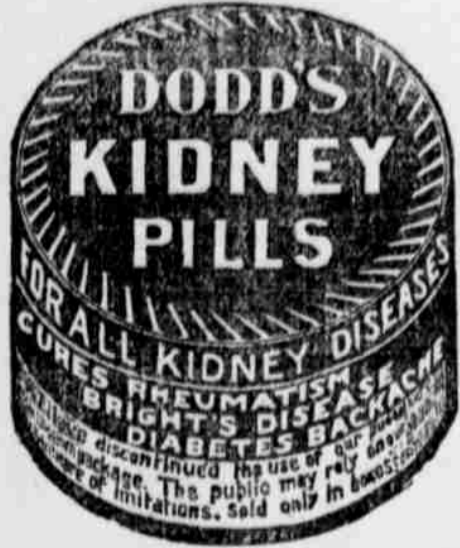


It would be a good thing if some one could invent a machine to prevent roosters from giving false alarms by crowing two hours before daylight on Sunday mornings.

In some parts of Australia there are forests of leafless trees. They respire through a little stem, apparently answering the purpose of a leaf. The tree is known as the "leafless acacia."

Britain was conquered by Caesar in the year 55 B. C. and the Roman occupation continued until A. D. or nearly five hundred years.



Russians have the reputation of possessing the best teeth of all civilized people, a fact which they attribute to the regular chewing of sunflower seed.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm. West & Trux, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Walzing, Kinnam & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

A phonograph served as a witness in a railroad case in Boston. It was used to reproduce the noise which trains of the elevated railroad made in passing a certain building. The owner of the building asserted that the rental value of his property was injured by the noise, and sought compensation from the railroad company. It was held that the phonographic record was as valid evidence of the nature of the sounds as a photographic record would be of the condition of a street or of a building.

To secure some memento of a great aunt to whom she was much attached, Mademoiselle Bertha Chevanne, a young Parisian, attended a sale of the old lady's effects. The girl was poor, and most articles were beyond her purse. A shabby old prayer book was put up. Nobody bid for it except Mademoiselle Chevanne, and she bought it for a few sou. In turning over the leaves she came across a folded paper. It was a will bequeathing to her the whole of her great-aunt's estate valued at \$80,000.

A method of fishing that must seem odd to Americans is practiced by the Chinese. The fisherman lets down from the side of the boat a screen of white canvass. The shoal of fish mistake this for some floating obstruction and try to leap over it, with the result that the fish jump into the boat and are thus captured. This method is also employed by Malays in their waters.

FOUND OUT.

A Trained Nurse Discovered His Effects.

No one is in better position to know the value of food and drink than a trained nurse.

Speaking of coffee a nurse of Wilkes Barre, Pa., writes: "I used to drink strong coffee myself and suffered greatly from headaches and indigestion. While on a visit to my brothers I had a good chance to try Postum Food Coffee, for they drank it altogether in place of ordinary coffee. In two weeks, after using Postum, I found I was much benefited and finally my headaches disappeared and also the indigestion.

"Naturally I have since used Postum among my patients, and have noticed a marked benefit where coffee has been left off and Postum used.

"I observed a curious fact about Postum used among mothers. It greatly helps the flow of milk in cases where coffee is inclined to dry it up, and where tea causes nervousness.

"I find trouble in getting servants to make Postum properly. They most always serve it before it has been boiled long enough. It should be boiled 15 or 20 minutes and served with cream, when it is certainly a delicious beverage."

"There's a reason" for Postum.



THOMAS A. EDISON.

Thomas A. Edison is 60 years old, and to the world and to the workers who are striving for the opening of even vaster fields of invention and industry, he declares that before he dies he expects to see locomotives cross the continent using only a few pounds of coal for fuel, to see giant steamships driven across the Atlantic at high speed by a shovelful of coal, and to see the problem of aerial navigation solved.

That he will discover the secret and solve any of these problems he does not claim. His message to the world is that they will be done.

One does not have to be old to recall the first electric light, or the first telephone. Less than a quarter of a century ago the electric light was so much of a curiosity that one of the biggest circuses in the country made it the feature of the show. It was not, as might be supposed, used to illuminate the "mammoth pavilion." The circus simply carried a portable engine and dynamo and had one solitary light upon a pole to be beheld in awe and wonderment by the great American public.

Since the electric light has become so common that it is at times found in what was only a few years ago the back woods, the younger generation, who have been used to it from infancy, scarcely will be able to realize what a marvel it was to those who, after hearing their grandparents talk of the "tallow dip," and who considered gaslight something that could not be improved, found themselves beneath the dazzling rays of Mr. Edison's wonderful invention.

The career of Thomas Alva Edison has been a most interesting one and should be an inspiration to every ambitious boy, regardless of the fact that in his youth he devoted his time to making electrical discoveries instead of killing Indians or being a pirate. His boyhood was not without the instances that go to make the life of a boy or young man interesting. As "train boy," printer, telegrapher—and in a few other lines—he had experiences that might have furnished material for many a writer of stories such as would interest the properly constituted boy.

He has done more than any modern American to place the land of his birth among the nations which lead the scientific world. He ranks with Roentgen, Koch, Haeckel and others of that class. Indeed, it may be said that he leads the class. And he is still as deeply interested in the quest for new truths about electricity and other sciences as he was half a century ago.

When such a man speaks it is with the wisdom of the oracle. So we may listen with attention as well as faith. Whether it is a prophecy as to the future or advice based upon the experiences of the past, what he says is entitled to consideration.

As to the possibilities of the future the wizard says:

"It is only a question of time when it will be possible to run an express train from New York to Buffalo with the power generated from two bushels of coal.

"It is only a question of time when all the electric plants will be established where the coal comes out of the ground. The power will be transmit-

Put Daniel in Fiery Furnace.

A clergyman recently engaged with another of a different belief in a controversy regarding some question of religion sent to a newspaper office an article supporting his side of the question. The article in question contained about two thousand words, and had been prepared at the expense of much midnight oil. The manuscript had been received at a local newspaper office and "set up" in type for the next day's issue. About midnight the telephone rang furiously, the minister at the other end asking for the city editor. "I am sorry to trouble you at such a late hour," he said, "but I am in great

trouble." "What can I do for you?" was asked. "In the article I sent you to-day I put Daniel in the fiery furnace. Please take him out and put him in the lion's den."

"I expect to see ships cross the Atlantic in three days before I die; and I also expect to see a successful airship."

Mr. Edison did a rare thing in celebration of his birthday. He allowed himself to be interviewed.

"Now," he laughed, "I feel at home. But what is it you want me to say?"

"Do you expect to make any special announcement on your birthday?" was ventured.

"Everything depends—depends on how certain problems pan out. It would give me all the pleasure imaginable to make an announcement every day in the year, but it is mere foolishness to express hopes when all the world wants or is concerned in are results."

"It is true that you are in hope of solving the problem of perpetual motion?"

"Absurd! absurd! Perpetual motion to science and the discovery of the north pole to the world bear what we might call corresponding relations. When some scientist finds time hanging heavy on his hands he may turn attention to perpetual motion. But meanwhile there are far more vital and immediate discoveries to be made.

"The control of the energy stored in coal, directly and without waste, for example, is it a possibility? Yes, it is not only possible but probable of discovery. Some day soon it will be done.

"Ninety per cent of the energy stored in coal now is lost. That is a tremendous waste. It goes off in heat from the chimneys, and especially is wasted in the process of converting water into steam. If, therefore, a means can be devised by which this enormous waste is saved, it will revolutionize and vastly cheapen the production of power. The result will have an incalculable influence upon the material progress of civilization. It will enable an ocean liner of, say, 20,000 horse power, to cross the Atlantic in unprecedented time and with an expenditure of about one-tenth the amount of fuel now required—250 tons instead of 3,000 tons. It will enable an engine to draw an express train from New York to Buffalo on a two bushel consumption of coal. Coal will be put in a receptacle, agencies applied for developing its energies with an inappreciable wastage, and through these agencies electric power of any necessary degree will be forthcoming. Yes, it can and soon will be done; some of the details are already mastered, practically. That problem seems to hold the greatest promise, to my way of thinking. What's that you are saying? What will follow a victory in that direction?"

"Do you think one of the scientific triumphs of the near future will be discovered at the end of the wireless telegraph—by the establishment of communications—with Mars or other neighboring planets?" was the interrupting query.

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Easy Going.

"The railway men will take possession of the government if they get a chance," said the alarmist.

"Well," answered the easy going citizen, "if they do I hope they will run it as successfully as they do some of the trunk lines."—Washington Star.

People lose a lot of time every day in telling their troubles.

WORKING WOMEN

Their Hard Struggle Made Easier—Interesting Statements by a Young Lady in Boston and One in Nashville, Tenn.



All women work; some in their homes, some in church, and some in the whirl of society. And in stores, mills and shops tens of thousands are on the never-ceasing treadmill, earning their daily bread.

All are subject to the same physical laws; all suffer alike from the same physical disturbance, and the nature of their duties, in many cases, quickly drifts them into the horrors of all kinds of female complaints, tumors, ulceration, falling and displacements or perhaps irregularity or suppression, causing backache, nervousness, irritability and lassitude.

They especially require an invigorating, sustaining medicine which will strengthen the female organism and enable them to bear easily the fatigues of the day, to sleep well at night, and to rise refreshed and cheerful.

How distressing to see a woman struggling to earn a livelihood or perform her household duties when her back and head are aching, she is so tired she can hardly drag about or stand up, and every movement causes pain, the origin of which is due to some derangement of the female organism.

Miss F. Orser, of 14 Warrenton Street, Boston, tells women how to avoid such suffering; she writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:— "I suffered misery for several years with female irregularities. My back ached; I had bearing-down pains, and frequent headaches."

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In Mexico there is a jail which consists of an oak tree with a chain and staple attachment.

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The Chinese minister at Washington is a noted yarn teller. Here is one of his latest yarns: There was a rich Chinaman who had three dogs. When he came home one evening he found them asleep on his couch of oak wood and marble. He whipped them and drove them forth. The next night when he came home, the dogs were lying on the floor. But he placed his hand on the couch and found it warm from their bodies. Therefore he gave them another whipping. The third night, returning earlier than usual, he found the dogs sitting beside the couch, blowing on it to cool it.

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Miss Pearl Ackers, of 327 North Sumner Street, Nashville, Tenn., writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:— "I suffered with painful periods, severe backache, bearing-down pains, pains across the abdomen; was very nervous and irritable, and my trouble grew worse every month. My physician failed to help me and I decided to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I soon found it was doing me good. All my pains and aches disappeared, and I no longer fear my monthly periods."

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the unfailing cure for all these troubles. It strengthens the proper muscles, and displacement with all its horrors will no more crush you.

Backache, dizziness, fainting, bearing-down pains, disordered stomach, moodiness, dislike of friends and society—all symptoms of the one cause—will be quickly dispelled, and it will make you strong and well.

You can tell the story of your sufferings to a woman, and receive helpful advice free of cost. Address Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass. The present Mrs. Pinkham is the daughter-in-law of Lydia E. Pinkham and for twenty-five years she has, under her direction and since her decease, been advising sick women free of charge.

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