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

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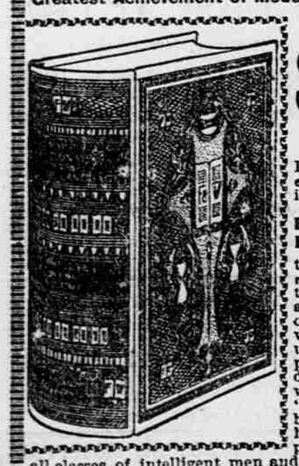

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"Eminent doctors, skillful nurses, the best food and medicine all failed. Then I consented to an operation. That, too, failed and they said another was necessary. After the second I was worse than ever and the world was darker than before.

"It was then I heard of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I heard that they had cured cases like mine and I tried them.

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OUR DOOM PRONOUNCED.

French Statesman Foresees the Extinction of Native Americans.

From the Washington Star: Surely a Frenchman ought to be recognized as an authority on the question of a declining birth rate. France is the one nation where the birth rate has steadily decreased until at last the deaths outnumber the births. Since 1890 there has been an annual loss of something like 20,000 population in France. It is a Frenchman of science, Arsene Dumont, who predicts the destruction of the American people. In the Journal of the Paris Statistical society he reports the result of his study of the vital statistics of Massachusetts. In spite of the efforts made in New York and other states, it is an exasperating fact that Massachusetts alone collects trustworthy and comprehensive vital statistics, and it is on these that foreign statisticians rely for information as to the tendencies of American life. Yet Massachusetts is hardly representative. She has an uncommon proportion of foreign born people, and they are more absorbed in the manufactures than the people of other states. The proportion of the two sexes in that state is unlike the proportion of the west and south, and many important conditions are peculiar. Mr. Dumont's study of the birth rate in Massachusetts is not encouraging as to the future of Americans. He says that marriages among "American born" reveal a steady diminution of the birth rate. The cause of this he finds in the principle of democracy. This develops individualism—the desire of each person to live his own life for himself, to obtain all the pleasure there is in life, whether intellectual or material. He maintains that as they do not propose to miss the chances of personal development, Americans, or any republican people, will not burden themselves with children. He says there is a poison in republican civilization, and the more intense republicanism becomes the more acute individualism is. Eventually, he asserts, this must destroy the race and its culture. He says republics might escape this fate if they would submit to the rule of science. Perhaps it is this determination not to sacrifice any of the pleasures of life for the pleasure of children that is the cause of the decline of the birth rate in France. It is more reasonable than the explanation commonly given—that in the absence of a law of entail French parents are led to limit the number of their children. The code Napoleon does not allow a man to leave the bulk of his fortune to his oldest child, as in England. It is hardly reasonable to think that in order to bestow an estate on a single child a man would deny himself the pleasure of rearing a number of children. But in order to find a larger amount of liberty and pleasure for himself he might be willing to go childless. It is strange that a French scientist should dwell on the declining birth rate of Massachusetts and make no reference to that of his own country. At the beginning of the century there were thirty-three births for each 1,000 of population in France. In 1850 it had declined to twenty-seven, and in 1895 to twenty-two. At the same time the birth rate of Germany and Austria remained at thirty-eight, that of England at thirty-three, and that of Italy had increased from thirty-seven to thirty-eight. The decrease is general throughout France, and Mr. Bertillon says it means the disappearance of the French people.

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He—"This pie is just like that my mother used to bake." She—"I'm so glad to hear you say so." He—"Yes; that was what made me run away from home when I was a boy."—New York Evening Journal.

DEVIOUS DEFINITIONS.

Millionaire—One man in a million.

Coupon—The veal cutlet of the golden calf.

Cynical—Milk that becomes prematurely sour.

Heat—The tailor that makes the pants of a dog.

Fable—An open-faced lie with a moral attachment.

Hermit—A man who can get along without the world.

Debt—An easy thing to run into but hard to walk out of.

Experience—The strongest spoke in the wheel of fortune.

Ignorant—The man who knows less than he thinks you do.

Epicure—A masticator who appreciates a master-caterer.

Diamonds—The gems of thought most peculiar to women.

Twins—Two things in life for which no man is ever prepared.

Monopolist—A man who tries to get a monopoly on monopolizing.

Egotist—A man who can't disguise the interest he feels in himself.

Success—Something that often depends upon the box-office receipts.

Astronomer—A man who always looks on the bright side of things.

Energy—The ability to work given to otherwise perfectly harmless bodies.

Hypocrite—A man who prays for something he isn't willing to work for.

Mitten—Something a girl gives the fellow she doesn't care to go hand in glove with.

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