

The Evolution of Household Remedies

The modern patent medicine business is the natural outgrowth of the old-time household remedies.

In the early history of this country, EVERY FAMILY HAD ITS HOME-MADE MEDICINES. Herb teas, biters, laxatives and tonics, were to be found in almost every house, compounded by the housewife, sometimes assisted by the apothecary or the family doctor. Such remedies as pears, which were slow and quassa, dissolved in apple brandy. Sometimes a hop tonic, made of whiskey, hops and bitter bark. A score or more of popular, home-made remedies were thus compounded, the formulae for which were passed along from house to house, sometimes written, sometimes verbally communicated.

The patent medicine business is a natural outgrowth from this wholesome, old-time custom. In the beginning, some enterprising doctor, impressed by the usefulness of one of these home-made remedies, would take it up, improve it in many ways, manufacture it on a large scale, advertise it mainly through almanacs for the home, and thus it would become used over a large area. LATTERLY THE HOUSEHOLD REMEDY BUSINESS TOOK A MORE EXACT AND SCIENTIFIC FORM.

Peruna was originally one of these old-time remedies. It was used by the Mennonites of Pennsylvania, before it was offered to the public for sale. Dr. Hartman, THE ORIGINAL COMPOUNDER OF PERUNA, is of Mennonite origin. First, he prescribed it for his neighbors and his patients. The sale of it increased, and at last he established a manufactory and furnished it to the general drug trade. Peruna is useful in a great many climatic ailments, such as coughs, colds, sore throat, bronchitis, and catarrhal diseases generally. THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES HAVE LEARNED THE USE OF PERUNA and its value in the treatment of these ailments. They have learned to trust and believe in Dr. Hartman's judgment, and to rely on his remedy, Peruna.

A Snake that Swallowed Eggs.
The hyacinth is a native of South Africa, and, taken all around, he is a curiosity in the reptile line. Unlike the regulation snake, he has no teeth in his mouth, but has a full set of grinders in his stomach. These dental wonders grow from the center of each vertebra. They pass through the walls of the stomach, and are each crowned with enamel. Hyacinth is the champion egg sucker, and the teeth in the stomach appear to be nature's provision for breaking the shell of the egg without running the risk of losing the precious contents. When the egg lands in the stomach and the serpent's instinct tells it that everything is all right, the abdominal walls contract, and the egg is crushed against the long row of vertebral teeth.

Sweden, experiments are being made to secure varieties of plants not likely to be injured by frost.

With a piece of string and a little sand and grease, some Hindoo convicts sawed through an iron bar two inches in diameter in five hours and escaped from jail.

The rate at which the Zulus can run in an emergency is astonishing. Some will cover as much as fifty miles in six hours. Eight miles an hour is common.

A MISSOURI WOMAN

Tells a Story of Awful Suffering and Wonderful Relief.

Mrs. J. D. Johnson, of 603 West Hickman St., Columbia, Mo., says: "Following an operation two years ago, I dropped out of my feet, and my left side was so swollen the doctor said he would have to tap out the water. There was constant pain and a gurgling sensation around my heart, and I could not raise my arm above my head. The kidney action was disordered and passed. On the advice of my husband I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. Since using two boxes my trouble has not repeated. This is wonderful, after suffering two years."

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SKIN DISEASES HUMORS IN THE BLOOD

When the blood is pure, fresh and healthy, the skin will be soft, smooth and free from blemishes, but when some acid humor takes root in the circulation its presence is manifested by a skin eruption or disease. These humors get into the blood, generally because of an inactive or sluggish condition of the members of the body whose duty it is to collect and carry off the waste and refuse matter of the system. This unhealthy matter is left to sour and ferment and soon the circulation becomes charged with the acid poison. The blood begins to throw off the humors and acids through the pores and glands of the skin, producing Eczema, Acne, Tetter, Psoriasis, Salt Rheum and skin eruptions of various kinds. Eczema 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, face, arms and legs, though other parts of the body may be affected. In the tetter skin dries, cracks and bleeds; the acid in the blood dries up the natural oils of the skin, which are intended to keep it soft and pliant, causing a dry, feverish condition and giving it a hard, leathery appearance. Acne makes its appearance on the face in the form of pimples and black heads, while Psoriasis comes in scaly patches on different parts of the body. One of the worst forms of skin trouble is Salt Rheum; its favorite point of attack is the scalp, sometimes causing baldness. Poison Oak and Ivy are also disagreeable types of skin disease. The humor producing the trouble lies dormant in the blood through the winter to break out and torment the sufferer with the return of Spring. The best treatment for all skin diseases is S. S. S. It neutralizes the acids and removes the humors so that the skin instead of being irritated and diseased, is nourished by a supply of fresh, healthy blood. External applications of salves, washes, lotions, etc., while they soothe the itching caused by skin affections, can never cure the trouble and forces out every particle of foreign matter and restores the blood to its normal, pure condition, thereby permanently curing every form of skin affection. Book on Skin Diseases and any medical advice desired sent free to all who write. S. S. S. is for sale at all first class drug stores.

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His Best Answer.

The meekest kind of a little boy joined a Sunday school class in a West Philadelphia church. He did not know the other scholars and appeared nervous, half-scared and ready to cry at any moment. The teacher, however, treated him kindly and the lessons proceeded without any outbreak. After a short reading from the Bible the teacher began to question the pupils on their last lessons and asked: "Who led the children of Israel into Canaan?"

As no one answered she looked from boy to boy. At last her gaze rested on the new boy. He started guiltily and said, between sobs: "It wasn't me, honest, teacher. I just moved here last week from Ohio."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Oldest House in New York.

The oldest house in New York State is situated at the lower end of Staten Island in Tottenville. It is known as the "Hilippo house" and was built in 1698. The Duke of York presented Captain Christopher Hilopp with a tract of land on Staten Island, whereon he built this stately mansion, which still overlooks the waters of Baritan. That it was well built its survival during 238 years attests. In it have been many notable gatherings, and here was held the peace conference. During the revolution Hilopp's descendants were the loyalists, and the famous generals of the British were entertained at the old house.

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Prepared and sold by Dr. King's Great Peppermint Cure, for BRONCHITIS, HOARSENESS and all other ailments of the throat and lungs. Dr. R. H. King, Ltd., 111 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

Mexican Church Legends.

Queretaro was a town before the Spanish conquest and was made a city in 1655. A legend of Queretaro is that an Otomite chief, Fernando de Tapia by name, undertook to convert the city to Christianity in a way that seems novel to us, but was common enough to his day. He came from Tula with a challenge to the people of Queretaro to a fair stand up fight. If he won, the people surviving were to be baptized. The challenge was accepted, but while the fight was in progress a dark cloud came up and the blessed Santiago was seen in the heavens with a fiery cross, whereupon the people of Queretaro gave up and were baptized. They set up a stone cross to commemorate the event on the site of the present church of Santa Cruz. There is scarcely a church in Mexico which has not a legend of this kind attached to it.

A "Guild of Tubalines" has been formed in an English Episcopal church. Its special business is to keep bright the brass fixtures of the church.

Seventeen persons in a hundred in the State of New York live to be over seventy years of age.

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

Couldn't Afford It.
About a year ago Sewell Ford became a resident of Rye, N. Y. He had lived there only a short time before he discovered that one of his neighbors was Simeon Ford. The revelation was made over the telephone.

"Hello!" said a voice, "is this Sewell Ford?"

The author of "Shorty" admitted that it was.

"Well," went on the voice, "this is Simeon Ford. Someone's sent me your meat bill."

"Good! Why don't you pay it?"

"I will if you'll pay mine," said Simeon.

At last accounts the bargain had not been concluded. Simeon runs a hotel.—Exchange.

Air Tore His Face.
After he stepped out of his machine at Ormond, Friday, two miles beyond the finish, Marriott said:

"The pressure of the air fairly tore my face. My eyes felt as though they were melting, even under my wind glasses."

"I gripped the steering wheel like the last thread of life, crunched so that nothing but my goggles were above the top of the hooded car, and clung there till I thought it was over. I didn't see the finish or hear the crack of the pistol. My ears were stricken numb for the time being, and all senses but one—to hold the steering wheel steady—left me."

"Toward the end it seemed as though the top of my head would be taken away."—New York World.

"Grandpa's" Dinner.
The person who, while in Rome, conforms to the Roman way of doing things, is the person who stands the best chance of comfort. On the other hand, the traveling vegetarian is likely to meet with inconveniences and misunderstandings. "Grandpa's" In Mrs. C. Tweedie's "Through Finland in Carts" had an experience which shows that the way of the meat-eater is the one most easily comprehended by the average landlady.

When the party arrived at the inn, grandpa informed the powers that be of his vegetarian habits. Dinner was announced, and the travelers took their places. A servant entered bearing a large dish, which he solemnly set in front of grandpa. In it were two dozen boiled eggs.

"How extraordinary!" exclaimed grandpa. "I told the landlady I was a vegetarian, and that I should like suitable food. He surely can't think I am going to eat that tremendous supply of eggs."

The servant returned with a large white china basin filled with cucumbers sliced a quarter of an inch thick. Gravelly he placed it in front of grandpa, who began to look uneasy. Presently a maid appeared, carrying a large glass dish on a tall, spiral stand, containing red steamed fruit.

This also was put before grandpa. Twenty-four eggs, three huge cucumbers and three quarts of steamed fruit, an enormous jug of milk and an entire loaf of bread surrounded grandpa's plate. The good housewife, judging by the old man's very vagaries that he must be a person of note, and ignorant of the ways of a vegetarian's appetite, had given liberally of his best.

Old Favorites

The Mariner's Dream.

In slumbers of midnight the sailor-boy lay,
His hammock swung loose at the sport of the wind;
But, watch-worn and weary, his cares few away,
And visions of happiness danced o'er his eyes.

He dreamed of his home, of his dear native bowers,
And pleasures that waited on life's merry morn;
While ancestry each scene gayly covered with flowers,
And restored every rose, but secreted its thorn.

Then Fancy her magical pinions spread wide,
And bade the young dreamer in ecstasy rise—
Now far, far behind him the green waters glide,
And the cot of his forefathers blesses his eyes.

The jessamine clammers, in flower, o'er the thatch,
And the swallow sings sweet from her nest in the wall;
All trembling with transport he raises the latch,
And the voices of loved ones reply to his call.

A father bends o'er him with looks of delight;
His cheek is bedewed with a mother's warm tear;
And the lips of the boy in a love-kiss unite.

With the lips of the maid whom his bosom holds dear,
The heart of the sleeper beats high in his breast;
Joy quickens his pulses—his hardships seem o'er;
And a murmur of happiness steals through his rest:

"O God! thou hast blessed me; I ask for no more."
Ah! whence is that flame which now glares on his eye?
Ah! what is that sound which now bursts on his ear?

'Tis the lightning's red gleam, painting hell on the sky!
'Tis the crashing of thunders, the groan of the sphere!

He springs from his hammock—he flies to the deck.
Amazement confronts him with images dire;
Wild winds and mad waves drive the vessel a-wreck,
The masts fly in splinters; the shrouds are on fire!

Like mountains the billows tremendously swell;
In vain the lost wretch calls on Mercy to save;
Unseen hands of spirits are ringing his knell,
And the death-angel flaps his broad wings o'er the wave.

O sailor-boy! woe to thy dream of delight!
In darkness dissolves the gay frost-work of bliss;
Where now is the picture that Fancy touched bright,
Thy parent's fond pressure, and love's honeyed kiss?

O sailor-boy! sailor-boy! never again
Shall home, love, or kindred thy wishes repay;
Unblessed and unhonored, down deep in the main,
Full many a fathom, thy frame shall decay.

No tomb shall e'er plead to remembrance for thee,
Or redeem form or fame from the merciless surge;
But the white foam of waves shall thy winding-sheet be,
And winds in the midnight of winter thy dirge!

On a bed of green sea-flowers thy limbs shall be laid;
Around thy white bones the red coral shall grow;
Of thy fair yellow locks threads of amber shall roll;

And every part suit to thy mansion below.

Days, months, and ages shall circle away,
And still the vast waters above thee shall roll;
Earth loses thy pattern forever and aye—
O sailor-boy! sailor-boy! peace to thy soul!

—William Dimond.

Herschel's Memory.

Until he had become a very old man, Sir John Herschel retained the strength of intellect and freshness of memory which enabled him to accomplish his great scientific work. Sir Henry E. Roscoe, in his autobiography, records an instance when Herschel was 74 years old.

One evening in 1866 I happened to meet him. He mentioned as an interesting piece of news that a star recently discovered had suddenly burst out into first or second magnitude.

"Do you know," said Herschel, "that when I was at the Cape I observed a precisely similar phenomenon?"

He considered a moment and added, "Yes, it was in the year 1835." Again he paused but a moment, and concluded, "On August, the 10th, at 1 o'clock in the morning."

Considerable difference.

"I remember he was a very methodical workman; he used to go out to dinner promptly at 12 o'clock. I suppose he still does it?"

"Oh, no, he's a member of the firm now?"

"I didn't suppose that would make any difference."

"Oh, yes, he goes out to luncheon promptly at 12."—Philadelphia Press.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S FLOWERS

More than 20,000 Rose Trees in Gardens at Sandringham.

Queen Alexandra is clever in many ways. She has a degree from Oxford University as a doctor of music; she attends to most of her own correspondence, writing hundreds of letters herself, and she is an expert authority on all kinds of china and porcelain, says the New York Times. But it is as a floriculturist and horticulturist that she is at her best, and there are few flower shows in the United Kingdom where her majesty's exhibits from the Sandringham hot-houses do not carry off some of the most important prizes.

Queen Alexandra's love for flowers is no mere fad. It has been a life study to which she has devoted both heart and brain. She delights in old-fashioned flower gardens and when at her beloved Norfolk home she takes the greatest interest in any alterations made in her gardens. Her majesty's favorite flowers are violets and roses, and in order that she may always have an abundance of them over 300 feet of glass houses at Sandringham are devoted to the cultivation of violets, while there are over 20,000 trees of one kind or rose alone.

It is, indeed, a cherished treat to be permitted to enter into the loveliness of these peaceful Sandringham gardens; to see the exquisite Italian garden, with its lake in a jeweled setting of flowers; to the Alpine garden, with its wealth of rare plants and its artificial rockery; to pass into the queen's own garden, with its ivy-clad, rose-clustered dairy, and to the wild garden, from which the gardeners are banished so that nature may have undisturbed sway; and where Queen Alexandra gathered every morning the primroses she used to send to Queen Victoria, who declared that no primroses were so sweet as those grown at Sandringham.

QUEER STORIES

New York has thirty-nine suburbs in New Jersey.

Hamburg is said to have a fire record larger than that of any other city in the world.

India's exports have increased 44 1/2 per cent in ten years, and her imports 48 1/2 per cent.

The ordinance survey department of Great Britain makes use of cameras carrying plates 4x3 1/2 inches.

The highest inhabited place in the world is the Buddhist monastery of Ilan, in Tibet, which is situated about 17,000 feet above sea level.

J. P. Nannetti, M. P., for the college division of Dublin and mayor of that city, is a working printer, and is foreman of the Freeman's Journal.

The largest estate in the United Kingdom is the lordship of Sutherland, the property of the duke of Sutherland. The estate is less than 730,000 acres.

Lili Lehmann, the composer of "The Persian Garden," is the granddaughter of Robert Chamber, the Scotch publisher. Her father was Rudolph Lehmann, a portrait painter.

M. Rouvier, the French ex-premier, has secured \$900,000 of the \$1,400,000 necessary to start a new daily newspaper in Paris. It will be the organ of the Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas.

England added last year over three-quarters of a million tons to its registers of steamers and sailing vessels, and experts are wondering whether this is not more than their trade conditions warrant.

In sending his early subscription to one of the Winnipeg newspapers a Manitoba farmer wrote: "Dear Sir—If you see any women that want to get married, send them this way. I want a wife myself, and a good many more."

Dr. Philip Rea, formerly a student at Guy's Hospital, and now a medical missionary in China, has traveled a distance of 2,000 miles in order to act as best man at the marriage of his friend, the Rev. Arthur Tatchell, a medical missionary at Hankow.

It is estimated by the Department of Agriculture that last year's crop was produced and gathered at a saving of \$85,000,000 over what would have been the cost of raising an equal crop fifty years ago. This saving was accomplished by the use of modern agricultural implements.—Farm Machinery.

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