

DARLING BABY BRIGHTENS HOME

Children's Laughter a Pleasing Sound



Altoona, Pa.—"I am writing to tell you what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me. We had six children die almost at birth. From one hour to nineteen days is all they have lived. Before my next one was born I took a dozen bottles of your Vegetable Compound, and I can say that it is the greatest medicine on earth, for this baby is now four months old, and a healthier baby you would not want. I am sending you a picture of her. Everybody says 'That is a very healthy looking baby.' You have my consent to show these few lines to anybody."—Mrs. C. W. BENZ, 131 3rd Avenue, Altoona, Pa.

Mrs. Janssen's experience of interest to childless wives.
Millston, Wis.—"I want to give you a word of praise for your wonderful medicine. We are fond of children, and for a considerable time after we were married I feared I would not have any. I began taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and it strengthened me so I now have a nice, strong, healthy baby girl. I suffered very little at childbirth, and I give all the credit to your medicine, and shall always recommend it highly."—Mrs. H. H. JANSSEN, Millston, Wis.

Mrs. Heid of Marinette, Wis., adds her testimonial for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. She says:

Marinette, Wis.—"I was in a nervous condition and very irregular. My doctor advised an operation. My husband brought me one of your booklets and asked me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It overcame my weakness so that I now have a healthy baby girl after having been married nine years. I am glad to recommend your medicine, and you may use my letter as a testimonial."—Mrs. H. B. HEID, 330 Jefferson St., Marinette, Wis.

There are many, many such homes that were once childless, and are now blessed with healthy, happy children because Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has restored the mother to a strong and healthy condition, as it acts as a natural restorative for ailments as indicated by backache, irregularities, displacements, weakness and nervousness.

Women everywhere should remember that most of the commoner ailments of women are not the surgical ones—they are not caused by serious displacements or growths, although the symptoms may be the same, and that is why so many apparently serious ailments readily yield to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, as it acts as a natural restorative. It can be taken with perfect safety and often prevents serious troubles.

Therefore if you know of any woman who is suffering and has been unable to secure relief and is regretfully looking forward to a childless old age, ask her to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, as it has brought health and happiness into so many homes once darkened by illness and despair.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Private Text-Book upon "Ailments Peculiar to Women" will be sent to you free upon request. Write to The Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Massachusetts. This book contains valuable information.

One Last Request.
Sam was all dressed up, but downcast. A Red Cross worker at a base hospital over there, returning from a lecture delivered by Miss Margaret Wilson, saw his lugubrious expression and asked him how come.
"I see all put out, Miz Harris. I see get mahself all dolled up to ask Miss Margaret a important question and while I see gettin' ready she's done gone."
"What was the question you wanted to ask her, Sam?"
"I was goin' to ask her: 'Miss Margaret, yo' gets where yo' papa is at; won't yo' please ask him kin I go home.'"—American Legion Weekly.

Most parlor ornaments are probably so-called because they are not.

Wine and friends improve with age, but salted peanuts do not.

A man who has no sense of humor is naturally short of sense.

Many a so-called truthful man is merely a diplomatic liar.

BACK GIVEN OUT?

Is a dull, constant backache slowing you up? Are you tired and achy-tortured with sharp, stabbing pains? Do you find it impossible to be happy or enjoy your work? Then, look to your kidneys! When they weaken, the system becomes overloaded with uric acid and backache, sharp pains, headaches, dizzy spells and urinary disorders naturally follow. Help your kidneys with Doan's Kidney Pills. Doan's have brought new health to thousands.

An Idaho Case

Mr. W. H. Goodmiller, Wyoming St., Goodmiller, Idaho, says: "My kidney trouble started with a dull ache in my back. I became weak and run down and could hardly get around. I knew that my kidneys were the cause of my suffering. Doan's Kidney Pills eased up the pains in my back right away and I was soon enjoying the best of health."

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DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS
FOSTER-MILBURN CO., BUFFALO, N. Y.

Breaking the Solid Druth.
The Drunk—Good ol' private stock from muh 'ill ol' cellar. Whoopee! Home, James!
The Chauffeur—That wasn't your private stock sir. I saw you buy it from a bootlegger. You've forgotten, sir.
The Drunk—Aw right. Hospital, James!
The Chauffeur—And it was a strange bootlegger—one you didn't know.
The Drunk—Morgue, James morgue!—Nashville Tennessean.

ASPIRIN

Name "Bayer" on Genuine



Beware! Unless you see the name "Bayer" on package or on tablets you are not getting genuine Aspirin prescribed by physicians for twenty-one years and proved safe by millions. Take Aspirin only as told in the Bayer package for Colds, Headache, Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Earache, Toothache, Lumbago, and for Pain. Handy tin boxes of twelve Bayer Tablets of Aspirin cost few cents. Druggists also sell larger packages. Aspirin is the trade mark of Bayer Manufacture of Monoaceticacidester of Salicylicacid.

It isn't much consolation to the homely woman to know that every mirror has a silver lining.

Many people would work hard if they only knew how. It takes executive ability to show them.

There is no hope for the man who has lost his self-respect.

It takes a good deal of courage not to resent some insults.

The older some women get the more girlish they try to act.

Blood Is the Sap of Life;

Keep It Pure

You grow by good blood as a tree grows by sap. Rich blood, robust man. Good sap, sturdy tree. Keep the blood healthy and wholesome; poor, impoverished blood cannot nourish the body or remove the waste as nature intended.

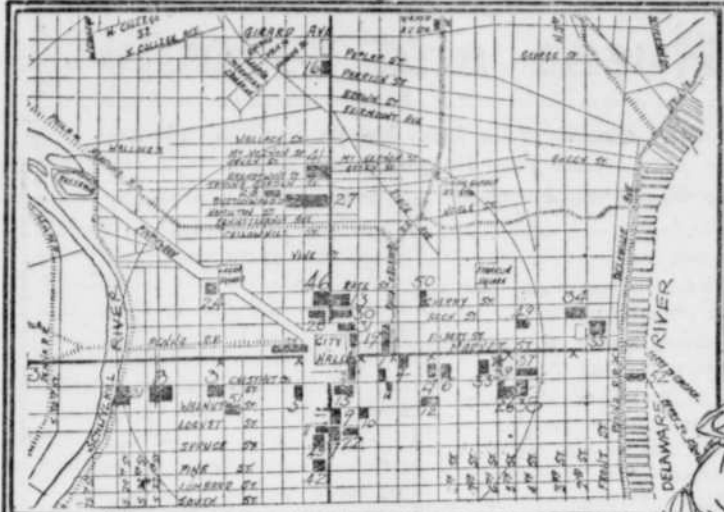
When your blood is impure, itching, flaming skin eruptions often break out, and your body

gets run down and weak—easy prey for disease. To be safe, keep the circulation wholesome.

For this S.S.S., the famous vegetable blood remedy your druggist keeps, is excellent. Start enriching your blood with S.S.S. today, and write about your condition to Chief Medical Advisor, S.S. Swift Laboratory, Atlanta, Ga.

USED 50 YEARS
S.S.S.
FOR THE BLOOD
AT ALL DRUGGISTS

Baker Estate Noax: \$800,000,000 Mirage



HEART OF PHILADELPHIA

ALTHOUGH some may scoff at the authenticity of the rapidly-growing claims of the Baker family upon the \$800,000,000 heart of Philadelphia, there is no doubt in the mind of Myron C. Baker, 900 Belmont avenue, Chicago, as to his right to benefit should the claims prove valid. He contends he is the true and legal great-grandson of the man who, it is alleged, owned the \$800,000,000 tract of real estate in the Quaker city. However, Mr. Baker is in no hurry.

"Now, if you will look on page 515 of this book," he said, taking down a copy of the "Biographical and Genealogical History of Indiana," "you will discover my father's name. It shows that my father's grandfather was Jacob Baker and that he was born in Ludwigsburg, Baden, Germany. He came to America and settled in Pennsylvania.

"It was this Jacob Baker who acquired all that property in Philadelphia. I have many papers and records and documents to prove it. There will be no trouble about connecting up my relationship. There are 17 true great-grandchildren. We will prove our heirship."

Mr. Baker said that his family several years ago collected a fund and had the entire history of Jacob Baker traced, even to his parents' estate in Germany.

"A cousin of mine has all of those records," said Mr. Baker. "They will be produced."

"If you get the money, what then?"

"Well, I have a long time to live, you know," he said. "I'll take my daughter, Emma, and her husband, and we'll have a little trip. But there's no use worrying about that now. There is no hurry."

Some of the Baker heirs are more impatient about it than Chicago's Mr. Baker. This is but natural, inasmuch as Colonel Baker appears to have been the family head from whom sprang a multitudinous progeny. His heirs seem to be scattered through every state in the Union and every province of Canada.

One day recently the bureau of legal aid, department of public welfare of Philadelphia, according to the chief of that bureau, Roman Hassrick, received eight inquiries relative to the Baker estate. In all correspondence it is represented as an estate worth more than \$800,000,000, consisting of 650 acres in the business center of Philadelphia. Some add all the land occupied by the city of Philadelphia, O.

The eight inquiries cited as having been received on a single recent day came, respectively, from Kansas City, Mo.; Afton, Ia.; Dubuque, Ia.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Okamogon, Wash.; Los Angeles, Cal.; Lebanon, Pa., and Tacoma, Wash. The inquiries were penned, some of them on embossed paper, others on mere scraps of paper.

"The great majority of persons who write to the mayor of Philadelphia or to the director of the department of public welfare relative to Colonel Baker's holdings," said Mr. Hassrick, "have visions of easy wealth."

"Some are more credulous than others. Recently there came to me from Portland, Ore., an inquiry accompanied by a newspaper clipping which told of the marvelous good luck of a citizen of that town. The article spoke of his having founded an automobile school on a capital of \$7.50 five years ago and added, 'Today he is heir to millions.' This alleged fortunate descendant of the now famous Colonel Baker did not seem to know exactly how large a slice he was to get out of this estate. But, with hope burning in his breast, he settled up his affairs in Portland and started for Philadelphia to claim the gold that he thought there awaited him.

"From Afton, Ia., came an inquiry from a person who wants to get in touch with the attorney, or attorneys, handling the 'billion-dollar Baker estate.' This is one of the highest appraisements of the value of this estate that has reached the office of the bureau."

"A western newspaper printed a general statement about this 'Baker estate' which was transmitted from the East and immediately there sprang up a retinue of claimants, with names ranging from Shroades to Anderson, and all apparently evincing an earnest interest in the estate of Colonel Baker.

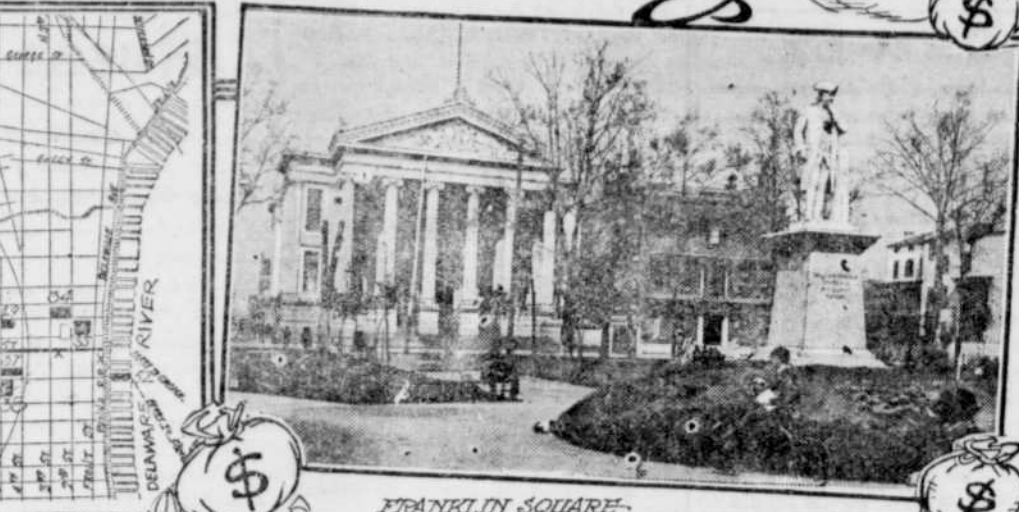
"Only the other day there came to the city a lawyer from Kansas City bent on getting the true facts relative to Colonel Baker and his vast wealth. This attorney insisted upon digging through the court records and ascertaining what are the real facts."

If the Baker estate idea is sound, Philadelphia's famed city hall, with its massive stone tower, town clock and bronze statue of ye esteemed William Penn, belongs to a thousand or more farmers of the Northwest and Canada.

Such a trifle as Scottish Rite Cathedral, one of the most famous homes of Free Masonry in the United States, is to provide spending money for folks out along the Pacific coast.

Broad Street Station, home terminal of the Pennsylvania railroad, is to be split up among the agriculturists of the middle West.

The Quaker city's skyscraper belt, the modern steel and concrete canyons that mark the boundaries of Broad and Chestnut streets, are in reality the property not of the few, but of the many.



INDEPENDENCE HALL



The very heart of the third city of the U. S. A. belongs to the "hol' polloi." There is no Bolshevism about it—no fifty-fifty division of property. The only stipulation is that your name is Baker or that you can prove your connection with the family tree of a supposed "Colonel Jacob Baker," who roamed these parts in Revolutionary war days.

Just imagine this! Some morning soon commuters stepping off trains at Broad street station or swarming up out of the Market street subways in eye of Brotherly Love may find lock and chain on the whole of Philadelphia's busy center. There will be "Hands Off" and "No Trespass" signs everywhere. Pretty soon the sheriff will appear. Upon a stated day he will auction off all this property at a sheriff's sale.

The proceeds are to pay off the claims of the heirs of "Colonel Jacob Baker's" estate. A fortune valued at something like an even billion of dollars, long withheld from its rightful owners, is at last to come into legitimate ownership.

Ever hear of the "Baker estate" before? A quarter of a century ago someone started the ball rolling. According to the story, Colonel Baker, an officer in the army of George Washington, leased a tract of land in the heart of Philadelphia upon which now stand city hall, the big department stores, the skyscrapers and what-not of the central city. The lease was to run for a period of 99 years. It appears that the lease was either lost sight of or willfully destroyed and the property passed on to others.

At first the claims took in nearly all the territory between the Delaware and the Schuylkill rivers and from Poplar to South street—the very heart of the city. As the years rolled on, the claims were considerably modified. Lawyers pointed out how, for a "slight consideration," they could restore the ground to its "rightful owners" and bring half the banks and trust companies of Philadelphia to their knees.

As the story developed, it seemed that the family of "Colonel Baker" removed to somewhere up in Canada, after his death in Philadelphia intestate. Then the squatters lived on the land in accordance with the famous 99-year lease made during the Revolution. Forty years ago the first talk of a "claim" was aired. There was a lapse of some 15 years and then the bubble was brought forth again to glisten in all its rainbow colors.

Now there is an old-fashioned renaissance of the Baker bubble on a scale not heretofore attained. All over the country there are expectant people just aching for the money with which to doll themselves out with limousines, trick clothes and flashing diamonds.

And there's plenty of wherewithal, so far as the value of the district in question is concerned. The map given herewith gives a hint of the values.

The city hall cost \$25,000,000; the Adelphi hotel (1) is valued at \$2,300,000; the Ritz Carlton (2) at \$2,200,000, and the Bellevue-Stratford close by, at \$5,000,000. There are scores of buildings with more than a million each, such as the Real Estate Trust, \$3,750,000; Widener, \$6,300,000; Lincoln, \$2,350,000; Liberty, \$2,850,000; Union League, \$3,100,000; Land Title, \$7,300,000; Morris, \$2,700,000, and Finance, \$2,300,000.

Independence hall (*) is in the district; so is Franklin square and Franklin's grave (49). Other noteworthy structures in the district are:

2. Vendig.

3. Aldine.
4. New Bingham.
5. Colonnade.
6. Green's.
7. Walton.
8. Rittenhouse.
9. St. James.
10. Academy of Music.
11. Walnut theater.
12. Adelphi and Lyric theaters.
13. Keith's theater.
14. Garrick theater.
15. Reading terminal.
16. Broad Street station (Penn.).
17. Baltimore and Ohio terminal.
18. Historical society.
19. John Harrison Laboratory of Chemistry.
20. Academy of Natural Sciences.
21. University of Penna. museum.
22. United States mint.
23. Baldwin Locomotive works.
24. Academy of Fine Arts.
25. Central post office.
26. Odd Fellows hall.
27. Masonic temple.
28. Franklin Institute.
29. Betsy Ross house.
30. Christ church.
31. The Bourse.
32. Custom house.
33. Carpenter's hall.
34. Central high school.
35. Philadelphia Textile school.
36. Drexel Institute.
37. Scottish Rite hall.
38. Wanamaker's theater.
39. Shubert's theater.
40. Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.
41. Philadelphia Art Alliance.
42. Chestnut street wharf.
- X. Subway-Elevated stations.

So you see, the Baker heirs will draw down considerable, if—

But the Philadelphia officials say of the Baker estate that "there ain't no such animal." The mayor of Philadelphia asked John S. Broadway, chief counsel of the bureau of legal aid, for a report. Here is his report:

"It appears that there was an estate of Jacob Baker, a Revolutionary veteran, handled in the Orphans' Court of Philadelphia county. The records there show that it was disposed of about 1847. The estate consisted of about \$6,000 or \$7,000, as shown by the account which is among the papers. Through some means extensive information has been spread around to the effect that a portion of this estate consists of a 99-year lease of certain real estate in the city of Philadelphia, a part of which is occupied by the present city hall, and some additional real estate on which the city of Philadelphia is situated.

"The information further is given that the real estate in Philadelphia was held under a 99-year lease, which has just expired, and that, therefore, the real estate is available for distribution among the various heirs of Jacob Baker. In consequence of this, the newspapers in various parts of the country have printed articles on the subject, stating that the estate is valued at some \$800,000,000 and that there are about 300 heirs. Consequently many people with the name of Baker are interested in obtaining a share of this estate, and we are receiving a great many letters and inquiries with reference to it.

"A search of the records fails to disclose any such lease, or any such property right, at least so far as the law in Philadelphia is concerned. The Orphans' court reports to me that they consider the whole matter a fraud and the Register of Wills' office says the same."