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"I am now seventy-two years of age and my hair is as dark as it was twenty-five years ago. People say I look at least that much younger than I am. I would be entirely bald or snow-white if it were not for your Hair Vigor." — Mrs. Anna Lawrence, Chicago, Ill., Dec. 22, 1898.

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## QUAINT SAMPLER.

**Wrought by a Little Girl More than Two Centuries Ago.**

Quaint, and often oddly touching to an imaginative eye are the elaborate samplers found in old New England homes, with their careful lettering, their curly scrollwork, their impossible flowers, birds and garlands, the work of patient little grandmothers and great-grandmothers, dead long years ago, says the Youth's Companion.

Few make so direct an appeal to the sympathies as a curious sampler of a little English girl, wrought more than two centuries ago, still cherished by her descendants, and recently exhibited at a charity fair.

It is an exquisite specimen of needlework, despite her youth, and is worked in many colors, with floral embellishments and elaborate capitals, on a ground of faded green canvas. Thus it reads:

"A, B, C, D, E, F, G,
"My name is Nancy Allestree.
"H, I, J, K, L & M,
"I've learned to Cross-Stitch, Fell & Hem.
"N, O, P, Q, R, S, T,
"My Needle Wrought what Here You see.
"U, V, W, X, Y,
"Aged 7½ am I.
"X & Y & then a Zed,
"Remember me when I am Dead.
"1, 2, 3 & 4 & 5,
"For this my Work may me Survive.
"5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10,
"Lord Save & Bless me. So Amen."

**No Hitch; No Harness.**

"The automobile is a wonderful invention," remarked the man who used to own horses.

"Yes," said the harnessmaker, sadly; "there isn't a hitch in it."


# Working Women

***are invited to write to Mrs. Pinkham for free advice about their health.***

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***If you have painful periods, backaches or any of the more serious ills of women, write to Mrs. Pinkham; she has helped multitudes. Your letter will be sacredly confidential.***

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***Nothing else can possibly be so sure to help suffering women. No other medicine has helped so many.***

***Remember this when something else is suggested.***

***Mrs. Pinkham's address is Lynn, Mass.***

***Her helping hand is always outstretched to suffering women.***

In the House on Friday a special message from the President was read recommending that all the revenue collected on importations from Porto Rico since the evacuation of the island by Spain (amounting to over $2,000,000) should be placed at the disposal of the President for the relief of the island. It is as follows:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives: Since the evacuation of Porto Rico by the Spanish forces on Oct. 18, 1898, the United States has collected on products coming from that island to the ports of the United States the duties fixed by the Dingley act and amounting to $2,095,455.88, and will continue to collect under said law until Congress shall otherwise direct. Although I had the power and, having in mind the best interests of the people of the island, used it to modify duties on goods and products entering into Porto Rico, I did not have the power to remit or modify duties on Porto Rican products coming into the ports of the United States. In view of the pressing necessity for immediate revenue in Porto Rico for conducting the government there and for the extension of public legislation just inaugurated by the House of Representatives, and for the purpose of making the principle embodied in that legislation applicable to the immediate past, as well as to the immediate future, I recommend that the above sum so collected, and the sums hereafter collected under existing law, shall without waiting for the enactment of the general legislation now pending be appropriated for the use and benefit of the island."

In the Senate Mr. Hoar made a speech in favor of the seating of Mr. Quay. Debate on the Porto Rican tariff bill consumed the rest of the day. On receipt of the message from the President the House passed a bill placing in the President's hands all the money collected upon Porto Rican goods since the Spanish evacuation, to be used for the relief of Porto Ricans. Mr. Mann (Ill.) called up the contested election case of Aldrich vs. Robbins from the Fourth Alabama district.

Saturday's session of the Senate was brief on account of the death of Representative Epes of Virginia. Mr. Ross spoke in opposition to the seating of M. S. Quay, and Mr. Teller spoke in criticism of the conference report upon the currency bill. A number of private pension bills were passed. In the House the chaplain in his invocation made feeling reference to the death of Mr. Epes. It had been intended to proceed with the Aldrich-Robbins contested election case, but unanimous consent was given to vacate the order heretofore made and postpone the final vote until the next Tuesday at 2:30 p. m.

In the Senate on Monday Mr. Carter of Montana dealt vigorously with the Quay case in the course of an explanation as to why he will vote for the former Senator from Pennsylvania, notwithstanding he voted against the seating of Mr. Corbett in the last Congress. The near approach to the time of voting on the conference report on the financial bill brought out two speeches on that measure, one by Mr. Fairbanks and the other by Mr. Butler. In the House considerable miscellaneous business, much of a minor character, was transacted. During consideration of a bill to incorporate the Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association the Speaker and Mr. Bailey of Texas exchanged sharp words and the latter filibustered and ultimately prevented the final passage of the bill by demanding the reading of the engrossed bill. The bill proposes to collect at the residence of the late Frederick Douglass in Washington a record of the anti-slavery movement.

On Tuesday the Senate by a vote of 44 to 26 passed currency reform bill as agreed upon in conference. Received from Mr. Scott a resolution authorizing the President to govern the Philippines until Congress shall otherwise provide. The House devoted the day to discussion of the Aldrich-Robbins contested election case from the Fourth Alabama district.

In the Senate on Wednesday a notable speech on the Philippine question was made by Mr. Lodge, in which he favored the bill introduced by Mr. Spooner, vesting in the President authority to govern the Philippines until Congress should otherwise provide by legislation. In the House announcement made of the death of Mr. Harmer, appropriate resolutions adopted and adjournment as a further mark of respect.

On Thursday the Senate heard Mr. Foraker in support of the Porto Rican tariff bill and Messrs. Pettus, Tillman and Hoar against it. Mr. Mason made his motion to discharge the committee on foreign relations from further consideration of his resolution expressing sympathy for the Boers, and it went over for one day under the rules. The House unseated Gaston A. Robbins, a Democrat, from the Fourth Alabama district, and seated in his stead William F. Aldrich, a Republican, who has been three times a contestant from the same district, on the ground of fraud, and who is now given his seat for the third time by a Republican House. The vote was a strict party one. A new rule was brought in to set aside the day sessions on the second and fourth Fridays of each month for pension legislation. The rule limits debate on each bill to ten minutes on a side, but this provision was withdrawn upon the assurance of Mr. Richardson, the minority leader, that his side of the House would not indulge in filibustering. Mr. Overstreet (Ind.), in charge of the conference report upon the financial bill, gave notice that he would call up the report on the next Tuesday. By unanimous consent it was agreed that the vote on the report should be taken at 4:30 Tuesday afternoon.

**Brief News Items.**

It has been determined that light is an important factor in sugar production, recent investigations showing that the sugar content of the plant is dependent on the amount of direct sunlight received.

A Lehigh Valley Railroad engine recently accomplished the feat of hauling a train consisting of thirty-three steel cars of 100,000 pounds capacity and thirty-seven wooden cars of 80,000 pounds capacity, each fully loaded with anthracite coal. The total weight of the seventy cars was 4,567 tons.

**A Transient Population.**

Every Friday evening New York loses thousands of its residents, who go to other cities in the State and to Boston and Philadelphia. These people are citizens of Albany, Utica, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Elmira, Binghamton and the travelers to Boston and Philadelphia have their homes in these cities. All of these men do business in New York City. They return to New York from their homes on Sunday night, arriving on Monday morning, and from that time until Friday evening they are going after the almighty dollar.—Baltimore News.

## SMALLPOX DISTRIBUTORS.

**How the Germs Are Nurtured and the Disease Is Spread.**

It would seem that people will never learn to be careful. The recent alarming spread of that dire epidemic, smallpox, throughout different sections of the country has been traced by physicians and sanitarians in many instances directly to the moldy and rotting layers of paper and paste which cover the walls of many houses. The practice of laying layer after layer of paper on a wall, using common flour paste, is especially calculated to create homes for disease germs. People could not do more to effect such a result if they tried. The rotting vegetable matter affords caves from which are ready to dart forth the infection at every opportunity. There is no excuse for this practice, as walls and ceilings can be coated with a pure, cleanly and sanitary material like Alabastine, for instance, at no greater expense. Alabastine is a rock-base cement, which incorporates itself with the wall or ceiling. It is easily applied, comes ready to mix with cold water, requires no washing or scraping before renewing or retinting, is beautiful, long-lasting and safe.

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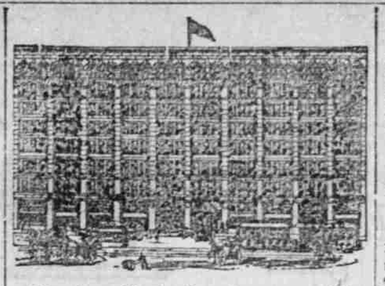

The above illustration shows one of the mammoth buildings occupied by the great Mail Order House of the John M. Smyth Company of Chicago.

For one-third of a century this company has been in business. Beginning in a small way, they supplied their neighbors in the near-by towns, each year widening their field. They are now selling merchandise direct to the consumer at wholesale prices throughout the United States.

Some years ago they began supplying their customers with an illustrated catalogue. As the business expanded they were obliged to increase the size of this catalogue, until to-day it exceeds 1,000 illustrated pages, quoting the lowest wholesale prices on everything to Eat, Wear and Use. By a superior process of color photography they illustrate many of their goods in natural colors, bringing out the rich color value of curtains, carpets, draperies, and the latest designs in wall paper, etc., thus enabling the customer hundreds of miles distant to select goods at his own fireside, knowing by the description, illustration and price the class of goods he may expect.

This feature of their business is becoming more and more popular each year, for it not only saves long and tiresome railroad journeys but is a great time saver. It leaves out the profit of the jobbing house, the retailer, the expensive commercial traveler, the general agent, the sub-agent, and thus eliminates from one to four profits, saving this amount for the consumer. In short, it is a great wholesale store brought to the home. The mammoth catalogue referred to is a 20th century dictionary of economy.

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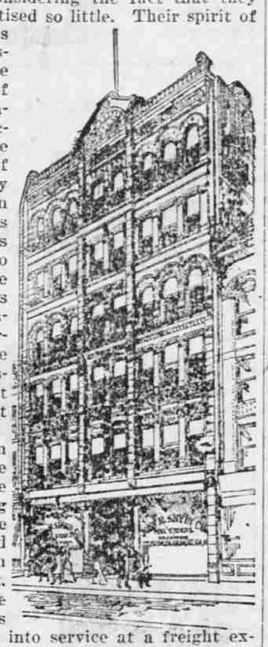

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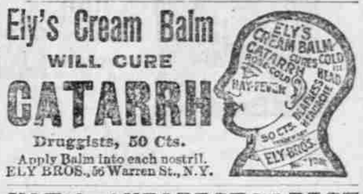


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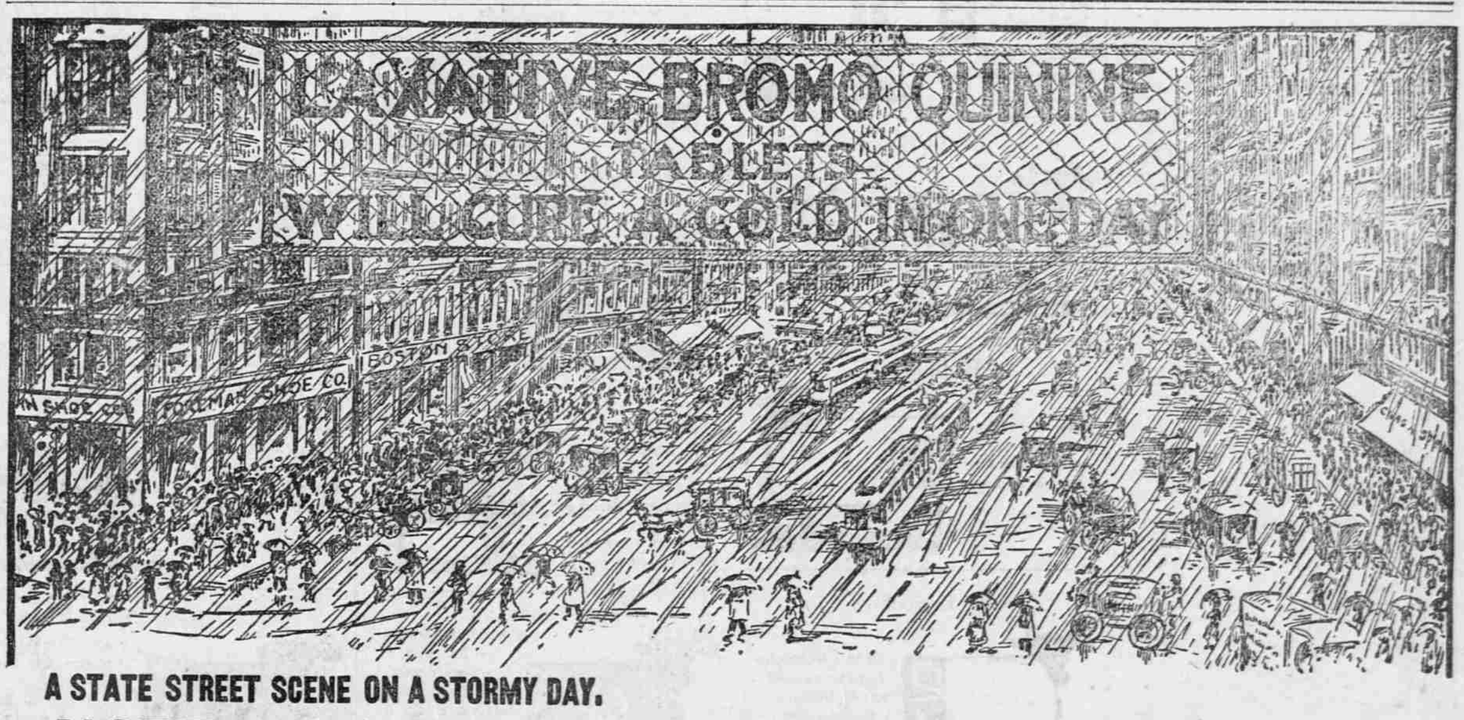


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