

"Deride Not Any Man's Infirmities." Tell him, rather, how to get rid of them. Most infirmities come from bad blood and are cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla. Every person who has scrofula, salt rheum, humors, catarrh, dyspepsia or rheumatism should at once begin taking this medicine that the infirmity may be promptly removed.

Consumption—After the grip I had a bad cough, distress and night sweats. Hood's Sarsaparilla helped me and four bottles cured me perfectly. Mrs. N. D. Kinney, Illinois, Conn.

Hood's Sarsaparilla NEVER DISAPPOINTS

Hood's Pills cure liver ills; the non-irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The Queen's Ice Chest. The stores of ice at Windsor, Osborne and Balmoral castles are very large. At Windsor there is storage room for about 500 tons. There is a supply of ice obtained from the lake beneath the north terrace, from Frogmore and Virginia water. Ice is not only lavishly used in the royal kitchen, but also for reducing the temperature of her majesty's apartments in hot weather. Then it is packed in pretty wooden buckets and stood in the fireplaces.

Changed. Larry—Nora hung her Jersey jacket over the stove an' it was scorchin'. D'ye hear about it, Dinny? Denny—O! did; an' O! how hurrdud it changed the jacket completely. Larry—How phwas that? Denny—Well, y' see, it phwas a jersey jacket when she hung it thor, but, faith, after it was scorchin' it phwas a smoking jacket.—Chicago Daily News.

VITALITY low, debilitated or exhausted course? Dr. King's Invigorating Tonic. FREDERICK T. BOTTLE, 1111 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa. Sold by all druggists.

A medical paper directs attention to the curious fact that scarlet fever has never been observed in epidemic form in the tropical or subtropical regions of Asia or Africa.

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

In Jacksonville, Wis., is a pearl button factory which turns out thousands of the finest quality of buttons. Tons of Mississippi clam shells are used in producing the buttons.

For lung and chest diseases, Piso's Cure is the best medicine we have used.—Mrs. J. L. Northcutt, Windsor, Ont., Canada.

It appears from British consular reports that Morocco offers a considerable field for the engineer. There are at present no roads, railways, telegraphs, canals nor harbors.

A roster figured prominently in a case which was tried in the Coney Island police court the other day. The fowl had been stolen, so the plaintiff claimed, and in proof of his assertion, he called it by name—"George Dewey." Immediately the fowl was crowded and flapped its wings, and it was forthwith turned over to its rightful owner.

India has perhaps a greater variety of plants than any other country in the world, having 15,000 native species, while the flora of the entire continent of Europe only embraces about 10,000.

Mamma Eats a Cucumber. Baby gets the benefit. Nursing mothers should take their milk mildly purgative with Cascara, the only safe laxative for babies. All druggists, 10c, 25c, 50c.

The South Kensington museum is constantly adding to the collection of scientific instruments and models of old-fashioned machinery. We learn from industries and iron that they have now made a large number of additions of modern machinery and tools, such as a coal gas purifying machine, a Bellows, a steam engine, a water tube boiler using liquid fuel, a transformer, steam turbine, etc. Many of the machine models are shown in motion.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box, 25c.

It now appears probable that the Mount Blanc railway will eventually be built. The line is to be worked electrically, and is to start from Ocheux and end at Pettit Rocher. The Arve will be utilized to furnish the necessary power.

On the isthmus of Tehuantepec a most remarkable flower has recently been discovered. The tree which bears it changes its appearance three times daily, for in the morning the blossoms are white, at noon they are red and at night blue.

It is unlawful for a Chinese woman to walk on the city walls of Peking, but it is not in the United States and Americans indulge without objection, upon days when they are open to the public.

The board of education and the police department of New York are the two most expensive departments of the municipal government. Collectively, their maintenance costs \$20,000,000 a year.

The German war department has something like 200,000 pigeons trained for war purposes, and France has 250,000. Russia and Italy also have homing pigeon outfits in their war departments.

A Land of Promise. Rev. Joseph Parker, the eminent English preacher, confesses that in his youth the sound of the name Van Diemen's Land—now known as Tasmania—powerfully affected his imagination. It was to him, as it has been to many youngsters, an appealingly mysterious name, but in time it lost its evil suggestion, and he tells how this came about in his recent book, "A Preacher's Life." At a Methodist meeting in the north of England the people had been singing a hymn in which the line: "We are marching through Emmanuel's ground," occurs, and at the close of the hymn one good old man, whose emotion was in excess of his intelligence, fervently prayed: "Grant that when this life is over every one of us may have a cottage in Van Diemen's land." The poor man somehow got it into his head, by some law of mental association which no one can fully explain, that Emmanuel's grounds and Van Diemen's land were practically one and the same.—Youth's Companion.

Rockers and Insanity. The rocking chair causes insanity, so it is said. In fact the physicians are claiming that the rocking chairs are the cause of most of the nervous troubles of which women suffer, and are advising their relatives to any place where they will not be used.

The Chinese honor their guests by placing before them the oldest eggs obtainable, which are considered their greatest delicacy.

The Mystery of Dust at Sea. It is a puzzling fact that the decks of sailing vessels show dust at night, even if it is packed in pretty wooden buckets and stood in the fireplaces.

He—Do you believe in hypnotism? She—I heard the other day of a man who was hypnotized by being made to look for some time at a diamond ring. He—I wonder if any bright piece of glass would have done it as well.

He—Perhaps so, with a man, but not with a woman. He—at a jeweler's the next day—I want a diamond ring, lady's size, brightest you have.—N. Y. World.

Improved Train Equipment. The O. R. & N. and Oregon Short Line have added a buffet, smoking and library car to their Portland-Chicago through train, and a dining car service has been inaugurated. The train is equipped with the latest chair cars, day coaches and luxurious first-class and ordinary sleepers. Direct communication is made at Granger with Union Pacific, and at Ogden with Rio Grande line, from all points in Oregon, Washington and Idaho to all Eastern cities.

For information, or a copy of the report of O. R. & N. agent, or call on H. H. Harburt, General Passenger Agent, Portland.

The German military experts who are superintending the construction of the Southwest African railway from Swakopmund to Windhoek—about 400 kilometers—estimate that it will cost only \$3,000,000. More than a quarter of the line is already completed.

The castor-oil tree (Ricinus communis) is believed in Egypt to keep away mosquitoes.

At a recent auction sale at Zurich more than 1,000 gold and silver coins of the 15th to the 19th centuries were disposed of.

SALT LAKE CITY. An Important Factor in Transcontinental Travel. No one crossing the continent can afford to skip Salt Lake City from his route. The attractions of the place, including the Mormon Temple, Tabernacle and Church institutions, the Great Salt Lake—deader and denser than the Dead Sea in the Holy Land—its picture scene and hot springs, are greater to the square yard than any locality on the American continent.

The Rio Grande Western Railway, connecting on the East with the Denver & Rio Grande and Colorado Midland Railways and on the West with the Southern Pacific (Central Route) and Oregon Short Line, is the only transcontinental line passing directly through Salt Lake City. The route through Salt Lake City via the Rio Grande Western Railway is famous all over the year round. On account of the equable climate of Utah and Colorado it is just as popular in winter as in summer. Send 2c to J. D. Mansfield, 255 Washington, Portland, or Geo. W. Heintz, Acting General Passenger Agent, Salt Lake City, for a copy of "Salt Lake City—the City of the Saints."

Several hundred river drivers leave Bangor, Maine, every spring for the headwaters of the Penobscot, Kennebec, Androscoggin, and other rivers, and there are always among them some who never come back.

A shipment of sewing machines valued at \$108,750 was recently sent by an American firm to China. The Chinese women have recently awakened to the fact that the sewing machine is a necessary household implement.

Toledo, O., has a trolley road that is doing mighty well for the farmers by hauling the farm wagons themselves. It is to be the only railroad of the kind in the world.

The consumption of cotton per head of Germany's population has been more than doubled since 1875.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss. FRANK J. CHENEY, Clerk of the Court, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original of the same as the same appears from the records of the Court. FRANK J. CHENEY, Clerk of the Court.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 4th day of December, 1900. A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Science AND Invention

According to chemical analysis, fifteen parts of the flesh of fish have about the same nutritive value as twelve parts of boneless beef.

Protein (nitrogenous matter) is the name of a group of substances containing nitrogen. Protein furnishes the materials for the lean flesh, blood, skin, muscles, tendons, nerves, hair, horns, wool, casein of milk and albumen of eggs, and is one of the most important constituents of feeding stuffs.

It has been found possible to make a thin, smooth and strong paper of asbestos, which can be employed in the manufacture of paper lanterns and other articles which need to be at the same time light and fireproof. The asbestos paper can also be made water-proof. It is prepared with the same machinery used for making ordinary paper.

It has been clearly ascertained that the carbon which, when other elements are eliminated, we call charcoal, and which enters so largely into the structure of a tree, is taken from the atmosphere through the medium of the leaves; but how it is sent down the structure so as to add to the size of the most distant root, is yet an unsolved problem.

The latest calculation of the velocity and direction of the sun's motion in space is by Prof. Simon Newcomb. He estimates that the solar system is being carried in a northerly direction at the rate of 16 1/2 kilometers—a little over ten miles—per second. The point toward which we are moving is within a few degrees of the extraordinarily bright star Vega in the constellation of Lyra.

According to the Medical Record fair-haired people possess, commonly, between 140,000 and 180,000 hairs on the scalp, the number being about the same for men and women. Dark-haired people have, on an average, about 105,000, while red-haired people are said to have only 30,000 hairs. But the latter apparently possess one great advantage in the fact that they retain their hair longer, seldom becoming bald. Their hair is much coarser than that of dark or fair-haired persons.

The discovery of the remains of a mastodon near Newburgh, N. Y., last summer, recalls the fact that the best preserved skeleton of one of these huge animals now to be found in our museums was also discovered in a marsh near Newburgh. That part of the Hudson valley appears to have been a favorite haunt for these American elephants. Inspection of the place where the latest discovery was made emphasizes the fact that beavers were contemporaries of the mastodons, and that beaver-dams were as perilous as quack-sands for the mastodons which ventured to set foot in them.

The curious green circles in fields and pastures, appearing both on level ground and on hillides, have given rise to many superstitions and called forth a variety of more or less scientific explanations. The famous Dr. Priestley strongly advocated the view that they were of electric origin. The real cause of their formation, has long been known, and is the growth of a species of fungi, which, starting from a single seed, spreads circularly and makes a broad disk on the ground. The fruit and seed form only at the outer rim. The soil in the middle is exhausted, and consequently, as the ring grows larger the grass in the inner part withers. England, attained a diameter of 120 feet.

DEFENDED THE WRONG CLIENT. Amusing Blunder of a Distinguished Australian Solicitor. An edifying incident is reported to have occurred recently in the district court of Melbourne, Australia. When cases for hearing included two of a similar character. When the first defendant was called a leading Melbourne solicitor announced that he appeared for the defense, and for nearly half an hour he strove to convince the court that the charge should not be sustained. In spite of the counsel's able arguments the court decided to indict against the defendant upon the next day. He then retired to his chambers, and with a like manner. The solicitor, putting forth the effects of a vigorous speech, wiped his brow and leaned back in his chair with an air of satisfaction that his client had escaped so lightly. Just then the name of the second defendant was called, and the lawyer sprang to his feet as though electrified. "Great heavens!" he exclaimed, in a voice that was audible throughout the court, "I've been defending the wrong man."

In his perturbation the learned gentleman seized his silk hat, and in a divided mind as to whether he should set chase after his client or remain and defend the man who had just stepped forward, placed it on his head. "Hats off!" roared a constable as counsel remained on a fixed, staring in dismay around the court. "Your worship," he said, removing the offending hat, "this is my client. The defendant who has just left the court did not engage me and has paid me no fee." The announcement was too much for the gravity of the court, and for a moment or two the courtroom was in a state of confusion. The case was soon disposed of, and the legal gentleman then hurried from the building in search of his quondam client and the fee that should have been his.

STARS KEEP ACCURATE TIME. Their Positions in the Heavens Denote the Passage of the Hours. Probably the majority of people suppose that the observatories obtain the correct time from the sun. When the average man wishes to give his wife the highest praise he says, "It regulates the sun," not being aware that a watch which would keep with the sun around the world would have to be nearly as fast as Cap'n Cutler's. The farmer may safely decide when to go in to dinner by the sun, but if the mariner was as confident that the sun marked always the correct time as the farmer is, he would be sure to be at times 200 or 300 miles from where he thought he was. In other words, the sun—that is, a sundial—is only correct on a few days in each year, and during the intervening time gets as far as a whole quarter hour fast or slow.

These variations of the sun from uniform time caused no end of trouble between the astronomers and the fine clockmakers before it was discovered that the sun time is subject to such irregularities. The better the clock, the worse it often seemed to go. But as the variations in sun time are now accurately known, correct time may be obtained from the sun by making proper allowance, were it not for the difficulty of observing its position with sufficient exactness. The large disk of the sun cannot be located so perfectly as can the single point which a star makes. For this reason

astronomers depend almost wholly upon the stars for obtaining accurate time. It is the method of doing this which we propose to describe. There are several hundred stars whose positions have been established with the greatest accuracy by the most careful observations as frequently of the principal observatories of the world. If a star's exact position is known, it can readily be calculated when it will pass the meridian of any given place—that is, the stars will cross a north and south line through the place. The data regarding these stars are all published in the nautical almanacs, which are for the use of navigators and all others who have use for them. These stars are known as "clock stars."—Popular Science Monthly.

TOUGH-THROAT AUCTIONEERS Have Vocal Chords Especially Adapted for Their Aerial Work. "Preachers' sore throat" is recognized by all writers on throat diseases, but it is not necessarily confined to preachers, says the Washington Post. Lawyers and others who speak frequently of their voices suffer from it as frequently as do preachers. Auctioneers do not have sore throat. A successful auctioneer, so far as voice is concerned, is provided naturally with abnormally strong vocal chords. These he strengthens by continual use. In a few years the voice and throat are the strongest part of them. He is liable, however, as others to suffer from other troubles, and has his share of them, too. It is generally the strongest part of him, and almost every other organ suffers before his throat does.

The public do not know how many there are who try auctioneering and find that they cannot hold out. The voice of every man is not suited for continuous work. Auctioneer work means several hours of constant vocal exercise each day. The reason the preacher's throat goes back on him now and then, and it does, despite the doubts of Col. Ingels and others, is that his voice of the vocal chords is not constant, for ordinarily the greater effort is another more than once a week. Another thing that operates against the preacher's throat is that the auctioneer is that he seldom speaks by the open air, while the auctioneer finds the most use for his voice in the open air. Open air is the most wonderful strengthener of the voice. A marked example of this is the case of the auctioneer who works in tents and generally, who never has sore throats.

Unpleasant Bed-floors. The adventures of naturalists in odd corners of the globe rival the experiences of explorers in variety and interest. Dr. Maximilian Schumann, a Belgian naturalist, journeyed through Mexico and other parts of the world a few years ago, and here is one of the remarkable addresses which he brought back with him: I had gone a day's journey on horseback from the city of Zacatecas toward the southeast to examine some ancient ruins. I arrived at my destination late at night and lighted a fire within the ruins to make my supper. After eating I spread my blanket and lay down. I awoke in the morning my first impulse was to stretch myself, when I felt it out from under the blanket, and it did so almost touched a big, poisonous rattlesnake, quietly coiled by my side. I escaped by the merest chance.

Looking toward my feet, what was my astonishment to see six other rattlesnakes coiled at intervals over my body.

The reptiles did not belong to the variety commonly known in California. They were of a peculiarly poisonous species found in that region. When I lit my fire in the evening it was too dark to see the snakes, which, I presume, had crept along the walls.

The attitude of the ruins is nearly horizontal, and the night is cold. My fire had attracted the reptiles. When they approached it they found my bed, and descending the warm blankets, crawled upon them and went to sleep. I extricated myself from the blanket and made my way to my feet. I was no longer afraid of the reptiles, but as I had had specimens of them in my collection, I killed them all and nailed them to the adobe wall with my card on each.

She Could See. There were only three of us left in the room of the great occultist, says a writer in the Academy. My companion was an elderly person, evidently a husband and father of a family, and I had a degree that indicated almost unbearable suspense. He held her hand in one of his, from time to time placing his other hand upon it with a caressing touch.

The lady, pale and anxious, had thrown back her veil and untied her bonnet strings, as if the atmosphere of the room stifled her. At every sound she started and looked toward the door. "Don't start," he said in a low voice, "but I couldn't bear it."

My companion made no answer, but continued to stroke her hand. I found that I, too, was straining every nerve. "I had the shutting of a distant door and the sound of footsteps coming down the thickly carpeted passage. My companions sprang to their feet as the door opened to admit a tall young girl, with bandaged eyes, and an old woman, seemingly a nurse, who carried the girl's hat and cloak.

The girl passed on the threshold, while I gazed, wondering. It would seem impossible that any face in which the eyes were covered could express so much of mystery. She held out her hands with a significant gesture, and said, simply: "Dears, I can see—it is so beautiful!"

Lauchlin's Plant of Arabia. The laughing plant, so named from its effects upon man, grows in Arabia. It is of moderate size, and bears brilliant yellow flowers, and soft, velvety seed pods, each of which contains two or three seeds which look like little black beans. The natives of the district where the plant grows rather the seeds, and after drying them, reduce them to powder. A small dose of the powder is headed and sober person to cheer, shout and laugh in the unrestrained fashion of a lunatic, and to rush about and cut the wildest capers for almost an hour. By that time he is thoroughly exhausted, and a few hours later, after several hours without sleep, he recollects of his previous excitement and antics.

Thistle Down Cloth. The down of the thistles was spun by the ancients to make scintillating garments.

The proper place to keep money is in a sugar bowl, but if you want to be absolutely secure, keep your money in your stocking, and wear the stocking.

The women have so much leisure time that almost every woman is a good cake baker.

QUEER WOUNDS Made by Spanish Bullets at the Battle of San Juan. "My messmate, the Surgeon, told me of two queer wounds," said the retired Canadian campaigner, "and if I did not know him to be a truthful man who had seen the wounds with his own eyes, I would not believe the story. He said late in the afternoon of the day the hill was stormed a man came up to the hospital tent and said: 'Doctor, I am shot through the neck.' The doctor supposed a glancing shot had left its mark on the side of the neck, but he told the man to take off the bandage in which it was bound. The man was there without the bandage. The doctor would see if the wound was clean. To his utter astonishment he found the man had been shot, the bullet passing through the neck from side to side. He said he could hardly believe his eyes, and several other surgeons were called to look at the wound. 'It is there without question, and the man alive and not bleeding to death. The wound was dressed and the man made to lie down. Next morning the wounded man asked leave to go back to the firing line, saying he 'felt fine and wanted another crack at the 'Dagoes.' He was kept in the tent another day and finally was allowed to join his company, and so far as I know alive to-day. The surgeon told me a bullet could not pass through the man's neck in that way without killing him once in 10,000 times, and had he not seen the man he would hardly credit the story being true.

"The other wound was equally odd. A man was brought into the hospital who, while in a stooping position, had been shot in the back by a sharpshoot-er's bullet entering the neck between the shoulder blades and coming out into the man's mouth, knocking out two of his front teeth. The man carried in his hand the teeth and bullet which he had struck at the hospital. He did not die, strange to relate. The bullet had sufficient force to pass into the throat, up and into the mouth and knock out the teeth and did not injure the throat badly. That wound was a marvel."

LAW AS INTERPRETED. Mentioning a meander line on the bank of a river as a boundary is held, in *Singer vs. Coganpost (Ind.)*, 44 L. R. A. 814, sufficient to convey the property at least to the water line, with riparian rights, if not to the thread of the stream, unless a contrary intent clearly appears from the deed itself.

The fact that material to be used in the construction of a pavement or other public work is in his hands or under the control of a single dealer, whether by reason of a patent or otherwise, is held, in *Holmes vs. common council of Detroit (Mich.)*, 45 L. R. A. 121, insufficient to prevent the specification of that material in a contract for improvement to be let on competitive bids.

The indefiniteness of a call on stockholders, stating that they may pay in cash or "by a promise to pay in the form of a land contract or contracts," without showing who may exercise the right to elect the mode of payment, is held, in *Boisjart vs. Wiseman (Md.)*, 44 L. R. A. 482, where a contractor is employed to excavate a lot close to a neighbor's house in a populous city, but the property is not in the hands of the contractor, that the contractor is not liable for the negligence of an independent contractor is denied application in *Boisjart vs. Wiseman (Md.)*, 44 L. R. A. 482, where a contractor is employed to excavate a lot close to a neighbor's house in a populous city, but the property is not in the hands of the contractor, that the contractor is not liable for the negligence of an independent contractor is denied application in *Boisjart vs. Wiseman (Md.)*, 44 L. R. 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