# 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, bitters, 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 picra, which was aloes and quassia, dissolved in apple brandy. Sometimes a hop tonic, made of whiskey, hops and bitter barks. 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.

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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 second. The teacher, however, treated him kindly and the lessons proceeded without any outburst. 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.

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**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 "Billopp house," and was built in 1668. The Duke of York presented Captain Christopher Billopp with a tract of land on Staten Island, whereon he built this stone mansion, which still overlooks the waters of Raritan. 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 Billopp's descendants were loyalists, and the famous generals of the British were entertained at the old house.

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**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 legent of this kind attached to it.

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"Your wife doesn't worry about you when you are sick nearly so much now as she did when you were first married."

"Nope."

"Hard to account for woman's vagaries, isn't it?"

"Not in this case; I have my life insured now and I did not then."—Houston Post.

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

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At the government station Lulea, in Sweden, experiments are being made to secure varieties of plants not likely to be injured by frost.

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## LIVING IN A MAGIC HOUSE.

**Electricity the Agent That Makes It the Town Wonder.**

A citizen of Troyes has constructed a house for himself which is the wonder of the town and, it might be added, of France. Naturally, the wonder is accomplished by means of electricity. There are electric wires to every part of the house and garden and such a number of ingenious contrivances that it looks as if he had almost solved the domestic servant problem.

A telephone connects every part of the premises with the garden gate. As soon as a visitor rings he hears the inquiry, "Who is there?" When he has given his name the master welcomes him through the telephone and the gate opens, and again closes when the visitor has entered. In the vestibule, before he is aware of it, magic brushes clean his boots, and the door opens automatically, while a mysterious voice tells him where to find the master of the house. The latter may be in his study taking a cup of tea and the visitor has only to express a wish when a second cup of tea appears on the table in answer to the pressure of the button. Meals are served in the same way, and come automatically from the kitchen, newspapers and letters are deposited on the drawing room table as soon as they are dropped in a box near the garden gate and most of the provisions for the kitchen are introduced in the same expeditious way. Heat and light, of course, are distributed at will all over the house, and at night a guest may have warm bottles at his feet by merely pressing a button.

The inventor of the magic house has not yet altogether dispensed with servants, but while waiting for their entire abolition he is constantly within earshot of the maid, the cook and the gardener, and the ubiquitous telephone transmits to him faithfully every word they say to each other, with the result that they dare not say one disparaging word about their master unless they are miles away from him.

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## JUST "MESSY."

Housekeeping is a noble art; but the housekeeper's instinct for order may sometimes be carried to excess. There had been a slight fire at Mr. Teeby's—a fire confined to one room and extinguished by the efforts of the family. But several pieces of furniture, some books and a handsome portiere were spoiled, and Mr. Teeby promptly telephoned the insurance company, and told his wife they had promised to send a man up the next morning to estimate the damage. Mrs. Teeby was indignant.

"To-morrow morning!" she cried. "Why, I can't possibly get the place in order for visitors as soon as that!"

Mr. Teeby explained that the man would like to see things just as they were.

"Like? Then he may like, but he won't see!" she rejoined. "Ebenezer Teeby, have you no respect for my feelings? I can tell him perfectly well everything he needs to know, and I will, but I haven't kept a house as a house should be kept for thirty years to let a strange man go poking into my parlor when it's all upset and smoky and looking like destruction! That room gets the best house-cleaning it ever had before any human creature sets foot in it but me. If the man has a wife, or a grain of natural sense, he'll understand; and if he doesn't, you ought to have known better than to insure with such idiots."

She was overruled, and the smoky parlor inspected; but it was long before her sensibilities were soothed.

Another careful housekeeper was equally disturbed when her home was struck by lightning, but her resentment was against the element itself. Nobody had been hurt and there was little real damage; but all the small articles in the living room were flung helter-skelter, and a great mass of soot was hurled from the chimney to the floor.

"I wouldn't complain of the lightning being terrible," this good woman explained in aggrieved tones to her friends; "that's only what a person would expect. But I someways do find it trying to have a thunderbolt just messy."

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**Superstitions as to Earthquakes.**

Scientists still study the cause and meaning of earthquakes, but, according to an exchange, uncivilized peoples long ago settled the questions involved to their own complete satisfaction. In Mongolia it is the breathings and skippings of a huge frog that cause the mischief; in China, a gigantic dragon; in India, a world bearing elephant; in Celebes, a hog, and in other countries the idea is varied by the introduction of a bull and a tortoise. Earthquakes in Siberia are believed to be due to the frolics of mammoths which live in the center of the earth, while in Vancouver Island it is the spirt of evil, with his marshaled hosts of all the wicked people who have ever lived.

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**The Limit.**

"I understand Mrs. Croaker is a great one for asking the loan of things."

"Indeed she is. I believe if she had nothing else to ask for she would actually try to borrow trouble."—Baltimore American.

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Women would have but little use for minds and complexions if it were impossible to change them.

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It is difficult to greet misfortune with a smile when it is always frowning.

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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 Tetter the 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 because they do not reach the blood. S. S. S. goes down into the circulation 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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"The last time she sent for the doctor he lost patience with her. As she was telling him how she was suffering from rheumatism, sore throat, nervous indigestion, heartburn, pains in the back of the head and what not, he interrupted her.

"'Ah,' he said, in an admiring tone, 'what splendid health you must have in order to be able to stand all these complaints.'"—The Washington Star.

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**How the Engagement Was Broken.**

She (having nothing else to say)—It's funny how we ever came to think so much of each other.

He—Funny? It's positively ridiculous!

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