

St. Jacobs Oil cures Rheumatism.  
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"Aw, you know, you may celebrate Christmas as best you know how," said the suspicious Englishman, "but you can't come up to the old English plum pudding you know."  
"Sir," said the patriotic American, with asperity, "our home made, or still more the bakery-made mince pies can produce as fine a plum of nightmare as any English plum pudding ever rolled."—Inneapolis Journal.

## Rheumatism

It is one of the troubles peculiar to this season, owing to the overworked condition of the system and the colds which are so prevalent. Hood's Sarsaparilla is wonderfully successful in curing this disease. It neutralizes the acid in the blood and permanently cures the aches and pains which other medicine fails to relieve.

**Hood's Sarsaparilla**  
is America's Greatest Medicine for Rheumatism.  
Hood's Pills cure sick headache. 25 cents.

A rather ingenious method of replacing the roof of a standpipe was resorted to recently by the water works department at Napoleon, O. Some time ago, in a violent wind storm, the roof was blown off, together with the upper part of the ladder leading to the top. Since then several plans for making the repairs have been considered, but the following was decided upon as the most feasible: The water was withdrawn from the standpipe and a raft was built inside. When the water was turned on the raft, laden with workmen and their tools, was gradually sent upward at the rate of 25 feet per hour, it requiring five hours to make the ascent. Hooks and pulleys were then attached to the pipe and material was drawn up on the outside, while the men performed their work, using the raft for a platform.

Did't See Cause for Thankfulness.  
Mrs. Jackson indignantly—"You say you haven't got anything to be thankful for. Why, just look at Al Johnson! He has just lost his wife by consumption and four children by diphtheria."  
Mr. Jackson—"But that don't do me any good! Johnson ain't me!—Judge."

Under Two Flags.  
He was a soldier of fortune and a prisoner of war.

"Come," they said, "sign the parole!" But he only shook his head.  
"Never!" he said, proudly, "but I've no objections to signing the parole."

No, he wasn't in the war business for sanitary reasons.—N. Y. Journal.

If you want the best wind mill, pumps, tanks, plows, for all kinds of work, boilers, engines, or general machinery, see or write JOHN POOLE, box of Morrison street, Portland, Oregon.

Everyone who gets up an amateur entertainment says that he will never get up another. He has a harder time than the man who gets up a picnic that is rained on.—Albion Journal.

When coming to San Francisco go to Brooklyn House, 235-237 Bush street, American or European plan. Rooms and board \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day; rooms 50 cents to \$1.00 per day; single meals 25 cents. Free coach. Chas. Montgomery.

A Yarmouth (England) man was smoking a pipe when a spark dropped into the tank of his automobile, and he had a claim for loss under his fire insurance policy, and the company paid the damage.

To Cure a Cold in One Day  
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

Life insurance companies reject about three-fourths of the applicants who have been gymnasts, because it has been found that most of them have strained their hearts by excessive exercises.

The measurement of a degree of latitude in Spitzbergen is a Swedish project, Russian co-operation to be invited.

## CONSULTING A WOMAN.

Mrs. Pinkham's Advice Inspires Confidence and Hope.

Examination by a male physician is a hard trial to a delicately organized woman.

She puts it off as long as she dare, and is only driven to it by fear of cancer, polypus, or some dreadful ailment.

Most frequently such a woman leaves a physician's office with the assurance that she has undergone a critical examination with animation, more or less, of discouragement.

This condition of the mind destroys the effect of advice; and she grows worse rather than better. In consulting Mrs. Pinkham no hesitation need be felt, the story is told to a woman and is wholly confidential. Mrs. Pinkham's address is Lynn, Mass. she offers sick women her advice without charge.

Her intimate knowledge of women's troubles makes her letter of advice a wellspring of hope, and her wide experience and skill point the way to health.

"I suffered with ovarian troubles for seven years, and no doctor knew what was the matter with me. I had spells which would last for two days or more. I thought I would try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I have taken seven bottles of it, and am entirely cured."—Mrs. J. M. Foxman, 26 N. Woodberry Ave., Baltimore, Md.

The above letter from Mrs. Foxman is only one of thousands.

## A QUEER OLD WORLD.

If virtue would allure like sin  
How easily might goodness win.

If right went laughing by like wrong  
The devil would lose half his throng.

If day would please like the night  
Dawns need not blush to face the light.

But virtue seems so cold and proud  
That merry sin attracts the crowd.

And right has such a solemn air  
Men follow wrong, the deceiver.

And care so eats the daytime up  
At night they seize mad folly's cup.

And drink forgetfulness till dawn,  
—And so the queer old world goes on.—  
Criticism.

## HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

THAT Miss Foster was different from most women charging that all the rest of her sex might have been proved from any of the fifteen men to whom she had been engaged in two years since she had come back from school, beginning with Cadet Terrie and ending with Cady.

The Cadet Terrie was exactly like all the rest of mankind, and little deserved the blessing he had in his daughter, was manifested by his drawing from his pocket a letter, and saying as he gave it to her, "My the by, Kitty, this came for you yesterday while you were riding with Cady, and I forgot to give it to you."

Miss Foster looked at the postmark and at the almost feminine cursive, and knew that the letter was from Fort Bowie, and from Gloucester. She laid it beside her plate and finished her breakfast. Afterward she took it up to her own room and read it. Then she sat with folded hands and looked, as if at the photographs of the fifteen upon the wall before her. She was very white.

The most astute woman will frequently state everything and play all her game upon honor in man. When that chance to fall, her calculations are set at naught, and the bottom falls out of her diversions.

And Gloucester's honor had failed. He wrote—"Kitty read it again—'So you tell me you are engaged to Cady. That means little to you. But it may mean much to him. Therefore, to prevent his being made the fool that I have been, I have taken the liberty of sending him by this mail the letters you have written to me within the last month, four in number—that he may know with what manner of woman he has to deal."

Now, fourteen times before, Miss Foster had not been in earnest. But this time she was. Unfortunately, the fact that she cared greatly for Cady had not prevented her from writing to Gloucester more affectionately than prudently, in order to keep him—rather dear charmer who was away—upon her string, so long as it would hold him without snapping. And the letters, sent while she was actually engaged to Cady, were going to fall into his hands. It was a desperate situation.

But for all her eyes, and curls, and bewitching ways, Miss Foster was the woman to meet it.

After a time she rose to her feet and set her lips. It is a peculiarity of Cupid's bow lips that they can set upon occasions. She knew that Cady had not yet received those letters, and she would rob the stage.

Guard-mounting was just over, and the stage was not due until noon. Kitty set a big hat a titling upon her curls and walked down to the postoffice. Fate, with her partiality for the brave and fair, willed that the postmaster should have left his desk. Miss Foster pushed open the gate and went behind the rail. The keys to the mail-bag hung upon their hook. She put them in her pocket. When the postmaster came back she was placidly marking his clean blotter with the letter stamp.

"If you please, Mr. Jones," she said, "I want this letter registered."

An hour later Miss Foster reigned upon her horse on the top of a rise and looked across the flat stretch of greasewood, and a retus, and sage. Far away a tiny speck was crawling toward her along the white road. It was the stage. She had a slight nervousness upon the plains, and she had an unfailing eye for its distances. There would be full half an hour to wait. She cast about for some way of killing time, and found a deep, wide fissure in the parched earth. It appeared to her daring. She put her horse to a run and jumped it time and again until he was winded. Then she rode again to the crest of the slope. The stage was near. She dismounted, felt of the girls, and sat down, bugging the tiny noon-day shade of a mesquite bush, for the sun was burning down from a hard, blue sky. A big red ant was carrying a beetle's wing many times larger than itself. Kitty watched it until she heard the rattle of traces as the stage climbed the other side of the slope. She commended her soul to heaven and brought her quilt down upon the horse's black flanks.

The stage-driver drew up his stock, and the passenger put out his hands and shoulders and gazed at the slender gray figure rising alone in the midst of the prairie.

"What ever, Miss Kitty—" the driver stopped short. He saw the horse grazing off a bunch of stumpy grass, a hundred yards away. Kitty sent a slight nod and laid her hand on the wheel. She had seen that there was no woman in the stage. A woman would have upset all her calculations. She raised her big blue eyes. The men who could have resisted them were few. Those in the stage listened now to a tale calculated to melt a heart of stone.

"I was just out for a little ride," said Kitty, "and my girls were loose, so I dismounted to cinch up, and that horrid Dandy got away. If you had not come, I don't know whatever I should have done."

Miss Foster would not have been the woman who was it tears—the gothic of the lamp of fair femininity—had not risen at her will. The driver looked again at the horse and back at Miss Foster. He had known her from the day of her birth. When he was in his first enlistment, long before he had returned to civil life, he had been her father's striker. He had held her upon a burro and taught her to ride before

## PACIFIC COAST NEWS

Items of General Interest gleaned from the Thriving Pacific States.

The Country's Apple Crop.  
In connection with demand in the East and in Europe for our fruit, we quote from the Orange Judd Farmer in regard to the extent of the apple crop. This crop in the United States is smaller than it has been since reliable statistics have been collected. The total supply from the 1908 crop of the United States is 47,000,000 bushels, compared with something over 40,000,000 barrels last year and 70,000,000 in the record-breaking crop of 1896. The failure is widespread, reaching from the Pacific coast to Maine, and in none of the states does the output of fruit approach an average. (This is not true, however, where the crop is not a failure.) In the great apple states of the Central West the crop is almost a total failure, although the destination in Michigan is better than elsewhere, having about two-thirds of the bumper crops of 1896. New York has only one-fifth of a full crop. The failure is attributed to the fact that during the blossoming season there was an excessive rainfall, which washed out the pollen and prevented proper fertilization by insects, while a cold wave added to the injury, and subsequent moist, humid weather was very favorable to the development of fungus diseases. The Ontario crop is decidedly short. The crop of Europe is reported below the normal.

Idaho's Mineral Output.  
The mines of Idaho have shared the general prosperity of the state. In every section of the commonwealth new strikes were made during the year just closed, and many of them have developed into promising properties. The state's mineral production for 1908 is \$1,559,570 more than it was last year, and \$5,661,610 more than in 1896. J. W. Cunningham, superintendent of the United States assay office at Boise, has made an estimate of the production of the state for the past year, upon which the foregoing comparison is based. The following gives the actual production for 1907, and the estimated production for 1908:

Gold, 1907, 19,000; 1908, 22,275,000	19,000	22,275,000
Silver, 1907, 6,000,000; 1908, 7,200,000	6,000,000	7,200,000
Copper, 1907, 11,407,000; 1908, 12,500,000	11,407,000	12,500,000
Total, 1907, \$13,809,400; 1908, \$43,775,000	\$13,809,400	\$43,775,000

In 1896 the gold production of the state was \$2,323,700; silver, \$4,464,745; lead, \$2,953,350; total, \$11,741,795.

A flour milling company, to be known as the M. M. & B. Co., has just been incorporated at Chelan Falls. The incorporators are Messrs. R. T. Muddock, James Marshall and George D. Brown. It is their purpose to at once inaugurate the building of a 100-barrel flour mill at the falls, although but 50-barrel machinery will be put in at the start. When it is remembered that at present there is but one flour mill between Wilbur and the Cascade mountains, in an area considerably more than 100 miles square, it will be seen that the present move means a large and profitable business from the start.

Oliver Crop.  
A Los Angeles Times man writes to his paper that throughout a great part of Southern California the olive crop has incorporated at Chelan Falls. The incorporators are Messrs. R. T. Muddock, James Marshall and George D. Brown. It is their purpose to at once inaugurate the building of a 100-barrel flour mill at the falls, although but 50-barrel machinery will be put in at the start. When it is remembered that at present there is but one flour mill between Wilbur and the Cascade mountains, in an area considerably more than 100 miles square, it will be seen that the present move means a large and profitable business from the start.

San Francisco Market.  
Wool—Spring—Nevada, 100¢ 1/2; Oregon, Eastern, 100¢ 1/2; Valley, 150¢ 1/2; Northern, 90¢ 1/2.  
Butter—Maldings, \$18 to \$21.00; Cream, \$15.00 to \$16.50 per pound.  
Butter—Silverside, 50¢ 7/8 per sack; Butters—Fancy creamery, 25¢; do seconds, 20¢ 2/3; fancy dairy, 25¢; do seconds, 20¢ 2/3 per pound.  
Eggs—Store, 25¢ 3/4; fancy ranch, 34¢ 3/4.

Citrus Fruit—Oranges, Valencia, \$2.50; Mexican, \$1.50; California lemons, \$2.00 to \$3.00; do choice, \$3.00 to \$4.00 per box.

Ourselfs and Our Clothes.  
"Happily," said Mr. Staggely, "we do not realize the change in our modern appearance as we would grow older, the change is so slight from day to day; and then, as a matter of fact, we are, to ourselves at least, ever as young as we feel. It is not so about our clothes; we cannot make them even feel young as they grow old, to say nothing of keeping them looking so—they will get worn and threadbare. And we are likely to forget about that, and to give no thought to the impression they may make upon other people. There we make a mistake. We should keep an eye on our apparel; and, as to trimness, at least have that in keeping not with our gray head, but with our fresh and ever youthful heart."—N. Y. Sun.

A Claude Duval in Skirts.  
A St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Telegraph devotes much space to the curious case of a highwayman, who operates in the districts of Okla. Barbara Duval is her name. She disappeared some ten years ago from the village of Bandza, and since then has held a whole country-side in terror by her operations on the road.

"This curious highwaywoman," we are told, "is one of the most artistic riders in a country which has produced the best human equestrian for centuries that the world has yet seen. She will jump anything. She is also an excellent shot and can hit the edge of a Russian silver coin, smaller than our sixpence, with a rifle bullet at an astonishingly long distance.

"Barbara Duval is a Georgian, and her beauty, therefore, may be more easily imagined than described. She is very popular among her old people.

## PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Seattle Market.  
Onions, \$2.00 per 100 pounds.  
Potatoes, \$1.25 to \$1.75.  
Beets, per sack, 75c.  
Turnips, per sack, 50¢ to 60¢.  
Carrots, per sack, \$1.  
Pumpkins, per sack, \$1.  
Cauliflowers, 50¢ to 75¢ per doz.  
Celery, 50¢ to 1.00.

Cabbage, native and California \$1.00 to 1.50 per 100 pounds.  
Apples, 25¢ to 50¢ per box.  
Pears, 50¢ to \$1.50 per box.  
Prunes, 20¢ per box.  
Butter—Creamery, 27¢ per pound; dairy and ranch, 18¢ to 22¢ per pound.  
Eggs, 27c.  
Clover—Native, 12¢ to 12 1/2¢.  
Poultry—Old hens, 12¢ per pound; spring chickens, 12¢ to 14¢, 16¢.

Fresh meats—Choice dressed beef steers, prime, 6 1/2¢ to 7¢; corn, prime, 6 1/2¢ to 7¢; pork, 6¢ to 7¢; veal, 6¢ to 8¢.  
Wheat—Feed wheat, \$22.  
Oats—Choice, per ton, \$24.  
Hay—Pogot Sound mixed, \$9.00 to \$11; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$15.

Corn—Whole, \$22.50; cracked, \$24; feed meal, \$22.50.  
Barley—Feed barley, per ton, \$24 to \$25; whole, \$22.  
Flour—Patent, per barrel, \$3.50; straight, \$3.25; California brand, \$3.25; buckwheat flour, \$3.75; graham, per barrel, \$3.60; whole wheat flour, \$3.75; 49¢ flour, \$4.  
Millet—Bran, per ton, \$14; shorts, per ton, \$16.  
Feed—Chopped feed, \$19.25 to 21¢; middlings, per ton, \$17; oil cake meal, per ton, \$25.

Portland Market.  
Wheat—Walla Walla, 60¢; Valley, 62¢; Bluestem, 62¢ per bushel.  
Flour—Best grades, \$3.20; graham, \$2.50; superfine, \$2.15 per barrel.  
Oats—Choice, \$2.15 to \$2.40; choice 49¢ to \$2.20 per bushel.  
Barley—Feed barley, \$22 to \$24; brewing, \$22.50 to \$24.  
Millet—Bran, \$16 per ton; middlings, \$17; shorts, \$17; chop, \$16.00 per ton.  
Hay—Timothy, \$9 to \$10; clover, \$7 to \$8; Oregon wild hay, \$6 per ton.  
Butter—Fancy creamery, 25¢ to 30¢; second, 20¢ to 25¢; dairy, 45¢ to 50¢ per pound.  
Cheese—Oregon full cream, 11¢ to 12¢; Young America, 15¢; new cheese, 10¢ per pound.  
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Hay—Timothy, \$9 to \$10; clover, \$7 to \$8; Oregon wild hay, \$6 per ton.  
Butter—Fancy creamery, 25¢ to 30¢; second, 20¢ to 25¢; dairy, 45¢ to 50¢ per pound.  
Cheese—Oregon full cream, 11¢ to 12¢; Young America, 15¢; new cheese, 10¢ per pound.  
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$2.25 to \$3 per dozen; hens, \$2.50 to \$4.00; springs, \$1.25 to \$2; geese, \$6.00 to \$7.00 for old; ducks, 50¢ to 60¢; dairy, 45¢ to 50¢ per pound.  
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