

BOY'S TERRIBLE ECZEMA.

Mouth and Eyes Covered with Crusts—Hands Pinned Down—Miraculous Cure by Cuticura

"When my little boy was six months old, he had eczema. The sores extended so quickly over the whole body that we at once called in the doctor. We then went to another doctor, but he could not help him, and in our despair we went to a third one. Matters became so bad that he had regular holes in his cheeks, large enough to put a finger into. The food had to be given with a spoon, for his mouth was covered with crusts as thick as a finger, and whenever he opened the mouth they began to bleed and suppurate, as did also his eyes. Hands, arms, chest and back, in short the whole body, was covered over and over. We had no rest by day or night. Whenever he was laid in his bed, we had to pin his hands down; otherwise he would scratch his face, and make an open sore. I think his face must have itched most fearfully.

"We finally thought nothing could help, and I had made up my mind to send my wife with the child to Europe, hoping that the sea air might cure him, otherwise he was to be put under good medical care there. But, Lord be blessed, matters came differently, and we soon saw a miracle. A friend of ours spoke about Cuticura. We made a trial with Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Resolvent, and within ten days or two weeks we noticed a decided improvement. Just as quickly as the sickness had appeared it also began to disappear, and within ten weeks the child was absolutely well, and his skin was smooth and white as never before. F. Hohrath, President of the C. L. Hohrath Company, Manufacturers of Silk Ribbons, 4 to 20 Rink Alley, South Bethlehem, Pa., June 5, 1905."

When a man can't sleep because he ate lobster salad for supper he thinks it is a great idea whirling in his brain.

President Castro, of Venezuela, has again yielded to France, but he has reserved the right to make several future yieldings necessary.

Once in a while, a bit of slang is so expressive that it becomes incorporated into the language as an allowance idiom. One of the most striking of these is "making good." It has come to have not simply a general, but a specific, meaning. It illustrates the idea of competition; it indicates that under intense modern methods it is only he who succeeds that can, in the long run, win recognition.

We have in the United States less than a half a sheep to each one of our eighty millions and yet there are those who believe the sheep business will be overdone.

DON'T DESPAIR.

Read the Experience of a Minnesota Woman and Take Heart.

If your back aches, and you feel sick, languid, weak and miserable day after day, don't worry. Doan's Kidney Pills have cured thousands of women in the same condition. Mrs. A. Helman of Stillwater, Minn., says: "But for Doan's Kidney Pills I would not be living now. They cured me in 1898. I've been well since."

I used to have such pain in my back that once I fainted. The kidney secretions were much disordered, and I was so far gone that I was thought to be at death's door. Since Doan's Kidney Pills cured me I feel as if I had been pulled back from the tomb."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

The secret of many a man's success is an affable manner, which makes everybody feel easy in his presence dispels fear and timidity, and calls out the finest qualities in one's nature.—"Success Magazine."

A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES Itching, Bleeding, Protruding Piles. Druggists are authorized to refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

We may have the right to cheat the world in many things, but not our selves in anything.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

No monument erected to the dead can make sweet and lasting the memory of those who have not built their own monuments in the hearts of their people.—"Success Magazine."

A PAGAN SURVIVAL.

The Custom of Lighting Fires on Midsummer Eve of Old Origin.
There is little doubt that the custom of lighting fires on midsummer eve is of eastern origin. Those who watch the Irish peasants driving their cattle between two blazing piles, or see the young men leaping over the glowing embers, as the bonfires sink lower amid the brief darkness of the midsummer night hardly fail to be reminded of that "passing through the fire to Moloch," so strictly forbidden to the Hebrews, says Longman's Magazine. Whole families pass solemnly between two fires, or spring backward and forward over the flames.

True, the simple country folk imagine they are performing these mystic rites in honor of St. John the Baptist, for early missionaries, finding it impossible to prevent their converts keeping the pagan festivals, transferred them to the saints, and midsummer was assigned to St. John—"the light to lighten the Gentiles"—instead of to Baldur or Baal, and the bonfires were called "Teine bhel Elon" (John's fires).

Some say that the fires were transferred from May day or "Beltane"—another important festival held by the Irish, Scotch and British Celts in honor of Baal, or Belus—to midsummer; others, with more probability, assert that the two festivals were quite distinct. However this may be, May day is still called "Bealtine" or "Beltane" in both Ireland and Scotland.

Sometimes a bone is laid in the heart of the blaze—doubtless it represents the original human sacrifice; in fact, some derive the word "bonfire" from this practice, others say it is not bone, but boon, bene, or the French bon, because great virtues were accredited to the midsummer fires. In the west of England, where they lingered till recently, they were known as "blessing fires," and in almost every part of Europe, they were supposed to bring good luck, and abundant harvest and freedom from disease both to man and beast—an idea which is not yet extinct in Ireland.

The Old Pump's Farewell.

Ay, root me up like some dead tree
Bereft of leaf and shade,
And in some corner let me be
Irreverently laid,
To waste my bones in rot and rust,
And let me, once who gave
Cool draughts to man and beast, in dust
Find an unhonored grave.

It was thy father set me here
A score of years ago,
And bade cool water, crystal clear,
In grateful streams to flow,
In all my years no thirsty lout
For drink of me has cried
And from my overflowing spout
Has gone unsatisfied.

The children, rioting from school,
Have sought my dripping spout,
Whence sparkling water, clear and cool,
In torrents gushing out,
Brought thirst a comforting eclipse
With its refreshing draught,
And ah! the sweetness of their lips
Pressed to me as they quaffed.

Then, speeding onward to their play,
I heard their merry cries,
And like the tears that drip away
In gladness from the eyes,
The cool drops flowed and trickled down
My iron cheek to see
How from far corners of the town
The thirsty came to me.

The dusty yokel, worn and tasked,
Tramped to me from the road,
Gripped hands with me, and all unasked
The grateful waters flowed,
The cup held by its clanking chain
He lifted off and drained,
Its crystal waters once again,
And some new vigor gained.

And, ah! those patient beasts that brought
Their noses to my tank,
When the red sun beat fiercely hot,
And drank, and drank, and drank
With mighty draughts and deep until
My labors were nigh vain
To give them drink enough and fill
My water tub again.

Nor all my score of years till now
Have I once failed to cool
The thirsty lip and fevered brow
From that still rippling pool
Wherein my feet have stood. My cup
In ready hands and strong
Has dipped its crystal waters up
So long, so long, so long!

But now my joints are worn and old,
My spout is parched and dry;
My cup's a-leak and will not hold
My drink, how'er I try,
So root me up like some old tree
Bereft of leaf and shade,
And in some corner let me be
Irreverently laid.
—New York Times.

Was It Tainted?

"Do you consider the money Dimler gave the Ladies' Aid Society was tainted?"
"Tainted! Why so?"
"He made most of it as an importation of garlic."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Some Finagin Philosophy.

Th' mon that tells yez no t' worry, has eyther got through wid a job uv worryin' or is about t' begin ut.—Baltimore American.

Diplomacy is the art of folding gracefully to the inevitable.

Ex-Queen Lil wants the American government to give her \$10,000,000. The old lady has applied at an unfortunate time. The easy money game is rather unpopular just now.

A negro in Davenport, Ia., stole a diamond ring and contrived to swallow it after his arrest. A photograph made by the X-rays revealed its position, and the thief, with the aid of an emetic, was induced to cough it up.

The wearing of garments that sweep the pavement is prohibited in Nordhausen, Saxony. Any person thus arranged must not walk the streets under penalty of thirty marks.

THE SCIENCE OF LIVING.

Dr. George F. Butler Tells How to Eat and How to Assimilate.

Dr. George F. Butler, medical superintendent of the Alma Springs Sanitarium, Alma, Mich., in the October number of "How to Live," gives some interesting as well as sensible rules for acquiring and keeping health. He says: "Without we eat and drink, we die! The provocative to do both rests with the appetite, which, in process of time, becomes a very uncertain guide; for the palate will often induce a desire and relish for that which is most mischievous and indigestible. The old saying of 'eat what you like' is now shunned by everybody of 20 years' experience. Still, without appetite, it is a very difficult affair to subsist—for the pleasure depends chiefly upon the relish. The relish may become, as has been stated, a vitiated one, but it is quite possible to make the stomach, by a little forbearance and practice, as enamored of what is wholesome and nutritious as of that which is hurtful and not concoctible."

Again he says: "The delicate should feed carefully, not abundantly; it is not quantity which nourishes, but only that which assimilates."

"Be careful of your digestion" is the keynote of the doctor's argument. He says: "Health in man, as in other animals, depends upon the proper performance of all the functions. These functions may be shortly said to be three: (1) tissue change; (2) removal of waste; (3) supply of new material. For the activity of man, like the heat of the fire by which he cooks his food, is maintained by combustion; and just as the fire may be prevented from burning brightly by improper disposition of the fuel, or imperfect supply of air, and as it will certainly go out if fresh fuel is not supplied, and may be choked by its own ashes, so man's activity may be lessened by imperfect tissue change, and may be put an end to, by an insufficient supply of new material and imperfect removal of waste products."

"We should see to it that free elimination is maintained, for the ashes must be kept out of the system in order to have good health. The skin, kidney and bowels must do their eliminative work properly. If the bowels occasionally become torpid, try to regulate them with exercise and proper food, such as fruits, green vegetables, salads, cereals, corn, whole wheat or graham bread, fish, poultry, light soups, etc. Plenty of water is also valuable, and a glass full of cold or hot water the first thing upon rising in the morning will aid much in overcoming constipation. Regular habit, cold baths and massage are very efficacious. In case the constipation does not yield to these hygienic measures, some simple, harmless laxative may be required, such as California Syrup of Figs—a non-irritating preparation of senna in fig syrup—Laxative mineral waters are beneficial in some cases, but not to be employed continually."

"Above all be an optimist, keep the heart young. Cultivate kindness, cheerfulness and love, and do not forget that we shall pass through this world but once. Any good thing, therefore, that we do, or any kindness that we show to any human being, let us do it now. Let us not defer it or neglect it, for we shall not pass this way again."

COLOR EFFECTS

It is quite a new fashion to wear a very narrow colored necktie with one's white lingerie blouse. The necktie just outlines the stock collar where it joins the yoke, and ties in front in a smart little bow. It may be of holly red velvet or satin, or of any color which happens to be particularly becoming. If a girl cares to go to the trouble of sewing new buttons every once in a while on her mitt cuffs, it is a very pretty little match to have the buttons on the cuffs match the little necktie in color.—Woman's Home Companion for January.

Recommendations, testimonials, requests from eminent men, all fall before the stern decree that you must "make good."—"Success Magazine."

Men have two kinds of ambition, —one for dollar-making, the other for life-making. Some turn all their ability, education, health, and energy toward the first of these—dollar-making,—and call the result success. Others turn them toward the second,—into character, usefulness, helpfulness,—life-making,—and the world sometimes calls them failures; but history calls them successes. No price is great to pay for an untarnished name.—O. S. Marden in "Success Magazine."

THE WHOLE LOT

If we don't heed prevention, we will need a cure. The Old-Moak-Cure

St. Jacobs Oil

Is ready always for all forms of muscular aches or pains, from

LUMBAGO RHEUMATISM
STIFF NECK SPRAIN

IT CURES ALIKE THE WHOLE LOT.

When planning your work for the day, save a little time for self. It may be a little time for caring for health, or for pleasure reading or for study—let it be something which will tend toward self-improvement.

NO MAN IS STRONGER THAN HIS STOMACH.

Let the greatest athlete have dyspepsia and his muscles would soon fail. Physical strength is derived from food. If a man has insufficient food he loses strength. If he has no food he dies. Food is converted into nutrition through the stomach and bowels. It depends on the strength of the stomach to what extent food eaten is digested and assimilated. People can die of starvation who have abundant food to eat, when the stomach and its associate organs of digestion and nutrition do not perform their duty. Thus the stomach is really the vital organ of the body. If the stomach is "weak" the body will be weak also, because it is upon the stomach the body relies for its strength. And as the body, considered as a whole, is made up of its several members and organs, so the weakness of the body as a consequence of "weak" stomach will be distributed among the organs which compose the body. If the body is weak because it is ill-nourished that physical weakness will be found in all the organs—heart, liver, kidneys, etc. The liver will be torpid and inactive, giving rise to biliousness, loss of appetite, weak nerves, feeble or irregular action of heart, palpitation, dizziness, headache, backache and kindred disturbances and weaknesses.

Mr. Louis Pare, of Quebec, writes: "For years after my health began to fail, my head grew dizzy, eyes dimmed, and my stomach was sore all the time, while everything I would eat would seem to lie heavy like lead on my stomach. The doctors claimed that it was sympathetic trouble due to dyspepsia, and prescribed for me, and although I took their powders regularly yet I felt no better. My wife advised me to try Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery—and stop taking the doctor's medicine. She bought me a bottle and we soon found that I began to improve, so I kept up the treatment. I took on flesh, my stomach became normal, the digestive organs worked perfectly and I soon began to look like a different person. I can never cease to be grateful for what your medicine has done for me and I certainly give it highest praise."

Don't be wheedled by a penny-grabbing dealer into taking inferior substitutes for Dr. Pierce's medicines, recommended to be "just as good." To gain knowledge of your own body—in sickness and health—send for the People's Common Sense Medical Adviser. A book of 1008 pages. Send 21 one-cent stamps for paper-covered, or 31 stamps for cloth-bound copy. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, 663 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

STOP! WOMEN,

AND CONSIDER THE

ALL-IMPORTANT
FACT

That in addressing Mrs. Pinkham you are confiding your private ills to a woman—a woman whose experience with woman's diseases covers a great many years. You can talk freely to a woman when it is revolting to relate your private troubles to a man—besides a man does not understand—simply because he is a man.

Many women suffer in silence and drift along from bad to worse, knowing full well that they ought to have immediate assistance, but a natural modesty impels them to shrink from exposing themselves to the questions and probably examinations of even their family physician. It is unnecessary. Without money or price you can consult a woman whose knowledge from actual experience is great.

Mrs. Pinkham's Standing Invitation:

Women suffering from any form of female weakness are invited to promptly communicate with Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass. All letters are received, opened, read and answered by women only. A woman can freely talk of her private illness to a woman; thus has been established the eternal confidence between Mrs. Pinkham and the women of America which has never been broken. Out of the vast volume of experience which she has to draw from, it is more than possible that she has gained the very knowledge that will help your case. She asks nothing in return except your good-will, and her advice has relieved thousands. Surely any woman, rich or poor, is very foolish if she does not take advantage of this generous offer of assistance.—Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

Following we publish two letters from a woman who accepted this invitation. Note the result.

First letter.

"Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—
"For eight years I have suffered something terrible every month with my periods. The pains are excruciating and I can hardly stand them. My doctor says I have ovarian and womb trouble, and I must go through an operation if I want to get well. I do not want to submit to it if I can possibly help it. Please tell me what to do. I hope you can relieve me."—Mrs. Mary Dimmick, 58th and E. Capitol Sts., Benning P.O., Washington, D.C.

Second letter.

"Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—
"After following carefully your advice, and taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, I am very anxious to send you my testimonial, that others may know their value and what you have done for me."

Kemp's Balsam

Will stop any cough that can be stopped by any medicine and cure coughs that cannot be cured by any other medicine.

It is always the best cough cure. You cannot afford to take chances on any other kind.

KEMP'S BALSAM cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, grip, asthma and consumption in first stages.

It's a good deal of fun to surprise a girl into thinking you aren't going to kiss her and then doing it.

We are never without a bottle of Piso's Cure for Consumption in our house.—Mrs. E. M. Swayze, Wakita, Okla., April 17, 1901.

A girl would almost as lief write a novel as have curly hair.

Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures colic. Price 25c.

There seems to be no one so hard to discourage as the girl who can't sing.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

There is no time when a baby really seems to enjoy a long cry the way he does at 3 o'clock in the morning.

Robbed in Church.

Just think what an outrage it is to be robbed of all the benefits of the services by continuous coughing throughout the congregation, when Anti-Gripine is guaranteed to cure. Sold everywhere, 25 cents. F. W. Diemer, M. D., Manufacturer, Springfield, Mo.



"As you know, I wrote you that my doctor said I must have an operation or I could not live. I then wrote you, telling you my ailments. I followed your advice and am entirely well. I can walk miles without an ache or pain, and I owe my life to you and to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I wish every suffering woman would read this testimonial and realize the value of writing to you and your remedy."—Mrs. Mary Dimmick, 58th and E. Capitol Streets, Benning P. O., Washington, D. C.

When a medicine has been successful in restoring to health so many women whose testimony is so unquestionable, you cannot well say, without trying it, "I do not believe it will help me." If you are ill, don't hesitate to get a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once, and write Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., for special advice—it is free and always helpful.