

### Eczema

How it reddens the skin, itches, oozes, dries and scales!  
Some people call it letter, 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 those have been removed.  
**Hood's Sarsaparilla**  
positively removes them, has radically and permanently cured the worst cases, and is without an equal for all cutaneous eruptions.  
HOOD'S PILLS are the best cathartic. Price 25 cents.  
At Carnival Time.  
"If you dislike her, why do you visit her," was asked, after the maiden had expressed her opinion of the absent one.  
"Oh, all the parades pass her home," was the satisfactory reply.

**E. W. Linn**  
This signature is on every box of the genuine  
**Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets**  
the remedy that cures a cold in one day

### Apprehension.

First Old Codger — No, I haven't been at the club today.  
Second Old Codger — So they told me. I was afraid something might be wrong—thought you might be married.

### A WIRE FENCE MIRACLE.

Interesting Discovery as Important as the Head to a Pin.

The fences in the United States cost \$5,628,892,160. The average county has paid \$2,000,000 for its fences—all paid by inhabitants—you and your neighbor.

Did you know this before? Such an immense sum of money seems incredible, yet it is the correct amount. Also it is a fact that fences cost more than all other farm improvements combined! It is absolutely essential to the preservation of your property and stock that you have good fences and keep them in good order. This fence question is always pressing itself upon you, and the stupendous aggregate cost of fences renders the subject worth the most careful consideration.

Untold trouble has been experienced for many years and the general advance along the line of improvement has resulted in the widespread substitution of wire fencing for the various forms of wood fences. But with the new era of wire fences the old, old fact that anything is only as strong as its weakest part has been time and again conspicuously demonstrated. Wire fencing in all its various applications to different purposes is undoubtedly taking the lead in the construction of the world's fences today. This is so because it is the most economical and most durable, even in its earlier and cruder forms.

The great drawback to all iron fencing has been the difficulty of securely fastening the joints (wire to wire) so that they will not slip. These joints have always slipped. They constitute the one weak point. If they become loose the whole fence soon goes. That has been everyone's experience and is the base of all trouble with wire fencing.

Recently a genius solved the problem by inventing a clamp which binds the wire and binds and "anchors" a joint into perfect security. The thing is so simple that people wonder why someone did not think of it before. But the important point is that the clamp does its wonderful work unerringly, and from now on all wire fences can be made tenfold more durable. Of course the big patent company that secured the patent for this wonderful "anchor clamp" is having a phenomenal success. "Anchor" fences are multiplying like hot cakes everywhere, for the discovery of the "anchor clamp" in wire work is comparable to the deed of the man who invented the head to the ordinary pin of commerce, and an old-fashioned wire fence can be converted into an "anchor" fence if you have some of the little "anchor clamps" and a pair of pinchers. The Portland Anchor Fence Company, which has its headquarters at 742 Nicolai street, Portland, Or., controls the sale of "anchor" fences in the Northwest, and they send very interesting pamphlets and pictures, telling all about fences, free of cost, to anyone who sends them his address.

### Seeking His Fortune.

"Young man, why do you stand on the bridge every day with that life preserver on?"  
"S-s-s, don't give me away. One of these heresses may fall overboard."

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### The Same Old Excuse.

Magistrate — Well, young man, what excuse have you for taking the picture when you were forbidden to do it?  
Young Man — Judge, I didn't know my camera was loaded.

### A Poor Subject.

"I don't believe in hypnotism," said Mr. Smart in the presence of Mr. Stunner, a veritable Svengali in the hypnotizing business. "because of one has ever been able to hypnotize me."  
"Well," observed the professor, cuttingly, "the exception only proves the rule. It is a scientific fact that people who have no brains cannot be hypnotized."

### Peace in the Philippines.

Peace in the Philippines is bound to prove profitable to all concerned. Warring conditions, whether they be in the Philippines or in the human stomach, are equally disastrous. If your stomach has rebelled, there is one authority that will quickly subdue it. It is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, and it cures constipation, indigestion, biliousness, nervousness and dyspepsia. See that a private Revenue Stamp covers the neck of the bottle.

### If They Only Knew.

Wages—Boston women who ride cross-saddle fashion are being talked about all over the country.  
Daggs—Yes; I'll bet if the Puritans had foreseen it they wouldn't have landed in Massachusetts.

### HIGH PRAISE.

Rev. Enoch Hill, of Grand Junction, Iowa, endorses Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

From the Erie Headlight, Grand Junction, Ia.

No higher praise can be offered nor better references given concerning the virtues of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People than the many voluntary testimonials from ministers of the gospel which have come from all parts of the country. One of these is from Rev. Enoch Hill, pastor of the M. E. church of Grand Junction, Iowa, who says:

"I am a firm believer in the efficacy of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, the remedy having been used in my family with highly gratifying results. For three or four years I was a sufferer from general debility. I seemed to be lacking in vitality, was tired out most of the time and sleep gave me no rest or refreshment. I was troubled with headache much of the time and my illness incapacitated me for energetic work in my pastorate."

"A sister-in-law living in Nebraska, who had suffered very much and who had used Dr. Williams' Pink Pills with good results, recommended them to me and I decided to try them. I had taken but two or three doses of the pills when I found that they were helping me, and further use of the remedy brought such relief that I am glad to offer this public recommendation of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People in the interest of suffering humanity."

"My wife was troubled much as I was and the pills also proved of great benefit in her case. I have recommended the pills to many whom I have met in my work and am always pleased to endorse the medicine, the excellence of which has been established within my own observation."

Signed, REV. ENOCH HILL, at all druggists or direct from Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y., on receipt of price, 50 cents per box; six boxes, \$2.50.

### Extent of Swedish Agriculture.

Sweden cultivated only 1,350,000 acres of land in 1812. Now she has 12,500,000 acres under plow and grows 105,000,000 bushels of grain a year.

### YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TAKING

When you take Groves' Tastesless Chili Tonic, because the formula is plainly printed on every bottle showing that it is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. No Cure, No Pay. 50c.

### A Cheap Shave.

There are places on the Bowery in New York where a man can get a shave for 3 cents. For 2 cents more he can have his face washed with bay rum.

Poco, Premo, Korona, Graphic, Cyclone, Vive, Hawkeye, Al-Vista cameras and Eastman kodaks in stock. Send for special catalog of any of them. Kirk, Geary & Co., 330 Sutter St., S. F.

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### SMALL BOY AND THE HORSE.

Acts that Stamp the Human with the Badge of Nobility.  
What nuances these small boys are sometimes. The streets are full of them. They play tricks upon us. They snowball our tall hats. They steal up behind us and placard our backs with "I am blind," or "Wanted to buy 100 cats." We are made aware of it only by the people who pass us, stopping and pointing and sneering at us. How angry we are! And then we discover peeping around the corner three or four small boys. They are so comical we burst into a laugh; that is, if we are wise, and remember that we have been boys ourselves some time in the past. And so the incident passes with the comment "Boys will be boys."

For our part, we like small boys. We can endure the noise they make, muddy footprints on the carpet, pillow fights in the morning when we would like to sleep, the new suits all bedragged and muddied with holes in the knee, the stubbed toes that must be washed and done up, bedlam in the house in general. Why this moralizing upon the subject of the small boy? you ask. Just this. We saw a small boy, as we were passing along the crowded street, stop and caress a horse. It was not a royally bred, high-toned beauty, but an ordinary work horse, standing wearily by the sidewalk waiting for "Get up here," and perhaps the lash of the whip. The boy was eating an apple. He stopped and patted the horse. He gave him a part of his apple. He caressed his nose, placing it against his face. You should have seen the mutual quick understanding between horse and boy. Would we trust that boy? Surely we would with uncounted money. His frank, honest face, his eyes speaking sympathy and kindness, intelligence and peep-up fun and life, were an index of his character and natural bent that were unmistakable. Boys, you are soon to be men. Such incidents as the above are worth your consideration. They are indexes of what you are and what you may hope to be. They have a reflex influence upon you, too, that will help you in after years. The boy was understood by the horse; the observing man understood the boy as well.—Boston Traveler.

### COIN'S QUEER HISTORY.

How a Quarter Cemented Friendship Between Business Rivals.

There is a proprietor of a popular cafe in a downtown cross street who guards as his chief treasure a worn and battered coin which was struck from the mint in 1869. The coin is only a 25-cent piece, but it is safe to say that \$25 could not buy it, and the reason why is this:

When the owner of the coin opened his cafe shortly after the Civil War, he chose a good location, and this fact, coupled with his own vigorous personality, brought him a flourishing trade. His business grew so rapidly that a rival cafe was opened by a rival directly across the street. The newcomer announced that he was after a part of the trade in the neighborhood, and that, what was more, he was going to get it. His attitude was distinctly defiant, and the customers of the established cafe wagged their heads solemnly and said that trouble was brewing.

On the day that the new cafe was opened a crowd of idlers filled the place and waited for something to happen. They were not disappointed, for in the middle of the morning in strolled the restaurateur from across the street, and, throwing a shining quarter on the bar, he asked his rival to have something to drink. So the men drank, while the crowd gaped and wondered who would strike the first blow. But no blows were struck. On the contrary, during the afternoon the owner of the new cafe took the same coin which his rival had used in the morning, and, walking across the street, treated in turn.

The operation was repeated the next day, and every day for thirty days. Meantime the piece of money grew worn and old, and the two men grew worn and old, too. At last the proprietor of the newer cafe died, and the other man was the chief mourner at his funeral, and when it was all over he put the battered quarter in a safe place and vowed never to part with it this side of the line separating him from one who had been both his rival and his friend.—New York Mail and Express.

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### The Change of Life

Is the most important period in a woman's existence. Owing to modern methods of living, not one woman in a thousand approaches this perfectly natural change without experiencing a train of very annoying and sometimes painful symptoms.

Those dreadful hot flashes, sending the blood surging to the heart until it seems ready to burst, and the faint feeling that follows, sometimes with chills, as if the heart were going to stop for good, are symptoms of a dangerous, nervous trouble. Those hot flashes are just so many calls for nature for help. The nerves are crying out for assistance. The cry should be heeded in time. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was prepared to meet the needs of woman's system at this trying period of her life.

It builds up the weakened nervous system, and enables a woman to pass that grand change triumphantly. "I was a very sick woman, caused by Change of Life. I suffered with hot flashes, and fainting spells. I was afraid to go on the street, my head and back troubled me so. I was entirely cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. JENNIE NOBLE, 3010 Keyser St., Germantown, Pa.



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"Mr. Carnegie is the greatest and most sensible philanthropist the world ever knew."  
"I agree with you sir, and now may I ask your business?"  
"I am a bookseller. And you?"  
"I am a maker of hardwood book shelving."

### Unnecessary Preliminaries.

"I can't understand all this preliminary talk about that duel these Frouchenes are going to fight," said the eminent pugilist.  
His entourage begged him to amplify his views.  
"Well, as I understand it, the event isn't to be pulled off under the auspices of any athletic club, and there is to be no gate money to divide."

### Do Good to Somebody.

To shake off trouble we must set about doing good to somebody. Put on your hat, and go to visit the poor; inquire into their wants and administer unto them. I have often tried this, and found it to be the best medicine for a heavy heart.—A. J. Symington.

### The Retort Courteous.

"No, I have nothing for you," said the housekeeper, sternly. "And don't you come here after dinner again."

"Beg pardon, lady," replied Hungry Hawkes, "but I didn't suppose you'd have dinner over dis early in de day. You ain't very stylish, are yer?"

### Willie's Misapprehension.

Willie Boerum (entertaining his sister's caller)—Do you like baseball very much, Mr. Jamaica?  
Mr. Jamaica—I never played ball very much, Willie. I enjoy golf—Willie Boerum (disappointed)—Why, I hear pa tell Susan you was a great catch.

### Her Strong Hold.

Willie (testily)—Don't interrupt me. I leave out half my words when I'm writing.  
Hubbard—But you don't when you're talking, do you?

### Boit's School.

At Menlo Park, San Mateo County, Cal., with its beautiful surroundings, perfect climate, careful supervision, thorough instruction, complete laboratories and gymnasium, early maintenance its position in the front ranks of schools for boys on the Pacific Coast. Ira G. Boit, Ph. D., Principal.

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Blinks—Lucky man, that fell-w Jones.  
Winks—I don't see how you make it.  
Blinks—Why, he took out a life insurance policy for \$5,000 and died six days before the company failed.

### Learn to take pictures.

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### The Remedy.

Stern Professor (to nervous student in homeopathy)—On the principle, then, of like cures like, what would you order in a case of delirium tremens?  
"Wouldn't some form of snake-root fill the bill?"

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

### In Smokiest Chicago.

"The bridegroom was late in coming to the wedding, wasn't he?"  
"Yes; he had allowed only an hour for getting his hands thoroughly clean."

### Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.

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### Cuckoo Eggs.

Willie had been told that when a hen was heard cackling around it is a pretty sure sign she has laid an egg. One day he ran to his mother in an excited manner and exclaimed:  
"Oh, mamma, I just heard the cuckoo in the clock make a noise. I'll go down and see if she's laid an egg."

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Kills Lice on Poultry. You paint the perch, the fumes kill the lice. How can you feed lice and feed you. Price, 50c and \$1.00 a can. Sold by dealers.

FRANK J. CHENEY, 25 Paul, Minn.  
I am a member of the Prussian Lice Killer Co. and I can tell you that it is the best lice killer I have ever used. It kills lice on poultry, and it is safe for the birds. There are several brands that claim to be reliable, but I have used them all, and I can tell you that the Prussian Lice Killer is the best. It is safe for the birds, and it kills lice on poultry. It is the best lice killer I have ever used. It kills lice on poultry, and it is safe for the birds. There are several brands that claim to be reliable, but I have used them all, and I can tell you that the Prussian Lice Killer is the best. It is safe for the birds, and it kills lice on poultry. It is the best lice killer I have ever used. It kills lice on poultry, and it is safe for the birds. There are several brands that claim to be reliable, but I have used them all, and I can tell you that the Prussian Lice Killer is the best. It is safe for the birds, and it kills lice on poultry. It is the best lice killer I have ever used. It kills lice on poultry, and it is safe for the birds. There are several brands that claim to be reliable, but I have used them all, and I can tell you that the Prussian Lice Killer is the best. It is safe for the birds, and it kills lice on poultry. It is the best lice killer I have ever used. It kills lice on poultry, and it is safe for the birds. There are several brands that claim to be reliable, but I have used them all, and I can tell you that the Prussian Lice Killer is the best. It is safe for the birds, and it kills lice on poultry. It is the best lice killer I have ever used. It kills lice on poultry, and it is safe for the birds. There are several brands that claim to be reliable, but I have used them all, and I can tell you that the Prussian Lice Killer is the best. It is safe for the birds, and it kills lice on poultry. It is the best lice killer I have ever used. It kills lice on poultry, and it is safe for the birds. There are several brands that claim to be reliable, but I have used them all, and I can tell you that the Prussian Lice Killer is the best. It is safe for the birds, and it kills lice on poultry. It is the best lice killer I have ever used. It kills lice on poultry, and it is safe for the birds. There are several brands that claim to be reliable, but I have used them all, and I can tell you that the Prussian Lice Killer is the best. It is safe for the birds, and it kills lice on poultry. It is the best lice killer I have ever used. It kills lice on poultry, and it is safe for the birds. There are several brands that claim to be reliable, but I have used them all, and I can tell you that the Prussian Lice Killer is the best. It is safe for the birds, and it kills lice on poultry. It is the best lice killer I have ever used. It kills lice on poultry, and it is safe for the birds. There are several brands that claim to be reliable, but I have used them all, and I can tell you that the Prussian Lice Killer is the best. It is safe for the birds, and it kills lice on poultry. It is the best lice killer I have ever used. It kills lice on poultry, and it is safe for the birds. There are several brands that claim to be reliable, but I have used them all, and I can tell you that the Prussian Lice Killer is the best. It is safe for the birds, and it kills lice on poultry. It is the best lice killer I have ever used. It kills lice on poultry, and it is safe for the