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Matron — None whatever. Stay. Good gracious, I forgot to take away her hairpins!

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## Pains and Aches

**Of Rheumatism Make Countless Thousands Suffer.**

But this disease is cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which neutralizes the acid in the blood. If you have any symptoms of rheumatism take Hood's Sarsaparilla at once and do not waste time and money on unknown preparations. The merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla is unquestioned and its record of cures unequalled.

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"Have you paid any attention to the race problem?" asked the thoughtful man, as he laid down his paper.

"Have I?" answered the very small man with the massive diamond. "I'm the fellow who taught Tod Sloan how to ride."—Washington Star.


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By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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**Venice Will Be Drained.**

Venice without its waters would be a far less picturesque place than it actually is, says the London Chronicle. And such a state of affairs, we are led to believe, may eventually come about. The regular increase in the delta of the Po has been studied by Prof. Marinelli. Comparison of the Austrian map of about 1823 with the records of surveys made in 1893 shows that the mean annual increase during those years has been about three-tenths of a square mile; and from all known data it appears that the total increase during six centuries has been about 198 square miles. The increase is continuing and the Gulf of Venice is doomed in time to disappear. No immediate alarm need, however, be excited, for Prof. Marinelli calculates that between 100 and 120 centuries will elapse before the entire Northern Adriatic will have become dry land.

**Effect of Coffee Drinking on Eyes.**

Snaitkin, according to the Medical Review, says that the Moors are inveterate coffee drinkers, especially the merchants, who sit at their bazars and drink continually during the day. It has been noticed that almost invariably when these coffee drinkers reach the age of 40 or 45 their eyesight begins to fail them, and by the time they get to be 50 years old they become blind. One is forcibly impressed by the number of blind men seen about the streets of Fez, the capital of Morocco. It is invariably attributed to the excessive use of coffee.—N. Y. Medical Times.

**Qualified to Do It.**

"Did you know," said the tooth carpenter, looking up from his paper, "that the Indians practiced dentistry in the earliest times?"

"I didn't known it," replied the man who had once sat in a dentist's chair, "but I am not at all surprised. The Indians have always been a brutal and a cruel race."

Then he laughed gleefully, forgetful of the fact that there was still time for the dentist to add $15 or $20 to his bill.—Chicago Post.

**A Model Town.**

A Colonia Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, correspondent of the New York World thus describes the model town in which he lives: "Ours is a town of about 1,000 inhabitants. Eleven years have passed since the first tent was pitched by the first settler. Now we have hundreds of dwellings owned by the dwellers—no millionaires, no beggars. We are in a chamber of the mountains 5,000 feet high. Fifteen miles of hills and hollows part us from the nearest railroad station. We have no saloons, no gambling, no smoking, no profanity, no round dancing at our socials. We have one police officer. Nearly every man owns a gun. Our academy building has 5,000 square feet of floors and 250 students. If you can beat this, please put in waste basket."


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After having my teeth extracted I have had five sets made at intervals of about nine months, three in Portland, one in San Francisco and one in Spokane. With neither of these have I been able to eat a meal's victuals or even an apple or ripe peach. On December 10, 1898, I had my sixth set made by Dr. Stryker, I. O. O. F. Temple, First and Alder, Portland, Or., and within twenty minutes after the time they were put into my mouth I was able to eat a common hard winter apple and a piece of dried venison, and at this time, December 13th, have eaten every meal since with the greatest comfort and with no trouble at all. They are a perfect fit and satisfactory in every respect. C. R. ROLLINS, M. D.

References: French Bros. Bank, The Dalles, Or.; Sherman Co. Bank, Wasco, Or.; Wm. Holder, Sheriff of Sherman Co.; Drs. A. S. Nichols and Brother, Portland, Or.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of December, 1898.

[SEAL] JOHN OGILBEE, Notary Public for Oregon.


**Ownership of Wedding Presents.**

A recent decision in Springfield, Mass., as to the ownership of wedding presents is that where such presents are sent to the bride before marriage, as is the custom, the presents are her property, and remain so even if a separation takes place after marriage.

**View of a Layman.**

Bill—What do you reckon that doctor tumps me all over de chest fer?

Jake—Tryin' to see how much dough you had in your inside pocket, of course.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

**He Knew Not All.**

He—You think you know it all, don't you?

Him—No I have never been able to figure out any reason for you being alive.—Indianapolis Journal.

Samples of merchandise carried by a traveling salesman are held, in Kansas City, P. & G. R. company vs. state (Ark.), 41 L. R. A. 333, not to be baggage within a statute regulating charges on excess baggage.

Weasels and skunks are enemies of the careless poultry keeper. All poultry should be kept in quarters made secure at night from these depredators. Openings for ventilation should be covered with wire screens.


## REGAINED HEALTH.

**Gratifying Letters to Mrs. Pinkham From Happy Women.**

**"I Owe You My Life."**

Mrs. E. Woolhiser, Mills, Neb., writes:

"Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—I owe my life to your Vegetable Compound. The doctors said I had consumption and nothing could be done for me. My menstruation had stopped and they said my blood was turning to water. I had several doctors. They all said I could not live. I began the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and it helped me right away; menses returned and I have gained in weight. I have better health than I have had for years. It is wonderful what your Compound has done for me."

**"I Feel Like a New Person."**

Mrs. Geo. Leach, 1609 Belle St., Alton, Ill., writes:

"Before I began to take your Vegetable Compound I was a great sufferer from womb trouble. Menses would appear two and three times in a month, causing me to be so weak I could not stand. I could neither sleep nor eat, and looked so badly my friends hardly knew me.

"I took doctor's medicine but did not derive much benefit from it. My druggist gave me one of your little books, and after reading it I decided to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I feel like a new person. I would not give your Compound for all the doctors' medicine in the world. I can not praise it enough."


The Tibetans have a week of five days, named after iron, wood, water, feathers and earth.


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**Saved His Time.**

"I've come to see your husband in the interest of the Knights of Labor, Mrs. Reagan," said a bland, elderly man, as the mistress of the Reagan household answered his ring.

"'He ain't to home," said Mrs. Reagan, with arms akimbo, "but I can promise you one thing sorr, and that is, you'll get niver a night o' labor out av Tim Reagan, and it's no use tryin'! Sure and he'd knock off work in the daytime, if it wasn't for me keepin' at him till I'm that wore out there's no strength lift in me!"—Youth's Companion.

The rivers in Northern Russia were frozen this year before the end of October.

# FLAMES IN FORESTS.

## SWEEPING FIRES THAT LEAVE WILD WASTES BEHIND.

**Extraordinary Pecuniary Losses Inflicted by the Unfettered Element that Rolls Onward in a Mad Torrent of Rapacious Billows and Defies Man.**

A forest denuded by fire presents a woeful sight. The trees are not entirely consumed. The burned trunks of all larger ones stand straight and tall, dead, but not destroyed. Sometimes forest fires rage over such vast areas that their smoke is visible from any point in a State. Dr. J. T. Rothrock, Commissioner of Forestry for Pennsylvania, shows that the potential loss of

A BURNED FOREST.

the commonwealth from each fire or each series of fires that devastate the timber-producing areas in Pennsylvania is $30,000,000. The fires occur chiefly from two causes. Railroad companies burn their old ties along the right of way, without taking any precaution to prevent the fire spreading to the woods, and the small farmers in clearing wood-lots for farming purposes burn the brush and fallen timber, without caring whether the fire spreads or not.

The illustrations are significant as showing the desert condition which a fire, or series of fires, produces. In many parts of the United States one may see such tracts, over which fires have swept almost every year, destroying the young forest growth and rendering the soil, after each succeeding

STREET IN PHILLIPS BEFORE AND AFTER THE FIRE.

conflagration more and more barren. The deterioration in the picturesqueness of the country, or the loss in money to the person or persons who may own these districts for lumbering purposes, may more easily be imagined than told. What could be more dreary than the country shown in the two photographs?

The year 1894 will long be remembered in Wisconsin and Minnesota for the terrible calamities which occurred in July and August of that year. Intense heat and little rain had made the forests almost like a kiln. All through the summer fire had been feared and looked for, and by the end of July it was said that not less than $5,000 worth of pine had been destroyed. The fire extended over a stretch of nearly fifty miles wide, and all that experience gained by woodsmen and lumbermen in dealing with forest fires availed nothing against the sweeping flames, which were driven like an overwhelming flood by a strong wind, leaving death and destruction in their path. In the photographs presented herewith, which show a Wisconsin town named Phillips before and after the fire, one may see how completely the forest fire fiend does his work. Phillips was burned July 27, and the loss of life would have been severe had not the inhabitants escaped by taking trains to places of safety.

In October, 1871, one of the most terrible fires in America on record broke out at Peshtigo, Wis., and more than 700 persons were burned to death. But probably the saddest fire was that which occurred in 1894—one glimpse of which, at Phillips, has already been had. The unfortunate place was Hinckley, Minn., and the calamity occurred on Sept. 1 of that year. Owing to the long-protracted drought, as is pointed out in the report of the State commission for the relief of the forest fire sufferers, the fires had prevailed in different localities for several weeks, but on that day the wind became a tornado, and a small fire then burning spread with frightful rapidity, and was carried on the wings of the tornado over a district covering nearly 400 square miles. A furnace blast swept over the fated district, and left behind it complete devastation. Every building in Hinckley was destroyed. So sudden was the onset of the flames that the people could only run from their houses and seek a place of refuge, without even an effort to save their household effects. Four hundred and eighteen persons, about one-sixth of the population of the district, are known to have perished by a most frightful death in the flames.

BURNED FOREST AFTER TWENTY YEARS.

**Women in Paris.**

"I like the way the French take their amusements," writes Miss Lilian Bell in a letter from Paris. "At the theater they laugh and applaud the wit of the hero and hiss the villain. They shout their approval of a duel and weep aloud over the death of the aged mother. When they drive in the Bois they smile and have an air of enjoyment quite at variance with the bored expression of English and Americans who have enough money to own carriages. We drove in Hyde Park in London the day before we came to Paris, and nearly wept with sympathy for the unspoken grief in the faces of the unfortunate rich who were at such pains to enjoy themselves. I never saw such handsome men as I saw in London. I never see such beautiful women as I see in Paris. French men are insignificant as a rule, and English women are beefy and dress like ragbags."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

## TAMED A WAR-HORSE.

**Feat of Alexander the Great in the Days of His Boyhood.**

One of the stories told by Alexander the Great is that of how, when a boy of 12, he tamed the war-horse Bucephalus. The following is the account given by Plutarch in his life of Alexander:

"Philonicus of Thessaly had offered to sell Philip his horse Bucephalus for thirteen talents. So they all went down into the plain to try the animal. He proved, however, to be balky and utterly useless. He would let no one mount him, and none of the attendants of Philip could make him hear to him, but he violently resisted them all. Philip, in his disgust, ordered the horse led away as being utterly wild and untrained. Whereat, Alexander, who was present, said: 'That is too good a horse for those men to spoil that way, simply because they haven't the skill or the grit to handle him right.' At first Philip paid no attention to him, but as he kept insisting on being heard and seemed greatly disturbed about the matter, his father said to him: 'What do you mean by criticising your elders, as if you were wiser than they, or knew so much more about handling a horse than they do? 'Well, this horse, anyway, I would handle better than any one else, if they would give me a chance.' 'In case you don't succeed,' rejoined his father, 'what penalty are you willing to pay for your freshness?' 'I'll pay, by Jove, the price of the horse!' Laughter greeted this answer, but after some bantering with his father about the money arrangements, he went straight to the horse, took him by the bridle, and turned him around toward the sun. This he did on the theory that the horse's fright was due to seeing his own shadow dance up and down on the ground before him. He then ran along by his side awhile, patting and coaxing him, until, after awhile, seeing he was full of fire and spirit and impatient to go, he quietly threw off his coat, and swinging himself up, sat securely astride the horse. Then he guided him about for a while with the reins, without striking him or jerking at the bit. When now he saw that the horse was getting over his nervousness, and was eager to gallop ahead, he let him go, driving him on with a sterner voice and with kicks of his foot. In the group of onlookers about Philip, there prevailed, from the first, the silence of intensely anxious concern. But when the boy turned the horse and came galloping up to them with pride and joy in his face, they all burst out into a cheer. His father, they say, shed tears for very joy, and, as he dismounted, kissed him on the head, and said: 'My son, seek thee a kingdom suited to thy powers; Macedonia is too straight for thee.'"



THE TAMING OF BUCEPHALUS.

Bucephalus became from this time the property and the inseparable companion of Alexander. He accompanied him on his campaigns "sharing many toils and dangers with him," and was generally the horse ridden by him in battle. No one else was ever allowed to mount him, as Arrian says, "because he deemed all other riders unworthy." He is reported to have been a magnificent black charger of extraordinary size, and to have been marked with a white spot on the forehead.

**Early Writers on Smoking.**

The fact has been discovered that Shakspeare never mentions smoking or makes the slightest allusion to the habit. This is the more curious, as most of his contemporaries, Ben Jonson, Decker and others discuss the then new fashion at length, and the humorist and satirist of the time lost no opportunity of deriding and making a game of the votaries of the weed.

The tobacco merchant was an important personage in the time of James I. The Elizabethan pipes were so small that when they are dug up in Ireland the poor call them "fairy pipes." King James himself was one of the most virulent opponents of the habit, and in his ludicrous "Counterblasts" calls it a vile and stinking custom, "borrowed from the beastly, slavish Indians—poor, wild, barbarous men—brought over from America, and not introduced by any worthy or virtuous or great personage."

He argues that tobaco is not dry and hot; that its smoke is humid, like all other smoke, and is therefore bad for the brain, which is naturally wet and cold. He denies that smoking purges the head or stomach, and declares that many have smoked themselves to death.—Medical Record.

## CAPTURED CAT DEAD.

**Famous Feline Rescued from the Spanish Battleship Cristobal Colon.**

The famous Spanish cat, Cristobal Colon, captured from the Spanish battleship on July 3, died at the United

SENOR CRISTOBAL COLON.

States government station at Benton Harbor, Mich. This cat was in the cat show in Chicago and was awarded a special medal. Senor Cristobal Colon was a mascot on the Spanish man-of-war of that name.

**Dealing with Lumbermen.**

There is an old retired merchant in Detroit who delights in recalling his experiences when an active man running a general store in one of the northern cities of the lower peninsula, says the Detroit Free Press.

"I used to reap a harvest when the men were coming out of the woods," he relates. "They were not up in styles, and about any old thing would suit them provided the color was right and the fit even passable. But there were tricksters among them, and I had to keep my wits about me in order to keep even with them.

"'How much is that hat?' asked a strapping six-footer, who arrived from camp one day with a pocket of money.

"Two-fifty," I replied.

"Then he informed me that he always had the crowns of his hats punched full of holes in order to keep his head cool, and his hair from coming out. I soon had this attended to, and then he asked what the hat was worth. 'Two fifty,' I responded in surprise, but he laughed at me for asking such a price for damaged goods. He had me and got his hat for a dollar, while the jolly crowd with him had a laugh at my expense. He wanted to look at some 'fiddles,' and after pricing one at $10, concluded to take it.

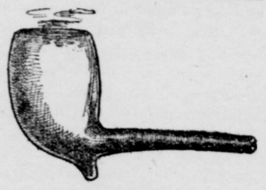
"'Where's the bow?' he asked as I was doing up the package.

"You only bought the fiddle,' I laughed. The others saw the point and laughed too. The giant tried to bluff me, but I kept good-humored, and got even on the hat by charging him $1.50 for the bow. I not only got even, but the others were so pleased with my 'Yankee trick' that they spent plenty of money with me."

## THE CLAY PIPE.

**No Evolution in Form During Many Centuries of Its Use.**

Other things may evolute, but the pipe that the Irishman loves best is the same to-day that his forefathers used centuries ago. For real, genuine consolation and comfort the average hard-working son of Erin prefers to do his smoking in the ordinary clay pipe of commerce. He usually breaks off the stem, just by way of not having to



THE CLAY PIPE.

draw the soothing smoke too far. While it is generally agreed that Raleigh introduced the tobacco habit into England and Ireland from America there are writers, who, after research, claim that long before Columbus sailed on his voyages smoking was common in Ireland, the material used, however, being certain dried aromatic leaves. Dr. Eugene S. Talbot, of Chicago, in a book he is publishing gives pictures of pipes used in Ireland in the ante-Columbia era. A glimpse at these older-day pipes and at the favorite "dudheen" of the Irishman of to-day will show that time has wrought but little change in the passing centuries.

**The Sun.**

The sun around which the earth moves at a distance of about 93,000,000 miles is one of the great multitude of fixed stars. It is an intensely hot body, shining by its own light, while most of the planets are cool bodies and do not, therefore, give out light of their own. Compared with the earth, the sun is a globe of enormous dimensions. To make up its bulk about 1,300,000 bodies as large as the earth would be required. When viewed through a telescope dark spots may often be seen upon the surface of the sun. If one of these spots be carefully noticed, and observed again after a few days, it will be found to have moved further toward the western side of the sun's disk, where it finally disappears. After an interval it reappears on the eastern side, and arrives at the position where it was first noticed in about twenty-five days, furnishing us with a proof that the sun rotates on its axis in that time.

"Maud says she is madly in love with her new wheel." "Huh! Another case where man is displaced by machinery."—Indianapolis Journal.

## JOLLY JOKER.

He—What is this, dear? She—Pound cake. He—Isn't it rather small for its weight?—Indianapolis Journal.

Miss Passe—Yes, this is my twenty-third birthday. Miss Costique—How history repeats itself!—Town Topics.

Molly—I wonder why those chickens are called leghorns. Dolly—Don't you see the little horns on their ankles?—Brooklyn Life.

"There's a lady pianist at the museum who plays with her toes." "Umph! That's nothing; my baby does that!"—Yonkers Statesman.

"You look nice enough to eat," exclaimed the youth. "And so I do," replied the maiden, "three times a day."—Ohio State Journal.

Tommy—"Why are single women called spinsters?" Pa—"I expect it's because they are always spinning a web to catch a man, my boy."—London Fun.

Manager—If young Gotrox backs that play of yours he is a fool. Miss Footlites—That's all right. Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.—Town Topics.

Mrs. Bangle—They say that half the world doesn't know how the other half lives. Bangle—Then it must be they don't read the patent medicine testimonials.—Judge.

Pupil—What, in your opinion, professor, is the most difficult mathematical problem? Poor Professor (grimly)—Trying to make both ends meet, my dear sir.—Tid-Bits.

"You know, after all," said the young father, "a baby does brighten up the house." Single Skeptic—"I daresay; I've noticed the gas burning late in your room recently."—Moonshine.

He—"What lovely flowers. Do you know, they remind me of you?" She—"Why, they are artificial." He—"Yes, I know; but it requires close examination to detect it."—Chicago News.

A servant girl in a Birmingham family was taken to task for oversleeping herself. "Well, ma'am," she said, "I sleep very slow, and so it takes me a long while to get me night's rest."—Tit-Bits.

First member musical committee—"Does the new soprano's voice fill the church?" Second member—"Hardly. The ushers tell me there are always vacant seats in the gallery."—Detroit Journal.

"Well, I'm glad o' one thing. Our Jim seems to have good religious comp'ny." "How is that, mother?" "His last letter says he's comin' home in a converted yacht."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"I see," said the elderly boarder, "that the paper says that the foe retreated doggedly. I wonder what sort of retreat that was?" "Presumably," said the Cheerful Idiot, "they took to their barks."—Indianapolis Journal.

Judge—"You are accused of stealing six reams of paper, three gallons of ink, and five gross of pens. What have you to say?" Prisoner—"Your honor, I am a novelist, and I was merely collecting material for a new story."—Puck.

Traveling Man—A chop and a cup of coffee, quick! My train leaves in twenty minutes. Waiter—Yes, sah. Seventy-five cents, sah. Traveling Man—Do you want pay in advance? Waiter—Yes, sah. Yo' may be gone befo' it's cooked, sah.

"I have an invention which will revolutionize the world," said the boaster. "There ought to be a great demand for something like that in Central and South America," replied the matter-of-fact man.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

"And these places where you vote," said the gentleman from Europe, "you call them the polls?" "Yes," said the North Carolina citizen, "we call 'em that. But the warmth around here makes 'em seem a good deal more like equators."—Washington Star.

Burglar Bill (to his new cell-mate)—So you're a musician, are ye, an' got sent here fer stealing a pianny? Well, ye won't do much musical practicin' in dis place, I'll bet. Newcomer—Oh, I don't know. If I get hold of a file I'll probably try a few bars.—Exchange.

"I'm ready," shouted the speaker, "to meet calmly any emergency that may arise." At this moment the platform collapsed and the speaker exhibited great perturbation. "How about that one?" they asked him later. "That one did not arise."—Indianapolis Journal.

"Now that you've got your dog again," said the rough-looking man, pocketing the reward, "you might ask me if I wouldn't like something to drink." "You forget, sir," sternly replied the owner of the animal, "that I said in my advertisement, 'no questions asked.'"—Chicago Tribune.

Dudley (to physician)—Both women ate fruit for supper, and I suppose it wasn't quite ripe. My mother-in-law was taken sick first; but believing that my wife would be soon seized with a similar attack, I deferred sending for you until you would be able to kill two birds with one stone.—Life.

"Yesterday," said Jabson, "I refused a poor woman a request for a small sum of money, and in consequence of my act I passed a sleepless night. The tones of her voice were ringing in my ears the whole time." "Your softness of heart does you credit," said Mabson; "who was the woman?" "My wife."—Vanity Fair.

Farmer Jones—"You want a job, eh? I never seen the likes uv you looking fer a job before." Weary Wrambler—"Oh, it's a mere fad with me! I want a job fer de same reason dat ladies go slumming—I want ter mix right in wid yer family, and git morally shocked, and see jest how de odder half lives, and all dat."—Puck.

**Was Afloat with Napoleon.**

Two men living in St. Helena who were born respectively in 1798 and 1802 are not the only persons now living who have seen Napoleon the Great. Thomas De Moleyns, who was for many years county court judge of Kilkenny, who was called to the Irish bar in 1831, and appointed a Queen's counsel in 1855, served in his early boyhood in the royal navy. Mr. De Moleyns was a midshipman on board the Bellerophon when Napoleon on July 15, 1815, after "the hundred days," placed himself under the flag of his country and was received on board the Bellerophon.

**Far-Reaching Law.**

England's dog muzzling ordinances have force beyond the grave in the opinion of the Highgate magistrates. They have fined the owner of a dog found unmuzzled 10 shillings, though they were informed the man was dead.

"Mr. Meeker, your nose looks just like other folks' noses." "Hush, Willie!" "I heard you say the other day, mamma, that Mr. Meeker had had his nose to the grindstone for seventeen—quit that!"—Chicago Tribune.


## DR. DARRIN'S CURES.

Baker City Republican.

Those who are disposed to doubt Dr. Darrin's cures will have their doubts shaken on reading the following card from Mr. John Martin, of Cove, Or. Mr. Martin is a man well and favorably known to all of our readers, and a man of 20 years' residence in Union county. His case will go far to establish the skill of Dr. Darrin:

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**Metals.**

Four hundred years ago only seven metals were known. Now there are 51, 30 of which have been discovered within the present century—Chicago Inter Ocean.

**Water Power Abandoned.**

The famous incline railway at Prospect Park, Niagara Falls, is to be operated electrically according to a recent decision of the New York State Park Commissioners. Heretofore this railway has always been operated by water power, but in view of the fact that during the great ice bridges, when tourists flock to see this marvelous sight, from all over the state, the railway is usually inoperative. This has been due to the chocking of the intake with ice and very often too low water. As there is no other means of access without a tedious descent and ascent, the tourists have been greatly inconvenienced, and the management have lost considerable money. With abundant electric power available from the Niagara Falls Power Company the electric operation of the road appears to be most apropos.

**Germany and Asia Minor.**

It is inevitable that Asia Minor shall eventually pass from the possession of Mohammedanism, and whether Germany accomplishes the task or not, the Sultan must yield to a Christian nation. It is just as inevitable that diseases of the digestive organs must yield to Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. The disorders of this kind are usually called dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness. The Bitters are equally good for all such complaints, regardless of the name.

**One of Many.**

Mrs. Weeks—What business is your husband engaged in?

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Hix—Is it possible?

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## Heroes of the War with Spain

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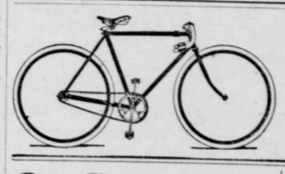

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