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Of those corpuscles in your blood that have been called "Little Soldiers," is to fight for you against the disease germs that constantly endanger your health. These corpuscles are made healthy and strong by the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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Her Objection. "I wish my dentist wasn't so realistic," said Mrs. J. Lee Oudgo. "He calls his dental parlor his drawing room."

The fact that no death from hydrophobia has been recorded in England since 1902 is cited as an illustration of the preventive treatment of disease.

It is estimated that 11,000,000 persons in New York City make their living by their wits, which means the lack of wit in others.

The Grenoble district in France is noted in the export trade of that country for two very different products—walnuts and kid gloves.

James Warren, a farm laborer, 82 years old, died recently at Edworth, England, after having worked on the same farm for seventy-five years.

In reply to an advertisement for a woman typist at a salary of \$3.75 a week, a London firm on March 4 received no fewer than 207 replies.

New York City has more asylums, homes, hospitals and organizations for the relief of human suffering than any other city in the world.

At Rheims, France, portable bathtubs, filled with hot water, are delivered to order.

The folding envelope was first used in 1839.

There are 50,000 vegetarians in England.

There are in London over 300,000 persons who live in one-room houses, and over 701,000 in two-room houses.

There is a daily average of one and one-half deaths in New York City chargeable to injuries inflicted by other persons.

In the last five years, in New York City, 563,714 tenants have gone into new flat houses.

Three-story bedsteads are now made for use in apartments, steamers, camps and wherever floor space is limited.

The secret of the glow-worm and firefly is yet unexplained by science. Their light is entirely unaccompanied by heat.

Three hundred girls are employed in the harness trade in New York, and Kentucky is a girl jockey.

Manhattan's postoffice receipts amount to \$54,370 daily.

The French unit of horse power is one-seventh less than the English.

Much of the fuel used in Italy is made of the refuse of olives from which the oil has been pressed.

Black opals of great beauty are found in Queensland, Australia, besides fifty-six other kinds of precious stones.

Lord Selborne is the first British cabinet minister who has accepted an appointment in the colonies.

The largest caravan of pilgrims for Mecca starts from Constantinople, and generally comprises about 40,000 persons.

A Louisiana woman supports herself by raising mint, and a Jersey City woman makes a living by painting signs.

There are 270 active volcanoes in the world.

Italy has 230 convicts to the million inhabitants, which is the highest record.

London has 300 clubs, with a membership of 250,000.

Lamp accidents are the cause of 500 fires annually in London.

The six highest mountains known are all in the Himalayas.

The German soldier must be an expert swimmer.

From the hawkbill turtle of the Caribbean sea comes the tortoise shell of commerce.

In London's new Criminal Court, on the Old Bailey's site, prisoners will climb up white marble stairs to reach the dock.

A professor in Copenhagen University is said to chloroform plants. After several days they bud in great profusion.

"Consulting fashion expert" is one St. Louis woman's occupation, while packing trunks is the trade of another.

In Battersea, London, graves can now be purchased of the Borough Council on the installment plan.

Ex-Senator Clark, the Montana multimillionaire, once worked in the mines for \$1.25 a day.

The first plaster cast was made by Verocchio in 1470.

New York City completes forty-six new buildings each day, averaging \$13,000 each.

The average daily wage of Norwegian printers is 93 cents.

The first almanac was printed in Hungary in 1470.

Making It Pleasant for Him. "Gentlemen," said the toastmaster at the banquet, "we have listened to some excellent orators this evening and I am sure we have enjoyed their efforts very much. I have purposely kept one of our best speakers for the last, and after you have heard him I know you will be glad to go home. Gentlemen, I have the honor to present Mr. Ketchum A. Cummin, who will now address you."—Chicago Tribune.

About Right. A boy was asked to explain the difference between animal instinct and human intelligence. "If we had instinct," he said, "we should know everything we need to know without learning it; but we've got reason, and so we have to study ourselves 'most blind, or 'most fool."—Universalist Leader.

Man With the Winging Brow—Awful Sloppy. "What's that?" "A fellow who has a wing on his forehead and it is for me. My overcoat's in it."—Punch.

Introducing Her Resolution. "Johnny," said Mrs. Lapsing, putting on her wraps, "I've been in the house all day and I need the fresh air. If you'll mind baby a little while I'll go and take a pebble around the block."—Punch.

Curiously Gratified. Former Customs (after a long absence) "What has become of the pretty blonde that used to feed the hungry at this lunch counter?" "Dark Skinned Waiter Girl—I'm her. What you goin' to order, sir?"

Youthful Philosopher. A five-year-old boy on hearing grace asked for the first time at breakfast gravely remarked: "I only say my prayers at night. That is the dangerous time."—Life.

Before Rip Wisdom Comes. There is a dangerous stage in every one's career when his friends are afraid to tell him a compliment for fear it will make him more conceited. —Boston Globe.

Bloodless Revolution. Reporter—But, Senator, in a government like ours, don't you believe in the principle of rotation in office? Eminent Statesman—I certainly do, young man. That's why I have a revolving chair in my office.

Not Worth While. "Don't you think, Mr. Sply," said the boss, "you might as well take off your hat?" "What's the use?" asked the new man, who was filling a temporary vacancy in the clerical department. "I'm only going to hold this job two weeks."

More Humane. "They tell me, Mr. Smithers," simpered the fluffy young thing, "that you are quite a lady killer." "They do me an injustice, upon my word, Miss Giggley," responded the gallant old man, laying his hand on his heart and making a profound bow; "I catch 'em alive."

Far Apart. "Miss Easton," said the hostess, "this is Mr. Weston." "Delighted to know you, Miss Easton," said the young man. "Nominalist, however, we seem to be antipodes." "Actually, too, perhaps, Mr. Weston," she answered, so distantly that he instantly felt himself to be 12,500 miles away.

Absent-Minded Alderman. A Lynn (Mass.) alderman at a recent aldermanic meeting inquired what had become of an order he had introduced some time before calling for an acre of land on Willow street. The city clerk, after digging into his files, informed him that the order had come before the board nearly a month previous and that he had voted against it.

Must Be Hard Work. In Russia there is a cheap reaping machine which has a reel, but no automatic rake. A man sits on the platform and rakes off the grain with a pitchfork. The name of this machine is "tobogreika," and since "tobo" means "brow" and "greika" is "a heater," the whole can be translated "brow-sweater."

Some of the saloons in Liverpool display the sign: "Ladies can not be served without their hats on."

Those who have wintered in Alaska say that it is not the cold, but the mosquito, that is the hardest thing to endure in the North.

Lost in the Australian bush, near Port Darwin, for five days, engineer-commander E. S. Silk was found alive and well by a black tracker.

The average rent paid for New York City tenements and apartment houses but within five years amounts to \$146 annually for each person living in them.

It has been stated on British authority that American immigrants into Canada are taking fifty million dollars' worth of property into that country each year.

The following sign is displayed by a firm of bicycle motor manufacturers at Horsaey, England: "To aeronauts: Drop here for petrol."

The golden crested wren is the smallest of British birds. It is three and a half inches long and seventy-two of them weigh one pound.

The municipality of Copenhagen has opened war on rats, and will pay 1 1/2 cents for every tail. The breeding of rats for their tails is a criminal offense.

The postman of Spain are unable to read and write as a rule, and it is a common saying that who treats the postman best gets the most letters.

The long feathers of a bird's wing are fastened to the bone. It is this which gives the wing the strength and surface wherewith to beat the air.

A youth of seventeen, who hanged himself at Bristol, England, painted himself with green from head to foot just before the act.

ARMADA OF PEACE WELCOMED HOME

Officers Toasted by Roosevelt Amid Great Enthusiasm.

Admiral Sperry Rejoices at Responsibility Fulfilled—Splendid Line of Battleships Fulfills Predictions of Disaster—Crews Vent Enthusiasm in Volleys of Cheers.

Fortress Monroe, Va., Feb. 22.—"Not until some American fleet returns victorious from a great sea battle will there be another such home coming, another such sight, as this. I drink to the American navy."

This was the toast of President Roosevelt yesterday as he stood raptly happy in the cabin of the little cruiser yacht Mayflower, at the conclusion of the review and the ceremonies attending the welcome home of the American battleship fleet. He was surrounded by the admirals and captains of the 16 world-encircling vessels, brilliantly attired in all the gold lace and paraphernalia of special full dress uniform, and every glass was raised in response to the president's suggestions.

"We stay-at-homes also drink to the men who have made us prouder than ever of our country," added the president, and again the toast was pledged.

"When the fleet sailed from San Francisco, Mr. President," replied Rear Admiral Charles S. Sperry, "you sent us a message saying that ours was a heavy responsibility and a great honor. That we have today fulfilled the responsibility makes this the proudest moment of our lives. I say 'We' advisedly in speaking of the fleet, for no one man could have done what has been done without the loyal and willing co-operation of every man on the fleet."

Thus briefly the commander in chief of the returning ships made his official report to the commander in chief of the army and navy.

PAID AMID FLAMES.

Large Steamer Burns and 200 Lives Reported Lost.

Buenos Ayres, Feb. 22.—The Argentine steamer President Roca, from Southern ports, according to reports received here, has been wrecked between Puerto de San Antonio and Puerto Madrid, on the East coast. The steamer caught fire, and it is believed the crew and 200 passengers have perished. It is reported also that the steamer sank.

Press dispatches received here this afternoon state the flames spread with great rapidity and the steamer was headed into shore as rapidly as possible. A panic prevailed and many lives were lost, some of the estimates reaching as high as 200. The President Roca was on her way north from Puerto de San Antonio.

Later official messages report that the vessel sank, but only 20 lives were lost. Three hundred and fifty passengers and members of the crew were saved, according to these advices.

The President Roca belonged to the Hamburg South American. She was the largest steamer trading regularly between Buenos Ayres and the Northern ports of the republic.

DECIDES SPOKANE RATES.

Rumored Commission Favors Contention of Coast Cities.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The Interstate Commerce commission has reached a decision in the Spokane rate case, and will announce its findings this week. It is rumored that the decision is favorable to Portland and other Coast points and adverse to the Spokane contention.

The commission, according to report, holds that Spokane is not entitled to as low a rate as Eastern shipments as are cities on tidewater, which have the advantage of water competition. No member of the Interstate Commerce commission seen today would discuss the decision, and it is therefore impossible to confirm the rumor.

Weavers Boycott A-Y-P.

Tokio, Feb. 22.—Resenting the anti-Japanese sentiment recently expressed throughout the length of the Pacific coast of the United States, the Ashikaga Weavers' league at its last meeting decided that it would not participate in the Seattle exposition. The weavers declared they were willing to sacrifice \$1,000,000 in export trade rather than attend the fair. A committee of the league will meet tomorrow to discuss the feasibility of sending emissaries throughout Japan to urge all of the weaving towns to join.

Castro Loses His Title.

Caracas, Feb. 20, via Willemstad, Feb. 22.—Gipriano Castro has lost his title as President of Venezuela, the High Federal court having rendered a decision that sufficient evidence had been presented in the suit brought against him on the charge of attempting to bring about the assassination of Juan Vicente Gomez, the acting president. In its decision the high court transfers the suit to the criminal court and declares that Castro is constitutionally suspended from the office of president.

Powers Will Mediate.

London, Feb. 22.—One or more of the neutral countries will very shortly offer good offices to Austria and Servia in the hope of settling their differences. Who will direct this has not been decided, but in any case it will not be Great Britain. The indication points to the selection of France, and there is reason to believe that such a proposal would not be at all distasteful to Austria-Hungary as they are on the best of terms.

Wireless for Railroads.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 22.—Dr. Fred Millener, experimental electrician of the Union Pacific railroad, will leave tomorrow for a tour of the East for the company. He will visit many wireless stations. Dr. Millener has been experimenting with wireless apparatus in connection with railroading for vessels and months.

MANY ON PENSION ROLL.

Little as it is, John Bull Makes It Hard to Get.

London, Feb. 22.—England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland have 596,038 old age pensioners, according to official figures just made public. Previous statements of the number have been mere estimates and nearly 100,000 too low. A large number of claims are also under consideration. When they have been acted on, estimating again, the total will be about 600,000.

The United Kingdom's population at the last census was 42,000,000, so that about one person in 70 is on the old age pension roll. Inhabitants as much as 70 years old, the lowest pensionable age, number only 1,254,286, however. This means that nearly half the country's population of the required age is poor enough to claim the benefit of the act.

Of the 596,038 pensioners, 539,388 receive the full allowance of \$1.20 weekly. To receive this amount it is necessary for the applicant to prove that his private income does not exceed \$1.92. Those whose incomes do exceed this amount are pensioned only enough to bring the total up to \$3.12 weekly.

Of the 658,248 who have been refused or have not asked pensions, it is not to be presumed that all or even a large proportion have private incomes exceeding \$3.12. Anyone who has ever received public relief even to the extent of having a tooth pulled at a public dispensary or has been accidentally injured and carried unconscious into a public hospital is classed as a pauper and, as such, ineligible. The same applies to anyone ever convicted even of a minor offense, or who has been at any time in his life a permanent resident of a foreign country.

As illustrating the varying degrees of prosperity in different parts of the United Kingdom, 38 per cent of the English and Welsh pensionables are receiving pensions, while in Scotland the percentage is 49 and in Ireland 98.

Happy Engagement.

"It's a good thing that man wants but little here below," remarked the home-grown philosopher.

"Because why?" queried the youth.

"Because that's all there is left after woman gets what she wants," answered the philosophy gentleman.

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

New Fishes in the Sea.

In a communication to the Royal Society of Queensland, Douglas Ogilby records the discovery of one new genus and seven new species of fish. Among these are slender dog shark, Howe's needle fish, long-beaked garfish, the soubier letter jacket and others.

Mix for Rheumatism.

The following is a never failing recipe for rheumatism. To one-half pint of good whiskey, add one ounce syrup sarsaparilla and one ounce Toris compound, which can be procured of any druggist. Take in teaspoonful doses before each meal and before retiring.

Had a Reason.

Editor (of Daily Thunderbolt)—You see, you have fallen down on two or three assignments lately. You used to have the best nose for news there was in the office.

Reporter—I think I had—but it's been pulled one or twice lately, and I'm getting cautious about using it.

Making Sure.

Country Cousin—Are you sure I am in the right train?

Town Relative (who has had about enough of it)—Well, I have asked seventeen porters and thirty-two passengers, and they all say, "Yes, so I think you'd better risk it."—London Telegraph.

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"You don't?" howled the would-be contributor, pointing with a quivering finger at the word "loathes" at the end of the fourth stanza. "Did you ever see a poem before that had a perfect rhyme for 'clothes'?"—Chicago Tribune.

Robs Sleeping Officers.

Bristol, Tenn., Feb. 23.—After having been brought from Oregon, D. H. Meads, wanted in Virginia for murder, escaped today from two officers after robbing them of their money, guns and watches. Meads was captured in Oregon several weeks ago. The officers, with their prisoner, repaired to a hotel to rest. The prisoner was whiled to one of the officers. While they were asleep Meads secured the handcuff keys.

Blizzard Hits Wyoming.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 23.—A general blizzard is raging over Wyoming and Western Nebraska tonight. The snow is from 10 to 12 inches deep and is drifting badly. It is feared that the storm will cause heavy loss to stock on the open range.



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