"Proof of the Pudding Is in the Eating."

It is not what we say, but what Hood's Sarsaparilla does, that tells the story. Thousands of people give the proof by telling of remarkable cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla of Scrofula, Salt Rheum, Dyspepsia, Catarrh, Rheumatism, and all other blood diseases and debility.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Never Disappoints

The prevailing use of electricity has brought about a large increase in fires, owing to crossed wires. Ten years ago there were only 66 such fires, and last year there were 958.

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 connection 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, rates, etc., call on any O. R. & N. agent, or address W. H. Hurlburt, General Passenger Agent, Portland.

A New Feature in Western Traveling.

The Pullman Company now operates two grades of sleeping cars via the Rio Grande Western Railway. The ordinary sleepers are entirely new, and the berths, both upper and lower, are fitted up complete with mattresses, blankets, sheets, pillows, curtains, etc., with stoves arranged for making tea, coffee, etc., requiring nothing to be furnished by passengers. Uniformed Pullman porters are in charge of the cars, who are required to keep them in good order and attend to the wants and comforts of passengers. The cars are very handsome and commodious, and while not so elegant, are just as comfortable as standard or palace sleepers. Both first and second-class passengers are permitted to occupy these cars on payment of the Pullman berth rates, which are less than half of the rates charged in the regular Pullman palace sleeping cars.

The ordinary sleepers are carried daily on trains via Rio Grande Western Railway between Denver and San Francisco and Portland. On five days in each week the sleepers are run through between Los Angeles and San Francisco, or Portland and Denver, Omaha, Chicago and Boston.

For additional details write for copy of folder to J. D. Mansfield, 253 Washington street, Portland, or George W. Heintz, acting general passenger agent, Salt Lake City.

Climate, Scenery and Nature's Sanitarium.

Scenery, altitude, sunshine and air, constitute the factors which are rapidly making Colorado the health and pleasure grounds of the world.

Here the sun shines 357 days of the average year, and it blends with the crisp, electric mountain air to produce a climate matchless in the known world. No pen can portray, no brush can picture the majestic grandeur of the scenery along the line of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad in Colorado. Parties going East should travel via this line which is known all over the world as the Scenic Line of the world. For any information regarding rates, time tables, etc., call on or address R. C. Nichol, general agent, 251 Washington street, Portland, Or., or any agent of the O. R. & N. Co., or Southern Pacific Company.

A red-hot poker was used by Harry Hale at Bellefontaine, Ohio, to open a whisky barrel. He pressed the poker into the bung, and the barrel exploded into a thousand pieces, causing fatal injuries to Mr. Hale.

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

Judge Falconbridge, of the high court of Canada, has ruled that it is not compulsory for persons to give evidence that may incriminate themselves in liquor cases.

Buffalo bridge and structural iron workers want the eight-hour day and $2.50.

An Excellent Combination.

The pleasant method and beneficial effects of the well known remedy, Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co., illustrate the value of obtaining the liquid laxative principles of plants known to be medicinally laxative and presenting them in the form most refreshing to the taste and acceptable to the system. It is the one perfect strengthening laxative, cleansing the system effectually, dispelling colds, headaches and fevers gently yet promptly and enabling one to overcome habitual constipation permanently. Its perfect freedom from every objectionable quality and substance, and its acting on the kidneys, liver and bowels, without weakening or irritating them, make it the ideal laxative.

In the process of manufacturing figs are used, as they are pleasant to the taste, but the medicinal qualities of the remedy are obtained from senna and other aromatic plants, by a method known to the California Fig Syrup Co. only. In order to get its beneficial effects and to avoid imitations, please remember the full name of the Company printed on the front of every package.

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CONSUMPTION

MANY COAL MINERS KILLED

Gas Explosion Wrought Destruction at Carbonado.

CAUSE SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

Deadly Blackdamp Followed the Explosion, but the Mine Was Easily Ventilated—List of the Dead.

Tacoma, Dec. 12.—A mine explosion at Carbonado, 49 miles easterly from Tacoma, at 11 o'clock this morning, killed 32 men. Identification of the dead men is almost impossible. The scraps of clothing that still cling to the bodies of the men are carefully preserved, laid aside and labelled to aid in the identification. Frenzied relatives of the missing men gathered at the mouth of the mine and watched eagerly to catch a glimpse of the forms as they were hurried by to the coroner's office.

The work of rescue is being rushed forward, but it may be days before the last blackened form is taken from the mine, for many men are believed to lie buried under masses of earth and rock. To extricate them will take time, and thus far the work of rescue has been pushed forward at the extreme endurance of the workers, for the black damp and noxious gases have driven the rescuers back repeatedly.

When the explosion occurred a rush of the inhabitants was made in the direction of the mouth of the tunnel. Women, the wives of the men supposed to be in the shift, ran to and fro, screaming and wringing their hands with anguish, crying children clinging to their skirts.

It was all that D. T. Davies the superintendent of the mine, could do to stop the wives and friends of the doomed miners from plunging madly into the tunnel's mouth.

A revised death list follows:

Company men—Leonard Johnson, Henry Soni, Matt Rehela and Victor Rubinski (formerly given as John Hill) all Finns; Michael Kichinko, John Mellon and Andrew Gecey, Poles; John H. Jones, David X. Thomas, Howell Meredith, sr., Watkin Jones, Evan M. Lewis, Daniel Davis and Rees Jones, all Welsh; William Wilson, Joseph Lee and Richard Dare, Americans, and Ben Zeidler, jr., German.

Contract miners—August Hainut and Emil Hainut, Belgians; Paul Curtiss, Adam Pavoll, John Flota and Stephen Krannoga, Poles; Ben Zeidler, sr., Germans; Matt Nuland and Jacob Lands, Finns. The cause of the explosion is a mystery to every one.

Only safety lamps are worn when at work. Governor Rogers will conduct a searching examination as to the cause of the explosion. He has telegraphed State Mine Inspector Owens, now at Spokane, to attend the inquest and examine witnesses himself. The question of the ventilation of the mine, in conformity with the state law, will be thoroughly gone into.

The total number of men in the unfortunate shift was 76, of whom 44 are alive, all of them having escaped or been rescued.

The mines are owned by the Carbon Hill Coal Company. They give work to 400 men, and have an output of 300,000 tons annually, and are situated 40 miles from Tacoma, on the Cascade division of the Northern Pacific. The mines are in a deep ravine, through which the Carbon river flows. The mines are supplied with every appliance for safety. They are largely tunneled, and the tunnels are so big that locomotives are run into them.

In 1890 an explosion at this same mine cost two lives, and John Hartman and some others were severely burned.

Aid for Needy.

Seattle, Dec. 12.—Washington miners, through the local union, have taken steps to render the families of the victims and those injured in the Carbonado explosion financial aid. All labor unions in Western Washington will contribute to the fund.

SERIOUS REVERSES.

Gatacre Was Defeated at Stormberg Junction.

Molteno, Cape Colony, Dec. 12.—General Gatacre left Spitter's kraal by train for Molteno and then proceeded by forced march 12 miles toward Stormberg. He had 2,000 men, including the Northumberland fusiliers, the Royal Irish rifles and two batteries of field artillery.

The British were unmolested by the Boers until the Boer position was reached, when a hot fire was unexpectedly opened upon the advancing column.

The engagement began at 4:15 A. M. At 7 A. M., after a sharp artillery duel, the British retired. They are now marching toward Molteno. General Gatacre found the enemy's position impregnable. It was impossible for the British infantry to get at the Boers.

Trying to Monopolize Nome's Gold.

Seattle, Dec. 11.—Cape Nome miners have held a series of meetings in this city and employed counsel to defeat what they claim is an attempt on the part of certain corporations to withdraw in their favor the famous Cape Nome beach diggings.

New Train Put on.

The O. R. & N. Co. has just completed the purchase of a lot of new modern passenger equipment, which will permit the putting on of a second train, via the Huntington route. This will give Portland by this route both morning and evening service—two trains in each direction, and will be a great benefit in handling the business for the Baker City mining district, which is having such a tremendous growth.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Mr. Roberts, the director of the mint, in his annual report says: "The mints and assay offices operated upon more bullion in the aggregate and a greater coinage was executed during the last fiscal year than in any previous year.

Steamer Niagara Lost.

Buffalo, Dec. 12.—It is now certain that the Canadian steamer Niagara, Captain McCleery, foundered on Tuesday evening last about eight miles off Long Point, Lake Erie, with all hands, numbering 16.

WOMAN IN BERTH.

He Sued the Wagner Company and Received Damages.

New York, Dec. 11.—One of the most singular suits on record has just been decided in the city court in this city, Marcus Braun having secured a judgment against the Wagner Palace Car Company for $750, as damages for a mistake made by one of the company's conductors, who alotted a berth already sold to Braun to a woman. When the error was discovered every berth in the train was sold, and Braun was compelled to sit in the smoking compartment during a trip from Cleveland to this city.

When Braun bought his coupon for the berth he left his luggage in the seat and went to the smoking compartment. He did not return for two hours, according to his own story, but when he did, he found the berth made up and occupied. The comments of the passengers so injured his feelings, he says, that a money compensation is due him, he alleges. The woman in the berth produced a coupon which was an exact duplicate of the coupon given Braun.

ONE WEEK OF DEBATE.

House Arranges for Consideration of Currency Bill.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The house adopted a special order for the consideration of the currency bill, beginning Monday. The general debate will continue until Friday, and Saturday amendments may be offered under the five-minute rule, and the following Monday the vote will be taken. The Democrats, Populists and Silverites presented a solid front against the adoption of the resolution, and every Republican voted for it.

Roberts, the Mormon representative elect from Utah, was not in the house when it convened today.

They May Be Vice-admirals.

New York, Dec. 11.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: President McKinley, during an interview with Senator Wellington, expressed himself in favor of reviving the grade of vice-admiral in the interest of both Rear-Admiral Sampson an Rear-Admiral Schley. He believe that this is the simplest solution of the whole Sampson-Schley controversy, and it is expected that Senator Wellington will introduce a bill in a few days providing for the appointment of two vice-admirals without specifying names.

The president very frankly said that if such a bill became a law, he would promptly nominate both Sampson and Schley in the order named. This arrangement, both the president and Senator Wellington believe, will meet the approval of a majority of the friends of both officers.

Railroad Conferences in New York.

New York, Dec. 11.—The World says: Some important conferences between Union Pacific and Chicago & Northwestern railroad officials, have been held in this city within the past week and a report is again in circulation to the effect that the former system will be absorbed by the latter, which the Vanderbilts already control. This will be done under a long term lease, it is said. Both President Hughitt and President Burt, of the two lines, are now in the city. They denied yesterday that their presence here had any such significance as was indicated by the report.

Is in Favor of Taylor.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 11.—The state board of elections tonight gave out its official findings that W. S. Taylor, for governor, and the rest of the Republican ticket, have been elected on the face of the returns. Commissioners Ellis and Pryor signed the majority report, in which they held that, as a board of canvassers, they have no right to go behind the returns of the county boards, that their duties are purely ministerial as canvassers, and that the face of the returns, as received by them from the counties, shows the election of the Republican state ticket. Accordingly, the report says, certificates of election were ordered issued to each candidate thereon.

Lake Steamer Missing.

Fort Colborne, Ont., Dec. 11.—It is believed here tonight that the Canadian steamer Niagara has foundered on Lake Erie and that all hands were lost. The crew comprised 16 persons, all told. Of these, Captain Henry McGlory, master of the lost steamer, is the only one known here. The Niagara had a cargo of lumber and shingles, bound from Georgian bay to Buffalo. Tuesday the Niagara was sighted off Long Point in the heavy gale and snow storm. The steamers Orion and M. T. Greene arrived this afternoon from Buffalo, and report passing through a quantity of wreckage. It consisted of lumber, shingles and pieces of a wooden steamer. The Niagara is the only boat known to be missing.

Cape Nome Will Rival Monte Carlo.

Seattle, Dec. 11.—Arangements have been completed for a big gambling and theatrical enterprise, to be established at Cape Nome in the spring. The plans involve an expenditure of $60,000. A special steamer will take North 40 variety performrs, the paraphernalia for the biggest gambling house in Alaska and a building 50x140 feet, three stories high.

Argentina's Crops.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 11.—The wheat prospects in the Argentine Republic are excellent. There will probably be an exportable surplus of 2,000,000 tons. The linseed crop will reach 350,000, and the total wool clip is about 225,000 tons, which guarantees an exportable surplus.

To prevent obstruction to traffic in the main streets of Boston in the day time, all the repairs are made at night.

Burning of Human Beings.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—The burning of a negro at Marysville, Ky., was denounced in resolutions at a meeting of the Ida B. Wells Woman's Club, a colored organization. The resolutions declared that it was time for Christian forces to unite in condemning the burning of human beings and indorsed the action of the National Anti-Lynching Bureau, of Chicago, which, through its chairman, Mrs. Ida B. Wells, has asked various organizations to send resolutions of protest to the governor of Kentucky and the mayor, ministers and papers of Marysville.

GOVERNOR BRADY'S REPORT.

Devotes a Considerable Portion to Mines of Alaska.

Governor Brady, of Alaska, in his annual report, pleads for statehood, government establishment and the operation of cable and telegraph lines and the persistent branding of female seals and the cessation of killing them for at least 10 years. An appropriation of $110,000 is asked for a penitentiary and suitable public buildings at Sitka. The governor says that to preserve the seals the United States should own a property right in the seals and brand the letters "U. S." four inches long on every female seals—thus spoiling them for fur seals.

The governor's report is an important document, making a pamphlet of 57 pages. It is a complete report upon the industries and prospects of the immense northern empire. Naturally he devotes a considerable portion of his report to the mining situation. He devotes particular attention to gold quart mining, of which he says:

Quartz Mining in Alaska.

"The year's progress in this industry has been most gratifying. The managers of the Treadwell plant felt that life is too short for the treatment of that immense mass of ore with a 240-stamp mill, which had been doing duty so long and well. Accordingly they have constructed other mills and needful accessories thereto, and now have it operation a total of 880 stamps.

"Back of Juneau, in Silver Bow basin, quart mining is going on vigorously. The 50 stamps of the Juneau Alaska mill have been steadily at work during the season.

"Ketchikan, on Tongas narrows, is now the center of a district in the extreme southeastern portion of Alaska wherein is a keen interest in quatz mining. The sea level claims are now ready for operation and a milling plan will soon be erected.

"The Appollo Consolidated on Ungs island, one of the Shumagin group, has been kept steadily at work throughout the year and has been a pretty steady producer, with a 40-stamp mill, at the rate of about $30,000 per month.

"All the district north of Juneau along the mainland, is rich in quartz ledges and in the neighborhood of Berner's bay there are several mills a work.

The Fisheries.

The governor refers to the fisheries a length and after describing the extensive salmon canneries says:

"The cod will always be our standby.

"We probably have the grandest banks in the world. It is a safe calculation that we have not less than 125,000 square miles of cod fishing in connection within the Alaska coast. Here is an immense wealth simply waiting for development."

Index and Adjacent Camps.

The Summit mine, seven miles from Index, has just completed a seven-mile horse tram and 1,400-foot wire tram, and are now making regular shipments. They have about 150 feet for stoping ground above the present tunnel. Stope shows about 16 feet of ore. They are also sinking a winze on ore body, in which they are getting some high grade bornite ore. The Golden Tunnel Company, whose property is near Baring, are just completing their mill, which is a centrifugal machine called the Montgomery pulverizer. It is supposed to handle 30 tons of ore per day. In addition to this they are putting in Hungarian riffles and Willfey concentrator. The Vulcan Iron Works of Seattle have the contract and are putting in a 1,700-foot wire tramway from the mine to the mill. The Golden Tunnel property is something entirely different from anything else in the country. It has never had any development work done on it to speak of and still they have several thousand tons of ore in sight, most of which lies loose in a large cave, the main chamber of which is 75 feet high and 25 feet wide, extending something like 75 feet into the mounatin. The ore looks like a pile of white sand or cement finely pulverized. It is said this ore has more metals in it than anything in the country, containing gold, silver, copper, lead, zinc, iron, aluminum, tellurium and a number of others. At Skykomish the Cleopatra people are putting in a wire tramway and are preparing to ship some of their high-grade ore. In their lower tunnel, at a depth of 500 feet, they are taking out a 16-inch streak of gray copper and antimonial silver ore, which runs very high. A crew of 30 men is at work on the Mona, a property on Miller river, about four miles from Skykomish.

Closset & Dever's Costly Fire.

Monday night, December 4, Closset & Devers, the oldest and largest coffee and spice house in the Northwest, were completely burned out at Portland. The loss was about $65,000 and insurance $44,500. They have already a new gas roaster in operation, as they had an extra machine in reserve. Roast coffee orders can be filled now. For other goods they will be in shape in about a week. Their loss was heavy, but they have energy and determination and have been much touched by the numerous offers of sympathy and encouragement from all their friends in every quarter.

Chicago Policemen's Benevolent Association realized $34,000 by the recent annual benefit at the Auditorium.

Trans-Pacific Routes.

The North Pacific pilot chart for December has appeared, and among other interesting features it has for the first time the sailing routes between the Columbia river and the Orient, and the route from the Columbia river down to the trades. The credit for placing Portland, Astoria and the Columbia river "on the map" is largely due to the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Defective flues were responsible for over 11 per cent of the fires last year.

The Mascot camp, 37 miles from Palouse City, is prospering. The Mother Lode mine there is said to have richer ore than the Republic. This mine is owned by Taylor Bros., of Farmington. The ledge is said to be very extensive.

The following process is said to restore to a waterproof the original softness: Dissolve a teaspoon of the best gray lime in half a pailful of water; wipe the cloak well with a soft cloth, wrung loosely out of this mixture; hang to dry and repeat the operation in two hours.

One of the Michigan food inspectors who has been making a tour of the state, says that Michigan's pure food law is working admirably in diminishing adulteration. He says that, of late years, great quantities of imitation fruit jellies have been sold; these are made of glucose and corn jelly, colored to resemble the desired fruit. In one town the inspector stopped the sale of imitation strawberry jam, which was made of corn jelly and glucose, flavored with strawberry extract, and further improved by the addition of hayseed.

New Pass in Rocky Mountains.

After numerous hairbreadth escapes a party of explorers in the Rocky Mountains stumbled onto a new pass. In a like manner, people who believed dyspepsia incurable are astonished to find that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters used faithfully will make the digestion strong, the bowels regular, the liver active. Try it.

An ordinance has been passed in West Palm Beach, Fla., forbidding females to enter saloons.

HOW'S THIS?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that can not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.
We the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the past 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.
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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Last year 6,891 incendiary fires occurred.

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.

Lightning caused 3,479 conflagrations in 1898.

Kill Germs of Disease.

The modern way to cure diseases is to destroy its germs. Cascarets Candy Cathartic are modern germ-killers, and cleansers. Druggists, 10c, 25c, 50c.

Natural gas was the cause of 94 fires last year.

VITALITY lost, debilitated or exhausted cured by Dr. Kline's Invigorating Tonic. FREE $1 Trial Bottle containing 2 Weeks' treatment. Dr. Kline's Institute, 931 Arch St., Philadelphia. Founded 1874.

American shoe manufacturers can undersell the local producer in South Africa.

My doctor said I would die, but Piso's Cure for Consumption cured me.—Amos Kelner, Cherry Valley, Ills., Nov. 25, '95.

Are You Going East?

If so, you should see that your ticket reads via the Great Rock Island route, and you will get the best. Pullman palace sleeping cars, elegant reclining chair cars "free," and library buffet cars on all through trains. Best dining car service in the world. Popular personally conducted excursions once a week to all points East. For full particulars call on or address any ticket agent, or A. E. COOPER, G. A. P. D., C. R. I. & P. Ry., 246 Washington street, Portland, Or.

It has been discovered that what may be called the first daily newspaper was a manuscript letter written by salaried correspondents and forwarded by them every 24 hours from London to the provinces. That was in the days of the early Stuarts. During the commonwealth these London letters were printed in type and circulated in large numbers. Even so long ago as 1680 the law of libel was such as to be characterized by Judge Scroggs as making any newspaper publication illegal and tending to provoke a breach of the peace.

Brooklyn stair builders have the Saturday half holiday and a wage scale of $3.25 a day, including Saturdays, on which the same wage is paid as on the longer working days.

Lawrence county, in the Black Hills, claims the honor of producing a greater amount of gold ore in a day than any other country in the United States—4,650 tons, valued at $40,000.

Day county, S. D., has produced two crops of oats this season.

BEST FOR THE BOWELS

If you haven't a regular, healthy movement of the bowels every day, you're sick, or will be. Keep your bowels open, and be well. Force, in the shape of violent physic or pill poison, is dangerous. The smoothest, easiest, most perfect way of keeping the bowels clear and clean is to take

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The Philosophy of Dead Gameness.

"Now," said the man who had yearned for riches, "I will go forth today and risk once more. Success has attended all my ventures. I have $9,990,000. If all goes well today I will be ten times a millionaire. Then I will risk no more. Then I will be content and some one else may step into the place that I leave vacant." So he risked again and won the $10,000 that he thought he needed in his business; but the man who lost the money was not dead game. If he had been dead game he would have said nothing and hoped for better luck next time. Therefore, lacking the qualities that make for gameness, he jumped upon the man who had won and thumped him so hard that he died on the way to the hospital. There is in the heart of every man who succeeds here below a soft spot for the dead game loser.—Chicago Times-Herald.

A Story With a Moral.

An old sailor once appeared to give evidence in a case of assault, when he was asked the following questions:

The Judge—"Where was plaintiff standing when defendant struck him?"

Witness—"Who are they?"

The Judge—"Don't you know the difference between plaintiff and defendant?"

Witness—"No."

The Judge—"Well, you are a nice chap to come here and give evidence! And you don't know the plaintiff from the defendant? Where was he when the man struck him?"

Witness—"Abaft the binnacle!"

The Judge—"Abaft the binnacle! Where is that?"

Witness—"You are a fine chap to sit as a judge! And you don't know where 'abaft the binnacle' is?"

Its Origin.

"Hoot!" cried the owl ever and anon.

The fowls of the air and the beasts of the field stirred uneasily in their sleep and muttered maledictions.

"Why are they so angry?" asked the owlet at last.

"They are envious, my child," replied the owl, "of my Scotch dialect. Hoot, hoot!"—Detroit Journal.

The average loss by fire in the United States has been reduced in 10 years from $6,922 to $1,860. The insurance loss in the same period was reduced from $3,993 to $1,056.

OLDEST MAN IN AMERICA

Tells How He Escaped the Terrors of Many Winters by Using Peruna.

Mr. Isaac Brock, the Oldest Man in the United States.

Mr. Isaac Brock, of McLennan county, Tex., has attained the great age of 111 years, having been born in 1788. He is an ardent friend to Peruna and speaks of it in the following terms:

"During my long life I have known a great many remedies for coughs, colds, catarrh and diarrhoea. I had always supposed these affections to be different diseases, but I have learned from Dr. Hartman's books that these affections are the same and are properly called catarrh.

"As for Dr. Hartman's remedy, Peruna, I have found it to be the best, if not the only reliable remedy for these affections.

"Peruna has been my stand-by for many years, and I attribute my good health and my extreme age to this remedy. It exactly meets all my requirements.

"I have come to rely upon it almost entirely for the many little things for which I need medicine. I believe it to be especially valuable to old people."

ISAAC BROCK.

Catarrh is the greatest enemy of old age. A person entirely free from catarrh is sure to live to a hale and hearty old age. A free book on catarrh sent by The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O.

Five fires last year were caused by the sun's rays passing through window glass.

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No DISEASE has so baffled the medical skill of all ages as RHEUMATISM.

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I have never before in my 35 years of practice of medicine given my testimonial or recommendation to any patent medicine, but there is a remedy, the result of which has come under my own observation; for there is no **Disease** which has so baffled the medical skill of all ages as **Rheumatism** and to find a **Reliable** remedy for the same. At last we have found it in **"5 DROPS,"** manufactured by the **Swanson Rheumatic Cure Company, Chicago, Ill.**

The **"5 DROPS,"** has proven itself wonderful for its curative power in **Rheumatism**, not as a **Temporary Reliever** only, but to give a **Permanent Cure** even in chronic cases. Sometime ago, I had among others several Rheumatic cases, under my treatment and prescribed for these patients the very **best Remedies** which I as a Physician could think of, but failed. Some time after I heard of **"5 DROPS"** and of its **Wonderful Cures**, and prescribed it to a few patients who found relief from its use within a few days. After that I prescribed it to a great number and to my surprise, I will say that in the course of **Two or Three Weeks** after they had used **"5 DROPS"** and **"5 Drop" Plasters** they were **Cured.**

Among these were a few who had, for a number of years, been suffering with **Chronic Rheumatism**, who had piloted themselves around on **Crutches.** They came to my office without **Crutches** and told me they were **perfectly Well.** They give all the credit to **"5 DROPS"** and to **"5 Drop" Plasters** and this is their testimony to the **Swanson Rheumatic Cure Company** for their kindness and for the conscientious way in which they are placing these **Wonderful Remedies** among suffering humanity, which they told me to write to the Company as an acknowledgement.

As I have seen the **Curative Power** of **"5 DROPS"** and **"5 Drop" Plasters**, in a great many instances, I can **Truly** recommend them and also that the firm is perfectly honest and reliable to deal with. C. A. JACKSON, Physician and Surgeon, Kearney, Neb., Aug. 29, 1899.

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