flows a sticky fluid that dries and forms a crust, and the itching is intense. It is generally on the back, breast, arms, legs and face, though other parts of the body may be afflicted. In **TETTER** the skin dries, cracks and bleeds, and is often very painful. The acid in the blood dries up the natural oils of the skin, causing a dry, feverish, hardened condition and giving it a leathery appearance. **ACNE** makes its appearance on the face in the form of pimples and black-heads, and is particularly disagreeable because of its unsightly appearance, while **PSORIASIS**, a scaly disease, comes in patches on different parts of the body. One of the worst forms of skin disease is **SALT RHEUM**. It discharges a watery fluid, forming sores and producing intense itching. The head and face are the parts usually affected, and sometimes the hair falls out and a mass of sores forms on the scalp.

These and all skin diseases are due to the same cause—burning acids and humors in the blood, and until this vital fluid is cleansed and made pure they will continue. The best treatment for all skin diseases is S. S. S., a remedy that is purely vegetable, being made entirely from roots, herbs and barks, and acts directly on the blood with a cleansing, healing effect. It neutralizes the acids and purifies the blood so that the skin, instead of being blistered and burned by the fiery fluids, is nourished by a supply of cooling, healthy blood. It goes down into the circulation and forces out every particle of waste or foreign matter, builds up the blood and cures all skin diseases promptly and permanently. S. S. S. does not leave the least particle of the poison for future outbreaks, but entirely rids the blood of the cause for all skin diseases.

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TREETOP IS A MAN'S HOME.
Novel Means to Escape Hay Fever
Followed by a Revolt.
Warren Carrol, a coat prospector who has been operating in the vicinity of the Chetcamp River, south of Grande Etang, Cape Breton, tells of meeting a man in the barren lands who has been living in a tree for three summers because he believes it will cure his hay fever.

Carrol says that the man, who claimed that his name was Strong and that he came from St. John, N. B., had built himself a comfortable cabin of one room in the branches of a giant hemlock and was thoroughly enjoying life. The house was set about forty feet from the ground and was reached by several ladders which were spiked against the sides of the tree trunk.

In the cabin was a bed made of boughs, a stove constructed out of sheet iron, three looking glasses, a lamp, three rustic chairs and thirty-six cushions stuffed with balsam needles. The place was as neat as if kept by a woman and was built so that there would be no waste space.

Strong was rather reticent, but Carrol learned enough to convince him that the man was in his right mind and that he really believed the "tree cure" was doing him good. He said he couldn't explain why the hay fever would not attack him as long as he lived in a tree, but that it was a fact and he took advantage of it. He lived mostly on fish and game, but he had some vegetables stowed away in hollow tree trunks near by.

His Knowledge of Weeds.
At a suburban residence near Philadelphia there recently appeared an unkempt-looking individual who asked for employment. It chanced that his application was made to the lady of the house herself, who was superintending the transplanting of plants in the garden.

"Are you a gardener?" asked the lady.
"Ain't had much experience at gardening," was the reply.
"Can you plant these bushes?"
"I'd hate to risk spolia' 'em, mum."
"Then what can you do?"
"Well, mum," responded the unkempt-looking individual, "if you was to hand me one of your husband's cigars I might sit in the greenhouse an' smoke out them insects that's eatin' the leaves of them rose-bushes."—Harper's Weekly.

Couldn't Rattle Him.
The Boston umpire had given a decision that did not please the players of the visiting team.
Threateningly they crowded around him.
"You can't call it a ball," protested the captain. "If the pitcher takes a step toward first base before he shoots the ball there!"
"That is purely an academic question," he said, "which need not be adjudicated here. Resume your spherical recreation!"

Cruel Man.
Mrs. A.—What do you think of these waffles, my dear? I baked them myself.
Mrs. A.—Waffles?
Mrs. A.—Certainly! What did you think they were?
Mr. A.—Why, I thought you had made a mistake and cut up a Turkish towel in squares.

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