

Eruptions

Dry, moist, scaly tetter, all forms of eczema or salt rheum, pimples and other cutaneous eruptions proceed from humors, either inherited, or acquired through defective digestion and assimilation.

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A Fad to Own Shootings.

It has now become a fad to own shootings in the South, where this year it is said that the birds were never so plentiful. The shootings are as extensive as the towns, and among the owners of parks of this kind in North and South Carolina are many New York millionaires. Shooting parties are given during the winter, the guests being taken down in special cars.

Headache This Morning?

Ten cents, after eating too much, drinking too much, will prevent that morning torture. Carry a box of tablets in your pocket. Druggists, 1-c. 2-c. 5-c.

Sounds Like Yankee Humor.

Frederick Villiers, the well-known war artist and correspondent, tells of having seen the following sign in a prominent hotel in an Australian town where water was scarce:

"Please don't use soap when washing, as the water is required for tea."

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Stevenson's Neglected Grave.

A New Zealand paper reports that Robert Louis Stevenson's grave in Samoa is overgrown with weeds and is in some danger of being lost altogether. Many persons are said to visit it, but it is said that the yearly average is now something like six.

I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—JOHN F. BOTKA, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

Walters Arithmetic.

"Walter, I find I have just enough money to pay for the dinner, but I have nothing in the way of a tip for yourself."

"Let me add up the bill again, sir."—Moonshine.

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

A New York Joke.

Gunther K. Ackerman is as bald as a dishpan, notwithstanding the fact that he is yet a comparatively young man. When asked a few days ago as to the cause of his premature baldness, Secretary Ackerman replied: "When I was on the Star, in John Kelly's time, the politicians who used to call at the office were accustomed to spinning me around on my head for drinks."

EGZEMA'S

ITCH IS TORTURE.

Eczema is caused by an acid humor in the blood coming in contact with the skin and producing great redness and inflammation; little pustular eruptions form and discharge a thin, sticky fluid, which dries and scales off, sometimes the skin is hard, dry and fissured. Eczema in any form is a tormenting, stubborn disease, and the itching and burning at times are almost unbearable; the acid burning humor seems to ooze out and set the skin on fire. Salves, washes and other external applications do any real good, for as long as the poison remains in the blood it will keep the skin irritated.

BAD FORM OF TETTER.

"For three years I had tetter on my hands, which caused them to swell to twice their natural size. Part of the time the disease was in the form of pimples, and at other times in the form of pustules, and causing me much discomfort. Four doctors said the tetter had progressed too far to be cured, and they could do nothing for me. I took only three bottles of S. S. S. and was completely cured. This was fifteen years ago, and I have never since seen any sign of my old trouble."—Mrs. L. B. JACKSON, 1414 McGee St., Kansas City, Mo.

S. S. S. neutralizes this acid poison, cools the blood and restores it to a healthy, natural state, and the rough, unhealthy skin becomes soft, smooth and clear.

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SNAKES TAKE TO FONDLING LIKE KITTENS.

Diamond-Back Rattles Are Good Pets When Handled Right—They Will Not Strike Unless Surprised or Hurt, and Always Sprink Their Rattles.

"Oh! Aren't they darlings! May I hold them a moment? I should just love to, they are so cute."

The speaker was a comely, matronly-looking woman, well, though somewhat what shrewdly, dressed. She was one of a motley crowd that stood before an exhibition platform in a dime museum. On the platform sat a girlish young woman, who, on the show bill, was "the peerless, Circassian beauty." She wore very short skirts, as real Circassian beauties always do, and her high-heeled satin slippers and crimson stocking hose were undoubtedly imported from the wilds of Circassia. Her hair stood up in a great mass, like the bill of a ripened dandelion. It was probably a wig, but it was the orthodox style of beauty for the dime museum "Circassian."

At the feet of the beauty lay the "darlings" which had evoked the woman visitor's admiring exclamation. They were not babies, but a pair of big diamond-backed rattlers, the deadliest of the rattlesnake tribe. Safely caged in a den of wire and glass, they could do no harm, but at each of the hourly exhibitions given in the museum the Circassian beauty would take the venomous reptiles from their den, fondle them and, as the museum patrons expressed it, "do stunts" with them. The beauty looked somewhat suspiciously at the woman who had made the request.

"Don't," she exclaimed. "They're the most poisonous of all snakes and their bite means almost certain death. The managers would not allow you to touch them and it might cost you your life."

"Hub! I ain't afraid," was the reply. "I was in the business before you was born and handled snakes that was a deal trickier than rattlers. Water moccasins, black and puff adders and venomous reptiles from all parts of the world. Once," she added proudly, "I owned a cobra." The woman on the platform incontinently surrendered and allowed the visitor to take her pets, which the stranger fondled as a fond mother would a baby.

"Oo wouldn't hurt mamma, would oo?" she cooed as the ugly, flat head of the rattler lay against her cheek. The snake darted out its forked tongue, but it did not spring its rattles. The glitter of its beady eyes showed that it was fully conscious of what was taking place, but it evidently enjoyed being caressed by the veteran. "Even the most venomous snakes are harmless as long as they are treated right," said the woman. "They love to be petted and stroked, just as a cat does. If they are tormented, they are likely to strike. Rattles are the easiest of all snakes to handle, for they won't bite without giving warning. Nearly always they will coil for a strike, and invariably they will spring their rattles."

"I was in the business nearly fifteen years. In that time I was bitten more than a score of times, but it was always because of my own carelessness. I always kept antidotes at hand and never suffered from a bite more than most persons would from the sting of a bee. Snakes have always been one of the best cards in museums and side shows. In nine cases out of ten the reptiles are handled by women. The set proves more attractive to the public than when they are handled by men. Besides, women take to snakes more readily than men. Perhaps they inherited that from old Mother Eve," and the speaker laughed at the suggestion.

WESTERN MONEY IS DIRTY.

Eastern Cities Grab the New Currency Issued by Treasury Department.

The bulk of the paper currency in circulation throughout the West is well worn and often exceedingly filthy by reason of its long use. A crisp new bill is a curiosity in most Western communities. The currency is kept in circulation so long that it will hardly hold together, while it is redolent of the foulest of smells. That which is returned to the Treasury Department from Chicago for replacement is said to be the worst of all. It is so bad that the employees of the department stubbornly try to get assigned to desks where none of this ragged, filthy currency is handled. Those who have tables where New York, Boston, Philadelphia or Washington money is handled are considered very fortunate. From these towns come money for redemption which is practically new. Many banks in the East make it a rule to never put out old money. Many of the bills from Washington have never been folded.

The chief of the redemption division explains that a New York bank which would pay out such money as is handed over the Chicago bank counters could not do business. Its customers would not have the soiled and ragged money. Many go further and say the filthy bill is a curse in most Western communities. There never has been a case of contagious sickness in the department which could be traced to contaminated bills.

The reason why the West gets dirty money and the East gets clean money rests entirely with the banks. The Eastern banks supply new currency because their customers refuse to handle the other kind. The Western banks give out dirty currency because their customers do not protest. It costs the banks extra to get new money. It costs 20 cents per \$1,000 to send old money to the department for redemption and its costs the same amount to get the new bills, a total cost of 40 cents. The Government pays the expressage on silver. The banks say that they would be glad to furnish new bills if the Government would pay the expressage. Unquestionably they would. But the Eastern banks find it no hardship and are glad to pay the expressage to keep the new currency on hand.

If all the banks in the country would suddenly decide to use only new bills over their counters the bureau of engraving and printing would be unable

to supply the extra demand. This is the one department of the Government that runs day and night, with three different shifts all day except Sundays and holidays. But if the bankers should ask for clean money Congress would be glad to furnish the extra printing. The reform for clean money proceeds slowly. One bank nearly always begins. Sometimes the banks let it be known that in their woman's departments only new currency will be paid out. The innovation is usually infectious. The department knows that when one bank starts others will follow.

FORTUNE FROM COMIC SONG.

Popularity of the Composition Means Money to Composer.

The actors who have made their fame on one play, the authors whose reputation rests upon one book, or the orators whose celebrity is connected with one speech, are not nearly so numerous as the singers who have become known through one song. The recent death of "The Great McDer-mott," who will go down to posterity as the singer of "By Jingo, We Will," the song which made the term "Jingoism," a familiar term in the English language, recalls the story of many of these one-achieved individuals.

"The most fickle and difficult to understand people in the world," said a theatrical manager a few days ago, "are the comic-song public. Sometimes a song, with absolutely no merit to recommend it, will go like wildfire, while, on the other hand, some of the most clever and catchy songs ever written fall as flat as a smoothing iron."

"A song will sometimes be sung by a music-hall singer which will seem to have in it no more of the elements of popularity than any other song. Yet suddenly it will become all the rage, and will be hummed and whistled by thousands of people all over the country who never heard the name of the singer, and perhaps never put their foot in the music hall. Probably, then, a year or two later the same singer will appear with a song quite as taking, apparently, as the first one, yet it will fall to create the slightest stir, and will be a dead letter, except to those who have heard it in music halls."

Instances of the accuracy of this generalization abound. It was Miss Lettie Collins who first sang "Tra-la-lou-lou" in a London music hall. Few thought it was a song out of the ordinary, even those who heard it, yet within a few days all London was humming it, and it was not long before it had become as familiar as "God Save the Queen."

It is said that there are at least a dozen singers of comic songs who are known in the profession as "one-song men." The meaning of the title is, of course, that they have sung one song which completely eclipsed all of their other performances. For instance, Charles Coburn, the man who sung "The Man That Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo," made more money out of other songs, but for one person who knows one of his other songs probably a hundred know this one.

Other familiar instances of the one-song success are Anna Held's "Won't You Come and Play With Me" and Ernest Hogan's "Who Said Chicken in This Crowd?" Both of these have sung many another song, but none of the others has had such extreme popularity. The authors of "Little Annie Rooney," "After the Ball is Over" and other equally well-known songs are almost unknown, yet in many cases their one song carried them to temporary fame.—New York Times.

NEW KIND OF RAILROAD TIES.

South American Mora Timber to Be Tried by Pennsylvania Road.

The Pennsylvania Railroad is soon to begin an experiment with a new kind of wood for ties. Orders have been placed and several consignments of the material are now on the way from South America, says the Philadelphia Ledger. As soon as the vessels arrive preparations will be made for placing the ties at points along the main line and in and around Philadelphia. The ties are of Mora wood, and come from British Guiana. It is claimed for them that they will last fifty years, the timber being exceedingly hard and possessing the quality of durability. The present ties last from three to ten years. The purchasing price alone for each tie of the Mora wood is \$1, and the delivery price about \$1.50. The cost of the white oak ties, which the road has been using, is about 75 cents each.

There have been many experiments made during the last twenty-five years to procure some material for ties that will stand the severe tests from heavy and fast traffic, but thus far no successful results have been attained. Many patent preservative processes have been resorted to, such as chemicals to preserve the wood, cement encased in steel and steel plates bent into oval or semi-half moon shape. Just now the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway is experimenting on its main line, near Sandusky, Ohio, with a design of steel ties constructed from old worn out sixty-five-pound steel rails.

About \$50,000,000 is now spent annually by the railroads of the country for renewing worn-out ties, it being estimated that 112,000,000 new ties are needed each year. The total number of ties now in use on the railroads of the country is calculated at 780,000,000. This demand is so great and the heretofore sources of supply are so nearly exhausted, says the Black Diamond, that the International Society of Arboriculture has undertaken to encourage the growing of catalpa trees, with special reference to the need of crossties for American railroads. White oak, canerack, white cedar, chestnut, pine and redwood, which have up to this time been used for ties, are becoming too costly, if not too scarce, to supply the demand from this source. The society suggests that the catalpa be planted along the right of way of railroad lines, not only as a future source of supply, but as a means of adding to the pleasure and comfort of travelers. Ties from this wood, it is claimed, will last thirty-five years.

Nine people out of ten, when they cannot think of anything else for a Christmas present, buy two handkerchiefs.

Buried Treasure Trick Worked. American consuls in Spain receive frequent complaints from their countrymen that they have been swindled by the old buried treasure trick. The victims are induced to advance money for the purpose of recovering supposed large sums buried by political prisoners.

Smoking a Marching Tonic. Experiments have been made in the Swiss army on the effect of smoking on the march. The results were in favor of the troops that were allowed to have their pipes, and, moreover, their discipline was better.

POLICEMAN REILLY

RESCUES A CONNECTICUT WOMAN FROM HORRIBLE TORTURE.

Mrs. William Cotter, of Hartford, the Victim, Tells the Story in an Interview. A Terrible Experience.

"It was horrible," said Mrs. Cotter. "I almost wished for death to relieve me. But help came in time and I am very grateful.

"Tell you the story? Yes, indeed. I never grow tired of telling it. Several years ago I was taken with neuralgia and suffered untold misery. I tried a great many doctors and several remedies with the result that I found temporary relief but I was not cured and began to fear that I never would be.

"Then Policeman Reilly, who is a neighbor of mine, recommended that I try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and I did so. I thought that the first box gave me some relief, and my husband insisted that I keep on taking them. I did and I can truly say that these pills are the only medicine that ever permanently benefited me.

"I used to have to give up entirely and lie down when the pain came on. My face would swell up so that my eyes would close. The pills have cured all this and I have had no return of it for the last three years. I keep the pills constantly on hand as I believe they are a wonderful household remedy.

"Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People I owe all the comfort I have enjoyed for the past three years in being free from neuralgia and I am glad to be able to recommend them."

Many who are now tormented with neuralgia will read with interest the above statement which is beyond doubt as it was given over the signature of Mrs. William Cotter, whose husband has been Democratic register of elections in Hartford, Conn., for over 10 years, and who is well known throughout the state.

Mrs. Cotter, who lives at No. 42 Windsor street, Hartford, is the mother of a happy family, and is now enjoying excellent health.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People will not only cure cases similar to that of Mrs. Cotter, but containing as they do, all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves, they have proved efficacious in a wide range of diseases. They are an unfailing specific for such diseases as locomotor ataxia, partial paralysis, St. Vitus' dance, sciatica, neuralgia, rheumatism, nervous headache, the after effects of the grip, of fevers and of other acute diseases, palpitation of the heart, pale and sallow complexion, and all forms of weakness, either in male or female. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are sold by all dealers or will be sent postpaid on receipt of price. Fifty cents a box, six boxes, two dollars and fifty cents, by addressing Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

The Popular White Skirt. While the black separate skirt is quite out of date, the white separate skirt is just the thing worn with waists of the faded pinks and blues, white and biscuit colors now in vogue. The point to be observed is the blending of the one into the other. In this way it is possible to have a variety of evening effects with but slight expense. Such a costume can be worn on all dress occasions where a very elaborate toilet is not necessary.

Tall Hat Induces Baldness. A London writer claims that the tall hat induces baldness and creates a liability to insanity. Baldness, which is so universal in what are called the upper classes, in contrast to the hair-covered scalp of the poorer, is mainly due to the tall hat.

Manufacturing in Mississippi. The State of Mississippi stands pretty near the lower end of the list of manufacturing States. When the count was taken last year there were only 26,433 wage workers in the State and the production was valued at \$40,000,000.

Graduate in Blanket Costume. Anna Parker Cox, daughter of Quannah Parker, the noted Comanche Indian statesman, who is married to a white man, has donated her blanket and taken up full reservation life again. She is a graduate of the Carlisle Indian school.

Oriental Novelties. Among the novelties are found tiny Oriental jugs and vases, decorated in colored characters—proverbs from the Koran or selections from Omar Khayyam. These are filled with perfume, some of Oriental odor and others violet, lily and carnation.

Great Tobacco Combination. The greatest tobacco combination ever formed is called the Universal Tobacco Company, capital \$75,000,000. It claims to be independent and the field of its operation is Great Britain and Europe.

An Ontario Hospital. Ontario will soon have a hospital for poor consumptives. A Mr. Massey bequeathed the site of the institution and \$20,000 toward the building and furnishing fund. The Grand Trunk railway will carry patients to the hospital free of charge.

Uncut Gems. The fashionable woman seems to find use for any number of uncut gems. It is one of the season's fads to have a buckle, a brooch, cuff button, pendant, and umbrella handle to match, and for these, turquoise, sapphires, amethysts and moonstones are employed.

Gulls in London Parks. As the winter advances the gulls come in search of food. They have already invaded the parks, much to the alarm of the ducks, who find to their cost that these hungry intruders rob them unmercifully. In St. James' Park there are hundreds of these wretched birds. From the bridge which crosses the lake they may be seen floating on the water or circling overhead, uttering plaintive screams as they dart about in search of food.—Fall Mail Gazette.

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