

An Austrian chemist, a recent graduate of a Vienna college has discovered a system of combining atmospheric air with illuminating gas, so that three parts of gas and one part of air will be constantly forced through the meter. This barefaced swindle will seriously increase the cost to consumers. Gas bills have lately bounded up alarmingly in the east sections of New York City. It is, therefore, believed that the ingenious Austrian chemist is getting in his fine work in the American metropolis.

A Wonderful Discovery.
Broadland, S. Dak., March 28.—Quite a sensation has been created here by the publication of the story of G. W. Gray, who, after a special treatment for three months, was prostrate and helpless and given up to die with Bright's Disease. Bright's Disease has always been considered incurable, but evidently from the story told by Mr. Gray there is a remedy which will cure it even in the most advanced stages. This is what he says:

"I was helpless as a little babe. My wife and I searched everything and read everything we could find about Bright's Disease, hoping that I would be able to find a remedy. After many failures my wife insisted that I should try Dodd's Kidney Pills. I praise God for the day when I decided to do so, for this remedy met every phase of my case and in a short time I was able to get out of bed, and after a few weeks' treatment I was a strong, well man. Dodd's Kidney Pills saved my life."

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WESTERN CANADA HAS AN EXCELLENT CLIMATE.

The Saskatchewan Valley Very Highly Favored.

An interesting feature of Western Canada is its climate. Those who have made a study of it speak highly of it. The Canadian Government Agents are sending out an Atlas, and at the same time giving valuable information concerning railway rates, etc., to those interested in the country. As has been said, the climate is excellent. The elevation of this part of Canada is about 1,800 feet above sea level, about twice that of the average for Minnesota. It is a very desirable altitude. The country has a very equable climate, taking the seasons through. The winters are bright, and the summers are pleasantly warm. R. Stupart, director of the meteorological service for Canada, says:

"The salient features of the climate of the Canadian northwest territories are a clear, bracing atmosphere during the greater part of the year, and a medium rainfall and snowfall. The mean temperature for July at Winnipeg is 65, and Prince Albert 62. The former temperature is higher than at any part of England, and the latter is very similar to that found in many parts of the southern countries."

At Prince Albert the average daily maximum in July is 76 and the minimum 48. Owing to this high day temperature with much sunshine, the crops come to maturity quickly.

Moisture is ample in the Saskatchewan valley, being about 18 inches annually. It is notable that about 75 per cent of the moisture falls during the crop months. Thus, Western Canada gets as much moisture when it is needed, and with several hours more sunshine daily than land further south gets during the growing season, it is not difficult to understand why crops mature quickly and yield bountifully.

Winter ends quickly, sowing is done during April and sometimes in March. Harvest comes in August, about the middle. Cyclones, blizzards, dust and sand storms are unknown.

A penniless poet in Paris determined to close his career picturesquely. By means of a rope he hung himself in the arms of a statue of Venus, and died as he rapturously kissed the statue's marble form.

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I have used Piso's Cure for Consumption with good results. It is all right—John W. Henry, Box 642, Fostoria, Ohio, Oct. 4, 1901.

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Western Canada
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ODD THINGS ON THE PIKE AT THE WORLD'S FAIR

Through Centuries on a water canal to Genesis.

Bits of the emperor's imperial garden at Tokio.

Crowded market place of Triana Spain.

Church of Holy Sepulcher same size as original at Jerusalem.

A Turkish cavalry patrol in the Holy City.

Japanese art of defense as practiced by President Roosevelt.

Jaffa gate, Golden gate, Zion gate and St. Stephens gate reproduced.

Wholesalers transplanted from Asakusa in Tight Japan.

Moslem priests will cry the Muezzin from the Minarets.

Jewish Rabbis will intone the Talmud in Synagogues.

Prehistoric Monsters will walk the primeval earth in creation.

A curious custom prevails in Siberian villages. In the houses facing the main street are little windows, with shelves about six feet above the ground, and on these shelves the inmates place whatever food they have to spare. This is a custom which has existed from a former period to aid escaped prisoners, the shelves being placed at that height so as to prevent dogs from getting at the food.



Young women may avoid much sickness and pain, says Miss Alma Pratt, if they will only have faith in the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Judging from the letters she is receiving from so many young girls, Mrs. Pinkham believes that our girls are often pushed altogether too near the limit of their endurance nowadays in our public schools and seminaries.

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"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I feel it my duty to tell all young women how much Lydia E. Pinkham's wonderful Vegetable Compound has done for me. I was completely run-down, unable to attend school, and did not care for any kind of society, but now I feel like a new person, and have gained seven pounds of flesh in three months."

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THE DOOMING CANNON

RECITALS OF CAMP AND BATTLE INCIDENTS.

Survivors of the Rebellion Relate Many Amusing and Startling Incidents of Marches, Camp Life, Foraging Experiences and Battle Scenes.

"It was my good fortune," said Major N. G. Franklin, "to see General George H. Thomas in action at the battle of Nashville. General Kimball had ordered me to carry a message to one of our brigades, and after delivering the message I was unable to find the General to make my report. A staff officer informed me I would find Kimball with General Thomas, and I sought the latter. He sat on his horse, cool and alert, and I remember how quietly he said to Kimball: 'General, you will order your second brigade into action.'"

"As I was the only staff officer not otherwise engaged, I volunteered to carry the order. I was just starting, when a sharp shooter got range of General Thomas' headquarters and a bullet killed General Kimball's horse under him. After extricating the General and ordering another horse for him I started with my order. There was no excitement at headquarters. General Thomas acted as though the incident were an every-day occurrence and not worth mentioning.

"Lieutenant Colonel Hollowell, then only 22 years of age, commanding the Thirty-First Indiana, led one division skirmish line, and when his troops took a strongly fortified position of the Confederates on Montgomery hill, General Kimball and staff followed them through the embrasure. As the General's horse made the leap he was hipped and was useless forevermore as a war horse. As I saw one of Kimball's horses killed and the other hurt, my affidavit made it possible for the General to get pay for both horses.

"As the division skirmish line was filing into this improvised fort, I saw Captain Kaldenbaugh of the Fifty-First Ohio dusting the uniform of a Confederate soldier with a riding whip. It appeared that the Captain had ordered the Confederate to surrender, and the latter replying offensively, the Captain gave him a good licking. I was so much interested in this encounter that I did not hear the zip of rifle balls or the bursting of shells in my vicinity. The captain brought in his man."

"That reminds me," said the Sergeant, "that soldiers rarely or never settled personal quarrels by resort to arms. The boys in the old Sibley tents, with their muskets or rifles in easy reach, would fight with fists to a finish, but no man, even if hard pressed, would think of using his musket. Teamsters, with their own guns on their wagons, would fight out their feuds with whips or clubs, but in our division not a single teamster ever threatened to shoot another.

"This was a matter of instinct, of former environment, and of training. Men from country and city regarded the guns they carried in the army as governmental rather than personal equipment, to be used against the enemies of the nation. When it came to personal differences they were settled in the old neighborhood way, without reference to military discipline or equipment. One man of a company might throw a stone at another, might strike a comrade with a club, or beat him with his fists, and retain his standing, but if he used a gun or bayonet against another soldier he was lost."

"This was an unwritten regulation rarely violated. On one occasion a quarrel of long standing was in process of settlement in our Sibley, when the little funnel-shaped stove of that day was overturned and the tent thrown down. Up to this time there had been no active interference on the part of the inconvenienced members of the mess. But when one of the fighters rolled from under the fallen tent and in his blind rage caught up a rifle to use as a club, there was interference at once, and both men were bundled off to the guardhouse.

"This did not settle the quarrel. Two weeks after that it broke out again, while the regiment was resting in line after repelling an assault by the enemy. In the lull the two feudists went at each other hammer and tongs, and were rolling and tumbling when the rebels advanced in force. They were so intent in punishing each other that they seemed oblivious of the enemy's fire, and made no move when the company began to retire. Winded at last, they discovered they were alone in the immediate front of the charging rebels. They grabbed their guns and scooted for our lines. One was wounded and the other dropped by his side until he could bring the wounded man in. That settled the quarrel.

"Just before Chickamauga, when teamsters were working overtime and covering a good deal of new and rough ground, and consequently were very fatigued, there was a quarrel, with a serious outcome, among teamsters of a train following up the uncertain movements of our division. We of the

but we didn't expect it to come just as the train was moving along a trail or shelf in the mountain barely wide enough for wagons in single column. One side was a precipitous cliff, extending upward, and on the other a steep declivity, extending downward to the bottom of the ravine.

"However, as the center of the train reached this point one of the teamsters struck, from his high seat, at another teamster who had left his seat for a moment and was on the ground. Quick as a flash the teamster on the ground struck the mules of the other, and while the latter was striving to control his tangled-up team climbed up to pull him off his seat. The two clinched as they fell forward on the frightened mules, and were clawing at each other as they went rolling down the declivity. The two driverless teams bolted, and, wheeling in a panic, went with the two wagons down the incline after the scrapping drivers.

"The teams in front and behind had a wild scramble, but were kept to the narrow road. When the commander of the guard arrived at the scene of hostilities two wagons and two drivers were missing, and no sounds came from below. Scouts sent down to investigate found two bruised teamsters working together to get their wagons right side up and to shake their bewildered mules into a realization of their duties. With the teamsters who had rolled down fighting like wild cats it was 'Here, Jake,' and 'Here, Tom,' and they were working together sympathetically and enthusiastically. The Major in command swore they must get those two wagons and contents up hill and into line or he would have them shot. Jake and Tom both said, 'Sure,' and before night they, with the assistance of the other teamsters and by the use of long ropes and the cutting of a new road, had the wagons and their crippled mules in their old place in line. However, it was an expensive quarrel for them, and they never forgot it."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Fought Against Himself.

The story told by old letters, diaries and other documents discovered in settling the estate of the late Col. Frank Cox, who died recently at Asheville, N. C., furnishes proof that very often truth is stranger than fiction. From the records it appears that Col. Cox served in the Union and Confederate armies at the same time, fought against himself in many battles, ran away from himself on more than one occasion, was twice shot to death, and lived to a ripe old age, haunted always by the fear that he had killed himself.

Col. Cox was born Nov. 12, 1839, in Rutherford, N. C. When the Civil War broke out, Cox got a commission as colonel in the Confederate army. He was a wealthy man, and after the war had been in progress for some time he received information that certain large property interests that he had in Pennsylvania were in danger of confiscation by the Federal authorities. Col. Cox told his troubles to President Jefferson Davis, who relieved him from duty and gave him permission to go north on indefinite leave of absence. The colonel was a red hot Southerner, so rather than weaken the Confederate army by the loss of a man he hired a substitute to serve for him while he was absent.

He had only been in Pennsylvania a short time—playing the part of a Union sympathizer—when he was drafted for the Union army. Then he hired another substitute, a Union man this time. Soon afterward, owing to troubles with the Confederate government, he left the United States and went to Paris, where he lived for many years.

The soldiers who served as substitutes for Col. Cox in the Union and Confederate armies were both killed in the same battle—one of the last of the great conflicts—and Mr. Cox ever afterward considered himself in a way personally responsible for their deaths.

In his later years he even grew fanciful enough to imagine that as the two substitutes were killed in the same battle, they might have shot one another or one might have killed the other in some way. His morbid belief on this point was strengthened when years afterward he looked up the details of the battle and found that during the conflict the regiment in which the Northern substitute was enrolled had been opposed through a long hard-fought day by the regiment in which the Southern substitute was serving.

Col. Cox died with this conviction firm in his mind, as is shown by the letters and papers recently discovered.

About the Size of It.

"Why is it," asked the youthful information seeker, "that beautiful women are seldom intelligent?"
"As a matter of fact, they are," replied the home-grown philosopher. "But when the average man finds himself in the presence of a beautiful woman he hasn't sense enough left to know whether she is intelligent or not."

A strange animal half tiger and half panther, has been brought back from the Congo by a Belgian and placed in the zoological gardens at Antwerp.



Wouldn't any woman be happy, After years of backache suffering. Days of misery, nights of unrest. The distress of urinary troubles. She finds relief and cure? No reason why any reader should suffer in the face of evidence like this:

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SENTIMENTAL OCCUPATION

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Husband—"M'dear, we were (hic) shing—shing 'Home Sweetome.'"

A LITTLE MISTAKE

Young Lady—"What is the price of that bicycle costume?"

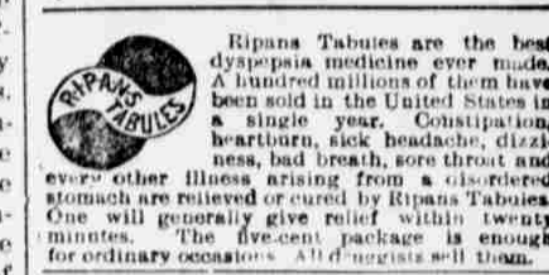
Dealer—"That is not a bicycle costume, miss; it's a suit of sanitary underwear."

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