AN OPEN QUESTION.

Is Harrison a Descendant of Pocahontas?

It is popularly believed that President Harrison is descended from Pocahontas and from the Parliamentary soldier and regicide General Thomas Harrison, who was executed in 1660.

Pocahontas, daughter, of Powhatan, manifested a friendliness for the early white settlers of Virginia when she was but a girl. The story of how she saved the life of Captain John Smith, who had been captured and condemned to death by herfather—how she, on several occasions, made known to the settlers their danger when about to be attacked—is well known to all acquainted with the early history of America. Her subsequent marriage with John Rolfe, an Englishman—her removal to England where a son was born, from whom numerous wealthy families of Virginia claim descent—is the basis of the opinion that President Harrison is one of her descendants.

Whether this is true or not it is, however, well-known that President Harrison is a descendant of a noted family, distinguished alike in peace and war. The name of Harrison is already indelibly written upon the pages of American history, for General Wm. Henry Harrison—the ninth President of the United States—was the grandfather of Gen. Ben. Harrison.

The election of another member of the Harrison family is but another proof of the prevailnig disposition of the public to return to healthy administration of public affairs so characteristic of the earlier years of government. A similar desire has been manifested for a revival of early manners and customs in many various ways, of which mention in particular can be made of the prevailing demand for those old time preparations which were so successfully employed in the prevention and cure of the ills and ailments which frequented the early log-cabin homes.

After much inquiry and research a noted manufacturer has procured the original methods used in their preparation and again under the name of Warner's Log Cabin Remedies, the public is possessed of those well-known preparations for the cure of coughs, colds, consumption in its early stages, blood disorders, catarrh, dyspepsia, debility, and other common disorders.

Notwithstanding the large amount of time, attention and expense which the manufacture of Warner's Safe Cure demands—its well-known reputation as the only remedy for the prevention and cure of kidney diseases being world wide—the manufacturer is resolved to push the merit of Warner's Log Cabin Sarsaparilla to the front because of its splendid blood purifying properties and great value as a household remedy and springtime system renovator.

Pocahontas, during her life-long friendship for the white settlers of Virginia, besides her many acts of kindness, is said to have contributed much valuable information to the log cabin home concerning the successful methods employed by the Indians in the treatment of disease and it matters little whether the alleged relationship between herself and the President be true or not for the name of Pocahontas is already immortal.

CHINESE MEDICINES.

The Efficacy of Precious Stones in Curing Desperate Diseases.

The medical art in China is mysterious and empirical. The medical profession is regulated by rules almost the opposite of those which prevail in England. In China the doctor receives a fixed salary as long as his patient is in good health. If the patient falls ill the doctor's pay is stopped until a cure is effected. In England a sick person usually tries to assist the doctor by explaining the symptoms of his case. In China this would be considered an insult to the doctor. The doctor may feel the patient's pulse, examine his skin and look at his tongue; but he may ask no questions. He is then expected to diagnose the disease from which the man is ailing and to prescribe a remedy. The medicine prescribed is usually cheap and very nasty; but some drugs are high priced; and there are certain precious stones which are believed to be of wonderful efficacy in curing diseases. One of these expensive prescriptions consists of very costly ingredients. White and red coral, rubies or jacinth, pearls, emeralds, musk, with one or two earths in special quantities, are crushed into powder, rolled into pills with gum and rose water, and coated with gold leaf. This unique medicine is reported to be an infallible cure for small-pox, measles, scarlet fever, and all diseases which arise from blood poisoning and break out in cutaneous eruptions. The strengthening qualities of this preparation are said to be quite remarkable. The Jesuits, who flourished in China in the early part of the present imperial dynasty, affirm that they have seen men snatched from the last convulsions of death by its judicious use.—Chambers' Journal.

—A banker in Lille, France, had the misfortune to wet eighteen bills of the Bank of France, and in order to dry them he placed them on a board at an open window where the sun shone upon them. They dried more rapidly than was anticipated. A gust of wind carried them into the street, where, unfortunately, a goat picking up odds and ends at once captured the bank bills and swallowed them. The goat was purchased and the bills secured in a very dilapidated condition, but the Bank of France recognized its obligations and redeemed them.

—The first of the art treasures owned by Queen Victoria is her Sevres dessert set, which is kept in Windsor Castle. It is valued at $250,000. This service was made for King Louis XVI. of France, and was purchased by King George IV. when Prince Regent. The ground is of gros bleu, with a wonderful gilding by the renowned Leguay and exquisite medalion subjects painted by Dodin. It will scarcely be credited that this almost priceless service was for many years in daily use at Carlton House and at the cottage in Windsor Park for the private table of George IV., and during that period twelve pieces disappeared, being reported as broken.

—The people in a western town are complaining because a local undertaker displays his coffins on the sidewalk outside his office, with prices attached, just like the furniture dealers.

PHOSPHORIC ACID.

Its Value as a Fertilizer as Established by Recent Experiments.

In one regard the various experiment stations of the country are doing valuable service to farmers, and that is in the line of thinking, studying and experimenting for themselves. Prof. Johnson, of the Connecticut State Experiment Station, stated at the recent farmers' convention that it was gratifying to mark the progress that had been made among farmers in the last twenty-five years. That whereas at one time talk upon fertilizers and feeding rations was as Greek almost to the average farmer, he can to-day talk intelligently upon these subjects, and discuss them with credit to himself.

It is far better that this is so, because the farmer has actual practice to deal with, and it is frequently the case that scientific theory requires some modification in order to correspond with practice; and the intelligent farmer who understands scientific declarations, and can judge of the causes and results which he obtains, can not only adopt any particular mode of procedure to the necessities of the case, but can also point out the probable point in which science is incorrectly interpreted.

For some time there have been tables in existence arranged by the German scientists in the course of their experimentation, giving the amount of manurial substances taken from the soil by average crops of various kinds. By these it appears that phosphoric acid is quite largely required in the production of grain; that is, the tables show a considerably larger proportion of phosphoric acid in the grain of crops than in the straw, with the exception of corn, where the percentage of phosphoric acid in the grain is given as five and nine-tenths, and of corn-stalks as five and three-tenths, and in buckwheat, where the grain has five and seven-tenths and the straw six and one-tenths; the other grains range from over five to nearly twelve, with a range of two to three and five-tenths in the straws. Whether this proportion is true regarding buckwheat, it is yet difficult to determine, but there is an experiment with regard to corn that seems to denote a limit to the value of phosphoric acid for the production of grain.

In a field that had not been cropped for some time, with the exception of the previous year to buckwheat, the soil was supplied with an amount of nitrogen and potash estimated to be sufficient for the production of an average crop of corn, the nitrogen in the form of sulphate of ammonia, and potash as high grade muriate, being spread broadcast after the ground was plowed, and well harrowed in. Upon one section of one-sixteenth of an acre dissolved bone black was employed at the rate of two hundred and fifty-six pounds per acre, another with nothing, another with double the quantity of bone black, and still another with nothing. The nothing plots were nearly identical in their yield, giving only a small quantity of grain, as well as small stalks, but there were some peculiar features with the other two plots. The one with the lesser quantity of the bone black, which contained the element phosphoric acid, gave a good development of stalks, while they produced well-developed and well-cured ears of corn, many stalks furnishing two ears perfectly capped over. In the case of the larger quantity of phosphoric acid there was a considerably increased growth of stalks, being in the proportion of 5267.2 for an acre to 3745.6 of the former quantity, while the yield of ears of corn was actually less; the ears were somewhat larger, but scarcely a stalk had two ears, and the proportion was 3787.2 to 3902.4 of the former. This would seem to indicate that so far as the chemical use of phosphoric acid is concerned there is a limit in grain production, and that beyond that point it only serves to give an increase of fodder, the economy of which is questionable.—W. H. Yeomans, in N. Y. Observer.

Webster as a Financier.

Daniel Webster once found a good way of getting rid of a borrower—the best one, indeed, on record, for, like the man who bought the cloth for shirts, he killed two birds with one stone.

"Webster," said Rufus Choate one day, "I want to borrow $500 and I wish you'd lend it to me."

"I haven't the money to-day, Mr. Choate," said Webster, "but you give me your note and I can get it cashed for you."

Gratified beyond measure Choate sat down to write his note.

"By the way, Choate," said Webster, in an off-hand way, "you might as well make that note for $1,000, and I can use $500 myself."

"Certainly," said Choate, cheerfully, and he signed a note for an even $1,000.

Then the immortal Daniel sauntered down to a banker's office.

"Ah! any thing I can do for you today, Mr. Webster?"

"Can you discount a note of $1,000 for me?"

"With pleasure."

The great statesman pocketed $1,000 in bills, gave $500 to Choate, who was effusive in his thanks, and kept the other $500 himself.

Daniel Webster, my son, was what would be called in these days "a financier."—Lewiston Journal.

—The Jews' free school at Spitalfields, Eng., is said to be the largest school in the world. It numbers 3,500 pupils—2,250 boys and 1,250 girls.

—Four negatives were recently taken of a cannon ball that occupied only one-third of a second in passing a given space.

—The tensile strength and elastic limit of certain classes of iron increase during rest after stress beyond the elastic limit.

—Experiments carried on at Astrakan show that the culture of the silk worm could be carried on as far north as the mouth of the Volga.

—Prof. Riley, the entomologist, has discovered an insect which preys upon boots and shoes. It can be destroyed by a vapor of bisulphide of carbon.

RAILROAD SIGNALS.

Their Meaning and Significance as Explained by the Standard Code.

The greatest civilizing agent in the world, after the art of printing, is the locomotive, and that term includes the railroad and all its appurtenances. Without railroads, three-quarters of the United States would now be a wilderness, and the same is true of great portions of other continents. Every body travels on the railroad, and a railroad train is a familiar sight that never grows old.

But how many of the millions who travel know what the railroad signals mean? The majority do not bother their heads about the matter, and a large minority vaguely wonder why there should be so much tooting and swinging of lanterns, all of which is no doubt essential, but at the same time very confusing to the uninitiated passenger.

Perhaps this article may serve to clear up the mystery, as the data is taken from the "Standard Code," a text book for railway men.

Red signifies "danger."

Green signifies "caution—go slowly."

White signifies "safety."

Green and white signifies "stop at flag stations for passengers or freight."

One cap or torpedo on rail means "stop immediately."

Two caps or torpedoes on rail means "reduce speed immediately and look out for danger signal."

A train while running must display two green flags by day and two green lights by night, one on each side of the rear of the train.

After sunset, or when obscured by fog or other cause, must display headlight in front and two red lights in rear.

Two green flags by day and two green lights by night, displayed in the places provided for that purpose on the front of an engine, denote that the train is followed by another train running on the same schedule and entitled to the same time-table rights as the train carrying the signals.

Two white flags by day and two white lights by night, carried in the same manner, denote that the train is an extra.

A blue flag by day and a blue light by night, placed on the end of a car, denotes that car inspectors are at work under or about the car or train, and must not be coupled to or removed until the blue signal is removed.

Lamp signals are made as follows:

A lamp swung across the track is the signal to stop.

A lamp raised and lowered vertically is the signal to move ahead.

A lamp swung vertically in a circle across the track, when the train is standing, is the signal to move back.

A lamp swung vertically in a circle at arm's length across the track, when the train is running, is the signal that the train has parted.

A flag or the hand moved in any of the directions given above will indicate the same signal as given by the lamp.

The locomotive whistle signals are composed of short, quick sounds and long sounds. In the following table, O means short, quick sound; — means long sound.

Apply brakes, stop	O
Release brakes, start	O O
Back	O O O
Highway crossing signal	— —, or O O — —
Approach ng stations	— blast lasting 5 sec.
Call for switchmen	O O O O
Cattle on track	— — —
Train has parted	— O
For fuel	O O O O O
Bridge or tunnel warning	O O —
Fire alarm	— O O O O
Will take side-track	— — —

—Golden Days.

BUSINESS RULES.

Some Sound Advice Furnished by a St. Louis Bank Teller.

Do you know that some people can not be taught the simplest, yet most important, rules for doing business with a bank? The strictest rules and laws the world over appertain to money matters and land transfers, and in these the slightest dot of black on the white paper is taken into account. Some people, I say, can not understand this, though reminded of it day after day. To help this class along and keep them constantly reminded of the banking rules necessary to keep a correct account, a book, small enough to carry in one's pocket, has been printed, and is being liberally distributed. I will cite three of the rules most frequently violated. The first relates to the signature. If your name is James I. Penman, and you sign that in the signature-book, never sign a check otherwise. Every young man should adopt his signature for life and decide whether he will sign his first name in full or abbreviated. It is always best to write the first name in full, then the middle or other initials and then the name. If this rule is adopted never deviate from it. The second rule very frequently violated is in the indorsing of a check. Should your name be misspelled on a check see what the error is and indorse it exactly to a letter. Then sign the correct signature under it. The third violation is neglect to count money before going to the bank. It is much better not to deposit that day if you must run to the bank with a pocketful of loose money and then arrange it on the counter in a reckless manner. How often do you read of men being robbed in a bank by a shrewd thief calling their attention away from the money in front of them, while a confederate reaches over and takes the pile. A strict adherence to simple rules will save many dollars and a good deal of time.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

—Blind Man (in a London fog)—"Now, then sir! Look where you're going to!" Jones—"I beg your pardon, my good fellow—this beastly fog—couldn't see you—lost my way—don't know where the dickens I am!" Blind man—"Fog, is there? Ah—just you take hold of my arm, and tell me where you live, and I'll see you safe home. Fog makes no difference to me!"—Punch.

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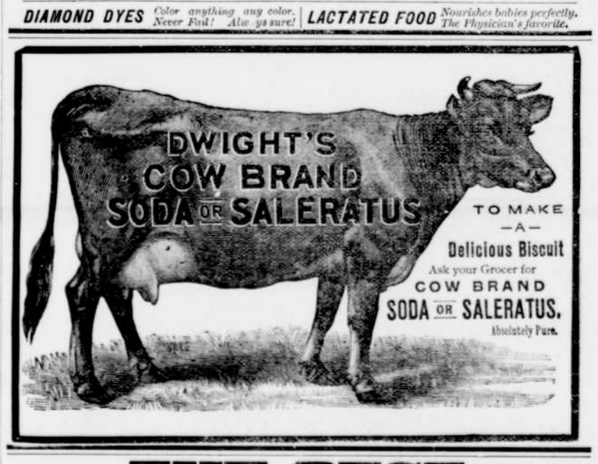

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