

What is CASTORIA

Castoria is Dr. Samuel Pitcher's prescription for Infants and Children. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. It is a harmless substitute for Paregoric, Drops, Soothing Syrups, and Castor Oil. It is Pleasant. Its guarantee is thirty years' use by Millions of Mothers. Castoria destroys Worms and allays feverishness. Castoria prevents vomiting Sour Curd, cures Diarrhoea and Wind Colic. Castoria relieves teething troubles, cures constipation and flatulency. Castoria assimilates the food, regulates the stomach and bowels, giving healthy and natural sleep. Castoria is the Children's Panacea—the Mother's Friend.

Castoria.
"Castoria is an excellent remedy for children. Mothers have resorted to it and its good effect upon their children."
D. J. F. KINCHLOE,
Conway, Ark.

Castoria.
"Castoria is so well adapted to children that I recommend it as superior to any prescription known to me."
H. A. ARCHER, M. D.,
111 So. Oxford St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

"Our physicians in the children's department have spoken highly of their experience in their outside practices with Castoria, and although we only have among our medical supplies what is known as regular products, yet we are free to confess that the merits of Castoria has won us to look with favor upon it."
UNITED HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY,
Boston, Mass.

Dr. J. F. KINCHLOE,
Conway, Ark.

The Centaur Company, 77 Murray Street, New York City.

F. D. BURGESS,
Plumber and Steam Fitter.
MAIN AVENUE, McCOOK, NEB.
Stock of Iron, Lead and Sewer Pipe, Brass Goods, Pumps and Boiler Trimmings. Agent for Halliday, Eclipse and Waupun Wind Mill.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Authorized Capital \$100,000
Capital and Surplus 60,000

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.
GEORGE HUCKNELL, President. B. M. FREES, Vice President. W. F. LAWSON, Cashier.
A. CAMPBELL, FRANK HARRIS.

The Citizens Bank of McCook

INCORPORATED UNDER STATE LAWS.
Paid Up Capital, \$50,000.
Surplus, 10,000.

DOES A GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS.
Collections Made on all Accessible Points. Drafts Drawn on all Principal Cities of Europe. Taxes Paid for Non-Residents.

Tickets for Sale to and from Europe.

OFFICERS.
V. FRANKLIN, President. A. C. EBERT, Cashier.
CORRESPONDENTS—The First National Bank, Lincoln, Nebraska. The Chemical National Bank, New York City.

W. C. BULLARD & CO.,

LIME, CEMENT, DOORS, WINDOWS, BLINDS.

LUMBER.

HARD AND SOFT COAL.

RED CEDAR AND OAK POSTS.
U. J. WARREN, Manager.

A CHILD'S IDEA.

He stood beside my knee the while I turned
The pictured pages of the holy book
Stood in the wisdom of his three brief years—
True wisdom—that which ever seeks to know.
And now his eyes are wide with wondering:
A ladder set from earth to heaven! Where-
fore?
The small brow knit, then came conclusion
swift.
"I see; so angels carry up the soul
For God to make the harp of." Smiling, I
Dismissed the childish fancy with a kiss.
But pondering, as I ponder ever now
On all his words, there grows the meaning as
In darkness grows the star. The harp, in-
deed,
In heaven are fashioned, but the withdrawal
Is delved from earth's dark breast with toil
and pain.
Cleansed—tempered—it may be with bitterest
tears—
Laid at the ladder's foot, our part is done.
So shall the harp be ready, be attuned
For symphonies divine—oh, wise, sweet soul!
—Emily Jewett Royal in Washington Post.

DISCOMFORTS OF ACTING.

Lack of Accommodations in the Green-room and Behind the Scenes.
The janitor has an important bearing on the actor's condition, which finds its expression in his playing and possibly on his nervous organization. He supplies the house and in most cases furnishes quarters for the actors such as no self-respecting slave owner would in the old days have condemned a slave to occupy.
For the public nothing is too good. For the actor, on the other hand, anything is good enough. Instead of silken draperies, he finds only a tattered curtain at the window, if indeed he find a curtain at all, or even a window which it might cover. Instead of soft, comfortable chairs, one wooden chair none too clean, or a chair minus a back, will be the only seat, and not infrequently, if he wishes to sit down, he must do so on his trunk. Instead of delicately tinted walls, he will find dirty walls which have not been treated even to a coat of whitewash for years. While in the auditorium a soft carpet covers the floor, in the actor's room a carpet rarely exists, or, if by chance there be something which once was a carpet, it is so dirty that it would be better away.
The washing appliances of the actor's room, if they are found at all, usually consist of a small basin with a tap of running water. Most people would expect that, as the winter is the theatrical season and the paints used by the actors are made with grease, hot water would be at hand. But this is rarely the case, and in many instances running water in the dressing rooms is unknown. It is not uncommon for actors to refrain from using the basins, preferring to remove the "makeup" as well as possible with vasoline and to wait until the hotel is reached to complete this portion of the toilet. Tin basins and buckets are not the worst that I have seen "on the road," for once the water was in dirty, battered, old hard tins, and basins had to be bought by our manager.—Forum.

Pigg's Pig.

The following is a true copy of an indictment found a few years since by the grand jury of Lawrence county, Ky.: "Lawrence criminal court. Commonwealth of Kentucky against —, defendant. Indictment. The grand jury of Lawrence county, in the name and by the authority of the commonwealth of Kentucky, accuse — of the offense of malicious mischief, committed as follows: The said —, on the — day of —, A. D. 18—, in the county and circuit aforesaid, did unlawfully, willfully and maliciously kill and destroy one pig, the personal property of George Pigg, without the consent of said Pigg, the said pig being of value to the aforesaid George Pigg. The pig thus killed weighed about 25 pounds and was a mate to some other pigs that were owned by said George Pigg, which left George Pigg a pig less than he (said George Pigg) had of pigs, and thus ruthlessly tore said pig from the society of George Pigg's other pigs against the peace and dignity of the commonwealth of Kentucky."—Green Bag.

Didn't Want to Be Shielded.

He took her hand gently in his. They were affianced, and there was no kick coming on the score of conventionality.
"I will always," he murmured, "be at hand to shield thee in the great struggle of life."
She gazed earnestly into his loving eyes.
"No!"
She seemed not to be aware that he started violently upon the word.
"I must insist upon going to bargain sales alone. You would only be in the way."
Even as she spoke her face kindled with the excitement of the fray.—Detroit Tribune.

The Retort Clerical.

"Since you take me to task so roundly for my failings," said the physician, somewhat nettled, "let me ask why you don't restrain your own son. He gambles, drinks and plays the races."
"Ah, yes," said the clergyman, with a sigh. "We don't seem to exert much influence over our own families, do we? By the way, doctor, please convey my warmest sympathies to your wife and say to her I am sorry she is still unable to find any relief from her rheumatism."—Chicago Tribune.

A Time Saver.

It is the fashion now for ladies' maids to keep diaries two or three weeks ahead of their mistresses' probable engagements, putting the name of the dress against the day. The lady looks at the list at the beginning of each week, and if she does not approve of the gowns to be worn she alters it. It saves a great deal of flurry at the time of dressing.

Perhaps a Slip of the Pen.

The Rev. S. J. Gibson lectured on "Fools" at the Wesleyan church here on Sunday. There were a large number present. — Carterton (New Zealand) Star.

Some men are all preamble.—Dallas News.

ONLY A SCRATCH NEEDED.

The Frequency of Blood Poisoning Among the Meat Packers.
"It would surprise you to know," recently remarked an officer of one of our large packing houses, "how frequent cases of blood poisoning are among our employees, and the cause in most of these instances would doubtless surprise you more. A scratch on the hand from a bone of a calf's head or a pig's foot often disables a man for a week, and, strangely enough, in almost every case that has come under my notice the scratch has been so slight as to be almost imperceptible.
"The first intimation the man has of his injury is a swelling of the forearm, accompanied by a smarting pain. Both swelling and pain generally extend to the shoulder, under which a large lung sometimes forms. Even after the presence of the scratch has been in this manner demonstrated it is often impossible to detect it. It is usually caused, in the case of the calf's head, by the sharp edge on the bone of the neck, due to the carelessness of the butcher who severs the head from the carcass. If he does his work well and his cleaver has severed the joint perfectly, all is well, for there is no sharp edge to cut, but if he has missed the joint by even a hair's breadth, which happens in five cases out of ten, there is an edge on the bone that will probably work mischief.
"Of course none of these cases has ever resulted seriously, as prompt measures are always taken and as we always insist that a man so injured immediately consult a physician. This rule we never vary, for we feel bound to retain a man on the payroll while suffering from such an accident, even though he be unfitted for work, and the unskillful treatment of an apothecary, on which many of them would like to rely, or the even less satisfactory methods of home surgery would only prolong the term of idleness."—New York Sun.

COINS OF LITTLE PRACTICAL USE.

The Gold Dollar Had No Utility, While the Three Cent Piece Served a Purpose.
To one who has not given the subject thought it would seem that the most useless coins ever issued by the United States were the silver 3 cent pieces. They were small, as thin as a sheet of manilla paper, and before they finally disappeared from circulation they came to be regarded as nuisances.

Although there is much to be said against the annoying little coins, they were, as a matter of fact, of far greater utility, as far as circulation is concerned, than another coin. This is the gold dollar, which, experts at the subtreasury say, has never served any useful purpose. Said Maurice Muhleman, cashier of the subtreasury, recently:

"From the mutilated condition of the gold dollars sent here for redemption it is positively shown that the public do not regard them as coins. Their only use appears to be for bangles, necklaces, watch charms, scarfpins and the like. It is doubtful if one in a thousand ever really passed in circulation.

"With the 3 cent silver piece it was different. When first coined, the country had nothing in the shape of a coin between the huge copper cents and half cents and the silver half dime. The small coin was hailed as a blessing and became popular at once. There was an excellent reason for its issue also.

"Strange as it may seem, it was not provided for by a coinage act, but by an act revising the postal rates. This law lowered the cost for transmitting the unit of weight for letters from 5 to 3 cents. It was deemed advisable by congress thereupon to issue a coin of corresponding denomination. The coin was of great utility and circulated freely until the advent of the nickel."—New York Herald.

Injuries to the Eyes.

An oculist of long experience in this city, who was recently asked to state the most common causes of accidental injuries to the eye, replied: "Among children, throwing stones and playing 'shinny'—a most dangerous game. Another not infrequent cause of accident is allowing children to stand about the kitchen range when the cook is frying fat that sputters and flies about the room. Among adults, the umbrella (its point when carried open in a crowd and tip when carried closed over the shoulder) is a quite common cause of injury and flying cinders another. But most of the cases we treat are not due to accident, but rather to the prolonged misuse of the eyes by close application; either in dim or glaring light, and often injuries arise from strictly constitutional disorders."—Philadelphia Record.

Irish Superstitions.

Mr. le Fann, writing on Irish superstitions, says: "The so called battles of the Derins (burials) originated in the superstition that the last person buried has, in addition to his other troubles, to ally the thirst of all previously laid in the churchyard. Where the water carried is procured I have never heard, but as much is wanted, the atmosphere being very hot, the labor involved is incessant and the carrier not relieved till the next funeral takes place. Penants have been known to put shoes or boots into coffins to save the feet of their relatives on these weary water carrying walks. Our neighbor, John Ryan, provided two pairs of shoes in his wife's coffin—a light pair for ordinary wear and a strong pair for bad weather."

Looking It Up.

Mother—Why, Aennchen, whatever are you doing with papa's big dictionary?
Aennchen (5 years old)—I am only looking for my dolly's lost slipper. Papa said yesterday you could find everything in the dictionary.—Lesehalle.

Goldfish are of Chinese origin. They were originally found in a large lake near Mount Tsienting and were first brought to Europe in the seventeenth century. The first in France came as a present to Mme. de Pompadour.



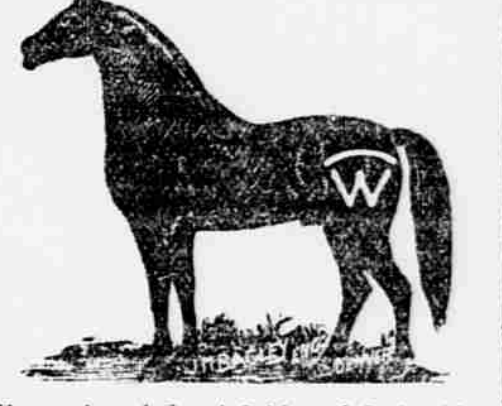
J. S. McBRAYER,
PROPRIETOR OF THE
McCook Transfer Line.
BUS, BAGGAGE AND EXPRESS.

Only furniture van in the city. Also have a first class house moving outfit. Leave orders for bus calls at Commercial hotel or at office opposite the depot.

R. M. OSBORN,
PROPRIETOR OF THE
WHITE LINE TRANSFER.

I am well equipped to do anything and everything in the line of draying business. I will move pianos or household goods promptly and safely. Your patronage is solicited. Barn opposite the Central hotel.

Chase Co. Land and Live Stock Co.



Horses branded on left hip or left shoulder. P. O. address Imperial, Chase county, and Beatrice, Nebraska. Range, Striking Water and the Frenchman creeks, in Chase county, Nebraska. Brand as cut on side of some animals, on hip and sides of some, or any where on the animal.

McMILLEN BROS.,
DEALERS IN

Harness & Saddlery
Repairing Promptly Attended to.

East Dennison St. McCook, Neb.
J. A. GUNN,

Physician and Surgeon,
McCOOK, NEBRASKA.

OFFICE—Front rooms over Lowman & Son's store. RESIDENCE—402 McFarland St., two blocks north of McCook hotel. Prompt attention to all calls.

J. E. KELLEY,
ATTORNEY - AT-LAW,
AGENT LINCOLN LAND CO.
McCOOK, NEBRASKA.

CHARLES H. ROYLE,
ATTORNEY - AT-LAW
McCOOK, NEBRASKA.

AUSTIN J. RITTENHOUSE,
ATTORNEY - AT-LAW,
McCOOK, NEBRASKA.

MRS. E. E. UTTER,
—MUSICAL INSTRUCTOR—
Piano, Organ, Guitar and Banjo.
VOICE TRAINING A SPECIALTY.
STUDIO ROOM 3, OVER GANSCHOWS.
McCook, Nebraska.

J. B. BALLARD,
DENTIST.
All dental work done at our office is guaranteed to be first-class. We do all kinds of Crown, Bridge and Plate Work. Drs. Smith & Bellamy, assistants.

Stop Thief!
Any one whose Watch has a
Non-bull
bow ring, will never have occasion to use this time-honored cry. It is the only law that cannot be twisted or evaded, and is found only on the Boss Filled and other watch cases stamped with this trade mark.
Ask your jeweler for a complete list and send to the manufacturer.
Keystone Watch Case Co.
PHILADELPHIA.

KARL'S CLOVER ROOT
PURIFIES THE BLOOD
GIVES FRESHNESS
SOLD BY McCONNELL & CO.

NO MORE BACK ACHE
NO MORE KIDNEY TROUBLES
OREGON KIDNEY TEA
GRAVEL, CONSTIPATION, INFLAMMATION OF THE BLADDER, AND ALL KIDNEY DISEASES.

W. L. DOUGLAS
\$3 SHOE IS THE BEST FIT FOR A KING.
\$5. CORDOVAN, FRENCH & ENAMELLED CALF.
\$4.35 FINE CALF & KANGAROO
\$3.95 POLICE, 3 SOLES.
\$2.50 \$2. WORKINGMEN'S, EXTRA FINE.
\$2.15 BOYS SCHOOL SHOES.
LADIES' \$3.25 \$2.15
BEST GONGOLA
SEND FOR CATALOGUE
W. L. DOUGLAS
BROCKTON, MASS.
Over One Million People wear the
W. L. Douglas \$3 & \$4 Shoes
All our shoes are equally satisfactory. They give the best value for the money. They equal custom shoes in style and fit. Their wearing qualities are unsurpassed. The prices are uniform.—stamped on sole. From \$1 to \$5 saved over other makes. If your dealer cannot supply you we can. Sold by DEALER whose name will shortly appear here. Agents wanted. Apply at once.

R. A. COLE,
LEADING
MERCHANT TAILOR
OF McCOOK,
Has just received a new stock of CLOTHS and TRIMMINGS. If you want a good fitting suit made at the very lowest prices for good work, call on him. Shop first door west of Barnett's Lumber Office, on Dennison street.

W. V. GAGE,
Physician and Surgeon,
McCOOK, NEBRASKA.

OFFICE HOURS—9 to 11 a. m., 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m. Rooms over First National bank. Night calls answered at office.

ELMER BOWELL,
NOTARY PUBLIC,
Real Estate, Collections, AND INSURANCE.
McCOOK, NEBRASKA.