

# Eczema

How it reddens the skin, itches, oozes, dries and scales. Some people call it tetter, milk crust or salt rheum. The suffering from it is sometimes intense. Local applications are resorted to—they mitigate, but cannot cure. It proceeds from humors inherited or acquired and persists until these have been removed.

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They have a new way of testing the quality of whiskey west of here. They inject three drops into a jack rabbit, and if he doesn't lick a bull dog in six seconds the goods are rejected.—Crany, N. D., Courier.

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### Empress Eugenie's Home.

Empress Eugenie is now settling in her English home. It is said that the empress is about to buy a large all convent in the beautiful grounds at Farnborough hill to the memory of her husband and their son.

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### Money for Her.

Mr. Gill—I dreamed the other night that I was going around in rags. Fortune Teller—Ah, that means money.

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Fruit culture is often conducted on a large scale in England. A manufacturer of jam and jelly has a thousand acres at Histon, near Cambridge, employing at times 800 hands. The factory is in the center of the fruit farm.

# A Bad Disease

There is a certain disease that has come down to us through many centuries and is older than history itself, yet very few outside of those who have learned from bitter experience know anything of its nature or characteristics. At first a little ulcer or sore appears, then glands of the neck or groin swell; pimples break out on the breast, back or some other part of the body and fill with yellow pustular matter; the mouth and throat become sore and the tongue is at all times badly coated. Headaches are frequent, and muscles and joints throbb and hurt, especially during damp, rainy weather. There are some of the symptoms of that most loathsome of all diseases, Contagious Blood Poison.

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# GOOD Short Stories

"But my prayers are not answered," complained a parishioner to the late Rev. Dr. Patten, of New Haven, Conn. "Possibly that's because your prayers are like some promissory notes—presented before they are due."

The late Lord Morris did not gain a very favorable impression of the House of Lords when he made his first speech there. When asked how he had got on, he replied: "Well, I made no mistake, I should have practiced spakin' to a lot of grave-stones before I addressed their lordships."

When Bishop Potter was asked, the other day, what he thought of woman suffrage he made the diplomatic reply: "My dear madam, I have gotten away beyond that; I am trying to make the best terms with the sex that I can obtain." This brings to mind the mot of William M. Evarts when asked by a lady if he did not think that woman was the best judge of woman. He replied: "Not only the best judge, madam, but the best executioner."

On one occasion, just previous to opening one of the large Eastern cities, Joseph Jefferson discharged his property man, Bagley, for humiliating him before a number of friends by familiarly addressing him as "Joey." Bagley got drunk right away, and that night paid his way to the gallery to see Mr. Jefferson present "Rip Van Winkle." The angry frau had just driven poor, destitute Rip from the cottage, when Rip turned, and, with a world of pathos, asked: "Den haf I no interest in his house?" The house was deathly still, the audience half in tears, when Bagley's cracked voice responded: "Only 80 per cent, Joey—only 80 per cent."

Gladstone was fond of loitering around the second-hand book-shop windows, and fingering the volumes which were there displayed. If he picked up a book that interested him, he frequently became quite oblivious to his surroundings. On one of these occasions, a loafer, who must have carefully studied Mr. Gladstone's habits, whispered quietly: "Half a crown, please, sir." Without raising his eyes from the book, Mr. Gladstone put his hand in his pocket, and handed over the half-crown. A few minutes later he was going off with his prize, when the book-seller, who knew him well by sight, stopped him with a demand for one shilling, the price of the book. "But I have already given you half a crown," said Mr. Gladstone, and explanations followed.

One day, when returning to Rome from Posillipo in the company of his wife and Morelli, Italy's great painter, Verdi was seriously annoyed when the people recognizing him began to cheer. "I want to drive myself home," he said, hastily; "Morelli, just place yourself beside my wife, and jumping out of his own carriage, he went on to the box of one near, thus, of course, escaping notice. Meanwhile, Signora Verdi and Morelli pursued their way, and, as the latter wore a large hat just like that of the maestro, they were acclaimed everywhere. "Viva Verdi!" "Viva il nostro eroe!" The artist, embarrassed, returned the salutes, but every moment became more overcome, while his companion enjoyed the joke to the full. On arriving at the hotel they were met by Verdi, to whom his wife said: "You would have choked to see Morelli bowing and smiling to the crowd as you could never have done. He has made your reputation for amiability." At which the composer shouted: "I really had you there. I knew what would happen!"

With the Tide. "Few persons have any idea of how fast the tide runs or of how far it will carry an object in a very few hours," said the captain of one of the dock department's steam launches, according to the New York Times. "Not very long ago a raft of forty or fifty piles broke up and went adrift one night at the foot of East 24th street. As these piles cost all the way from \$8 to \$20 apiece, they were worth chasing, so just as soon as the loss was discovered in the morning I started out.

"The search continued down the East river and along the Brooklyn side through Buttermilk channel, but without results. Over on the south shore of Governor's Island we found eight or ten of the missing stocks. We ran along down by Bay Ridge, and had about decided to abandon our efforts, when we thought we might as well make a good job of it, and a little way farther on, just beyond the Narrows and around on the north side of Gravesend bay, we found about half of the wayward piles. They had traveled down there, a distance of about ten miles, on one tide, and I thought at the time that it is small wonder that so many drowned bodies are never recovered in these parts."

The Advice Came Home to Roost. The president of one of the prominent railway corporations in America was making a stirring address to an audience of young men, and dwelt with particular emphasis on the necessity of making a good appearance.

"When you are looking for work," he said, "be careful that you are presentable. If you have only \$25 in the world, spend \$20 for a suit of clothes, \$3.50 for a pair of shoes, 50 cents for a hair cut and shave. Then walk up to the job, wherever it is, and ask for it like a man."

This advice was greeted with great applause, and the railway president sat down amid a storm of cheers. The very next morning a dapper-looking young fellow walked into the office of the orator, and handing a note to the clerk, said: "Please give this to the president." The note read as follows: "I have paid twenty dollars for this suit of clothes, \$3.50 for a pair of shoes, and 50 cents for a hair cut and shave. I have walked from Harlem, and I would like a job as conductor on your road."

He got the job. When Stetan employs idle hands the work is always well done.

When their first son was born Adam is thought by some critics to have remarked, not without much acerbity: "Red hair! Wouldn't that jar you?"

"Well, I'm not presenting you with any gold-headed canes, if I know myself," retorted Eve, affecting indifference, albeit secretly mortified to death.—Puck.

Advertising Petitions for Pardons. The governor of North Carolina has notified the people of his state that all petitions for the pardon of convicts must first be advertised for some length of time in the newspapers of the locality where the offender lived or where the crime was committed.

Not Always Gold That Glitters. Mother—Why, George, I'm ashamed of you, rubbing off the kiss that Margery gave you. George—I ain't rubbin' it off; I'm rubbin' it in.

Declined Up. "We are twice as much advanced as our ancestors." "No doubt of it." "In ball games especially. The game of 'fives' was a favorite sport with them, and now tennis."—Philadelphia Times.

Temporary Escape. Editor (on new paper)—There's one great pleasure in publishing a new paper. Owner—What's that? Editor—We escape all those long letters from "Old Subscriber."

Habit. Sniffles—I cannot understand a word your friend says. What is he? A Russian? Sniffles—Why no. He's a guard on the "L" road.

Had to Keep Both Lighted. He looked down in her wonderful eyes. "Light of my life!" he faltered. "Nip!" she answered. "No turn out the gas tonight. Pop's been kickin'."—Indianapolis Sun.

He Understood. She—I'm going over to South Boston to call on Mrs. Hopthorp. He—Hasn't she seen that dress yet?

# WOMEN OF ROYAL DEATHS.

When Bells Ring Thirteen and Phantom Ships Appear. A gruesome story came from London of the appearance of the "phantom barge of the Thames" for three successive nights preceding the death of the queen. This phantom barge of the Thames appears when a member of the royal family is about to die, just as the celebrated "white lady of the Hohenloerns" gives warning of the death of a monarch of that family. And when this phantom barge appears gliding through the low-lying shadows and night mists of the river the great clock of Westminster, Big Ben, gives thirteen strokes at midnight instead of his ordinary dozen. Just now any number of Thames watermen can be found who say they have seen the phantom barge and heard Big Ben strike his ominous number.

There are well-authenticated instances of Big Ben having struck thirteen at midnight. Once a soldier on sentry duty at Windsor was charged with having slept on post and was sentenced to be shot, runs a story in the Portsmouth Times. It was charged that he was asleep there at midnight of a certain night. His defense was that he was not asleep and that he had heard Big Ben in London strike thirteen at the moment he was charged with having been sleeping on duty. It was proved that on that night Big Ben had struck thirteen and had been heard in Windsor. The man was pardoned. This is a recorded case, but the record does not say that any catastrophe happened to the royal family the next day.

It is said that the phantom barge appeared on the Thames at midnight and Big Ben struck thirteen on the night before the death of the prince consort and that the same things happened the night preceding the death of the Princess Alice and of the Duke of Clarence. When the phantom barge appeared on Jan. 13, 1892, the night before the death of the Duke of Clarence, another boat, pulled by four men, gave chase. The phantom boat glided swiftly toward the terrace of the House of Commons and vanished. The pursuing boat dashed against the stone embankment and was wrecked.

A warning which applies to the death of sovereigns only is the fall of one of the stones at Stonehenge, the great Druid relic on Salisbury Plain. A stone certainly did fall there on the night of the death of the late queen.

# CHOOSING A CAPTAIN.

The Rough and Tumble Custom of the Japanese Fishermen of Hawaii. Where several years ago the fishing for the supplying of the Honolulu market was done almost exclusively by the natives in their canoes and a few Chinamen, now the bulk of the work is done by the Japanese, who are at it in great numbers.

The boats which they use are built here after patterns used in Japan, and once in a while an Oriental steamer arriving from the west brings an importing fishing boat, whose the fishermen think is superior to those of local manufacture. The boats are of a peculiar shape and are of different sizes, some able to accommodate but three men, which is an ordinary crew, and others are large enough for seven or eight men.

Up to the time that the vessel is launched there is no captain selected for the boat. The choosing of this important factor in every case is left until the boat is in the water. It is known who the members of the crew are, and from them the captain is selected.

When the boat is in the water and moored securely, the members of the crew, who are generally the owners of the boat, strip themselves and get into the boat. Then the fun of making the selection of the commander begins. There is no voting or drawing of lots to settle the matter. At a given signal from one of the crowd on shore, who are watching, the men in the boat begin with all their might to try to throw each other out into the water. Each man is against the other, and so the struggle, as a usual thing, lasts a long time and is remarkably exciting. All the time the play goes on the friends of the contestants yell words of cheer to the struggling men in the boat and throw buckets of water on them and into the boat, seemingly with the idea of making the battleground more slippery as well as refreshing to the men at work. As soon as a man is thrown out of the boat he must stay out, but may assist with water if he so desires. The man who stays in the boat longest, or rather who is able to put all the others out of the boat, has by his prowess shown himself competent to be captain, and so he is greeted with much applause and showered with congratulations at the termination of the scuffle.

There is no appeal from the selection of making the boat so chosen continues to be captain until he voluntarily retires or sells out his share in the boat.

# What is Ovaritis?

A dull, throbbing pain, accompanied by a sense of tenderness and heat low down in the side, with an occasional shooting pain, indicates inflammation. On examination it will be found that the region of pain shows some swelling. This is the first stage of ovaritis, inflammation of the ovary. If the roof of your house leaks, my sister, you have it fixed at once; why not pay the same respect to your own body?

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Mr. Scraggington—Well, there may be wives in Patagonia that are worth that much.—Harper's Bazar.

As Usual. Teacher—Johnny, if cakes were 20 cents a dozen and I gave you 10 cents, how many would you get? Johnny—None. I'd get candy.—Boston Herald.

Worse Than a Widow. Charitable Old Lady—Poor woman! And you are a widow? Beggar—Worse than a widow, ma'am. Me 'usban's livin', an' I have to support him.—Tit Bits.

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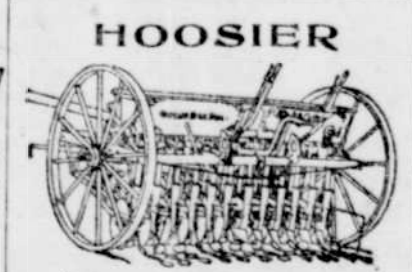
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