

13 Scrofulous Lumps

Inherited Disease—Eyes Affected—Weak, Could Hardly Walk—Life of Suffering.

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The following letter is from Mr. Geo. A. Zirkle, School Teacher in Mt. Horeb, Tenn., well-known all through that county, where he was born and has always lived.

"Mt. Horeb, Tenn., Jan. 10, 1906.
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"I have suffered all my life, until lately, from inherited scrofula. When a mere babe I had a scrofulous sore back of my ear. At 21 I had 13 scrofulous lumps on my neck. At 37 the disease assumed a new and tantalizing form. My eyes were affected so that I could not read after sunset, and when I closed them it was difficult to reopen them. There was always intolerable itching all over my body. Then a tumor on my neck changed to the front of my neck, suppurated and was followed by others, until six had formed and broken. I became so weak I could scarcely walk, and could hardly attend to my teaching. All the medicine I tried failed to help until I began the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla. In less than three months the sores healed, a troublesome catarrhal taint disappeared



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CLOSING TROUT STREAMS.

Angling Clubs Trying to Establish Exclusive Rights.

Not content with an effort to monopolize the game birds and animals in the state for their exclusive benefit, the sportsmen's clubs are now endeavoring to close the trout streams, and with them the waters frequented by salmon trout, or steelheads, and striped bass, to all except their own members. The process is extending over a wide area and is gradually including every stream slough and estuary accessible to this city. Paper Mill and Lagunitas creeks, in Marin county, portions of the Russian river, in Sonoma county, several navigable sloughs running through the Sonoma marshes, a section of four miles of the best fishing grounds on the

Truckee river, and six miles of Waddell creek, in Santa Cruz county, have already been closed. In the case of the latter creek, a lagoon opening on Santa Cruz bay, which has become the habitat of striped bass and been for years a popular fishing ground, is designed to be included in the trout fishing reservation which the California Anglers' association proposes to claim under the terms of a fishing lease it has acquired over a section of the stream. On the Truckee river, the San Francisco Fly Casting club has purchased a claim to 160 acres of land bordering on the right bank of the stream and extending from a point near the mouth of Promer creek to Marti's—a distance of about four miles—from which it is intended to exclude hereafter all fishermen not club members.

These various sportsmen and anglers' clubs are attempting to create a condition in this state more offensive than that which made the poaching laws in Great Britain so obnoxious and intolerable. A halt ought to have been called on the process of class reservation of the natural hunting and fishing grounds in the state long ago. The rail that is being made by club sportsmen on the trout streams and navigable sloughs frequented by game fishes which, under the common law, have been free to all from time immemorial, is intensifying the situation. If it is allowed to proceed unchallenged, every trout stream in the state and every stretch of idle water in the bays and at the mouths of the streams discharging on the coast will become closed fishing grounds for an exclusive set, although the rights of the public generally to the footpaths bordering upon them and to fishing in the waters cannot be successfully contested in the courts. That is the last place where the clubs will invoke the fiction of the law of trespass. They will rely upon the enforcement of their usurped rights through the intimidation carried out by hired gamekeepers.

The gradual closure of the fishing waters of the state is going on despite the fact that the federal and state governments have been for 30 or 40 years stocking the streams and bays with game fishes, at public expense, for the benefit of the public at large. If the common fishing grounds are to be closed by sportsmen's clubs, as the duck and quail hunting grounds have been, these organizations should be made to pay the cost of maintaining the fish hatcheries, game wardens and the fish commission. It stands to reason that if the public is to be deprived of these official institutions they should not be supported from the public funds; and, at the same time, no rights which the public has acquired on the banks and within the bodies of the fish bearing streams and sloughs should be surrendered by default or otherwise. —San Francisco Chronicle.

INSURANCE AFFAIRS.

Over 100,000 Policy Holders Said to Have Withdrawn.

It is said that fully 100,000 policy holders, carrying on an average of \$2500 each, have accepted the surrender value of their policies and withdrawn from the four big companies since the outbreak of the insurance scandal last year. As there is a profit to the companies by these withdrawals, because surrender values are always a little below real values, the policy holders remaining are by so much the better off. This profit to the companies involves a corresponding loss to the stampeded policy holders, as they will find when they come to reinsure themselves elsewhere. The thorough investigation which has been made has shown all these companies to be perfectly sound, and the big companies would not be injured in the least if they lost half their members. Any one of them could go out of business tomorrow, never write another policy, and still pay every death and endowment claim as it matures. The thorough overhauling which they have received, and the new legislation which is assured, will make all insurance companies safer than ever, with a certainty, if there is no reduction in premiums, that the accumulations will be greater than in any recent year.

The fight is not yet over. It is alleged that there has been inquiry which has not even yet been uncovered, and whether this be true or not the great capitalists of the country, or rather the great manipulators of other people's capital, will fight hard against the enactment of all the proposed legislation which will make it impossible to get, directly or through deposits in trust companies, the use of insurance funds to float speculative enterprises. It is by the temporary use of these funds that hitherto the Morgans and the Harrimans and the rest have been able to carry through the great financial enterprises with which they have been connected. This is not to say that all this money has come from the insurance companies. That is not the case, but the available insurance surpluses have been by far the greatest single source, and the great financiers seem to believe that the complete withdrawal of these funds from their reach will put a check, if not a complete stop, to the flotation of great schemes. The new fangled finance requires that in the case of these great enterprises a large part of the securities issued shall be "carried" by somebody, pending their absorption by the market. The past decade has been prosperous, and this use of insurance money has been fairly profitable to the companies. If a panic had occurred, the result would have been the reverse. Hence the wisdom of the legislation proposed by the Armstrong committee, prohibiting the investment of insurance money in stocks or in financial syndicates, which the speculative financiers will fight.

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Houses Without Chimneys.

That there were no chimneys in the tenth, twelfth and thirteenth centuries seems to be proved by the so called ignifugium or pyritigium, the curfew bell of the English and couvre feu of the French. In the middle ages, as they are termed, people made fires in their homes in a hole or pit in the center of the floor under an opening formed in the roof, and when the fire was burnt out or the family went to bed at night the hole was shut by a cover of wood. In those periods, says a writer in an English exchange, a law was almost everywhere established that the fire should be extinguished at a certain time in the evening; that the cover should be put over the fireplace, and that all the family should retire to rest, or at least be at home. The time when this ought to be done was signified by the ringing of a bell. William the Conqueror introduced this law into England in the year 1068 and fixed the ignifugium at 7 in the evening in order to prevent nocturnal assemblies. The oldest certain account of chimneys occurs in the year 1347, for an inscription which is still existing or did exist at Venice relates that at the above period a great many chimneys (multi camini) were thrown down by an earthquake. This circumstance is confirmed by John Villani, the historian, who died in Florence in 1348.

Life Guards.

The Life Guards are two regiments of cavalry forming part of the British household troops. They are gallant soldiers, and every loyal British heart is proud of them. Not only the king's household, but yours, ours, everybody's should have its life guards. The need of them is especially great when the greatest foes of life, disease, and ailments in the very elements as cold, influenza, catarrh, the grip, and pneumonia do in the stormy month of March. The best way we know of to guard against these diseases is to strengthen the system with Hood's Sarsaparilla—the greatest of all life guards. It removes the conditions in which these diseases make their most successful attack, gives vigor and ton to all the vital organs and functions, and imparts a genial warmth to the blood. Remember the weaker the system the greater the exposure to disease. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes the system strong.

Navy's Coal is Scarce.

Washington, D. C., March 8.—The secretary of the navy has sent to Rear Admiral Evans, commanding the Atlantic fleet, and Rear Admiral Goodrich, commanding the Pacific squadron, important cautionary instructions regarding economy of fuel, the supply of which has been exhausted. It will be

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necessary, in order to purchase additional fuel for the navy, to ask the contractors to await the pleasure of congress until there is a fund available for the purchase of coal. It is expected that the contractors will not object to this condition, and the service will not be seriously embarrassed by the failure of congress to provide the present means of acquiring fuel for ships of war. If there were any difficulty in that direction the ships on distant stations could not be moved and the vessels now in southern stations would have to proceed to Guantanamo, Cuba, and remain there until coal could be obtained. But no such embarrassment is likely to attach to the service, mainly on account of the willingness of the contractors to trust the government, especially as a contract for coal has its negotiable value, although there are not funds immediately available to meet the obligation. Of course, it has to be considered, that in such a state of affairs the coal dealers who sell to the government take into account this delay and charge accordingly, so that in the end the government pays for the favor obtained from the coal dealers. At this time the most rigid economy is exacted of commanding officers everywhere in the use of coal, and there will be no more movement of ships than is absolutely necessary. These restrictions will doubtless have their effect on the plans for naval manœuvres in southern waters.

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