

COLOSSAL DWELLINGS.

Magnificent Fifteen-Story Houses in New York—Parks on the Roofs.

The constellation of apartment houses facing Central Park, Seventh avenue and Fifty-eighth street is finer than any similar collection of houses in any European city.

Each house will be owned by a co-operative joint stock company. Such great and palatial residences may make a revolution in the mode of living of the rich in New York.

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"But won't you need it for sewing in the summer?"

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"Oh, well, this machine gathers and binds."

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"Don't be ruffled my dear sir, I think you do not understand me. I mean a machine to sew cloth, not grain."

"Ahem! you do, do you? Then you'd better go talk to the wimmin. It's a good thing you didn't mean the other kind, for if you'd kept on telling me about your wonderful machine for plantin' an' reapin' you'd got me a rippin' an' tearin' till I'd basted you."

There are no steam engines or boilers under the buildings. They and the electric engines are under the sidewalks. The apartments will be lighted by electricity and gas.

Dangerous to the Eyes. It is stated by oculists, says the New York Times, that since the building of the elevated roads there has been a large increase in a peculiarly troublesome affection to the eyes.

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CLIPPINGS FOR THE CURIOUS.

Oriental shawls were brought into Paris after the return of Bonaparte from Europe in 1801.

The last true believer in alchemy was one Peter Woulfe, who died about sixty years ago in London.

A French nobleman recently proved, by actual experiment, that a horse may be made to curvet for two hours without moving forward half a mile.

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St. Jacobs Oil advertisement featuring an image of a man and the text 'THE GREAT GERMAN REMEDY FOR PAIN.'

Catarrh Ely's Cream Balm advertisement with an image of a woman and the text 'ELLY'S CREAM BALM CURES GOLD COLD CATARRH.'

Hostetter's Bitters advertisement with an image of a horse and rider and the text 'HOSTETTER'S BITTERS STOMACH BITTERS.'

XX-Notice-XX As Blue Flannel Garments advertisement with the text 'XX-NOTICE-XX. AS BLUE FLANNEL GARMENTS.'

Free Excursion advertisement with the text 'FREE Excursion Rates to Texas, Arkansas and California.'

Walnut Leaf Hair Restorer advertisement with an image of a bottle and the text 'WALNUT LEAF HAIR RESTORER.'

To Speculators advertisement with the text 'TO SPECULATORS. R. LINDBLOM & CO., N. G. MILLER & CO.'

Good News to Ladies advertisement with an image of a woman and the text 'GOOD NEWS TO LADIES!'

Consumption advertisement with the text 'CONSUMPTION. I have a positive remedy for the above disease.'

Rupture Cured advertisement with the text 'RUPTURE CURED. New Method. Send for circular. Dr. J. A. HORSK.'

Pensions advertisement with the text 'PENSIONS. Send stamp for our New Book on Pensions. P. BINGHAM, P. O. Box 289.'

Patents advertisement with the text 'PATENTS. Send stamp for our New Book on Patents. P. BINGHAM, P. O. Box 289.'

Pisds Remedy for Catarrh advertisement with the text 'PISDS REMEDY FOR CATARRH. Easy to use. A certain cure. Not expensive.'

THE STARTLING

Information Disccovered in a Newspaper Paragraph and How it Saved a Life.

No pain which man has to endure equals that of gravel. "I would rather die," exclaims the patient, "than have such attacks very often."

Vegetable Compound advertisement with an image of a woman and the text 'VEGETABLE COMPOUND. It is a positive cure for all the most painful complaints.'

Kidney-Wort advertisement with the text 'KIDNEY-WORT. DOES WONDERFUL CURES OF KIDNEY DISEASES AND LIVER COMPLAINTS.'

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Samaritan Nerve advertisement with an image of a bottle and the text 'SAMARITAN NERVE. IS UNFAILING AND INFALLIBLE IN CURING Epileptic Fits, Spasms, Falling Sickness, Convulsions, St. Vitus Dance, Alcoholism, Opium Eating, Seminal Weakness, Impotency, Syphilis, Scrofula, and all Nervous and Blood Diseases.'

The Great Nerve Conqueror advertisement with an image of a bottle and the text 'THE GREAT NERVE CONQUEROR. This potent plaster is famous for its quick and hearty action in curing lame back, rheumatism, sciatica, neuralgia, stiff joints and muscles, sore throat, kidney troubles and all pains or aches either local or deep-seated.'

Hop Plaster advertisement with the text 'HOP PLASTER. This potent plaster is famous for its quick and hearty action in curing lame back, rheumatism, sciatica, neuralgia, stiff joints and muscles, sore throat, kidney troubles and all pains or aches either local or deep-seated.'

The Minister Who advertisement with the text 'THE MINISTER WHO FAILS. To interest his congregation and build up his church is generally accused of being a poor preacher, or of not studying hard enough.'