

The Small of the Back

That is where some people feel weak all the time. They are likely to be despondent and it is not unusual to find them borrowing trouble as if they hadn't enough already. The fact is their kidneys are weak, either naturally or because of sickness, exposure, worry or other influences.

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A Pekin Musical.

From the pagoda of the late Prince Li Sum What we heard strains of strange and weird music. Turning to the guide we asked: "What causes that peculiar melody?" "Why," he explained, "that is one of our soldiers playing on his loot."—Baltimore American.

Up-to-Now.

"Have you any fever?" "No; that's old. I have the electric fan sniffles."—Puck.

A Disagreeable Characteristic.
Katharine—I detest that Mr. Tiffan. Margaret—Why, Katharine? "Oh, he's the kind of man who always calls when you are expecting somebody else who doesn't come."—Life.

Smith's Handicap.
Rev. Dr. Thirly—I wish to announce brethren and sisters, that next Sunday my place in this pulpit will be occupied by the Rev. Mr. Smith. We will now sing three verses of hymn No. 196, "That Awful Day Will Surely Come."

Caller H. H. U.
Misses—Jane, have you ever been second girl before?
Jane—No; but I have.
Misses—Then, when a caller comes you take the card, show the lady into the reception room and bring the card to me. I will then tell you what to do.
Next afternoon: Jane appearing at the door of her mistress's sitting room—Caller down stairs in th' hail.
Misses—In the hall? Why didn't you show her into the reception room?
Jane—She didn't have no ticket.

Schools in Porto Rico.
The expense of maintaining schools in Porto Rico is very high if we consider the amount spent for the small number of pupils enrolled. Education, however, is always essential to success. In our country the people are being educated to the fact that there is a sure cure for indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, nervousness and malaria, fever and ague, and that medicine is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Try it. Our Private Die Stamp is over the neck of the bottle.

Those Low Characters.
Greene—That fellow in the short coat was a wonderfully fluent talker.
Gray—Yes, I was wondering whether he was a labor agitator or only just a prizefighter.—Boston Transcript.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hostetter's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists. See the best.

Helpful Hints.
"Are you the man who used to write articles about 'How to live on Ten Dollars a Week?'" asked the caller of the pale gentleman with the bulging brow.
"I am he," responded the pale gentleman.
"Well, say, won't you give us one on 'How to Build a Thousand Dollars?'"
—Baltimore American.

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

The Current Discussion.

Dr. Youngun—No, sir; I do not approve of admitting others than the physician to the sick room. If the physician understands his business he can prepare the patient for the hereafter.
Mr. Oldun—You mean if he doesn't understand his business.—Baltimore American.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. SAMPSON, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

Bitter Experience.

Mrs. Rasin Kane—Oh! Rasin; there's the wedding march. Do you remember when we marched up the aisle to it ten years ago?
Mr. Rasin Kane—Yes, and I have been marching ever since.

Very Probable.

Teacher—What led Columbus to conclude the world was round.
Bright Boy—Well, his experience with it proved that it was anything but square.—Boston Transcript.

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Have been restored to health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Their letters are on file and prove this statement to be a fact, not a mere boast. When a medicine has been successful in curing so many women, you cannot well say without trying it—"I do not believe it will help me."



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Eighty-seven carriage horses were sold in New York the other day for an average of over \$1,000 each.

POWERS OF HEREDITY.

Some Remarkable Stories Told of Its Mysterious Influence.
Doctors disagree as to the influence of heredity. Some hold that a great deal hinges upon it; others believe the contrary. Some of the authentic stories told to exemplify this mysterious bond between ancestors and descendants are very curious.

There was a loan collection of old portraits exhibited in London lately and a young girl was among the visitors. She was an orphan and wealthy, but without near relatives, and was often heard to complain of the loneliness of her position.

As she passed through the gallery one particular portrait attracted her attention and she went back to it more than once. Her companion saw in it nothing but the commonplace painting of a middle-aged man in the costume of the latter part of the last century.

"It is such a nice kind face," said the girl, rather wistfully. "I imagine my father might have looked like that had he lived."

As most of the pictures were ticketed the visitors had purchased no catalogue, but before going away Miss R. bought one at the entrance and made a last visit to the portrait for which she had felt so strong an attraction. To her astonishment she found her own name apostrophized to its number and learned on inquiry that the original was one of her direct ancestors.

Another occult coincidence or psychological phenomenon happened a few years ago to a Southern statesman and financier whose family has always been of rank in his native State. This gentleman was overhauling old documents and letters which had been stored in a musty chest for years and intended to publish whatever might be of historic value and interest.

To his surprise he unfolded a letter yellow and time-stained which was written in his own peculiar handwriting, or seemed to have been written by him, although the date was two generations before his birth. The signature of the surname, which was the same as his own, was so markedly characteristic that he could scarcely believe his own hand did not pen the letters.

BIRDS WITH RARE TALENT.

Many of Them Learn to Talk as Well as Imitate Others' Peculiar Notes.
The parrot, the magpie and the raven are not the only birds capable of learning human speech. In them the faculty of imitation is more highly developed than among the other members of the feathered world. There are a score of species that are able to imitate sounds made by other animals. Bluejays, caught early and properly trained, can be taught to speak as well as most parrots, and the same thing can be accomplished with a crow if he is caught young and his tongue slit. M. H. Conklin, a well-known naturalist, tells some curious stories regarding the imitative powers of certain birds which are generally supposed to lack such attainments.

He tells of a sparrow which learned to imitate the strident noise made by a grasshopper. The cage containing the sparrow was hung during one spring next to a cage in which were grasshoppers. At that time the sparrow took no notice of the noises made by his neighbors, but the next spring, when he found himself again in the company of the grasshoppers, he seemed to consider that it was "up to him" to take part in their daily serenades. He made several attempts to sing after the manner of his neighbors and was moderately successful. For the rest of his life, long after the grasshoppers were dead, he would every now and then give vent to his feelings in a strain composed partly of the notes of other birds.

He'll Be "Incriminated."
The uniformed functionary who is in command of a regiment of helibays at a local hotel takes pride in the mouthful of jewelry that is displayed every time he grins. He had had luck with his teeth in earlier life, and several ivories had been replaced with gold fillings. An acquaintance, one of the prominent regular boarders at the hotel, noticing the animated showcase the other day, observed:

"I am afraid, captain, that after you are dead and buried, you won't remain long in your grave. Some one will dig you up for that gold in your mouth. You'll be worth more dead than you are alive."

Rastus laughed so heartily at this that the jewelry display dazzled the eyes of the guest.

"Oh, no, sah," he said, "dey won't dig me up, sah—no, sah, cause I've gwine to be incriminated, I am. Ah'll jes fool dese gold-buntahs. Dey's dun got mah odah down at de creamery long ago."—Detroit Free Press.

Joseph Hoffmann as an Inventor.
Joseph Hoffmann, the great Polish pianist, who first played in public when 4 years old, and now, at 24, is ranked as one of the greatest living performers, is a mechanic as well as a musician. Just now he is busy experimenting with electricity, and when not at the piano he may be found at work in his laboratory, perfecting a motor for increasing the speed of automobiles. He has applied for patents on this invention in the United States and Germany. Hoffmann is gifted in many ways. An article in The Ladies' Home Journal on "Playing the Piano Correctly," shows him to be a writer of no mean merit, and the advice he gives is, of course, authoritative.

Birds Take Their Own Pictures.
Birds are made to take their own pictures by the ingenious apparatus of O. G. Pike, an English photographer. A bait of fat is placed on an electrical wire, which is so connected with a camera that, when the bait is removed, the camera shutter is released, giving an instantaneous exposure of the sensitive plate.

San Marino the Oldest Republic.
The oldest republic on the earth is that of San Marino, Italy. Its independence dates from Roman times.

Cost of Ten Years' Pensions.
Since 1890 the pension disbursements have been more than a billion and a half of dollars.

When a small boy finds out what worries his mother he always does it.

TEACHERS' TROUBLES

A TRYING OCCUPATION FOR WOMEN WITH DELICATE NERVES.

The Hard Work Entailed by the Charge of a School Room of so Causes the Health to Break Down.

From the Tribune, Minneapolis, Minn.
Teaching school is an occupation which has many attractions for cultured women, but it also has many drawbacks and often affects their health seriously. Especially is this so in the case of women with delicate nervous systems and those with a tendency to pulmonary troubles. Miss Mary K. Powers, of Ellsworth, Wis., is a teacher whose health was broken down by the hard work which the charge of a large school entails. She says:

"During the winter of 1898, while teaching school, I became subject to nervousness, which grew worse until my whole system was run down. My back ached at times I was so dizzy that I could hardly stand. My limbs were swollen and always tired, so that I felt no more rested in the morning than when I went to bed. I was also troubled with a cough and the food I ate did not strengthen me. In this condition, accompanied by palpitation of the heart, kept up for several months until in March, when I read about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People in a Juneau, Wisconsin, newspaper.

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Strong Provocation.
"Johnnie, you must never interrupt any one when they are speaking."

"Not even to correct such bad grammar as don't, ma?"

He Would'nt Back Down.
Miss Jones—Professor, do you dare to look me in the face and then say that I originally sprang from a monkey?

Professor (equal to the occasion)—Well, really, it must have been a very charming monkey.—Stray Stories.

The Wreck of the Birkenhead.
J. Johnson, who died recently in Liverpool was the last survivor of the famous wreck of the Birkenhead, the troopship that went down in Simon's Bay in February, 1852, when only 184 men out of 638 got ashore. The troops stood drawn up under arms on deck till the ship sank.

A Candid Announcement.
"Mike," said Plodding Pete, "de world owes us a living."
"Yes," answered Meandering Mike, "but in order to collect it we've got to do something to convince de world dat we're alive. An' dat's too much trouble."—Washington Star.

Two Points of View.
An emotional citizen of the great city of Illinois was one day showing a visitor the wonders of the lake front. "A few years ago," said he, "the lake front extended inland far beyond where we are standing. I tell you there isn't a town in the world that's making history as fast as Chicago is!" It looks to me more like making geography," replied the unemotional stranger.

Conductivity of the Earth.
Col. Pilsoduk, of the Russian army, has it is reported, just succeeded in transmitting a telegram without the use of a wire by utilizing the conductivity of the earth. It is said that the insignificant force which will transmit through air a distance of only fifty yards will allow transmission through the earth for a distance of 550 yards.

These Good New Days.
"Are my codfish balls as good as those your mother made, David?"
"Better, my dear, 100 per cent better. We didn't have any homeless codfish in those days, and every time we had codfish balls some body got choked."—Chicago Herald.

A Battle of Giants.
"Smithers can tell as good a fish story as anybody I know. I told him an awful whopper the other night, but he matched it."
"How?"
"Said he believed it."—Stray Stories.

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Arriving at a Total.
Tax Collector—How much is your husband worth?
Mrs. Wise—About a million.
Tax Collector—Are you sure?
Mrs. Wise—Oh, yes. You see, the jury awarded him \$2,000 for the loss of a finger. I think in proportion the rest of him would be worth about 500 times as much.—Chicago News.

General Doctor (after laughing heartily at a joke of his patient)—Ha! ha! ha! There's not much the matter with you, though I believe that if you were on your deathbed you would make a joke.
Irrepressible patient—Why, of course I should. It would be my last chance.—Punch.

To Remove Spots.
Jester—That man Sharpley is a clever patent medicine advertising man.
Jimson—Is he?
Jester—You bet! He's been signaling the sun about the efficacy of his new magic freckle cure.—Ohio State Journal.

Block Houses to Defend Railroads.
A series of block houses are being built to defend the railway lines in South Africa. When the order to build these block houses was given by General Kitchener, a chain of them 180 miles in length was completed in a fortnight.

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