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There is a best time for doing everything—that is, a time when a thing can be done to the best advantage, most easily and most effectively. Now is the best time for purifying your blood. Why? Because your system is now trying to purify it—you know this by the pimples and other eruptions that have come on your face and body.

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What He May Have Meant.
Mrs. Punkington—Emmy writes that her rich New York feller takes her out to his country place ev'ry evenin' an' gives her a ride on his drag.

Amos Punkington—Gosh! It beats all what girls will do when they get cuffed. You wouldn't ketch Emmy ridin' on no drag hereto hum.—Judge.

I am sure Fiso's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. T. Ross, Rossmore, Maple street, Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1900.

The Ring to Blame.
Con Set—Diamond engagement rings are, very evidently, not fashionable any more.

Accum—What makes you think so?
Con Set—I offered one to Miss Roxley last night, and she wouldn't have it at all.—Philadelphia Press.

Are You Using Allen's Foot-Ease?
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Why He Drinks.
Blinks—When you are tempted to take liquor, think of your wife at home.
Jinks—I do. That's what drives me to drink.—Baltimore World.

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

Doubly Answered.
"Do you object to cigarette smoke?" asked Young Southgate, as he prepared to light one of the undertaker's delights.

"Really, I don't know," replied Miss Cutting. "No gentleman ever smoked one in my presence."—Chicago News.

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She's Prepared to Conquer.
When a girl gets a rose in her hair and a white crocheted thing on her head she is armed for anything she might meet in society.—Aitchison Globe.

Trying Situation.
Miss Amateur—Can't you give me a part with more speaking in it?
Theatrical manager—For what reason?

Miss Amateur—Well, before going on the stage I belonged to a woman's debating club, and not having a chance to say much, goes very ill with me.—Ohio State Journal.

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Scrofula
THE OFFSPRING OF HEREDITARY BLOOD TAIN.

Scrofula is but a modified form of Blood Poison and Consumption. The parent who is tainted by either will see in the child the same disease manifesting itself in the form of swollen glands of the neck and throat, catarrh, weak eyes, offensive sores and abscesses and of tentacles white swelling—sure signs of Scrofula. There may be no external signs for a long time, for the disease develops slowly in some cases, but the poison is in the blood and will break out at the first favorable opportunity. S. S. S. cures this wasting, destructive disease by first purifying and building up the blood and stimulating and invigorating the whole system.

J. M. Seal, 115 Public Square, Nashville, Tenn., says: "Ten years ago my daughter fell out her face. From this wound the glands on the side of her face became swollen and burst. Some of the best doctors here and elsewhere attended her with no benefit. We decided to try S. S. S., and a few bottles cured her entirely."

S. S. S. makes new and pure blood and strengthens the body and is a positive and safe cure for Scrofula. It overcomes all forms of blood poison, whether inherited or acquired, and no remedy so thoroughly and effectively cleanses the blood. If you have any blood trouble, or your child has inherited some blood taint, take S. S. S. and get the blood in good condition and prevent the disease doing further damage. Send for our free book and write our physicians about your case. We make no charge whatever for medical advice.

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Science has armed herself with a divining rod which cannot be open to the suspicion which has ever attached to the pronged twig of witch hazel. A simple apparatus has been devised for the locating of ores and mineral-bearing rock and earth.

The new device pretty nearly eliminates the element of chance in mining operations. The principle involved is that a vein of ore is a better conductor of electricity than the earth around it.

Two steel rods are connected with each other, with an electric battery, and with a delicate instrument which measures the resistance of the circuit.

The rods are driven into the ground, and a light current is sent through the connecting wire. The current, to complete its circuit, must travel through the earth from the end of one rod to the end of the other. The resistance of the earth is noted, and the rods are moved to any positions. This is repeated until

a marked reduction of resistance is noted. Then the operators know that one or both of the steel rods are over or nearly over a body of mineral. By repeated shifting, the location of the mineral is narrowed down until the vein of ore can be mapped out with absolute accuracy.

Minerals have been located at a depth of 500 feet, and the operators of the device say that, so far as they know, there is no limit to the depth at which they can work.

Philadelphia boasts of a setter called Bill, who recently aroused a sleeping family in a burning house, when delay would have meant death, and then himself carried a little child to safety. Bill was asleep at the foot of the stairs on the first floor, shortly after midnight, when the house caught fire. When the smoke aroused him the family was still asleep and unconscious of danger. He instantly bounded up the stairs, barking furiously at every step, until he reached the rooms of his owners, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shannon, and tugged at the bedclothes with his teeth. Mr. Shannon awoke, and, alarmed by the smoke, leaped out of bed, but before he could get into his clothes the dog had caught the nightdress of Elvina, a 6-year-old daughter of the family, between his teeth, dragged her to the floor, and bore her out into the hallway, where her parents took the child from him and carried her to the street.

Origin of a Joke.
Dr. Pinders Fletch, the eminent archaeologist, announces that he has deciphered the enigmatic inscription on a tablet excavated in the plains of Assyria, and believes that it is a copy of a prehistoric comic paper. Among other things, it contains the following merry jest, which bears a strangely familiar sound:

"Now, there were gathered together at the place of the telling of stories, many of them that have lived long in the land, and one of them lifted up his voice, and said:

"Behold, it groweth cold with much extremity."

"Whereupon another made answer, saying:

"Verily, it doth. But let us separate and get hence, for here cometh Methusalem, the aged, and if we tarry he will even tell us again of the cold spell of the year 40."

"And they gat hence with much speed."—Baltimore American.

Garments They Removed.
A prominent Sunday school worker of Indianapolis, J. M. Dungan, was conducting a review of the Sunday school lessons of the quarter at his old home church in the country north of Franklin and discussing customs of Biblical times.

"Now, in those days, children, what did they do when they entered a house?" he asked.

"Took off their shoes," came a chorus of response.

"Ah, that's right, children. But nowadays what do you take off when you enter a house?" he asked, expecting to hear them say "Your hat."

But there was silence for a time and much thinking; then one little fellow held up his hand.

"Well, what is it?"

"Your overshoes," said the little fellow confidently.

The teacher at this point announced a song.

To Be Envid.
Castleton—I envy you.
Clubberty—What for?

"Didn't you say you were obliged to attend a deep philosophical discussion lasting several hours?"

"But I don't see that's anything to envy me for."

"Well, I've got to go to a society function and talk about nothing."—Detroit Free Press.

Death Preferred to Baths.
Jacob Baker was arrested in Pittsburg while trying to commit suicide, the reason for his attempt being that during a term in the workhouse, from which he had just been discharged, he had been "humiliated" by having to bathe once a week. When he told the magistrate this he was sent to the workhouse for more baths.

Three Populous Cities.
The population of New York City, Chicago and Philadelphia is almost one-twelfth of the population of the whole country.

Man was made to mourn—and he seldom gets out of it by marrying.

GOOD Short Stories

Henry Thomas Buckle's thoughts and conversation were always on a high level. Once he remarked: "Men and women range themselves into three classes, or orders, of intelligence; you can tell the lowest class by their habit of always talking about persons; the next by the fact that their habit is always to converse about things; the highest by their preference for the discussion of ideas."

It is said that one of David B. Hill's first lawsuits was a non-jury case in which the opposing counsel was one of the best attorneys in New York State. Hill gave a speech which lasted about three hours. It was such a speech as might be expected from a young lawyer, and it was very trying to the court.

After he had finished his opponent arose and said: "May it please the court, I intend to follow the example of my young friend, and submit the case without argument." Hill lost the case.

When asked what he thought of a certain captain who frequented the Essex links a Scotch caddie said: "Weel, sir, he's a veritable gentleman an' a good gauffer, but he's awfu' nerra—awfu' nerra." "Narrot! What do you mean, Donald?" "Weel, sir, it was this way. After the game was over, and I had carried his clubs up to the house, he said: 'Donald, will ye have a draw?' and I said: 'I do ve verra pleased.' So he gets the bottle, an' he pourin' aw' finta a glass, an' I wantin' 'ae be gentee, says: 'Stop! stop!'—an' he stopped."

L. R. Stockwell, the popular actor, says that some years ago in this city, when Peter Jackson, the colored pugilist, was a feature in a revival of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." "Bill" Nye was to have lectured at the Baldwin Theater, but was greeted by so small an audience that he excused himself and went over to hear Jackson talking of the pearls gates to Little Eva. After the performance Stockwell met Nye in the lobby of the theater, and he exclaimed: "Hello, Nye! What did you think of Peter?" "Well," responded the humorist, dryly, "anatomically he was great, but Uncle Tomlically he is the worst I ever saw."

Getting Ready for It.
"She never studied for the stage, did she?"

"Studied for it! Well, rather! Why, she's taken the entire divorce course now."—Chicago Post.

Big Bets Compared.
Elections have not produced the biggest bets. In August, 1900, a New York firm wagered \$250,000 on McKinley's election, but in 1843 Lord George Bentinck bet \$720,000 on one of his race horses in England.

CATARH CAN NOT BE CURED
With local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease, catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal medicine. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best medicines known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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"My friend," said the very severe person, "treasure the precious moments. Think, with the deep awe which the subject deserves to command, upon the fact that time is swiftly fleeting and stays for no man."

"That's all right," answered the cheery citizen; "I want it to fleet. If time were stationary I'd be out of work. You see, I'm a watchmaker."—Washington Star.

Unable to Stand for Months Because of Spinal Ankle. CURED BY ST. JACOBS OIL.

Among the thousands of voluntary endorsements of the great value of St. Jacobs Oil for sprains, stiffness and soreness, is that of Mrs. G. Thomas, 4 Alexandra Road, Gelli, Yabrod, near Pontypridd, South Wales, who says: "It is with great pleasure that I add my willing testimony to the invaluable excellence of our celebrated St. Jacobs Oil, as experienced in my own case. I sprained both my ankles in walking down some steps so severely that I was unable to stand for several months. The pain I suffered was most severe, and nothing that I used helped me until I applied St. Jacobs Oil, when they immediately became better and in a short time I was able to go about, and soon after I was quite cured. I am now determined to advise all persons suffering from pains to use this wonderful remedy, which did so much for me."

Mrs. Thomas does not enlighten us as to what treatment she pursued during the months she was unable to stand, and during which time she was suffering so much, but we venture to suggest that had she called in any well known medical man he would at once have prescribed St. Jacobs Oil, for it has conquered pain upwards of 50 years, and doctors know there is nothing so good. The proprietors of St. Jacobs Oil have been awarded twelve gold medals by different international exhibitions as the premier pain-killing remedy of the world. The committee who made the awards were in each instance composed largely of the most eminent medical men obtainable. Mrs. Thomas did not know the high opinion in which St. Jacobs Oil is held by almost every progressive medical man.

Without Exaggeration, of Course.
"What we want in this town," said the manager of the opera house, "is a real hot show. The classic drama is all right for them that like it, but we want something sizzling or it won't go."

"My dear sir," replied the advance agent with quiet confidence and that strict veracity for which he was justly noted, "at the last two terms we played they cancelled the fire insurance on the theater buildings."—Chicago Post.

She Found Out.
Miranda Milkwood—Law, child, how'd your head get so big?
Emerson Longfellow Beaconstreet—It is caused, madam, by a superabundance of cerebral cortex in the lower frontal lobe, an ultra vesicular growth of the midbrain and extraordinary developmental phenomena in the medulla oblongata. This condition has for its primary causation excessive intellectual strenuousness.—Chicago News.

Order From the Philippines.
Among recent orders from Philippine headquarters is the following: "The metallic lining of boxes and packages belonging to the United States, used to protect matches and other articles from moisture, and when no longer needed will be melted and thrown into deep water or otherwise disposed of in such manner as to prevent recovery."

Her Duties.
"We have a deaf and dumb member of our Woman's Club," said Miss Gabbagh to young Mr. Dugglesby.

"Indeed," gurgled the youth, "I should think she would be at a disadvantage."

"Oh, my, no! Why, we let her make all the motions."

And the next day Harold Dugglesby smiled audibly several times, having charted the remark and arrived at an understanding of its import.—Baltimore American.

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The Swans.

There is a pathetic little story told of one of the Russian children of the royal family. She was very fond of white swans, and her father had a great number of them brought to the castle lakes to please the little daughter. But while she was still very small she died, leaving the castle quite desolate. The sad father could no longer bear the sight of the beloved white swans, so he had black ones substituted in memory of the gentle child.

Where He Went for It.
Albert was sent down town by his mother to get some horse radish which she needed for her pickles.

After quite a long absence he came back home tired and empty handed.

"Well, where is the horse radish?" asked his mother.

"Why, mother, I went to every lively stable in town, and they didn't have a bit," answered Albert with a weary sigh.—Tit-Bits.

Telling His Friend.
Friend (over the wire after dinner)—Your wife is certainly a brilliantly handsome woman. I should think you would be jealous of her.

His Host (confidentially)—To tell you the truth, Seymour, I am. I never invite anybody here that a sane woman could possibly take the least fancy to.

At the Grand Opera.
"What's the big feller a-doin' now, Maria?"

"Hush! He's a-singin' of a song in German. What do you want?"

"I wants," said the Billville citizen in a hoarse whisper, "to cuss some in English."—Atlanta Constitution.

Division of Labor.
"He is very rich, but insufferably vulgar," she said.

"And yet you are going to marry him?" returned her dearest friend.

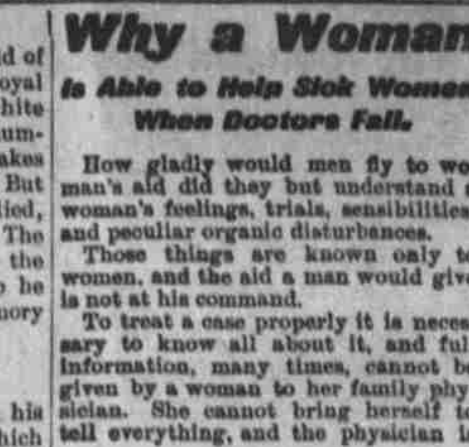
"Yes. You see, I've figured it out that I can look after his money and leave the vulgarity to him. He can care for it at the club, and he ought to be thankful, don't you think?"—Chicago Post.

Why a Woman Is Able to Help Sick Women When Doctors Fail.

How gladly would men fly to woman's aid did they but understand a woman's feelings, trials, sensibilities, and peculiar organic disturbances.

Those things are known only to women, and the aid a man would give is not at his command.

To treat a case properly it is necessary to know all about it, and full information many times cannot be given by a woman to her family physician. She cannot bring herself to tell everything, and the physician is



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Mrs. Chappell, of Grant Park, Ill., whose portraits we publish, advises all suffering women to use Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, as it cured her of inflammation of the ovaries and womb; she, therefore, speaks from knowledge, and her experience ought to give others confidence. Address Mrs. Pinkham's Laboratory, Lynn, Mass.

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