

## 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 pica, 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 HOUSE-OLD REMEDY BUSINESS TOOK A MORE EXACT AND SCIENTIFIC FORM.

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## SKIN DISEASES HUMORS IN THE BLOOD

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"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 "Billogg house," and was built in 1688. The Duke of York presented Captain Christopher Billogg with a tract of land on Staten Island, where 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 Billogg's descendants were loyalists, and the famous generals of the British were entertained at the old house.

### 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 Otomita 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.

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—Houston Post.

### A Guild of Tubalines

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

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

### BIG "WOLF DRIVE" IN KANSAS.

Sportsmen Came from England to Take Part in Annual Hunt.

The West has one diversion unknown in the East and one which Englishmen come across the waters to participate in. It is the annual "wolf drive" held each year on the prairies and which is the sole remaining relic of the famous wild hunts of thirty or forty years ago, says the Wichita correspondent of the New York Herald. While not as voracious as in former years, the coyote, or prairie wolf, is still capable of doing considerable depredation and is the worst foe the prairie farmer has to contend with. The animal still sneaks into the hen roosts and waylays lambs and calves in the field. As a consequence wolf drives are held every year, a sort of general roundup for the "varmin'ts."

The biggest wolf drive ever held in the West was participated in last Saturday by over a thousand horsemen bent upon obtaining the scalp of every wolf in the territory they covered. It was held in Sumner county, on the border line of Oklahoma, and a whole township was freed from the pest.

It was a motley array, farmers and farmers' boys mingling with hunters and sportsmen, some of whom had come from England and Canada to take part in the sport. Each man was armed with either rifle or revolver and many with both, while dogs without number yelped and raced around.

At the appointed hour the word to advance was passed along the line, and the drive began from the confines of the township inward toward the center. As the lines advanced they routed the animals from their hiding places, and the gaunt form of the prairie coyote was to be seen loping in ungainly but swift fashion far ahead of the horsemen and out of reach of the swiftness of the wolf hounds.

As the day progressed and the hollow square became smaller the wolves began to realize that their pursuers were bent upon their destruction, and they began to try to break through the ranks. Here was exhibited many an illustration of the subtlety of the prairie wolf in doubling upon its enemy. A pack of dogs would be pushing after its prey too closely, when suddenly the wolf would disappear. It had used a device well known to the coyote tribe and "doubled on its track"—turned square around and raced back alongside of the dogs—and before the pack had discovered what had happened the coyote would be rods away.

When the lines were within sight of one another the order to halt was given, and the dogs urged on to the work of extermination. While every man was well armed, few shots were fired, it being the custom of the drive for the dogs to do the killing. But if a wolf seemed likely to break through the cordon it was shot.

### A VOICE FROM CHINA.

Christian Nations Rebuked by a Loyal Follower of Confucius.

The Chinese have the best food in the world, rice; the best drink, tea; and the best clothing, cotton, silk and fur. In possessing these staples and their innumerable native adjuncts, they do not need to buy a cent's worth elsewhere, while their empire is in itself so great and they themselves so numerous that sales to each other make an enormous and sufficient trade, and export to foreign countries is unnecessary. Let those who still preach the gospel of force hear what John Chinaman says, and which, in the opinion of a foreign writer (Mohammed Barakatullah, in the Forum), is soon to be realized:

"Yes, it is we who do not accept it that practice the Gospel of Peace; it is you who accept it that trample it under foot, and—irony of ironies!—it is the nations of Christendom who have come to us to teach us by sword and fire that the right in this world is powerless unless it is supported by might."

"Oh, do not doubt that we shall learn the lesson. And woe to Europe when we have acquired it. You are arming a nation of 400,000,000—a nation which, until you came, had no better wish than to live at peace with itself and all the world."

"In the name of Christ you have sounded the call to arms; in the name of Confucius we respond."

### What the Tree Would Say.

Bishop Seymour, of Minnesota, was very fond of trees, and one day, while walking with a young lady, he pointed out to her some of the fine trees in the neighborhood. She professed great interest and delight. She cried:

"How the noble aspect of beautiful trees stirs up the keenest emotions of the soul." Then, patting a great, rough trunk, she went on, "You superb oak, what would you say to me if you could talk?"

The bishop smiled. "I believe I can be his interpreter," he murmured. "He would probably say, 'I beg your pardon, miss; I am a beech.'"

### Not Accurate.

"Terms are sometimes very misleading."

"In what way?"

"For instance, a bee when it gets down to business is by no means a fake, though it can be truthfully described as a hum bug."—Baltimore American.

A man should have no secrets from his wife, except the surprise parties he gets up on her birthdays.

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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.

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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