"How did you get your overcoat away from your uncle?" "Spouted my bicycle." "Didn't you get your bicycle out of pawn in the spring by hocking your overcoate?" "Certainly: it takes an astute financier to get the most out of his assets."—Pittsburg Chronicle.

Harry—Say, old man, I'm in a horrible fix. Fred—What's up? Harry—I've gone and got engaged to two girls. How the dickens am I going to get out of it? Fred—Oh. that's easy enough. Just contrive to get them together, so that they can compare notes.—Pittsburg Chronicle.

THEY WANT TO TELL

These Grateful Women Who Have Been Helped by Mrs. Pinkham.

Women who have suffered severely and been relieved of their ills by Mrs. Pinkham's advice and medicine are constantly urging publication of their statements for the benefit of other women. Here are two such letters:

Mrs. LIZZIE BEVERLY, 258 Merrimac St., Lowell, Mass., writes:

"It affords me great pleasure to tell all suffering women of the benefit I have received from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I can hardly find words to express my gratitude for what she has done for me. My trouble was ulceration of the womb. I was under the doctor's care. Upon examination he found fifteen very large ulcers, but he failed to do me good. I took several bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, also used the Sanative Wash, and am cured. Mrs. Pinkham's medicine saved my life, and I would recommend it to all suffering women."

Mrs. AMOS TROMBLEAY, Ellenburgh Ctr., N. Y., writes:

"I took cold at the time my baby was born, causing me to have milk legs, and was sick in bed for eight weeks. Doctors did me no good. I surely thought I would die. I was also troubled with falling of the womb. I could not eat, had faint spells as often as ten times a day. One day a lady came to see me and told me of the benefit she had derived from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's medicine, and advised me to try it. I did so, and had taken only half a bottle before I was able to sit in a chair. After taking three bottles I could do my own work. I am now in perfect health."

It will be usually found that the minister who has the reputation of making good prayers, makes short prayers.

No Friction.

"The relations between the passenger departments of the Pennsylvania and the Baltimore and Ohio railroads," said D. B. Martin, manager passenger traffic of the B. and O., "are not strained nor is there a rate war in progress, as has been stated in several recent newspaper paragraphs. While, of course, we do not like the new feature introduced by the Pennsylvania railroad, considering the aggressive action of our own line and all other circumstances in connection with the passenger situation at this time, we are not in a position to find much fault."

A catalogue of 300 prizes, suitable to every taste and condition, mailed on inquiry. Prizes given for saving Diamond "C" Soap wrappers. Address Cudahy Soap Works, South Omaha, Neb.

Every man on the streets today wore a new muffler or a new tie. It is the cross that old tramp of Santa Claus marks on the front gate of every man he visits.

FITS Permanently Cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE $2.00 trial bottle and treatise. DR. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

A woman is so grateful that she lets her Christmaas gifts stay "spread out" a week, to show them to the friends, the milk boy, etc., who happens to call.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

The man who spent the summer constructing air castles is now trying to borrow heat for the air.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup
For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

We often wonder if the Prince of Wales doesn't feel that his life is being thrown away.

Am delighted with DR. SETH ARNOLD'S COUGH KILLER; it cures every time. Rev. J. S. Cornish, Waynesville, Ill. 25c. a bottle.

A laughing fit attacked Miss Sallie Hollins of San Joaquin, Tex., and for three days she laughed hysterically, with only brief intermissions. Local physicians failed to cure her, and her father decided to take her to Galveston for treatment. As they were crossing the San Joaquin river the boat capsied, and the sudden plunge cured the girl.

Why isn't it genuine sarcasm to call some servants "help?"

Try Grain-O!
Try Grain-O!
Ask you Grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. ¼ the price of coffee. 15 cents and 25 cents per package. Sold by all grocers.
Tastes like Coffee
Looks like Coffee
Insist that your grocer gives you GRAIN-O
Accept no imitation.

Crimsonbeak—Let me see; didn't they send a New York man down to see about cleaning the streets of Havana? Yeast—Yes; I believe they did "Well, it wouldn't be a bad idea if they sent men up from Havana, just now to see about cleaning the streets of New York."—Yonkers Statesman.

The British museum contains the complete manuscripts of Pope's translations of the "Illad" and "Odyssey." Much of the copy is written on the backs of letters, and among them are epistles from Steele, Addison, Rowe, Young and other celebrities.

A toper in Colby, Kans., was a very forgetful man. He came home tight the other night, stumbled into bed, and on the following morning he and his wife were found dead. It is believed, as the room was full of gas, that the toper had turned it on and forgot to light it.

A Double Crop of Apples.

On a Long Island farm is an apple tree which bore two crops of fruit the past year, and the farmers are taking unusual interest in this peculiarity of nature. Just as much interest is being shown in Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which cures dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation and blood disorders when other remedies fail to benefit.

Wonderful markmanship is displayed by a young man of Austin, Tex., named Petmecky. One of his feats is to toss a brick in the air, and with a rifle shot break it in two; then, before they drop to the ground, he breaks each of the two pieces in the same manner.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured
by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucus lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucus surfaces.
We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

There is the usually panicky feeling among the women because they received presents Christmas from some one to whom they gave nothing. There is little that causes a woman more distress than this.

Soap that's all soap—Diamond "C" Soap.

The poor man must go out and weather the storm, while the rich man can stay at home and storm at the weather.

Revising the Patent Law.

The commissioners appointed to revise the laws relating to patents, trademarks and commercial names had a final meeting November 22.

Prominent members of the Patent Law association (among them ex-Commissioner Doolittle and ex-Chief Clerk Rogers) expressed themselves in favor of abolishing the Caveat system. We have advised our clients for 20 years to file incomplete applications in lieu of Caveats, and were the pioneers of such practice, and upon appeal won a decision in favor of the practice.

In the list of United States Patents issued this week are the following for which we prepared the applications: To S. H. Plumberg of Leland, Iowa, for an adjustable wagon and hay rack. To W. Z. Marsh of Brooks, Iowa, for vehicle axle, lubricator and sand band combined To B. C. Armstrong of Burlington for the simplest and most practical wagon tongue support known to us. To J. F. Hand of Des Moines for an apparatus for purifying water. Consultation and advice free to inventors.

THOMAS G. ORWIG & CO.,
Solicitors of Patents.
Des Moines, Dec. 17, 1898.

Don't think a floating debt is necessarily a light one.

I shall recommend Piso's Cure for Consumption far and wide.—Mrs. Mulligan, Plumstead, Kent, England, Nov. 8, 1895.

A girl is usually willing to strike a match if a man has money to burn.

Mrs. Smarte says her husband is the worst man that ever was to go shopping. He's almost sure to get swindled every time. "Why," she says, "it was only t'other day that he bought a flute, and when it came home, if you'll believe it, 'twas full of holes."—Boston Transcript.

"That youngest boy of yours does not seem to be a credit to you," said the white man to Uncle Mose. "No, sah," said Uncle Mose. "He is the wustest chile I has. He is mighty bad. He's de white sheep of de family, sah."—Boston Journal.

Keep Coughing
We know of nothing better to tear the lining of your throat and lungs. It is better than wet feet to cause bronchitis and pneumonia. Only keep it up long enough and you will succeed in reducing your weight, losing your appetite, bringing on a slow fever and making everything exactly right for the germs of consumption.
Stop coughing and you will get well.
Ayer's Cherry Pectoral
cures coughs of every kind. An ordinary cough disappears in a single night. The racking coughs of bronchitis are soon completely mastered. And, if not too far along, the coughs of consumption are completely cured.
Ask your druggist for one of
Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral Plaster.
It will aid the action of the Cherry Pectoral.
If you have any complaint whatever and desire the best medical advice you can possibly obtain, write us freely. You will receive a prompt reply that may be of great value to you. Address,
DR. J. C. AYER, Lowell, Mass.

Meat smoked in a few hours with KRAUSERS' LIQUID EXTRACT OF SMOKE. Made from hickory wood. Cheaper, cleaner, sweeter, and surer than the old way. Send for circular. E. KRAUSER & BRO., Milton, Pa.

WANTED—Case of bad health that R-I-P-A-N-S will not benefit. Send 5 cents to Ripans Chemical Co., New York, for 10 samples and 1,000 testimonials.

Dr. Kay's Lung Balm for coughs, colds, and throat disease

DROPSY NEW DISCOVERY; gives quick relief and cures worst cases. Send for book of testimonials and 10 days' treatment Free. Dr. H. H. GREEN'S SONS, Atlanta, Ga.

FAIRBANKS SCALES Omaha

Dr. Kay's Renovator, Guaranteed to cure dyspepsia, constipation, liver and kidney diseases, biliousness, headache, etc. At druggists 25c & $1.

PATENT secured or money all returned. Search free. Collamer & Co. 54 F st., Wash. D.C.

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When Answering Advertisements Kindly Mention This Paper.

Two Old Crutches will often tell a tale of long suffering from LUMBAGO, and how they were thrown away by use of St. Jacobs Oil. It says, "GET OUT!" and the pain goes.

"DON'T BORROW TROUBLE." BUY
SAPOLIO
'TIS CHEAPER IN THE END.

CATARRH CURED AS IF BY MAGIC.
EVERY MAN AND WOMAN SHOULD READ.
Lives of suffering and misery from this repulsive disease turned into health and happiness through the use of
Richard's Catarrh Expellant.
After years of special study and practice in diseases of the Mucous Membrane, and especially of catarrhal troubles, we have at last developed a treatment that will positively and permanently cure Catarrhal Diseases in whatever form they may be. After fully demonstrating the merits of this treatment in a private practice of over five years, and successfully treating and curing the most obstinate cases, we Challenge the World for a case of Catarrh or Catarrhal Disease our CATARRH EXPELLANT will not cure.
Deafness, resulting from Catarrh, quickly cured.
Loss of Sense of Smell and Taste quickly restored.
All repulsive symptoms peculiar to Catarrhal troubles, as foul breath, nasal discharges, Hacking, Coughing, and Spitting, relieved at once.
Catarrhal Affections of Stomach, Liver or Kidneys, causing Indigestion, Sick Stomach, Nausea, Weakness, Depression, Loss of Ambition and Energy, are quickly cured.
Most of the weakness of men and women is caused by Catarrhal diseases. The poisonous discharges find their way to the stomach and into the blood, and distributed throughout the entire system, affecting the Vital and Life Forces and causing those Organic and Nervous Weaknesses so dreaded by every man and woman.
These weaknesses are cured by CATARRH EXPELLANT and perfect health and strength fully restored. Over five hundred testimonials in praise of this treatment received since January 1, 1897. If you have Catarrh or any Catarrhal Disease,
RICHARD'S CATARRH EXPELLANT
Will cure you just as sure as water will quench thirst. Write to-day for testimonials and valuable instructive paper on these diseases. SENT FREE. Address
THE C. H. RICHARDS CO.,
OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

MAKE-BELIEVE MAN.

TRIED TO LIVE THE LIFE HE READ ABOUT IN NOVELS.

Some Inconsistent Points—His "Yacht" Carries Several Other People, and Even in His "Study" There Seems to Be No Privacy.

The alarm clock br-r-r-ed in harsh, strident accents through the darkened room, replacing the snore of him who slept the sleep of the just—and the open-mouthed combined says the morning gloom, without losing a moment in the mutilmal procrastination of weaker mortals, twirl lingering snug in bed for another five minutes or shiverin out of it immediately. He set about taking his cold "tub" with the cheerful alacrity of a man with a keen day's sport before him. Later on he picked up a brace of brushes and dashed off a duet on his head "with considerable spirit and ve-ve." (See familiar quotation from any musical ertitelsm.) Then "his man" came in with his well-brushed clothes and laid them on a chair, but did not "silently withdraw," as gentlemen's gentlemen always do in high-life novels, because his "man" was named Bridget and in addition to being the Make-Believe-Man's man she was cook, maid-of-all-work, janitor-butler and a few other trifles. Instead of silently withdrawing she stood there with arms akimbo and said: "Will ye be ailin' wan egg or two eggs this marnin?" A shade of pain passed across the face of the Make-Believe-Man, it was so hard to preserve his cherished illusion in the face of such crudeness. He decided in favor of two eggs and, it now being 6 a. m., he selected a tie that would look well on the links at 4 in the afternoon. A trivial detail of five hours' work hung between the selection of the sporting tie and the sport, but the Make-Believe-Man made it a rule never to dwell on unpleasant things. He always dressed for his country club at 6 a. m. and arrived between 4 and 5 p. m. He slipped his coffee while "this man" called in from the kitchen: "Thim blue pants need pressing and the milkman says he won't wait another day," but the M. B. man did not hear; he was rereading the Van Bibber stories for the tenth time. "His yacht" was waiting for him at the foot of Fulton street, Brooklyn. It amused him to hand a few coins to a man sitting in a little cage-like box and follow two or three impossible-looking people through a ferryhouse—it was all a mere whim of a man of leisure. The cabin of "his yacht" was a bit stuffy and he went fore and stood in the rain. His carriage was waiting for him at the New York side. He entered it and in an idle moment gave the man a nickel. The man pulled a strap; something rang—how funny it all was! He finally arrived at "his study." It was noisy and seemed to be the study of quite a number of others, but the Make-Believe-Man did not seem to mind. He removed his cuffs and put them on the top of his desk—he preferred them to any other desk ornament, even to a bust of Shakespeare. Later in the day he invited a lady of quality to dine with him at 7—he would be back from the links by that time—she could meet him at the restaurant—it was so jolly, this playing the bohemian. After dinner he escorted the lady of Quality home. She lived off Bleeker street—but so many of the old families did. When the Make-Believe-Man had turned the key of his apartment he took up a hand glass and minutely examined his face. There were lines about the eyes, but the lips were as smiling as a woman's. "Which shall it be tomorrow?" said the Make-Believe-Man, "hunting or golf?" Then he sighed and began to hunt for his slippers.

MAN'S DISLIKE OF COSMETICS.
His Soap and Water Theory Rules More Complexions Than the Powder Puff.
Ella Wheeler Wilcox in the Woman's Home Companion discusses "Man's Limitations" when he attempts to discourse on the secrets of beauty. She says: "To the average man the word 'cosmetics' has the effect of a red rag shaken in the face of a bull. Yet the word does not mean paint or pigment. Trace it back and you will find it signifies a preparation to restore harmony. This is the age of specialists. In days gone by whatever evil befell the human body by the family physician was expected to relieve. Now we have the dentist, the surgeon, the oculist, the artist, the delitcre, and still others skilled in the treatment of scalp and skin. A good complexion is the background of a woman's beauty. Nature's most beautiful grouping of feature is ruined if the background loses its tone or becomes seamed or spotted. To avoid such disaster with the light of years requires knowledge and patience. There are specialists in this line who are just as expert as the dentist or the oculist. No man is indignant or disgusted if his wife consults the dentist. He does not tell her that a cheerful disposition will preserve her teeth. Yet the complexion feels that ravages of indigestion, time and inheritance quite as much as the teeth or eyes, and needs a skillful treatment. Yet the majority of ladies must keep their methods a secret because of the intolerance and unreason of man upon this subject. If a woman goes abroad with visible rouge on her cheeks, powder on her nose, or pencil-marks under her eyes, a man has a right to utter a protest and voice his disgust. But he never stops at that. He immediately proceeds to air his ancient theories about a cheerful disposition and soap and water as the only cosmetic proper for a respectable woman to use. Meantime the deadly scented soap-cake has ravaged more complexions than any pigment on the market."

He Raised the First Flag in Cuba.

At the beginning of the war, William R. Giatz sent to a New York newspaper $100, with instructions that money should be given to the American sailor or soldier who should be first to raise the stars and stripes on Cuban soil. It has been decided at Washington that the honor belongs to Ensign Arthur L. Willard of the Machias. On May 11, while the Wilmington, the Spanish batteries at Caretton and the Winslow were engaged with the Spanish batteries at Diana Cay, and Willard went ashore with a boat's crew and raised the flag over these barracks, after the Spaniards had been driven away.

Lynching Made Expensive.

Ohio is the first state to try a preventive of lynching, which has often been suggested, namely, the plan of making the county in which a lynching occurs liable for damages to the heirs of the victim. About two years ago such a law was enacted in Ohio, just after several lynchings had occurred in that state. It was argued that this law would tend to discourage the resort to lynch law by its action upon the pocket nerve of a community, but it had not been passed long when a mob in Northern Ohio swung up a man. His next of kin entered suit against the county where the crime occurred, and was awarded $5,000 damages. The county's counsel appealed the case to the supreme court on the ground that the act under which the verdict was returned was unconstitutional. This question was argued elaborately on both sides, and the court has decided that the anti-lynching law is constitutional. It is probable that other states will adopt the Ohio method of making lynchings expensive.—Atlanta Journal.

Grabbing All the Honors.

"I like an energetic fellow," said the society young man, "but when I think of Brown, who went to war and got discharged in time to come home while war heroes were still in demand, and then got back on the football team, I can't help saying he is a bit of a hog."—Indianapolis Journal.

Soap that's all soap—Diamond "C" Soap.