

Salt Rheum

You may call it eczema, tetter or milk crust. But no matter what you call it, this skin disease which comes in patches that burn, itch, discharge a watery matter, dry and scale, owes its existence to the presence of humors in the system.

It will continue to exist, annoy, and perhaps agonize, as long as these humors remain.

It is always radically and permanently cured by **Hood's Sarsaparilla** which expels all humors, and is positively unequalled for cutaneous eruptions.

A Satisfactory Story.

"You never seem to give even a thought of your constipation."

"Oh, yes, I do; I often rejoice that, within public recollection, none of them ever got hanged."

E. W. Howe

This signature is on every box of the genuine **Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets** the remedy that cures a cold in one day.

Too Much Criticism.

"I hear your husband is ill, Mrs. Jones."

"Yes'am."

"Nothing serious or critical, I hope?"

"Critical! I should say he were. He ain't satisfied with nothin' he ain't."

His Impression.

"Mandy," said Farmer Corntassel, "I guess it would be just as well to say so much about home cooking when you are talkin' up your summer board."

"Why not?"

"Cause some of these fellers act, to me, like that was what they was tryin' to get away from."

Simple When You Know.

"I was up in the mill district today. Frightfully noisy up there."

"That's right. I've got a friend who lives up there. He can't hear himself talk in his own house."

"My! Boiler shop next door?"

"No, He's deaf and dumb."

No Disappointment.

"Isn't your new house taking longer to build than you expected?"

"Oh, no, I've only spent twice as much on it, so far, as I anticipated."

BEWARE OF OINTMENTS FOR CATARRH THAT CONTAIN MERCURY.

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system whenever administered in such large quantities as these catarrh ointments contain, such ointments should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians. As the damage they will do is too often felt, the good ones can be obtained from **Chas. H. Platten**, Chemist & Co., Toledo, O., contain no mercury, and will cure instantly, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying **Hall's Catarrh Cure** be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and reaches the seat of the disease. **Chas. H. Platten**, Chemist & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the sole and only agents for the United States. Sold by Druggists, price 75c per bottle. **Hall's Family Pills** are the best.

Disproved.

"He can't be a good business man. Why, he is a college professor."

"But he has married the daughter of a millionaire."

Preferring Them at Rest.

"You want the pockets to run up and down, I suppose," said the tailor.

"No, sir, the irritable customer replied. "I prefer stationary pockets. You may make the silts perpendicular, however."

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of **Chas. H. Platten**

The Literal Mind.

"Tommy, how many wars has the United States been engaged in?"

"Five, sir."

"Enumerate them."

"One, two, three, four, five."

Why a Play is Like a Cigar.

Henry J. Byron, one of the witliest of English playwrights of a score of years ago, remarked on one occasion:

"A play is like a cigar. If it's good, everybody wants a box. If it's bad, all the puffing in the world won't make it go."

Mercury AND Potash

Everybody knows that Mercury is a dangerous and even when administered in very small doses, and few constitutions can stand it for any length of time.

Potash produces inflammation of the stomach and bowels, and a dangerous form of dyspepsia and often chronic diarrhea follow its use.

Now, the doctors will tell you if you have Contagious Blood Poison you must take these minerals for two years or longer; first, a course of Mercury, and when your teeth get so sensitive and sore that you can't eat, and the gums have a spongy, unnatural appearance, you are told to stop and a change to Potash is made. When the stomach rebels you are put on Mercury again, and so on *ad infinitum*, until the system becomes so thoroughly saturated with these poisonous drugs that the most disgusting sores break out on the body, the bones become diseased, and the muscles and joints are racked with the most torturing pains. Mercury and Potash drive the eruptions and blotches from the skin, but the virus remains in the blood and the reappearance of the old symptoms and the occasional sore mouth show that the poison is still active, and you can never hope to completely eradicate it by this method of treatment.

When I was about twenty-one years of age, or eighteen years ago, I contracted Blood Poison in a bad form, and am satisfied that the rapid progress the disease was making would soon have made me a life-long invalid or ended my life. As my system came under the influence of S. S. S., the sores, eruptions and pains disappeared, and the evidence of the disease was left. I am now thirty-nine years old, and have seen no signs of it during the past eighteen years. **W. M. EMBERTON**, Pevely, Mo.

S. S. S. is the only purely vegetable blood purifier known, and we offer \$1,000 for proof that it contains any mineral ingredient whatever. The general health improves as the Specific purges the system of impurities, and as new, rich blood begins to flow in the veins the unsightly sores and eruptions of blood poison disappear, strength returns and you are forever rid of this loathsome disease.

Our Home Treatment Book on Contagious Blood Poison tells you all about the symptoms, different stages, etc., of this disease. We will mail you a copy free. If you need advice or special directions, write our physicians; it will cost you nothing and may hasten your cure. **THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.**

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CHINESE OF PEKIN.

SOLDIER WRITES OF THEIR LIFE AND OCCUPATIONS.

They Are Industrious, Working Hard for Little Pay—Lack Tools for Cultivating the Land—Police of the City and Their Characteristics.

The subjected extracts from a private letter from George L. DeForest of this city, who is a member of Company B in the Ninth Regiment, will be read with interest:

"So you would like to peck in this sacred city and see what my surroundings are? I think in one of my former letters I gave a short description of the city of Pekin, and perhaps a little gossip in regard to the people who inhabit it may be acceptable. In the first place, the 'rich' 'Chinks' wear costly silks, while the poor ones are clad in wear cotton. Numerically in this city the proportion of rich to poor is about one in a thousand, so you can see that cotton is king so far as the poor are concerned, and I am told that, although the soil is very productive, there is hardly enough cotton raised to supply the demand. This is due, in great measure, to the lack of tools in cultivating it and poorer machinery for curing when harvested, as everything here is done by hand.

"The Chinese are the most industrious people I ever saw, especially the women. These latter are never idle. They are great gossipers, but do not neglect their work on that account, and it is a common thing to see them chatting in the narrow alleys between their houses, but always at work, either turning their reels or stitching shoe soles, which find a ready sale, for a Chinaman who went barefoot would be utterly disgraced. Why, even the beggars here wear shoes, although the leathers of their apparel may be ever so scanty.

"Another thing worthy of mention is the fact that nothing is wasted in this land of the 'Chinks.' Grass and all kinds of roots are pulled up, washed and dried, and used for fuel. Scraps of paper and cloth are pasted together to make the soles of shoes, and bits of wood are glued together to build up either a post or a board. The woman spinners and straw platters earn 2 cents a day. This may seem small pay, but not so when I tell you that I am informed that \$5 a year will clothe a Chinaman and his wife. Such a thing as underwear is not known by them, neither is a garment ever fitted, and a Utesa dressmaker would starve to death here. The only measures that are taken are from the hip to the ground. Fashions never change. Take two or three yards of material, sew it together, run a tape through the top, and haul it together, and you have the dress made.

"The 'Chinks' are very economical, and I guess you will think that they have need to be when I tell you that the unskilled laborers are only paid upon an average of 7 cents a day. Masons, carpenters and stonemasons are 'big' gins here in labor circles, receiving the magnificent sum of 25 to 30 cents a day. The work day here begins at sunrise and lasts until dark, but notwithstanding all this laborers seem contented and happy.

"So much in regard to the people, and now perhaps a few words in regard to the officials of the city, particularly the policemen, may interest you. In the first place, a Chinese policeman is a wonderful creation, in fact, a cross between a circus clown and a football player. His breeches are always baggy and heavily padded; in fact, so clumsy that you wonder how in the world he ever gets around in them. He also wears a coat which is thick and clumsy and comes well below the knee. Dark blue is the general color, which is set off with facings and bands of light green, red, green, maroon or brown, but no yellow is ever used, for that is the sacred royal color, and no one but those of high rank are allowed to wear it. Policemen are thicker than hick-berreries in this city of Pekin, there being, it is said, between 15,000 and 20,000 of them within the walled city.

"This walled city is two miles square and has two great gates in each wall base, about a mile from the corners, and a mile from each other. The streets are broad and stretch straight from one to the other, making the space inside into a big nine-block. The police stations are scattered all along the nine squares. The head of the police has charge of all the city gates, they being nine in number. The policemen never carry any arms, not even a stick, but keep tomahawks, spears, guns and lassos in racks at the station, and when a signal gun is fired make a rush for the station from which the sound comes and grab the first weapon in sight. When on parade or when they have a review, which is quite often, is the only time they are armed, especially if they expect any foreign devils to be present. The weapons are funny looking, particularly a savage looking three-headed spear, which makes a terrible, jagged wound.

"Besides the 20,000 policemen within the wall, I am informed that Pekin maintains 144,000 more to regulate matters in the outer city. All these men are under the command of one head officer. The officers and the men furnish their own uniforms, but the state furnishes their arms, and each gets a monthly allowance of rice in addition to his pay. The chief gets a good salary, but those under him get little pay, depending mostly for what they can squeeze out of the prisoners whom they pull in."—Utesa Press.

WITH AMATEUR ADMIRALS.

Routine Duties of Cadets at the Annapolis Naval Academy.

One of the best conducted naval schools in the world is that at which the officers of the United States Navy receive their training. It is thorough in every department, and the young men who graduate well up in his class is fitted for almost any station on board a ship. The record of one day there is the record of all days—a strict observance of all the rules of discipline and thorough instruction in every detail of naval warfare.

The cadet is aroused from his slum-

MISERY OF THE HALL BEDROOM.

A Stage in the Life of Many New Yorkers That Few Recall with Pleasure.

"The woman who had arrived grew restive. 'I shall never forget my hall bedroom days,' she said."

"A good deal has been written about the hall bedroom of New York, but no pen can tell all its miseries. I came to New York fresh from the ample spaces of a country home. I took a hall bedroom because it was the only room in the house I could afford. It had in it a cot, covered in day with an 'Oriental' tapestry; a washstand, a bench, a shelf curtained off with books beneath for clothes; a looking glass on the wall, with a little stand beneath, two chairs, and a useful piece of furniture which was writing desk, bookcase and dressing case combined. When my trunk and my typewriter were added to these treasures I could turn around with care, by opening the door so as to utilize a part of the hall for the purpose.

"My typewriter knocked out the little stand in one round. Could it have sat still it would have stood the burden. But I had to move the stand whenever I wanted to dress, or to get at my trunk, and as I did not remove the typewriter, but simply dragged the stand around, the poor thing quickly collapsed. The landlady looked severe when I told her. When I got another stand I carefully lifted my typewriter off whenever I wanted to move the stand, which was a dozen times a day.

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