

# Scrofula

Has come down to us through the ages like the pyramids and the sphinxes. It makes its presence known by many signs—glands in the neck, swollen neck, swollen eyelids, sore ears, rickets, catarrh, wasting and general debility.

## Hood's Sarsaparilla

The great specific for scrofula, effecting the most wonderful, radical and permanent cure. Be sure to get Hood's.

**Sure Evidence.**  
"But how do you know that he went to heaven?"  
"Kase the mule kicked him that way 'an' he ain't never come down yet."—Atlanta Constitution.

**On Equal Footing.**  
Dusty—There's one best thing about dis here hobo union.  
Rusty—Who's dat?  
Dusty—Ev'ry feller's a walkin' delegate.—Baltimore American.

**The Real Thing.**  
You Quizer? What does your friend write? Yerest? Novels? Tragedies?  
H. Kashi—Great Scott, what do you take him for? An amateur? No, sir! He writes advertisements of course.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

**Overmatched.**  
"Now, witness," said the lawyer, "you say that your hearing is good."  
"Yes, sir."  
"How good? Give me an illustration. Can you hear my watch tick?"  
"No, sir. It's three days since I saw you going into the pawnshop, and the watch must have run down by this time."

**Natural Conclusions.**  
"If there's milk in paradise dey mums have cows dar," said Brother Williams, "an' if dey got honey dar dey sho mums have bees, an' whar bees is dey's blossoms, an' whar blossoms is dey's always watermelons in season, bees do lawd!"

**Municipal Tramways Pay.**  
Newcastle-on-Tyne municipal tramways have resulted in a profit to the town of \$40,000 in fifteen months.

**Manchurian Trade.**  
The increase in the imports of Manchuria in ten years has been in the various commodities, 100 to 500 per cent. The cotton revenue in 1902 was \$10,000. The great growth in trade has resulted from free exportation of beans, bean cake and bean oil.

**The Outlook.**  
We are not in favor of pensioning geniuses. If this were done, it would mean a deathblow to the newspapers, for all newspaper men will quit work and live on their pension.

**Too Much Ambition.**  
"I can't understand why you discharged my boy. You advertised for a boy with ambition, and he's here."  
"That's just it, madam—that's just it. He wasn't in the place two days before he had his feet on my desk and was smoking my cigars."

**War Balloon Test.**  
The difficulty in damaging a war balloon in midair was recently shown by tests made in Austria. The experimenters anchored a balloon at a height of 7,000 feet and had gunners who had not been given the distance try to find it. It required 22 shots to find the range, even approximately, and not until the sixty-fourth round was the balloon hit. It then sustained but a slight tear, which caused it to descend slowly.—Chicago Chronicle.

**Small Incomes.**  
Of the 41,000,000 people in England more than half live on an income of less than \$12 a week, and the earnings of 7,000,000 of this number do not exceed \$6 a week for the family.

**Church Tenets and Long Life.**  
Mrs. Margaret Danieleson of Cambridge, Minn., is 132 years old. She is the mother of two Swedish Baptist ministers and ascribes her long life to her strict adherence to the tenets of the church.

# A Good Beginning

If the blood is in good condition at the beginning of the warm season, you are prepared to resist disease and are not apt to be troubled with boils, pimples, blackheads and blotches, or the itching and burning skin eruptions that make one's life a veritable torment and misery.

Now is the time to begin the work of cleansing and building up the blood and strengthening the weak places in your constitution. During the cold winter months we are compelled to live indoors and breathe the impure air of badly ventilated rooms and offices. We over-work and over-eat, and get too little out-door exercise, and our systems become clogged with impurities and the blood a hot-bed of germs and humors of every kind, and warm weather is sure to bring a reaction, and the poisonous matter in the blood and system will break out in boils and pimples or scaly eruptions and red, disfiguring bumps and pimples. Make a good beginning this season by taking a course of S. S. S. in time; it will not only purify your blood and destroy the germs and poisons, but promote healthy action of the liver and kidneys and give you a good appetite at a time when you need it most.

S. S. S. improves the digestion and tones up the stomach, and you are not continually haunted by the fear of indigestion every time you eat, or troubled with dizziness, nervousness and sleeplessness. There is no reason to dread the coming of warm weather if you have your system well fortified and the blood in normal, healthy condition. It is the polluted, sluggish blood that invites disease germs, microbes and poisons of every kind and bring on a long train of spring and summer ailments, break down the constitution, and produce weakness, lassitude, and other debilitating disorders.

Rheuma, Acne, Nettle-rash, Poison Oak and Ivy, and other irritating skin troubles are sure to make their appearance unless the humors and poisons are antedoted and the thin, acid blood made rich and strong before the coming of warm weather.

A course of S. S. S. now would be a safe precaution and a good beginning and enable you to pass in comfort through the hot, sultry months and escape the diseases common to spring and summer. S. S. S. is guaranteed purely vegetable and is recognized as the best blood purifier and the most invigorating and pleasant of all tonics. Write for our book on "The Blood and its Diseases."

**THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.**

# Science AND INVENTION

A fungus that rapidly destroys wood-panels is giving trouble in English cities using such paving. The fungus spreads from infected blocks to sound ones, and the only means of checking it seems to be careful inspection of the wood before laying and the prompt removal of infected blocks.

The curious habit of carrying a live sea anemone in each of its two claws is ascribed to the Mollusca, a genus of small crabs of the Maldive Archipelago. M. Borradaile states that the crab's claws are too frail for use in defence, and it is not clear whether the anemones are held as a means of protection or as a trap for food.

A principle of frost containing 120,000 rambur trees, measuring from 7 to 18 feet in circumference, has recently been discovered in Formosa. It is estimated that the yield of ramphur gum from these trees will amount to 13,000,000 pounds. The forest is not entirely composed of ramphur trees, but contains other varieties, including an abundance of "red-grained" oak.

Some time ago B. Walter showed that an electric spark feels its way from the positive pole to the negative spark of increased length. By a series of excellent photographs with a moving camera, he has now proven that lightning similarly establishes a conducting path through the air by a series of minor flashes, and that the lightning passes from the cloud to the earth as a series of continuous discharges.

Before the Royal Microscopical Society in London, Mr. E. B. Slinger has described a new method of photographing objects in the light of the ultraviolet. The light of the electric arc itself is employed, that of the incandescent carbons being shielded, the light itself is filtered, and thus a powerful violet monochromatic light, at the extreme limit of visibility, is obtained. With this light excellent photographs of minute objects, under a magnification of 2,200 diameters, were made and exhibited upon a screen. Mr. Slinger suggests that lenses specially corrected for the ultraviolet rays would enable photography to do for the microscope what it has already done for the telescope.

In July 1902, E. L. Furlong of the University of California rediscovered, on Potter Creek, in Shasta County, a remarkable cave, which had been visited once before by J. A. Richardson in 1878. A party from the university has since thoroughly explored the cave, as a part of the investigation of the bones to determine the antiquity of man in California. The bones of a large variety of animals have been found, including ancient representatives of the elephant, the tapir, the horse, the wolf, the bear, the badger, and a large number of birds. It is remarkable that the present mountainous character of that part of California is entirely out of harmony with the existence of mammoths, elephants and tapirs. Mr. Slinger suggests that the bones of man have been found in the cave.

**ALLISON'S BOY**  
Makes an Earnest Attempt to Tie the Paternal Record.

Allison's boy stood before his father's chair in silence—just looking wild. Allison looked from his newspaper to the boy once or twice and then pursued his reading, but it was hard to keep his mind on the Balkan war cloud under that silent regard, so he laid the paper on his lap and said, "Well?"

"I weeded your onion bed this morning," said Allison's boy.

"Did you? That was nice of you. But you ought not to tell me a thing like that so suddenly. How did you happen to think of it? It wasn't my cause I've been trying to get you to do it for a month, was it?"

The boy grinned and then seated himself on the arm of the chair and twisted a finger in his father's watch chain. "Yes, but there was lots of weeds in it!" he said.

"There were a few onions in it, too," said Allison. "Did you leave them in?"

"Of course, I did. Say, pa, my bicycle tires are all full of punctured. I can't make 'em stay pumped up any more at all."

"Why don't you take the punctures out of them?"

"You can't take a puncture out. A puncture's a hole in the tire. I want new tires, but haven't got enough money. I've only got 8 cents and they cost \$3."

"Well, you need only \$2.92 now." "What you give to me?"

"No, my son. If you want money you go to work and earn it by the sweat of your brow. That's the way I did when I was your age. You get your money to satisfy."

"If I finish the onion bed will you give it to me?"

"How much more have you got to do? There isn't much to do, is there?"

"Sure. I only weeded one row and part of another one. Pa, I was so in arithmetic last week. If I get to next week will you give me the \$2.92?"

"I'll give you a licking if you don't get 'em," said Allison. "The idea of a boy of your age doing no better than that and getting tired after he weeds a row in an onion bed. No, sir, you just work for it. I used to saw wood and split kindling for my pocket money when I was a boy. I didn't have a father who shovelled out money for me whenever I asked for it. I remember one Fourth of July I had \$5 spending money, and I earned every cent of it myself."

"What did you do with it?"

"Firecrackers mostly. I guess I don't know that I spent it all. I probably put a lot of it in the bank."

"You said I wasn't to have any fireworks this Fourth at all. You thought, wouldn't you, let me? I didn't mean to set the barn on fire and I'll be careful this time."

"You may run away now. I'll talk to you about the Fourth of July some time next September."

# PAINFUL PERIODS

are overcome by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"I don't see any way to get any money," said the boy with an air of gloom. "There isn't any wood to saw around here, and if there was I haven't got a saw. What other way did you make money when you were a boy, pa?"

"I loved sit around and try to con a living past. I got out and showed myself willing and cheerful and industrious and tackled anything that came along. I didn't mind how rough or hard work was as long as it was honest. I'd like to see you like that. I'd be proud of you then."

"Was grandpa proud of you?"

"I think you've twisted that chain as much as is good for it," said Allison. "Now run along."

The evening following Allison's boy did not return home in time for dinner. Mrs. Allison said he had been away all day and she was beginning to worry about him. He got back, however, about dusk, his face was dirty and there was a wide streak down the front of his new tweed suit which looked like axle grease, but which he said was molasses. His cap was soaked with mud and flour, his knickerbockers and jacket were torn and there was flour on his shoulder and egg on his waistcoat.

"I've been hustling," he announced. "I got a job from Treldman's delivering groceries and I've made fifty cents. Gee, but I'm hungry! He didn't give me the fifty cents, though, because I let a case of eggs drop out of the wagon. You'll give it to me, though, won't you, pa? I earned it."

"You go up to the bathroom and be skinning those rags off," said Allison. "I'll come up and talk to you presently."—Chicago News.

**HOW JOE GOT TO CONGRESS.**  
Texas Statesman Won His First Nomination by a Stratagem.

The \$200,000 won by Joe Bailey in Wall street to buy Senator Bailey of Texas gives point to a story told by a man from Texas upon the manner in which Bailey got his start.

"Ever hear of a stratagem," was a struggling young lawyer in the new section into which he had moved. Time had rolled around to nominate a Democratic candidate for Congress. The day of the convention had been fixed. Mr. Crockett suggested that certain old man in Congress would be given the nomination.

"Having much leisure and but little money, he thought he would walk to the convention. After he had been on the road for some time, a farmer drove up behind him. 'Wanted, git in an' ride?' he said to the young lawyer, and Bailey accepted gladly.

"Going to the convention?" asked Bailey after a while. "Yep," said the farmer. "Ever hear of a young lawyer named Bailey round here?"

"Nope," said the farmer. "Good speaker and bright fellow. I understand," suggested Bailey. "S'pose so," said the farmer. "Yes," continued Bailey, "and he will be over there to see the wolf, the bear, the badger, and we'll do it. We'll call on him to make a speech. You see all your friends, tell them about Bailey and we'll call on him."

"The farmer said all right. No more was said about the matter until there was a lapse in the conversation during the preliminary movements of the body. Suddenly the old farmer up and suggested that the convention bear from Mr. Bailey, a rising young lawyer, a fellow who talks like a fire. 'Bailey! Bailey! Bailey' more than a dozen yells went up, and Bailey came forth. Joe Bailey made one of the hottest speeches of his life and of the rising young lawyer of the diggins got the nomination for Congress and is now Senator Bailey of Texas."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

**Pantomime by Max O'Reil.**  
When Max O'Reil came to Montreal some years ago, he said a man from that city to a Detroit Journal contributor: "We fixed up a little joke on him. We had noticed how gracefully he could unite a cursive criticism with a complimentary faculty that enabled him to say the shrewdest things without offending the people he was criticizing. We were going to put the faculty to a test. 'We had him lunch with us, and there were at the table beside himself an Englishman, a Scotchman, an Irishman and a French-Canadian. When we got our guest of his guard we demanded an honest opinion of the different races we represented. As the opinion had to be given in the presence of all four, the situation for him was a rather delicate one. But it never seemed to trouble him, and he gave his opinion without a moment's hesitation. 'The Scotchman,' he said, and he clenched his right hand tightly and prepared to try and force it upon with his left. 'The Englishman—' and he went through the same performance, opening the hand at the end after an apparent struggle. 'The Irishman—' and he held out his hand wide open, with the palm upwards. 'The Frenchman—' and he made a motion with both hands as if he were emptying them on the table. 'There was not a word of explanation, but we all understood thoroughly, and had a hearty laugh. Max O'Reil had maintained his reputation.'"

**With a Grain of Salt.**  
Tales of gastronomic prowess abound in George H. Ellwanger's recent book, "The Pleasures of the Table." One in particular makes the feat of the growing boy look small indeed. A drummer in the French army was noted for his tremendous appetite. His captain wagered that the man could eat a whole calf, and the drummer, proud of his distinct promise, to do honor to the captain's compliment, accordingly a calf was prepared in various appetizing ways. The drummer was disposing of it. When he had finally consumed about three-quarters of the repast he paused and placed his knife and fork on his plate, said to his superior officer: "You had better have the calf brought on, had you not, sir? All these little kickshaws will end by taking up room."

Advantages always look larger than disadvantages, even when the scales are balanced.

# Coughing

"I was given up to die with quick consumption. I then began to use Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. I improved at once, and am now in perfect health."—Chas. E. Hartman, Gibbstown, N. Y.

**It's too risky, playing with your cough.**  
The first thing you know it will be down deep in your lungs and the play will be over. Begin early with Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and stop the cough.

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