AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

We are asserting in the courts our right to the exclusive use of the word "CASTORIA," and "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," as our Trade Mark.

I, Dr. Samuel Pitcher, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on every wrapper. This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA" which has been used in the homes of the mothers of America for over thirty years. Look carefully at the wrapper and see that it is "the kind you have always bought," and has the signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on the Wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.

March 8, 1897. SAMUEL PITCHER, M. D.

Most men fall in love about a dozen times when they are boys, three times while they are at college, and after that as often as they get the chance.—New York Press.

For some time the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern Railway company has been experimenting with crude oil for kindling fires in locomotives, in place of using cord wood, and the results obtained have been so satisfactory that it will hereafter be used on the whole line. During the month of November, 1897, at the company's shops, which are located at Washington, Ind., and Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,226 fires were started with crude oil at a cost of $17.32, or 1.41 cents per fire. To have started the same number of fires with wood the cost would have been $306.00, or 24.96 cents per fire. This represents a saving of $288.68, and is very satisfactory.

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Why are borrowed skates so easily broken?

Why don't they have buffet cars on a train of disasters?

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Why is the sole of a sled called a runner when it merely slides?

Piso's Cure for Consumption has saved me large doctor bills.—C. L. Baker, 4228 Regent Sq., Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 8, 1895.

Why does a gun always fail to do good execution when it hangs fire?

The city of Florence will on May 13 commemorate the four hundredth birthday of Hans Holbein. The Portugese also will celebrate in May, with magnificent fetes, the fourth centenary of Vasco da Gama's discovery of the cape route to India, which occurred in 1498, exactly six years after the discovery of the new world. On June 29 there will be festivities in Ancona in honor of Leopardi, one of the greatst poets Italy has produced, who was born there in 1798, and on August the centenary of Jules Michelet, the historian, will be celebrated by the municipal council of Paris with appropriate meetings and banquets.

Customs Cases Decided.

The general appraisers of goods passing through the Custom House have made several decisions lately which, until passed upon by the Secretary of the Treasury, will hold good. But while there is stability in that quarter, no system failing in strength can be properly sustained without the aid of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, a genial tonic and remedy for malaria, rheumatism, dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness.

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FEROCIOUS WILD DOGS.

Becoming a Pest Along the Border of Arizona and New Mexico.

From the Cincinnati Enquirer: Holbrook, Ariz., Special.—John Bargeman, Under Sheriff of Navajo county, has returned to Holbrook from an extended trip through the mountains along the border of Arizona and New Mexico bringing a tale that wild dogs are creating havoc in that region among cattle and sheep. The dogs have been known for only three years, first making their appearance in a small band in American Valley, in western New Mexico. They have increased wonderfully, and are now found over a broad stretch of country, despite the efforts of the cattlemen to exterminate them. The dogs average about 100 pounds' weight. They have the head and shoulders of a bulldog, but the build of a timber wolf and wolfish characteristics. In color they are ashy gray, with long black hairs interspersed. Like coyotes, they are little afraid of man, and will follow horsemen for miles through the timber, not hesitating to attack footmen. They occasionally visit ranches, and many instances are known where domestic dogs have joined the bands. The dogs secure their food by killing sheep and calves, and even full-grown cattle are known to have been pulled down by them. Colts are their especial game. Thomas Alger, a resident of Nutrioso, is responsible for the statement that animals bitten by the wild dogs, if not killed by them on the spot, die within a few days with all the symptoms of strychnine poisoning. He cites an instance where he was able to verify the local impression to that effect. His house dog was set upon by several wild dogs. Alger drove them away, and the dog appeared little the worse for his battle. Yet the animal died in two days with all the signs of strychnine poisoning. The timber dogs are continually getting fiercer and bolder, and the residents of eastern Apache county are organizing to hunt them down.

THREE HOURS OF COURTSHIP

Extensive Experience of a Connecticut Couple Aids a Quick Decision.

Chicago is reputed to be a city of quickly married people, but few of them can hope to outrival John Engel of Poquonock and Catherine Barckley of Glastonbury, Conn., who were married on New Year's eve after a courtship of three hours. It is the fifth marriage of the bride, and the bridegroom, who was married once before, is the father of nineteen children. Three of the previous husbands of Mrs. Engel are dead and she obtained a divorce from the fourth. She has no children. Engel is 59 years old, while his wife is 55. The couple met by accident on Friday evening, when Engel, who is a shoemaker, closed up his shop and went to make a call on the village barber. Mrs. Barckley, who had resumed the name of her third husband after her divorce, is aunt of the barber and was a guest at his house. Engel and Mrs. Barckley were mutually attracted, and after a short conversation he suggested that they should get married. Mrs. Barckley was willing, and they started at once for the residence of the local minister. He was not at home, but that did not dishearten the couple. They boarded an electric car and after a ride of four hours reached the home of Rev. E. O. Tree, pastor of the Congregational church at Windsor, who at once performed the ceremony which made them man and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Engel dispensed with the formalties of a honeymoon and after their marriage went at once to Mr. Engel's home.—Chicago Chronicle.

Their Author.

The publication of a little posthumous volume of poems entitled "Vox Humana," the late John Mills, ought to set at rest the question of the authorship—or, at least, one of the authors—of the simple epitaph:

"His work well done,
His race well run,
His crown well won,
Here let him rest."

which was placed over the coffin of President Garfield and over that of the Duke of Clarence. Mr. Mills, it seems, wrote the lines in 1878 as an epitaph for his brother, and, never having published them, was much astonished to find them mentioned in the accounts of Garfield's funeral. On inquiry it was found that the American copy, which differed slightly from Mr. Mills' poem, had been translated from a Latin version, which was, in its turn, a translation from an English original.—London Chronicle.

CURIOUS FACTS.

Next to our grape wine it is believed that Japanese sake, or rice wine, is the oldest alcoholic beverage known to man, its use in Japan dating back over 2,000 years.

The completion of Commonwealth avenue extension makes a continuous avenue 120 feet wide from the Public Gardens to the Charles river in Newton, 11.14 miles.

France has set up about three hundred monuments to more or less distinguished Frenchmen during the last twenty-five years, and there are now 127 committees collecting money for more.

A fibrous preparation of steel, made in the same manner as the so-called "mineral wool," by passing an air blast through molten steel, is coming into use for cleaning, polishing, etc., instead of sandpaper.

Wales is the richest part of Great Britain in mineral wealth. England produces annually about $10 to each acre, Scotland a little less than $10, but the product of Wales amounts to over $20 per acre.

A VIGOROUS BATTLE.

From the New Era, Greensburg, Ind.

The following is a straightforward statement of facts by a veteran of the late war. No comrade will need further proof than their friend's own words, as here given.

Squire John Castor, of Newpoint, Ind., is the narrator, and an honest, respected citizen he is too. He said: "I have been troubled with rheumatism in all my joints, ever since I went to the war. It was brought on by my exposure there. It came on me gradually, and kept getting worse until I was unable to do any work. I tried several physicians, but they did me no good. They said my trouble was rheumatism resulting in disease of the heart, and that there was no cure for it. Nevertheless I had lived and fought the disease for thirty years, and did not intend to die, simply because they said

I Want to Swear to That.

I must, so I hunted up some remedies for myself, and finally happened on Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I asked some of my neighbors about the medicine, for it had been used by several persons in the community, and they recommended it very highly. I procured a box. The pills helped me right away, and I continued taking them. I commenced taking them last fall, and finished taking the sixth box a few months ago. I am not bothered with the rheumatism now,—the medicine has cured me. I can most certainly recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People."

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If you would know what your friends say of you when absent listen to what is said of others in your presence.

A GREAT TIDE OF PROSPERITY.

Canadian Loan Companies Getting Money on Mortgages That Had Been Written Off.

Probably in the history of the continent there never was such a tide of prosperity enjoyed by any country as the Dominion of Canada is being favored with. That portion of Canada known as Western Canada is attracting thousands of people, who are seeking homes on the arable lands of that new but rapidly developing country. Possessed of exceptionally good railroad privileges, the best school system in the world, churches in every small settlement, while in the towns and cities all denominations are represented, and with markets in close proximity to the grain fields, most of the requirements for a comfortable existence are met. The development that is now taking place in the mining districts gives an impulse to agriculture, and good prices, with good crops, bring about a state of affairs that the crowded districts of more populous centers are taking advantage of. The Associated Press dispatches a few days since had the following telegram:

Toronto, Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Loan companies that made advances on Manitoba property years ago report that the returns from the west during the past three months have exceeded expectations. One company has taken from Manitoba over $20,000 interest, and discharged mortgages, many of which had been written off a year ago. Directors of leading loan companies are taking a greater interest in business of their institutions, and are inquiring into many properties on which advances have been made.

The climate in the western provinces of Manitoba, Alberta, Assiniboia and Saskatchewan is excellent, there being no healthier anywhere. The Canadian government is now offering special inducements for the encouragement of settlers, and they have their agents at work throughout the United States for the purpose of giving information and distributing literature. Among those going to Canada are many ex-Canadians, who have failed to make as good a living as they expected in the United States.

He is far from home that has none to go to.

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Thackeray and the late Dean Liddell were boys together at the famous Charterhouse school, and they sat next to each other in the form the boys of which were called the "Emeriti." No one was promoted from this form who could not repeat from memory the Eclogues and the Georgics. This feat was accomplished by Liddel, but not by Thackeray. In giving these reminiscences some years ago at the speech day of the Oxford boys' high school, Dr. Liddell added that Thackeray accused him later of having been the Dobbin who wrote his Latin verses for him, an impeachment the dean would not own, though he admitted that Thackeray could not have written them himself.

With reference to the "charms" which formed the subject of a recent turnover, "A. P." writes that an old woman of eighty, who is still living, says that when she was a girl of sixteen a pane of glass was taken out of a window in the parish church and applied to her chest as a cure for ague. This is the more interesting as it illustrates so neatly the classical maxim "simila simil bus curantur"—pane cures pain."—London Globe.

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If a girl is pretty and unable to marry she is a matchless beauty.

Editor: "I cannot consider your contribution; you have no reputation." Poet: "Ah?" Editor: "Yes, go and impose on two or three lesser editors, and then I'll talk with you."—Detroit Journal.

Don't think that because love is blind that your neighbors are troubled with optical illusions.

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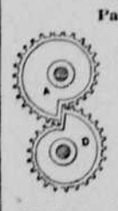
Don't think because a horse is scratched before the race that he is afflicted with a cutaneous disease.—Chicago Daily News.

Patent Office Report.



On the 5th day of February, Honorable C. H. Duell, of Rochester, N. Y., entered upon his duties as commissioner of patents. The new commissioner will find an able assistant in Acting Commissioner A. P. Greeley, but there will probably be no important changes at least for the present. Amongst the peculiar patents issued last week is one for a speed wagon, the box of which is shaped like a cigar, front and rear, by means of which the operator hopes to make better time. Another peculiar device is a stocking to the bottom of which is secured a flexible slipper. Sues & Co., Omaha, have just issued a new inventors hand book, including some 100 illustrations which may be obtained free upon application. Inventors desiring information as to the law and practice of patents should address Sues & Co., registered patent lawyers, Bee Building, Omaha, Neb.

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