

**A Good Appetite** is essential for health and physical strength. When the blood is weak, this and impure the appetite fails. Hood's Sarsaparilla is a wonderful medicine for creating an appetite. It purifies and enriches the blood, tones the stomach, gives strength to the nerves and health to the whole system. It is just the medicine needed now. Remember  
**Hood's Sarsaparilla**  
 Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Sold by all druggists. Be sure to get Hood's.  
**Hood's Pills** are fast loss, mild, effective. At druggists. 25c.

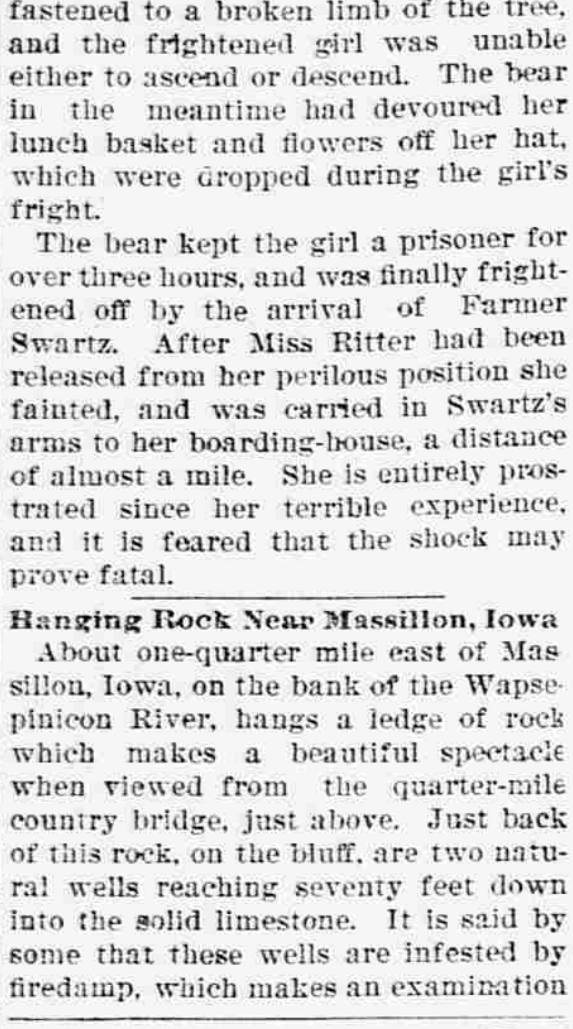
**FUN MAKING**  
 and health making are included in the making of HIRES Rootbeer. The preparation of this great temperance drink is an event of importance in a million well regulated homes.  
**HIRES Rootbeer**  
 is full of good health. Invigorating, appetizing, satisfying. Put some up to-day and have it ready to put down whenever you're thirsty.  
 Made only by The Charles E. Hires Co., Philadelphia. A package makes 5 gallons. Sold everywhere.



Equal parts of lime water and sweet oil well mixed will form a kind of soap which is very efficacious in taking out or removing inflammation, as well as for healing wounds caused by burns or scalds.  
**SAVED FROM INSANITY.**  
**Hood's Sarsaparilla Proved to Be the Right Kind of Medicine.**  
 The horrors which accompany a shattered nervous system are known only to those who suffer. No one else can comprehend them. Weak nerves, insufficiently nourished owing to impure blood, lead to nervous prostration and insanity. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies and enriches the blood, strengthens the nerves and restores physical, mental, nervous and digestive strength. Just read this letter:  
 "Kalamazoo, Mich., April 6, 1897.  
 "C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.:  
 "I was sick for six months and in a terrible condition. When I was not confined to my bed I was hardly able to get around. I was all run down and lost flesh so that I weighed only 100 pounds. I could not sleep and I had very bad spells with my heart. My stomach was also in a bad condition, and my head felt so that at times I could not see across the room. I was told that I had nervous prostration and that my blood was bad. I tried medicines with only temporary relief. One day I was told to take Hood's Sarsaparilla and I got six bottles. I began taking it and soon commenced to improve. This encouraged me to continue. I had found the right kind of medicine. I am now completely cured. I have gained in flesh and weigh 158 pounds. I can eat and sleep well. I recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla to all sufferers and believe it saved me from the insane asylum." Mrs. F. F. Pirrar, 1023 North Burdick street.  
 The total duration of bright sunshine for a week in Aberdeen, Scotland, recently amounted to nine hours, in an English town sixteen hours, and in London but a little over a quarter of an hour.  
**The Minnesota Summer Resort.**  
 Lake Minnetonka, near St. Paul and Minneapolis, is the ideal resort of the northwest. It is one of the most picturesque localities in the country, the lake having over 150 miles of shore line, attractive with forests, lawns and cottages. It is a notable yachting resort and has more fine sailing steam craft than any other lake in the Union. The outlet is Minnetonka (Laughing Water) Creek, made famous by Longfellow's poem. The bass fishing cannot be excelled. Hotel Lafayette, at Minnetonka Beach, opens June 26th for season of 1897. It is the most complete summer house west of the Mississippi and contains five acres of floor surface, every room facing the water. It is reached by frequent trains on the Great Northern Railway from the Twin Cities. Persons desiring to spend a few days or weeks at the Lafayette please address E. V. Holcombe, manager, St. Paul, Minn.  
 For rates to St. Paul, Minneapolis and Lake Minnetonka address W. B. McNier, G. P. A., S. C. & N. R. R., Sioux City, Iowa.  
 The introduction of one new culture is worth more to a nation than all the victories of the most splendid battles of their history.

**TREED BY A BEAR.**  
 School Ma'am Thought It Was a Calf Until She Found Out Different.  
 Lucretia Ritter, a pretty little school teacher, of Sullivan County, Pennsylvania, had a terrible experience the other day. She is in charge of a country school in a lonely portion of the Shunk Mountains, in the vicinity of Elk Lake, and boards at a farm-house a mile distant. For convenience the young teacher has been accustomed to take a short cut through lonely woods, thus saving herself a long walk. As she was traversing the path on her way to the schoolhouse she observed what she supposed was a yearling calf lying directly in her path. She bravely waved her lunch basket to scare the animal, but was almost petrified with horror when she discovered that it was a full-grown bear. The bear made a rush for her, and the girl in her fright climbed partly up a crooked tree. To add to her terror, her clothing became fastened to a broken limb of the tree, and the frightened girl was unable either to ascend or descend. The bear in the meantime had devoured her lunch basket and flowers off her hat, which were dropped during the girl's flight.  
 The bear kept the girl a prisoner for over three hours, and was finally frightened off by the arrival of Farmer Swartz. After Miss Ritter had been released from her perilous position she fainted, and was carried in Swartz's arms to her boarding-house, a distance of almost a mile. She is entirely prostrated since her terrible experience, and it is feared that the shock may prove fatal.  
**Hanging Rock Near Massillon, Iowa**  
 About one-quarter mile east of Massillon, Iowa, on the bank of the Wapash river, hangs a ledge of rock which makes a beautiful spectacle when viewed from the quarter-mile country bridge, just above. Just back of this rock, on the bluff, are two natural wells reaching seventy feet down into the solid limestone. It is said by some that these wells are infested by fire-damp, which makes an examination impossible. These wells are as round and perfect as if bored by an augur.  
 Another peculiar phenomenon is the myriads of mosquitoes that gather about these wells during the warm summer months. It was claimed, some years ago, that curious musical sounds issued from these wells at midnight, but upon close examination scientists found that these musical disturbances were caused by millions of mosquitoes. The fact of these natural wells are vouched for by any of the citizens of Massillon and surrounding country. The accompanying sketch is a very good one of the hanging rock, showing the wells on the bluff to the right.  
 The most sublime of poets was Isaiah. His word pictures have been models for all succeeding writers.

**ALL THINGS MADE AS NEW.**  
 A new method of treating worn out steel rails, and one that has received the endorsement of a practical steel rail maker, Capt. R. W. Hunt, is described by the London Engineer Magazine. This is the invention of Mr. H. W. McKenna, for years identified with large railway systems. His idea was to heat the worn rail in its entirety and cause as little reduction of weight of section as possible, and restore it to perfect section and make it suitable for its original use.  
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**Statue of Agnes Gilkerson Is Demolished.**  
 The costly marble statue of Agnes Gilkerson, for years an object of interest on the lawn of the Hezekiah B. Smith's mansion at Smithville, N. J., was broken into thousands of pieces the other day. The wreckage of this remarkable work of art was then cast in Hancock Creek, and the testimonial to Congressman Hezekiah B. Smith's folly went out of sight forever.  
 The story of Smith and Agnes Gilkerson is one of extraordinary romance and wrong, and, when first made public, stirred the whole country. The man had deserted his rightful family at Woodstock, Vt., and made a new home at Smithville with the woman of his infatuation. He became a millionaire manufacturer, creating a great industrial plant in the out of the way retreat he had selected. He also went to Congress and grew to be a political figure in the State. Agnes Gilkerson, known to those who knew Smith then as his wife, pushing him onward and upward. He would doubtless have won higher political honors, but his past became known. When the woman died the insoluble and aged manufacturer had a statue of her made in Italy and placed it on his front lawn, where he could see it always.  
 Captain Elton Smith, one of the manufacturer's surviving children, recently came into the great property of his

**HE MADE A SALE.**  
 He was a very small boy and very ragged, but there was a look in his eyes of shrewd intelligence beyond his years. His left hand he held behind his back, but his right was extended, and between two grimy fingers he held a half-smoked stump of a cigarette. He had his eye on a well-dressed man who was walking jauntily along the street swinging his cane.  
 "Say, mister," said the boy, "give me a match, will yer, please."  
 The man stopped good-naturedly and smiled when he saw the dirty cigarette stump. He made a pretence of searching his pockets for a match, and finally said:  
 "I haven't one, bub."  
 The boy hastily slipped the stump into his pocket, and withdrawing his left hand from behind his back displayed a large box containing an assortment of small boxes.  
 "If yer ain't got no matches," said he, "now's a good time for yer ter buy. I got 'em all, wax and wood, and some what won't blow out in the wind and udders what will. Yer takes yer pick."  
 He sold two boxes for a nickel.  
**Exit Tompkins.**  
 Tompkins is one of those gentlemen of kind disposition who are ever on the outlook for a chance to improve their neighbors' mind. Seeing a man, apparently a country fellow, sitting on the fence, regarding the telegraph wires carefully, Tompkins approached and said:  
 "Watching the wires, eh?"  
 "Yes."  
 "Waiting to see a message go by, eh?"  
 "Yes, sir," the man replied, smiling.  
 Then Tompkins spoke kindly to him and explained the mystery of the electric current, and that the messages were invisible, and finished up with: "Now you know something about it." Then, as he was going away, he said, by the way, "What do you work at?"  
 "Me and my mate over yonder are telegraph workers, and we've just finished putting up a new wire."  
**No Difference.**  
 A Chicago jury discovered, when it retired to make up its verdict, that one of its number did not understand a word of English. However, he had made up his mind that the accused men were guilty, and as the eleven men thought likewise, they brought in a verdict to that effect.

**OLD BOOKS IN CALIFORNIA.**  
 More rare and interesting books, it is said, can be found on the shelves of the old book stores in San Francisco than anywhere else in the country except New York. This is accounted for by the fact that many families who went to California in '49 have been forced through reverses of fortune to dispose of personal property, books among the rest.  
**"A Bundle of Nerves."**  
 This term is often applied to people whose nerves are abnormally sensitive. They should strengthen them with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. After a course of that benign tonic, they will cease to be conscious that they have nervous systems, except through agreeable sensations. It will enable them to eat, sleep and digest well, the three media for increasing tone and vigor in the nerves, in common with the rest of the system. The mental worry begotten by nervous dyspepsia will also disappear.  
**Kansas Idea of a Toga.**  
 A Kansas paper complains because in a recent church entertainment "an embroidered nightgown was worn to represent a Roman toga."  
**Hall's Catarrh Cure**  
 Is a constitutional cure. Price 75 cents.  
 The greatest biographer who ever lived was Plutarch, who has been styled "The Father of Biography."  
 People with hair that is continually falling out, or those that are bald, can stop the falling, and get a good growth of hair by using Hall's Hair Renewer.  
 Effie Crocker, a pretty girl of 32, has captured a star route contract at Port Washington, N. Y.  
 I believe my prompt use of Piso's Cure prevented quick consumption.—Mrs. L. Wallace, Marionette, Kan., Dec. 12, '96.  
 The small worries fill the most ears. Everybody listens when the mosquito sings.  
 Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP for children cures all ailments of infants, colic, flatulency, diarrhoea, worms, etc. 25 cents a bottle.

**SWEETNESS AND LIGHT.**  
 Put a pill in the pulpit if you want practical preaching for the physical man; then put the pill in the pillory if it does not practise what it preaches. There's a whole gospel in Ayer's Sugar Coated Pills; a "gospel of sweetness and light." People used to value their physic, as they did their religion,—by its bitterness. The more bitter the dose the better the doctor. We've got over that. We take "sugar in ours"—gospel or physio—now-a-days. It's possible to please and to purge at the same time. There may be power in a pleasant pill. That is the gospel of  
**Ayer's Cathartic Pills.**  
 More pill particulars in Ayer's Curebook, 100 pages. Sent free. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

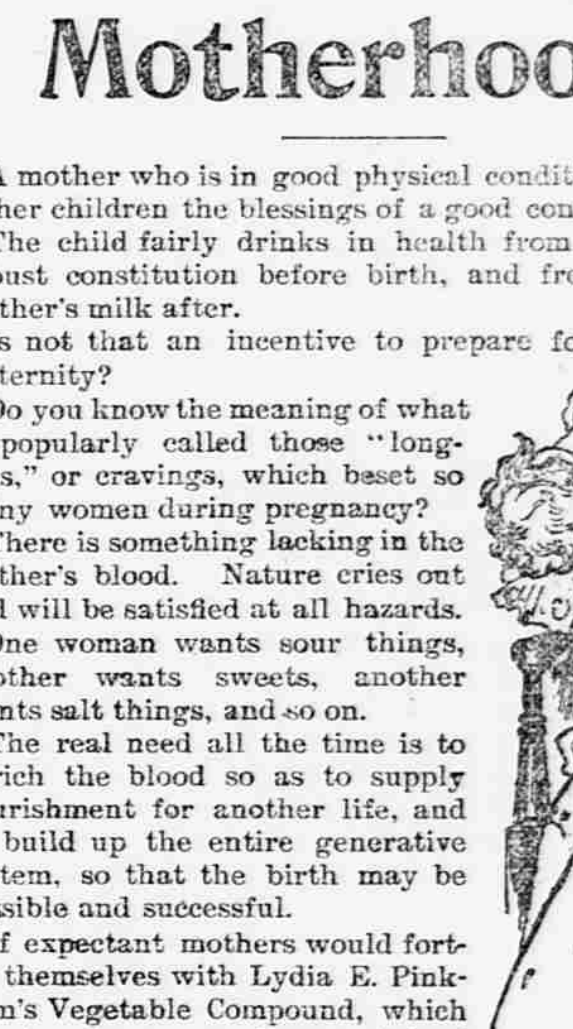
**Washing Blankets.**  
 Blankets which have been used all winter, no matter how white they may look, are never clean, and should not be put away for the summer without being washed. Many housekeepers satisfy themselves by shaking and airing their blankets, rather than risk spoiling them in washing. But this is an error, for if the work is properly done no shrinking will take place, and the softness and color may be retained for years. The most necessary thing in washing blankets is to have plenty of soft water and good soap. Inferior soap is the real cause of the damage done woolen goods in washing.  
 When ready to begin the work shake the blankets free of dust, fill a tub nearly full of soft hot water. Dissolve a third of a cake of Ivory soap in it. Put in one blanket at a time. Dip up and down and wash gently, with the hands. Never rub soap on the blankets, or wash them on the washboard. After the blankets are clean rinse them in warm water until free of suds. Add a little bluing to the last water. Shake and sponge them, and hang on the line until dry; then take down, fold and pack in a box and set away in a cool room. Blankets thus washed will retain their original freshness, as well as wear three times as long as if put away soiled year after year.  
 ELIZA R. PARKER.  
 Switzerland has as many as 557 savings banks, in which 1,103,549 persons, or more than a third of the total population, are depositors.  
 Shake Into Your Shoes  
 Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It cures painful, swollen, smarting feet, and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Ease makes tight-fitting or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for sweating, callous and hot, tired, aching feet. Try it to-day. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores. By mail package 25 cents, in stamps. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.  
 God has created a hunger which only immortality can appease.



**Motherhood.**  
 A mother who is in good physical condition transmits to her children the blessings of a good constitution. The child fairly drinks in health from its mother's robust constitution before birth, and from a healthy mother's milk after.  
 Is not that an incentive to prepare for a healthy maternity?  
 Do you know the meaning of what is popularly called those "longings," or cravings, which beset so many women during pregnancy?  
 There is something lacking in the mother's blood. Nature cries out and will be satisfied at all hazards.  
 One woman wants sour things, another wants sweets, another wants salt things, and so on.  
 The real need all the time is to enrich the blood so as to supply nourishment for another life, and to build up the entire generative system, so that the birth may be possible and successful.  
 If expectant mothers would fortify themselves with Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which for twenty years has sustained thousands of women in this condition, there would be fewer disappointments at birth, and they would not experience those annoying "longings."  
 In the following letter to Mrs. Pinkham, Mrs. Whitney demonstrates the power of the Compound in such cases. She says:  
 "From the time I was sixteen years old till I was twenty-three, I was troubled with weakness of the kidneys and terrible pains when my monthly periods came on. I made up my mind to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and was soon relieved. After I was married, the doctor said I could never be able to go my full time and have a living child, as I was constitutionally weak. I had lost a baby at seven months and a half. The next time I commenced at once and continued to take your Compound, through the period of pregnancy, and I said then, if I went my full time and the baby lived to be three months old, I should send a letter to you. My baby is now seven months old and is as healthy and hearty as one could wish.  
 "I am so thankful that I used your medicine, for it gave me the robust health to transmit to my child. I cannot express my gratitude to you; I never expected such a blessing. Praise God for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and may others who are suffering do as I did and find relief, and may many homes be brightened as mine has been."—Mrs. L. Z. WHITNEY, 5 George St., E. Somerville, Mass.

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 1897 **Columbia** Standard of the Bicycles World. \$100 to all alike.  
 Practically tested by fast riders, rough riders and fair riders, 1897 Columbias have not been found wanting in speed, strength and beauty. 5% Nickel Steel Tubing, patent flush joints and direct tangent spokes are some of the new features.  
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 ARDS can be saved without their lives being by ANTI-DRUNK, the marvelous cure for the drunk habit. Write for FREE CURE. Sold by druggists. 69 Broadway, New York.  
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