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Apply Ely's Cream Balm to the ear. It is the best cure for deafness and head noises. It is not bad to take. It is the best cure for deafness. Sold everywhere. Ely's Cream Balm.

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Nothing can be found more effectual in removing brown spots from the skin than lemon juice. The most obstinate cases will generally fade away under the lemon treatment, or a mixture of vinegar and water.

Pigeons and Falcons.

Falconry may yet be restored, as it seems, though not as a sport, but as part of the terrible business war. A Russian officer, Capt. Smiloff, has been taming falcons to serve as dispatch carriers. The falcon has several advantages over the carrier pigeon, says the Westminster Gazette. Not only is he a more warlike bird than the meek dove, but he is swifter in flight and capable of great endurance. The greatest swiftness ever known to be attained by the carrier pigeon is fifteen (German) miles an hour, but this is the rate of the ordinary flight of the falcon. D'Audousson, in his work on "The Falconry of the Middle Ages," tells several anecdotes of the extraordinary powers of the falcon and length and swiftness of flight. For instance, a falcon which was sent from the Canary Islands to the duke of Lerma in Spain made the return flight from Audalucia to Teneriff in sixteen hours, which was at the express speed of sixteen (German) miles to the hour. A German mile is not far short of five English miles, so that the speed of this falcon must have been at the rate of about seventy-five miles an hour. A further advantage of the falcon over the pigeon is the greater weight which it can carry. It is well known that a very slight burden is an oppression to the poor pigeon, so that dispatches are reduced in size to photographic copies, in order to reduce the weight for the feeble little carrier. Capt. Smiloff says he has found that a falcon can carry a weight of four Russian pounds, or 1,640 grams (thirty grams go to our ounce), without diminishing its power or swiftness in flying. Besides, the carrier pigeon may fall a prey to the falcon while there is small danger of any other bird taking the carrier falcon a prisoner.

Deep Sea Soundings.

An elevation of the sea bed one hundred fathoms would suffice to lay bare the greatest part of the North sea and join England to Denmark, Holland, Belgium and France. A deep channel of water would run down the west coast of Norway, and with this a majority of the birds would be connected. A great part of the bay of Biscay would disappear, but Spain and Portugal are but little removed from the Atlantic depression. The one hundred-fathom line approaches very near the west coast, and soundings of one thousand fathoms can be made within twenty miles of Cape St. Vincent, and much greater depths have been sounded at distances but little greater than this from the western shores of the Iberian peninsula.

Dyspepsia, impaired digestion, weak stomach, and constipation will be instantly relieved by Beecham's Pills. 25 cents.

A Hornstone Mountain.

Mount Kineo, which rises precipitously seven hundred feet out of Moosehead lake, in Maine is wholly composed of hornstones and is the largest mass of that mineral in the known world. There is no true flint in the United States, but hornstone so closely resembles it that it takes an expert to tell the difference. This rock supplied arrow heads to Indians hundreds and thousands of miles away. The discovery of these arrow heads in the Mississippi valley has led to the belief that a system of commercial exchange must have existed among the red men in former centuries. According to an Indian tradition the mountain is the body of a monster moose that was slain by a giant.

INSTEAD OF TRIFLING WITH A BAD COLD use Dr. D. J. B. Jayne's Expectant, which will loosen the phlegm, subside inflammation, and certainly save your Lungs and Throat much dangerous wear and tear.

Many of the new costumes show the pointed apron over skirt.

PIERCE'S CURE OR MONEY RETURNED.

For over a quarter of a century, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has been effecting cures of Bronchitis, Throat and Lung affections. The makers have such confidence in the "Discovery" for curing Asthma, Bronchitis, and incipient Consumption, that they can afford to guarantee it. Mrs. ISAAC LORAIN, of Thurston, Delaware Co., Pa., writes as follows: Dr. R. V. PIERCE, Buffalo, N. Y.: "Dear Sir, I wish to write you of my brother, Harry C. Troup, who has been sick for ten years with asthma. He has been treated by ten different physicians, who have said he could not be cured. He had to sit up at night, he got so short of breath; he suffered with fearful headaches and had a bad cough. After taking Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and Pleasant Pellets, he did not get short of breath, and can sleep all night."

Ely's Cream Balm

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WORLD OF INDUSTRY.

What Busy Men and Women Are Doing Nowadays.



BRICKLAYERS have 311 unions. GERMANY has 100,000 tramps. MR. FITTS is a Missouri tailor. FALL RIVER has 8,000 weavers. LONDON has 9,500 union printers. ALL Fall River mills are running. COLORADO miners are organizing. MILWAUKEE has 856 dressmakers. NEW HAVEN has a bi-metallic league.

MORE Cohoes mills have shut down. THERE are 26,678 union cigarmakers. FRANCE reports 300 strikes this year.

COLORADO is deporting its unemployed. NASHVILLE has a colored barbers' union. CHICKASAW NATION needs cotton pickers.

WAITERS' Alliance No. 9 has 500 members. EARLY closing has poor prospects at Hartford.

WOOD brings \$4.25 to \$5 per cord at Pioche, Nev. SACRAMENTO has workingmen's political clubs.

TRAMP take possession of California trains. CIGARMAKERS have \$564,000 in their treasury.

AT Seattle a Chinese firm will erect a four story block. BOSTON garment workers will smoke union cigars only.

QUEENSLAND has sixteen labor members of the Assembly. PARIS has sixty labor papers. New York has that man—dead.

NATIONALISTS want a Secretary of Labor in the President's Cabinet. UNIONVILLE (Mass.) cotton mill resumed at 20 per cent. cut in wages.

ALBANY unions are making an active campaign for the labor ticket. STRIKING printers run a paper at Richmond on the co-operative plan.

REV. D. N. S. HOLMES of Columbus attacked labor unions on Sunday last. MILL dividends at Fall River, for the last quarter, show good average returns.

LYONS buttonhole makers have organized under the banner of the K. of L. TWO MILWAUKEE men will buy school books for an indefinite period for poor children.

HALF the country window glass factories are getting ready for complete operations. THE Salvation Army at Frisco furnishes sleeping quarters as well as food to the poor.

LOWELL carpet mills don't run on Saturday, and the time for other days has been reduced. REPRESENTATIVE workmen of Montreal are discussing the relations of the church to labor.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, has increased its fire force, but the cry for extra pay went unheeded. OSWEGO business men have started a movement to secure the location of factories in that town.

BALTIMORE will prosecute work on sewers throughout the winter in order to furnish work. THE McKee and Jeannette (Pa.) window glass factories are about to resume with 1,250 men.

THE Salvation Army at San Francisco gave dinners to over 1,350 people on one day recently. A PLAINFIELD (Ind.) woman has sued three druggists for selling intoxicants to her husband.

MACHINERY in a Pittsburgh steel works enables 2,000 men to do the work formerly done by 5,000. THE Typographical Union is making a strong fight for the Government ownership of the telegraph.

RIOTS have been precipitated at Los Angeles, in the work of exterminating Chinese garden workers. THE Central Labor Union of Indianapolis has indorsed the general cut in the salaries of municipal officials.

SALMON fishing is prohibited in the State of Washington between 9 p. m. on Saturday and the same hour on Sunday. GRAND RAPIDS is offered free city telephones and the public the service at \$24 a year, if a franchise shall be granted a new company.

THE Woodworkers' Union, Carpenters and Joiners, Tailors and Federation of Trades at Chattanooga have temporarily given up the ghost. THE Mayor of Indianapolis is active in the movement to give work to the unemployed. Labor meetings are held in the Criminal Court room.

A TROY manufacturer of ladies' waists, wrappers, skirts, and corsets declares that he has to compete with convict labor in Danmore.

Use of the Word "Ain't." It would be an immense relief if that dreadful Americanism "ain't" could be given a rest for all eternity. You hear it so frequently. The few exceptions among well-educated people scarcely make an impression with an observer on the lookout for the phrase. It is surprising how easily a fault in speech may be acquired by the ear, but in this part of the world, where our public schools are believed to really educate, it is quite common to hear grammatical errors, as in localities less intellectual.

ally favored. "I ain't, you ain't, he or she ain't, they ain't," is the unpleasant conjugation of what verb? "Ain't you going to the fair?" asks a well-set-up young person, who would be highly offended if her social status was questioned.

"Oh, I ain't had half of the party!" is another from young lips, and the nice-looking car conductor scares the life out of you by hallooing: "Wait till the car stops! We ain't got there yet!" Purists will take no offense at this abuse of grammar if it saves their necks, but if anyone would keep watch over his tongue as well and note the ain'ts that now afflict the American language, that offensive and meaningless contraction and negation would be abolished, and even the primarily-educated masses might say what they mean.—Kansas City Times.

The Cunning Armadillo.

The armadillo, as eccentric in his habits as in his appearance, does the duty of the domestic cat among the field mice, which are terribly destructive. Voracious in his appetite, he is sedentary by inclination, but he finds his game with very little trouble, says the Edinburgh Review. Mice are always more or less abundant, though periodically, and almost punctually, their numbers decline, but in certain years they positively swarm. Then the dogs subsist on them; they fatten the poultry and great flights of fowls of the air are perpetually on the hover over their breeding grounds. As for the armadillo, he goes to work methodically, quartering the plain like a well-bred eagle, and sniffing the earth with preternatural acuteness. When his nose informs him that a mouse is near, he creeps up stealthily toward the spot, then, slowly drawing himself up and making his spring, he traps the mouse, or a whole family of mice, beneath his body. But he does not confine himself to a mouse and insect diet, and in attacking the snake he uses his impenetrable body armor as a weapon of offense. A friend of Mr. Hudon witnessed one of these encounters. The armadillo rushed upon a snake, which vainly sought to escape, and rocked himself to and on the body, until the victim was cut up into sections under the sharp edges of the armadillo's bony covering. Should animal food fail him, the armadillo falls back upon vegetables, so that he need never take more than indispensable exercise and can always keep himself in comfortable condition. Another inveterate enemy of the snakes is the iguana or great tree lizard, of which Mr. Hudson tells a comical story, related to him by a Guacho friend, who was riding carelessly along, letting one end of his lasso trail behind. He noticed a large iguana lying apparently asleep in the sun, and though he rode by it very closely it did not stir; but no sooner had he passed it than it raised its head and fixed its attention on the forty feet of lasso trailing slowly by. Suddenly it dashed after the rope and dealt it a succession of violent blows with its tail. When the whole of the lasso, several yards of which had been pounded in vain, had been dragged by the lizard, with uplifted head, continued gazing after it with the greatest astonishment. Never had such a wonderful snake crossed its path before.

Altogether Different.

There was a time when Charles Sumner was voted a vulgar fanatic in Boston because he had offended certain prominent persons by his needlessly cutting remarks on their "respectabilities." One day Samuel Hooper who represented Boston in the National House, and who was an intimate friend of Sumner, was asked by a wealthy commercial acquaintance how he managed to get along with "that fellow Sumner." "Oh, very well," was the reply. "I meet him very often. He appears to be invited to every party given in Washington. You can't go anywhere without seeing him." "You don't say he is considered a gentleman?" "You don't say that he is a man one would ask, now, to dine at your table or mine?" "No," replied Mr. Hooper, with the dry humor which was peculiarly his own. "I don't think it would become you to invite him to your house; but society in Washington is mixed up of elements such as we never find in Boston. There are, you know, a lot of ambassadors from the various countries of Europe, dukes, earls, barons, knights, and other persons with titles prefixed to their names. Sumner seems to be their favorite guest, but I would not, of course, advise you to invite him to dinner. In Boston we are naturally cautious; in Washington we can be less discriminating."

And the best part of the joke was that the victim of this satire remained quite unaware that he had been so effectually subdued.

Not Canals, but Mountains.

The results of six months' observations of Mars have led Mr. Schachele of the Lick Observatory to the conclusion—contrary to the generally received view—that the dark portions of the disk represent land and the light portions water. This is supported by observations of San Francisco Bay from Mount Hamilton, in which the bay appears brighter than the neighboring valley and mountains at the same distance. On this hypothesis the "canals" would correspond to ridges of mountains almost wholly immersed in water, while their doubling may represent parallel ridges of which our own earth furnishes examples.—Examiner.

The girl makes the greatest objection to any public demonstration of affection before marriage; the man makes the objection afterward.

If you wish the lightest, sweetest, finest cake, biscuit, bread and rolls, Royal Laking Powder is indispensable in their making.

For newspaper and music, to stand in the drawing room, are sedan chairs, with-out the poles covered in old brocade and fitted in plush. These are intended to replace the wooden cabinets usually doing such duty, as inside they are properly partitioned to serve their purpose.

On a French tombstone—could it have been found on any other—is the inscription, "Sacred to the memory of Mile. — died April 2, in her 81st year. She never looked her age."

In the Cracks.

A cigar dealer was recently compelled to move from his downtown stand, which he had occupied for thirty-five years, because of the demolition of the old building, says the New York Times.

He packed his belongings with many a sigh of regret. When he had got his things all out he turned to the workmen who were waiting to begin tearing down the building and remarked, in a rather sarcastic tone: "Well, boys, you may have all you find in this old trap."

The workmen began on the old floor, which had been worn into hollows by age. It had not been replaced since it was originally laid.

One of the men ripped up a board with his crowbar, raising a cloud of dust. When he got it out of his eyes he saw something shiny in the crack.

He picked it up and it proved to be a dime. Further investigation revealed the fact that the crack was lined with silver.

This was an incentive to the workmen. They pried their crowbars with remarkable energy for men poorly paid. In this instance they were amply rewarded.

In every crack of the floor silver dimes were found. Some of them bore dates of nearly half a century ago. The men gathered the coin in handfuls.

The cigar dealer, in speaking of the occurrence, said that he hadn't the slightest idea that so much money could be lost through carelessness and a poor floor, even in thirty-five years.

"But it won't happen again," he added. "When I heard of it I immediately gave orders to have my new stores refloored with hard wood and no cracks at my own expense."

A CHOICE CHRISTMAS GIFT.—In the selection of a choice Christmas gift, or an addition to one's own library, both elegance and usefulness will be found combined in WEBSTER'S INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY, which is the last of the various revisions and enlargements of the original "Webster." The International represents fifty times the amount of literary labor that was expended upon the earliest edition, and is, without question, the most complete and reliable work of the kind ever published in a single volume. It is warmly indorsed by eminent scholars throughout the English-speaking world, and is a most useful book for the library, the school, the family, the student, and in fact for all who read or write the English language.

It is expensive, of course to be "dressed" by Worth, but cost is a relative question, and if people want their gowns trimmed with real lace, gold and jewels, they ought to ascertain beforehand what the cost will be, unless they are in a position of fortune which does not oblige them to consider such sordid details. A certain Peruvian heiress paid Worth \$24,000 for a frock trimmed with real lace, \$23,600 of which went for the "solids" of the garment.

Asthma sufferers. Who have vainly tried every other means of relief should try Schiffman's Asthma Cure. No waiting for results. Its action is immediate, direct and certain, as a single trial proves. Send to Dr. R. Schiffman, St. Paul, Minn., for a free trial package, but ask your druggist first.

Mrs. Henry Peck (looking up from her paper)—Ah! well, poor Hyson is rid of his trouble and misery at last. Mr. Henry Peck (in astonishment)—Why, I didn't know his wife was sick. When did she die?—Peck.

Deserving Confidence.—There is no article which so richly deserves the entire confidence of the community as Broox's BRONCHIAL TROCHES. Those suffering from Asthmatic and Bronchial Diseases, Coughs and Colds, should try them. Price 25 cents.

Mamie—I believe in woman's rights. Gertie—Then you think every woman should have a vote. Mamie—No; but I do think every woman should have a voter.—Harper's Bazar.

See "Colchester's" Spading Boot Ad. in other column.

He—Wonderful score that of Henry's! Why, he hit the bull's-eye nine times in succession yesterday. She—Yes, but just think of the suffering of that poor bull. Men are so cruel!—Boston Globe.

Fear of microbes has induced the members of a church in Fostoria, Ohio, to invest in 400 wine glasses. Each communicant is to have a separate glass from which to drink the sacramental wine.

A recent craze in Paris has been for frames, dainty boxes, card cases, and the like, made of white or pale pink kid, painted with a sprinkling of flowers copied from old Dresden china. This is a suggestion for using the upper parts of long white kid gloves.

Speaking of Edwin Booth, a pretty girl says: "I did something once that I don't believe anybody else ever did. I made Booth laugh while he was playing 'Hamlet.' You know the way he had of fixing his eye upon some one person in the audience and apparently acting to that person? One night I was the one. It made me nervous. I could not stand it. So, in the soliloquy what do you suppose I did? I made a monkey face at him. And he laughed. He certainly laughed," she ended triumphantly.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury, as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure manufactured by E. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure and get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by Druggists, price 75c. per bottle.

It is said the practice of the wife assuming the husband's name at marriage originated from a Roman custom and became the common custom after the Roman occupation. Thus Julia and Octavia, married to Pompey and Cicero, were called by the Romans Julia of Pompey and Octavia of Cicero, and in later times married women in most European countries assumed their husbands' names in the same manner, but omitted the "of."

Two Things about Catarrh in the Head

First—It is a constitutional disease. Prof. Gross, a leading scientist, says: "Catarrh is a constitutional disease which manifests itself by local symptoms." Dr. Dio Lewis says: "Catarrh is not a disease of the man's nose; it is a disease of the man." Therefore he says snuffs and other local applications are useless.

Second—It requires a constitutional remedy, like Hood's Sarsaparilla, which reaches and cures Catarrh by purifying the blood and building up the system, so as to throw off the disease. Thousands who once suffered from Catarrh agree that

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures

Hood's Pills are carefully prepared and are made of the best ingredients. Try a box.

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A remedy which, if used by women about to experience the painful ordeal attendant upon Child-birth, proves an infallible specific for, and obviates the tortures of confinement, lessening the danger thereof to both mother and child. Sold by all druggists. Scribe's charges on receipt, of price, \$1.50 per bottle, charges prepaid.

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DONALD KENNEDY, OF ROXBURY, MASS., Has discovered in one of our common pasture weeds a remedy that cures every kind of Humor, from the worst Scrofula down to a common Pimple.

He has tried it in over eleven hundred cases, and never failed except in two cases (both thunder humor). He has now in his possession over two hundred certificates of its value, all within twenty miles of Boston.

A benefit is always experienced from the first bottle, and a perfect cure is warranted when the right quantity is taken.

When the lungs are affected it causes shooting pains, like needles passing through them; the same with the Liver or Bowels. This is caused by the ducts being stopped, and always disappears in a week after taking it.

If the stomach is foul or bilious it will cause squeaky feelings at first. No change of diet ever necessary. Eat the best you can get, and enough of it. Dose, one tablespoonful in water at bedtime. Read the Label. Send for Book.

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The girl makes the greatest objection to any public demonstration of affection before marriage; the man makes the objection afterward.