

The Small of the Back

That is where some people feel weak all the time. They are likely to be despondent and it is not unusual to find them borrowing trouble as if they hadn't enough already.

The fact is their kidneys are weak, either naturally or because of sickness, exposure, worry or other influences.

"I am thankful to say," writes J. L. Campbell, of Sycamore, Ill., "that Hood's Sarsaparilla has cured me. For many years I was troubled with backache. At times I was so bad I had to be helped from the bed or chair. I am now well and strong and free from pain." What this great medicine did for him it has done for others.

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Promises to cure and keeps the promise. Begin treatment with Hood's today.

His Experience.
"Suspect," sighed the condemned man. "Ah, my young friend; you don't know what moments of torture are."

"Oh, yes I do," interposed the callow youth. "I have often sat quietly with only a dime in my pocket while my best girl leisurely perused the menu of a French cafe."—Chicago News.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *W. D. Hoagland*

A Genuine Surprise.
Her Mother—I saw him kiss you! I am terribly shocked. I did not imagine for a moment he would dare take such a liberty.

Herself—Nor did I, ma. In fact, I bet him a pair of gloves he daren't!

Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 31st.—After investigating Gardell Tea, which is quite universally acknowledged to be the best family remedy, it is not difficult to explain its success—it is the medicine for GOOD RESULTS. It is manufactured here by the Gardell Tea Co. in their new and attractive laboratory and is made wholly from simple, sweet and vital herbs giving HEALS. Gardell Tea is the ORIGINAL and best cure for constipation and sick headache.

Where He Was.
A little four year old occupied an upper berth in a sleeping car. "Awakening once in the middle of the night, his mother asked him if he knew where he was."

"Tourse I do," he replied, "I'm in the top drawer."

FITS Permanently Cured. No fits or nervousness after first use of the Pills. Write for free literature. Send for FREE TRIAL BOTTLE and treatise. Dr. R. H. Kline, Ltd., 201 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Way They Played Partners.
"They had been married a year before anybody knew it, and even then their secret was discovered only by accident." "Indeed?" "Yes, one evening at a card party, they thoughtlessly played partners, and the way they quarreled let the whole thing out!"—Detroit Free Press.

WANTED Every man, woman and child suffering with colds, asthma, croup, pneumonia or consumption to write us. American Lung Balm Pad Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

A Pekin Musical.
From the pagoda of the late Prince Li Sum what we heard strains of strange and weird music.

Turning to the guide we asked: "What causes that peculiar melody?" "Why," he explained, "that is one of our soldiers playing on his loot!"—Baltimore American.

Up-to-Now.
"Have you had fever?"
"No; that's old. I have the electric fan snuffles."—Puck.

A Disagreeable Characteristic.
Katharine—I detest that Mr. Tifflington.
Margaret—Why, Katharine?
"Oh, he's the kind of man who always calls when you are expecting somebody else who doesn't come."—Life.

Smith's Handicap.
Rev. Dr. Thirldy—I wish to announce brethren and sisters, that next Sunday my place in this pulpit will be occupied by the Rev. Mr. Smith. We will now sing three verses of hymn No. 196, "That Awful Day Will Surely Come."

Caller H. H. Up.
Misses—Jane, have you ever been second girl before?
Jane—No mum; allus cook.
Misses—Then, when a caller comes you take the card, show the lady into the reception room and bring the card to me. I will then tell you what to do.

Next afternoon: Jane appearing at the door of her mistress's sitting room—Caller down stairs in 't hail.
Misses—In the hall? Why didn't you show her into the reception room?
Jane—She didn't have no ticket.

Schools in Porto Rico.
The expense of maintaining schools in Porto Rico is very high if we consider the amount spent for the small number of pupils enrolled. Education, however, is always essential to success. In our country the people are being educated to the fact that there is a sure cure for indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, nervousness and malnutrition, and that medicine is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Try it. Our Private Die Stamp is over the neck of the bottle.

These Low Characters.
Greene—That fellow in the short coat was a wonderfully fluent talker.
Gray—Yes, I was wondering whether he was a labor agitator or only just a prizefighter.—Boston Transcript.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years it was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, etc. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Helpful Hints.
"Are you the man who used to write articles about 'How to live on Ten Dollars a Week?'" asked the caller of the pale gentleman with the bulging brow.

"I am he," responded the pale gentleman.

"Well, say, won't you give us one on 'How to Build a Thousand Dollar Cottage on Five Thousand Dollars?'"—Baltimore American.

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

The Current Discussion.
Dr. Youngun—No, sir; I do not approve of admitting others than the physician to the sick room. If the physician understands his business he can prepare the patient for the hereafter.

Mr. Oldun—You mean if he doesn't understand his business.—Baltimore American.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. SAMUEL, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

Bitter Experience.
Mrs. Rasin Kane—Oh! Rasin; there's the wedding march. Do you remember when we marched up the aisle to it ten years ago?
Mr. Rasin Kane—Yes, and I have been marching ever since.

Very Probable.
Teacher—What led Columbus to conclude the world was round.
Bright Boy—Well, his experience with it proved that it was anything but square.—Boston Transcript.

Good Prices for Horses.
Eighty-seven carriage horses were sold in New York the other day for an average of over \$1,000 each.

Home Life in Japan.
In Japan the higher class ladies never go to market; the market comes to them. That is, the dealers call and offer wares for sale at their customer's doors. The fish merchant brings his stock, and if any is sold prepares it for cooking. The green grocer, the sake dealer, and nowadays the meat man all go to their patrons' houses. In the morning the ladies are frequently engaged in the characteristic occupation of doing harmonies; that is, in starching old clothes and spreading them on large boards to dry in the sunshine. This is the first step to making over old garments, and is done in the open air. Nearly all Japanese women make their own clothes; at all events, even the very richest embroider their garments themselves. They are very economical little dressmakers.—Woman's Home Companion.

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500,000 WOMEN

Have been restored to health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Their letters are on file and prove this statement to be a fact, not a mere boast. When a medicine has been successful in curing so many women, you cannot well say without trying it—"I do not believe it will help me."



PINKHAM'S Vegetable Compound

Is a positive cure for all those painful ailments of Women. It will entirely cure the worst forms of Female Complaints, all Ovarian troubles, Inflammation and Ulceration, Falling and Displacements of the Womb, and consequent Spinal Weakness, and is peculiarly adapted to the Change of Life.

Backache.
It has cured more cases of Backache and Lacerations than any other remedy the world has ever known. It is almost infallible in such cases. It dissolves and expels Tumors from the Uterus in an early stage of development, and checks any tendency to cancerous humors.

Bearing-down Feeling.
Womb troubles, causing pain, weight, and backache, instantly relieved and permanently cured by its use. Under all circumstances it acts in harmony with the laws that govern the female system, and is as harmless as water.

Irregularity.
Suppressed or Painful Menstruations, Weakness of the Stomach, Indigestion, Bloating, Flooding, Nervous Prostration, Headache, General Debility.

Dizziness, Faintness.
Extreme Lassitude, "don't care" and "want to be left alone" feeling, excitability, irritability, nervousness, sleeplessness, flatulency, melancholy, or the "blues," and backache. These are sure indications of Female Weakness, some derangement of the Uterus.

Kidney Complaints.
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WAY ACROSS SIBERIA

RAIL LINE FROM MOSCOW TO VLADIVOSTOCK.

Trans-Siberian Road Is One of the World's Greatest Achievements—Inception, Progress, Purpose and Influence as a Russian Possession.

In 1891 the first coupons were issued for the building of the Trans-Siberian railway. In December, 1892, the work was begun. A highway was to be pushed from St. Petersburg to the Pacific, a band of steel 5,832 miles long, binding the extremities of the empire and over its polished track affording an unrivaled route for the commingling of east and west and of their measureless products. From Paris to Vladivostok the journey by passenger and traffic was to be made in twelve days, and later on in ten. From Paris to Pekin in thirteen days, to Hong Kong in seventeen days, diminishing the expense in money and in time by a third or a half.

This railroad was to be financed, constructed and administered, not by private enterprise, but by the State. Hence its object was not by financial returns to swell the revenues of giant corporations or individual capitalists. The profit and loss account on its pecuniary side was a minor consideration. Its single design and aim was to strengthen and develop the Russian empire, the dominion of the east, the mastery of Asia.

As the strategic position of Russia over against Asia is unique, so is this railroad unique in its possibilities. Whatever acquisitions Great Britain or Germany now hold, or may hereafter obtain on the Asiatic continent, those possessions are remote by thousands of miles from their base, and their efficiency depends upon a difficult and precarious connection through those thousand miles of sea and land. Nor can those possessions be brought into much more intimate relations with each other and with the home empire than they already are. That is, for Great Britain or Germany or any other power to devise a political or strategic rival to the Trans-Siberian railway is an utter impossibility. It remains and must remain the most stupendous agent in determining the destiny of the globe that has yet been conceived by man. It is to be maintained, as it was first originated, under the most favorable geographic circumstances which a State has ever enjoyed.

There is no assertion here that as an achievement of engineering skill this trans-American railroad from New York to San Francisco, or a trans-African railroad from Alexandria to the Cape. Viewed merely as a railroad, it may in every respect be inferior to either; its trains may be less commodious or less luxurious, its locomotives less powerful or less swift, its technical management less efficient or less sagacious; but, regarding simply geographic position, having in mind only where it runs, what it connects and what it must inevitably effect, nowhere can experience or imagination suggest a rival. The nearest approach to rivalry would be afforded by some line crossing China from west to east. But the western terminus of such a line would of necessity be close upon Russian Siberia or Russian Turkestan; it would traverse only a moribund or disintegrating Asiatic State; and whatever might be the governing board of its construction and administration, it would indirectly, if not directly, be subject to Russian influence.—National Geographic Magazine.

A Man of Resources.
The spectators who were watching a large store building burn down were horrified to see a man appear at a window about twenty feet above the front sidewalk, every other avenue of escape having been cut off by the flames. The firement was at work in the rear of the building, and there was no time to go after a ladder.

A leap to the ground below seemed almost certain death. The man, however, in spite of his position, was the coolest person in sight.

"Take off your coats," he shouted, "and make a pile of them on the sidewalk! I'll jump down on them."

It was done in an instant. A hundred men jerked off their coats and threw them on the walk beneath the window, the man meanwhile having climbed over and hung by his hands from the ledge.

He dropped, alighted on the center of the pile, and escaped without injury, the crowd cheering him lustily for his pluck and generalship.

It only remains to add that it took some time for the owners of the respective coats to identify and recover their property, and the last man found only a ragged remnant of a garment in place of the fine new tailor-made article he had contributed to the heap; but this, let us hope, was an accident, such as may sometimes happen when hasty selections are made from a crowded umbrella rack.

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TEACHERS' TROUBLES

A TRYING OCCUPATION FOR WOMEN WITH DELICATE NERVES.

The Hard Work Entailed by the Charge of a School Room Often Opposes the Health to Break Down.

From the Tribune, Minneapolis, Minn.
Teaching school is an occupation which has many attractions for cultured women, but it also has many drawbacks and often affects their health seriously. Especially in this so in the case of women with delicate nervous systems and those with a tendency to pulmonary troubles. Miss Mary K. Powers, of Ellsworth, Wis., is a teacher whose health was broken down by the hard work which the charge of a large school entails. She says:

"During the winter of 1898, while teaching school, I became subject to nervousness, which grew worse until my whole system was run down. My back ached and at times I was so dizzy that I could hardly stand. My limbs were swollen and always tired, so that I felt no more rested in the morning than when I went to bed. I was also troubled with a cough and the food I ate did not strengthen me. This condition, accompanied by palpitation of the heart, kept up for several months until in March, when I read about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People in a Juneau, Wisconsin, newspaper.

"I began taking the pills and in about a week I noticed a change for the better. I felt so encouraged by this improvement that I kept on taking them until I had used three boxes, and was entirely cured. I always keep Pink Pills by me and I take them occasionally when I feel the need of a tonic.

"I believe firmly in the good done by Pink Pills for Pale People and have advised many of my friends to use them."

All the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves are contained in a condensed form, in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. They are an unfailing specific for such diseases as locomotor ataxia, partial paralysis, St. Vitus' dance, sciatica, neuralgia, rheumatism, nervous headache, the after effects of the grip, palpitation of the heart, pale and sallowness of complexion, and all forms of weakness. At all druggists, or direct from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y., 50 cents per box; six boxes \$2.50.

Strong Provocation.
"Johnnie, you must never interrupt any one when they are speaking."
"Not even to correct such bad grammar as don't, ma?"

He Wouldn't Back Down.
Miss Jones—Professor, do you dare to look me in the face and then say that I originally sprang from a monkey?
Professor (equal to the occasion)—Well, really, it must have been a very charming monkey.—Stray Stories.

The Wreck of the Birkenhead.
J. Johnson, who died recently in Liverpool was the last survivor of the famous wreck of the Birkenhead, the troopship that went down in 81-month Bay in February, 1852, when only 184 men out of 638 got ashore. The troops stood drawn up under arms on deck till the ship sank.

A Candid Announcement.
"Mike," said Plodding Pete, "de world owes us a living."
"Yes," answered Meandering Mike, "but in order to collect it we've got to do something to convince de world dat we're alive. An' dat's our world trouble."—Washington Star.

Two Points of View.
An emotional citizen of the great city of Illinois was one day showing a visitor the wonders of the lake front. "A few years ago," said he, "the lake front extended inland far beyond where we are standing. I tell you there isn't a town in the world that's making history as fast as Chicago is!" It looks to me more like making geography." replied the unemotional stranger.

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Arriving at a Total.
Tax Collector—How much is your husband worth?
Mrs. Wise—About a million.
Tax Collector—Are you sure?
Mrs. Wise—Oh, yes. You see, the jury awarded him \$2,000 for the loss of a finger. I think in proportion the rest of him would be worth about 500 times as much.—Chicago News.

Losing No Chances.
Genial Doctor (after laughing heartily at a joke of his patient)
Ha! ha! ha! There's not much the matter with you, though I believe that if you were on your deathbed you would make a joke.
Irrepressible patient—Why, of course I should. It would be my last chance.—Punch.

To Remove Spots.
Jester—That man Sharpley is a clever patent medicine advertising man.
Jimson—Is he?
Jester—You bet! He's been signaling the sun about the efficacy of his new magic freckle cure.—Ohio State Journal.

Block Houses to Defend Railroads.
A series of block houses are being built to defend the railway lines in South Africa. When the order to build these block houses was given by General Kitchener, a chain of them 180 miles in length was completed in a fortnight.

Trifling that Costs.
Neglect
Sciatica and Lumbago
And you may be disabled and incapacitated for work for many long days.

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Will cure surely, right away, and save time, money and suffering.

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SWEETEN THE STOMACH
sweeten the stomach by cleansing the mouth, throat and food channel. That means they stop indigestion, food from souring in the stomach, prevent gas formation in the bowels, and kill disease germs of any kind that breed and feed in the entire system.

PURELY VEGETABLE
are purely vegetable and contain no mercurial or other mineral poison. They consist of the latest discoveries in medicine, and form a combination of remedies unequalled to make the blood pure and rich and make clean skin and beautiful complexion.

LIVER TONIC
tone the stomach and bowels and stir up the lazy liver. They do not merely soften the stools and cause the system to move, but strengthen the bowels and put them into lively, healthy condition, making their action natural.

MILD BUT SURE
never grip nor gripe. They act quietly, positively and never cause any kind of uncomfortable feeling. Take them in the morning, the liver act regularly and naturally as it should. They keep the sewerage of the body properly moving and keep the system clean.

BOON FOR MOTHERS
increase the flow of milk in nursing mothers. If the mother eats a tablet, it makes her milk mildly purgative and has a mild but certain effect on the baby. In this way they are the only safe laxative for the nursing infant.

CURE CONSTIPATION
taken patiently, persistently, will cure any form of constipation, no matter how old or how often other remedies have failed. They are absolutely guaranteed to cure any case, or purchase money will be cheerfully refunded.

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Pointers for Souvenir Collectors
Souvenir collectors will be interested to learn that 100 large tables, six dozen chairs, twelve dozen work boxes, 11 desks, 24 dozen knife handles, 24 dozen cigar cases, 100 dozen umbrella handles and over 10,000 pen holders have so far been made out of the only original surrender tree of Santiago, and the tree is nearly all there still.—New York World.

A Coincidence.
"I suppose it is merely a coincidence," said the young man who is anxious to learn.
"What is?" inquired the experienced friend.
The fact that the most sensational reforms have been men who were so rich they didn't need any more money or so poor that they had lost hope of getting any.—Washington Star.

Break the Rest.
Tuner—Your daughter left word that I should call and repair the piano.
Mr. Binks—What's wrong with it?
Tuner—She says three strings are broken.
Mr. Binks (confidentially)—Look here, here's five shillings for yourself. You break the rest of them.—Tid Bits.

Why He Did It.
Mother—Goodness gracious, Willie! What do you mean by spilling the milk and honey on the floor?
Willie—Some wanted to play we was in Canada, the promised land, just like the bible.—Fiegenger Blaetter.

Evidence.
Struggling minister—There was a stranger in church today.
His Wife—Well, what did he look like?
Struggling Minister—I did not see him, but I found a five-shilling piece in the contribution box.—C