Purify

Your blood. Words of wisdom at this season. During the winter months impurities have been accumulating in your blood, owing to diminished perspiration, close confinement and other causes. These impurities must now be expelled. Now is the time to purify

By taking a course of Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine makes pure, rich, nourishing blood. It thoroughly eradicates the dangerous poisons with which the blood is loaded. It invigorates the system and builds up and sustains all the organs by feeding them upon pure, rich blood.

Sarsaparilla

Is the best-in fact, the One True Blood Purifier

Hood's Pills act harmoniously with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The Coyotes Were Too Cute. An amusing incident occurred the other day on the Lemon farm, near Garfield, Wash. Burt Lemon and an employe of the farm were plowing. when they came across three young coyote pups, which had not yet opened their eyes. While they were examining them the old ones appeared, and approached to within fifty yards. Mr. Lemon went to the house for a gun and a sack, and placed the young ones in the sack, which was tied up and left in the field until time to go in from work. The old coyotes kept a respectful distance from the rifle, but hovered around. Several turns of the field were made with the plow, and finally, when the men came in sight of where they had left the sack containing the young coyotes, they saw one of the old ones with the sack, pupples and all, streaking it over the hill, and that was the last seen of them .- Spokane (Wash.)

209 Bushels Oats, 173 Bushels Barley M. M. Luther, East Troy, Pa., grew 209 bushels Salzer's Silver Mine Ooats, and John Breider, Mishicott, Wis., 173 bushels Silver King Barley per acre. Don't you believe it? Write them!

Fodder plants as rape, teosinte, vetch, spurry, clovers, grasses, etc., in endless varieties, potatoes at \$1.50 a barrel. Salzer's seeds are bred to big yields. America's greatest seed catalogue and 12 farm samples are sent you by John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., upon receipt of 10 cents stamps, worth \$10, to get a start.

Unhappily Expressed.

"Jilson has a most unhappy way of expressing himself." "He told me he was going to propose

to that charming grass window from Chicago." "He did. But his clumsy effort to be

offhand and easy spoiled it. He had read these allusions to Chicago divorces until he thought they were true."

"What did he say to the widow?" "He asked her if she was engaged for

her next wedding."-Washington Star.

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including maps of the United States and of the world, giving a full detailed description of each of the northwestern states. population, history, business interests, etc. Absolutely correct and brought down to date. Size 15x20. A valuable addition to any home or office. Can be had for 25 cents in postage by applying to W. B. McNider, G. P. A., S. C. & N. R. R., Sioux City, Ia.

Trying to Suit Him.

"Josiar," said the young man's father, "do ye remember what ye said the other day 'bout not bein' able ter do what I asked yer to 'round the farm sence ye got eddicated, 'cause ye wanted su'thin deep ter occypy yer 'tention?"

"Yes, father." "Wal, I've got the very thing fur ye. Ole man Tunkins is diggin' a subcellar "-Washington Star.

JUST 'ry a 10c box of Cascarets, candy cathartic, fin-st liver and bowel regulator made.

An Aboriginal Order.

The shriek sounded through every

portion of the big hotel. Chaos ensued.

But through it all the night clerk re-

mained perfectly calm. "Here, boy," he said, "take a bottle of

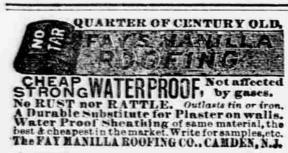
best Kentucky to that gentleman from the West."-New York World.

Iowa farms for sale, \$1 per acre, cash, balance 1/2 crop yearly, until paid for. J. MULHALL, Waukegan, Ill. The exact length of time it takes the

moon to complete one revolution around the earth is twenty-seven days seven hours forty-three minutes and 11.545 seconds. The second figure of the fraction is known to be absolutely correct.

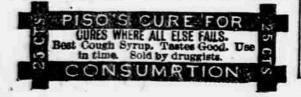
WHEN billious or costive, eat a Cascaret, candy cathartic, cure guaranteed, 10c, 25c.

No man likes criticism, and he particularly dislikes it if he deserves it .-Atchison Globe



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DEADLIEST WEAPONS KNOWN.

Probably Made to the Special Order of Some Coldblooded Assassin.

"Two of the most beautiful and at the same time murderous objects I have ever seen in all my travels I picked up in Paris during my trip there last summer," said J. V. Atkinson, of Savannah, Ga., to a friend.

"I bought both of them from an old gunsmith in the 'Quartier Latin,' and he assured me they were without doubt the only ones in existence, as far as his knowledge of death-dealing instruments went, and he also told me that he had purchased them of an old Spaniard who had spent most of his life in the South American countries, and had never seen anything that would in any way approach them for villainous, murderous purposes.

"The first, as you see, looks innocent erough, and when I ask you what you think it is you will reply-

"A silver matchbox," answered the reporter, as he gingerly handled the beautifully chased silver object.

"Touch that spring." At an easy touch the lid of the box flew open on a powerfully hinged spring and disclosed the interior, and in a compartment about one-half of the capacity of the box were a dozen wax matches.

"Now, you'll find a tiny bottom on the side next you and near your thumb. Just press that lightly."

As the suggestion was followed a little, sharp-pointed, creamy white, curved object popped into view from that portion of the box now occupied by the matches.

"What is that?"

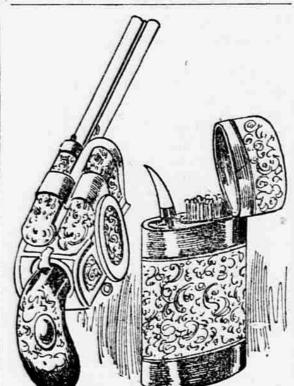
"That," said Mr. Atkinson, "is no more nor less than the fore fang of the Great American rattlesnake. You will notice that the fang is sharp as a needle at its point, that it is slit for a distance up the middle, and that it is hollow. You will also observe that a fine, amber-colored, jelly-like substance is contained within the hollow of that fang. That is nothing less horrible than the venom of the rattlesnake, and the rankest poison, the most deadly of agents known to man. A couple of scrapes on a man's hand or face means a certain and a horrible death. Nausea, and vomiting, retching, convulsions, semi-paralysis, complete paralysis, state of coma, death in a most horrible form and the swelling to horrible proportions of the corpse as it rapidly turns black from the virulence of the

"You can readily see what a terrible weapon it would be in the hands of an unscrupulous villain. A scratch or two and the deed would be done, while the victim would simply imagine that he had been scraped by a pin.

"Its companion piece, of devilish ingenuity, is a needle gun. Peculiar looking thing, is it not?" asked Mr. Atkinson, as he passed a richly engraved and silver mounted object, that looked like a cross between a miniature doublebarreled shotgun and a revolver, to his friend, who handled it with extreme | work, or had picked up the skirt in a

"That little gun is but five inches over all, and yet it contains within those chambers, in the box-like part, between those fine watch spring steel barrels and the pistol grip, enough of fiendish mischief to lay out a dozen strong men.

"The charge is a strong and powerful cartridge, made of a highly explosive chemical which, by the peculiar con-



NEEDLE GUN AND VENOM BOX.

struction of the chambers, makes so little noise that it could not be heard by a person ten feet away. The instrument of destruction is a bunch of fine cambric needles that have had their heads flattened to offer resistance and catch the propelling force, and their points have lain in the very same sort of venom of which I spoke until they are thoroughly corroded with it.

"As they leave the gun they scatter and penetrate to the most vital spots, where their terrible work is quickly done. Nothing short of a post-mortem examination of the most rigid kind would betray the cause of death."

The Saleswoman's Hard Life.

The average age of our saleswomen is but 22 years, and it is rarely the case that a woman finds employment in any establishment for many years. In one establishment it was rumored that a recently retiring partner was to give \$50 to all employes who had served him for ten years, and by actual count it was found that out of 2,000 employes but forty-seven had served that length of time. As a rule employes are seldom retained for more than five years, and length of service often is made a reason for dismissal, it being feared that they may acquire the idea that they have a claim upon the firm. Those, then, who enter mercantile establishments with the idea that they may rise to superior positions usually meet with disappointment. One rarely finds the same cash children for two seasons in succession. At the close of the holiday season from one-third to one-half of the employes his history of prices, as far back as are discharged, without regard to 1465.

length of service, only the brightest and shrewdest being retained.

Under the severe discipline enforced only the strongest can endure this life for any length of time. Investigation proves that few can stand for more than two years without suffering from impaired health. The law regarding seats has not been generally observed, and in some establishments where seats were provided saleswomen have been fined if found sitting.

While it is gratifying to know that women can fill these positions satisfactorily, yet, through accepting low wages and submitting to severe discipline, they are depriving other women of employment, and since their entrance into mercantile establishments the wages of salesmen have been reduced 40 per cent. Altogether the position of the saleswoman is not an enviable one, and the wise young woman will give time to learn a trade.-Independent.

NO PATENT ON THIS.

An Up-to-Date Girl, Who Has a New Way of Keeping Her Skirts Clean, She was a strictly up-to-date girl and she attracted no end of attention as she walked east on Washington avenue, says a St. Louis paper. She was dressed in the height of fashion; she had a bearing as stately as that of a queen, and her face was fair to look upon.

But it was not her face, her dress, or her bearing which attracted attention. Not either nor all three of these. It was the novel way she had of holding up her skirts-or rather of having them

held up for her. Did she have a maid or a page to carry her train like the maidens of high degree of a past age? No, but just a cunning little woolly Scotch terrier. Whether he had been trained to the



NEW SKIRT HOLDER.

spirit of canine playfulness are unsolved problems. But doggy did his work as though he was used to it, and he did it well. He picked up the hem of the skirt in front with his teeth, and ambled along beside her as though he was stuck on his job.

Anecdotes of Beard.

While the late James H. Beard, father of Dan Beard, the artist, was painting a portrait of Zachary Taylor, he said to him: "Well, General, I suppose you are to be our next President?"

"I hope not," grunted the bluff old hero; "no military man has any business in the Presidential chair, but if they offer it to me, I suppose I'll be fool enough to accept it."

And he was. Shortly after Mr. Beard's marriage to a niece of Col. Carter, in 1833, he made the Southern campaign tour. Tom Marshall, of Kentucky, was then running for Congress. He was defeated by a song, which Beard wrote, and this brought a challenge to a duel. Eighteen boon companions of the rhymsters answered the challenge, and told Marshall that he must fight all of them, singly or all at once, but the eighteen men he must meet! Somehow this duel never came off, and Marshall never afterward alluded to it but once, and that was when he first saw Beard's canvas, "The Last Victim of the Flood." Standing before the painting, Marshall seemed visibly impressed. Finally, drawing himself up to his full height, he turned to the artist, and said: "Beard, you're a mighty good painter, but you're a poor poet."

It Meant Everything.

The man in the bicycle suit laughed

"Very funny," he said. "What?" asked the man with a large section of skin gone from his nose.

"Why, these 'Don'ts' for bicyclists," replied the man in the bicycle suit. "Let's see them," said the man who was short of skin.

The man in the bicycle suit handed him the paper.

"The best one isn't there," said the man with the fantastic nose, shortly. "If it was the rest wouldn't be neces-"What do you consider the best one?"

asked the man with the bicycle suit. "Don't ride," answered the man whose nose stood in need of grafting, and then he carefully put a large piece

of court plaster where it would do the most good .- Chicago Post.

Boston's Library a Bad Job.

The great new Boston public library has already been found to have been ill-planned and inadequate. It cost \$2,-500,000, and now \$25,000 is about to be expended to construct a "suitable reading-room."

A gray, unsized blotting paper was sold in England, according to Rogers in

LOST AND FOUND.

THE STORY OF A YOUNG GIRL'S TRIALS.

From the News-Tribune Muscatine, lowa Miss Mae Gatten, living near Muscatine. Iowa, has had a remarkable experience. Three years ago last spring Miss Gatten's parents and many friends noticed a peculiar change in her. She was not the pleasant, wide-awake girl of old. Her mother was not alarmed at first. thinking after the March winds and April storms were over, the color would return to her cheeks. But May, June and July passed, and Mae's cheeks were only growing more thin and pale every day. One part of her work after another was given up. Then, too, her irregular attendance at church made it necessary for

her to give up her Sunday school class. When coming from town one day her father met her music teacher. Miss Jones, in tears, going slowly from the house. He spoke to her as usual and then inquired of Mae's progress, when to his great aston-ishment Miss Jones told him that Mae had not been able to take a full lesson for weeks. This seemed to awaken Mr. Gatten to the real state of affairs, and he hastily sent for the family physician.

With the chilling winds of autumn Mae grew much worse. The doctor pronounced it bronchial trouble, with serious female weakness. During the following winter they changed doctors, and as their beloved daughter grew worse from day to day, they consulted the best medical talent to be had in that section. Thus matters went on during the entire winter.

The next spring a young lady relative of the family made them an extended visit. She had been wonderfully helped by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and always carried some with her. She was so enthusiastic that she soon had Miss Gatten trying them, and insisted on her giving them a fair trial. She finished one box and said she felt some better. Her father was pleased and purchased more.

One cannot imagine the complete surprise and delight of that glad father and mother when they found their daughter kept on improving. Six boxes were used and Miss Gatten was able to walk around, a pleasant, happy girl of 18 summers. Two more boxes and she declared herself perfectly well, cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are also a specific for troubles peculiar to females, such as suppressions, irregularities and all forms of weakness. In men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork or excesses of whatever nature. Pink Pills are sold in boxes (never in loose bulk) at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, and may be had of all druggists, or direct by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Com-pany, Schenectady, N. Y.

Yvette's Fairy Tales. One of the absurd things that Yvette Guilbert told the Paris interviewers was that she had brought back with her to France \$34,000 as the result of her visit to America. Beyond the \$16. 000 paid to her for singing in New York her earnings did not amount probably to a quarter of that sum. The manager who engaged her for New York estimated very well the length of time she would prove an attraction here. The attendance at her performances began to dwindle before she left, and there has been no marked demand for her services next year .- New York Sun

How's This? We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for my case of catarrh that cannot be cured by

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Special Rat to Wasnington. \$17.50 Chicago to Washington and return, via Monon, C., H. & D., B. & O. S. W. and B. & O. Sleepers through without change. Tickets good going March 1, 2 and 3, returning March 4 to 8 Ticket office, 232 Clark street. Depo: Dearborn Station, Chicago.

The Best They Could Do. "I found a fishworm in my dydrant this morning," said the wrathful citi

"Yes," said the official of the water company, "that is the best we can do just at present. We can't afford to tur nish fish. All we are able to furnish is bait."-Indianapolis Journal.

No-to-Bac for Fifty Cents. Over 400,000 cured. Why not let No-To-Bac regulate or remove your desire for tobacca? Saves money, makes health and manhood. Cure guaranteed, 50c and \$1, all druggists.

Plays by Women. Interesting evidence of woman's present prominence as a playwright was offered in London Christmas week, when three theaters in the Strand-the Globe, the Opera Comique and the Olympic-presented plays written by

To retain an abundant head of hair of a natural color to a good old age, the hygiene of the scalp must be observed. Apply Hall's Hair Renewer.

Tops are cut from pieces of box. ebony or other hard wood by a turning machine. The machine is automatic and turns the top complete from the handle at the upper end, to the tip. The metal point is afterward put in by

Two bottles of Piso's Cure for Consumption cured me of a bad lung trouble.—Mrs. J. Nichols, Princeton, Ind., Mar. 26, '95.

Lifetime of a Coin.

A gold coin passes from one another to 2.000,000,000 times before the stamp or impression upon it becomes obliterated by friction, while a silver coin changes between 3,250,000,000 times belore it becomes entirely defaced.

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The Umbrella.

"I see by the papers that an umbrella factory in Philadelphia has failed." remarked the veterinary.

"I have noticed," replied the entomo!sgist, "that with umbrellas it is either put up or shut up."-Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

The Spartan Virtue, Fortitude. Is severely taxed by dyspepsia. But "good

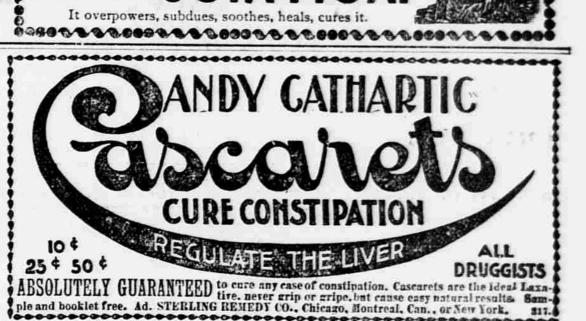
digestion will wait on appetite, and health on both," when Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is resorted to by the victim of indigestion. Heartburn, flatulence, billousness, will cease tormenting the gastric region and liver if this genial family corrective meets with the fair trial that a sterling remedy deserves. Use it regularly, not spasmodically-now and then. It conquers malarial, kidney, nervous and rheumatic aliments.

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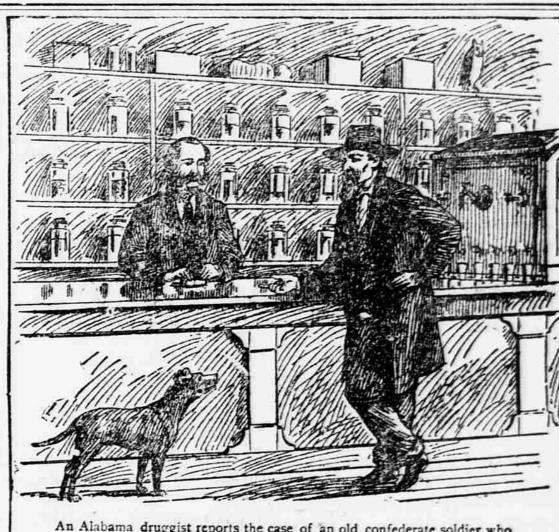
Use your Pearline just as directed on every package, and you'll get the best results. Don't luse more—that only wastes it; don't use less-that only increases your work. Use it alone;

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For the last 20 years we have kept Piso's Cure for Consumption in stock, and would sooner think a groceryman could get along without sugar in his store than we could without Piso's Cure. It is a sure seller.-RAVEN & CO., Druggists, Ceresco, Michigan, September 2, 1896.

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An Alabama druggist reports the case of an old confederate soldier who when buying ::::::::::::::::::

For a neighbor, who lived out by him in the country, told his own story. as follows: "Ever since I was in the army, where I contracted indigestion and dyspepsia from eating hard tack and sow belly, I have suffered much from those and kindred ailments. A son of mine told me, while home on a visit over a year ago, to get some Ripans Tabules and take them. I did, and in a very short time I was benefited. I have felt better, ate more and relished it better than at any time since the war, and am doing more work now than I ever expected to do again. I tell you they are the

GREATEST MEDICINE FOR A FELLOW'S STOMACH I ever saw. We always have them at home, and I always recommend them when a fellow complains about his stomach burting him."

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