

**FREE TO TWENTY-FIVE LADIES.**  
The Defiance Starch Co. will give 25 ladies a round-trip ticket to the St. Louis exposition to five ladies in each of the following states: Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri who will send in the largest number of trade marks cut from a 10-cent, 16-ounce package of Defiance cold water laundry starch. This means from your own home, anywhere in the above named states. These trade marks must be mailed to and received by the Defiance Starch Co., Omaha, Neb., before September 1st, 1904. October and November will be the best months to visit the exposition. Remember that Defiance is the only starch put up 16 oz. (a full pound) to the package. You get one-third more starch for the same money than of any other kind, and Defiance never sticks to the iron. The tickets to the exposition will be sent by registered mail September 6th. Starch for sale by all dealers.

**The Strenuous Life.**  
What it means to be a "club man" may be illustrated by mentioning the clubs of which Ashel P. Fitch, who died last month in New York was a member. He had membership in the Metropolitan, the Manhattan, New York Yacht, Lawyers', Germania, Ardsley, St. Nicholas, Press, Arion, Liederkranz and the Metropolitan Club of Washington. In addition he was president of the Franklin County Society, a member of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Sons of the Revolution, New England Society, Military Order of Foreign Wars, New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, Municipal Art Society, the Chamber of Commerce and the Dunlap Society. He was also a director in a number of banks and other large corporations.

**Insist on Getting It.**  
Some grocers say they don't keep Defiance Starch. This is because they have a stock on hand of other brands containing only 12 oz. in a package, which they won't be able to sell first, because Defiance contains 16 oz. for the same money.  
Do you want 16 oz. instead of 12 oz. for same money? Then buy Defiance Starch. Requires no cooking.

**Uncle Sam's Heavy Guns.**  
At Sandy Hook are United States ordnance proving-grounds, where Uncle Sam does heavy training for war. Firing lately from big guns has been tremendously heavy, the detonations being severe enough to shake the earth clear up to Staten Island, a distance of fifteen miles. On the lower shore of Long Island and at some places along the Jersey shore houses shake and dishes and other articles are broken, windows are cracked, and there is a general smash-up, when the big guns are fired. It is a disagreeable reminder of war. Shots are fired at sea and when they explode in the water the ocean is for a few seconds dotted here and there with geyser fountains.

**Do You Want the Lowest Rates** either one-way or round-trip excursion, to any point east of Chicago or St. Louis? Ask the Erie Railroad Company, 555 Railway Exchange, Chicago, for complete information. Three fast trains daily from Chicago and St. Louis through to New York, Boston, Buffalo, Pittsburgh and other eastern points. Stop-over without charge at Niagara Falls, Cambridge Springs and Beautiful Chautauqua Lake.

Men who are advertising that they walk with the devil now will be anxious to prove an alibi some day.

**All Up-to-Date Housekeepers** use Defiance Cold Water Starch, because it is better, and 4 oz. more of it for same money.

While the pessimist sees only the thorns on the rose the optimist sees only the rose on the thorns.

**A GOLD-LINED DEATH VALLEY.**

**Philippine Waste, Guarded by Death-Dealing Gases.**  
There is a Death valley in the Philippines as well as in the United States. It is situated in the island of Mindanao and although for many years it has been known to contain large quantities of gold the treasure has been lying unclaimed because of the refusal of the natives to go after it. At last this famed and feared valley has been compelled to give up the rich treasure which for ages it has successfully guarded by its pall of death-dealing gases. This valley, which true to its name, has dealt death to many a venturesome searcher for the precious metal, is located in the mountain fastnesses of the island and according to the theories of the scientists it is the crater of what was once a great and violent volcano. Volcanic gases of a most poisonous nature still rise from the depths of the valley and hang over it like a pall, never passing away, and many natives who have attempted to go down into the valley from the mountains say that never before has any man who ventured into its unknown depths returned to tell of its secrets. The distance across the valley is only a few miles, but the bottom of it is constantly concealed from view by the dense cloud of poisonous vapor overhanging it.

**The Everlasting Round.**  
When Christmas holidays are over I slap my empty pocket  
And vows to save I straightway score  
Upon my mental docket.  
I settle down, my balance grows,  
By sacrifice expanded—  
For Easter clothes and flowers it goes,  
And I once more am stranded.

A second time I think that now  
I'm done with will expenses,  
And register anew my vow  
To patch my kaping fences.  
I live within a sober law.  
All little pleasures flouting—  
And every last red cent I draw  
To meet my summer's outing.

Hotel and other sundries paid,  
I'm home, completely dusted,  
To muse, with feelings sore dismayed,  
On talents to me trusted.  
But now I will save—every groat!  
I'll knock off all this bumming—  
And suddenly I get a note  
Which says that Nell is coming!

When Nell has gone—the time we've had  
With opera, drive and party—  
A bank account I have, instead  
Still far from hale and hearty.  
And, while I swear, with steadfast mind,  
That nothing else shall queer me,  
And try again—alas! I find  
That Christmas looms a-near me!

**France and Old-Age Pensions.**  
The British consul at Calais tells, in his annual report, of an effort to deal with old-age pensions. Twenty-three years ago M. Chatelus formed a society, the rules of membership being a monthly payment of a franc, all the funds to be invested, and at the end of twenty years the interest on capital to be equally divided among members, and in each succeeding year those who had been members for twenty years to receive their equal share of this interest. The present rate of pension is £14 8s. per year. The membership now stands at 347,951, with a capital of over a million and a half pounds.—London Answers.

**Had the Client Safe.**  
A leading London lawyer says that when he was a briefless barrister he went one afternoon to read in the Inner Temple library. He had not been there long when his small errand boy appeared, greatly excited and breathless from running. "If you please, sir," the boy gasped, "a gentleman is waiting for you at the chambers with a brief. He can't get out, sir. I've locked him in." Together the barrister and the boy hurried back to the chambers and the gentleman with a brief, who was amused at his capture, afterward became a most valuable client.

**Brotherly Criticism.**  
Zoltan Doehme, Mme. Nordica's husband, has an amusing way of putting things. On one occasion he was speaking of the vocalization of the well-known singer Van Dyck, and professional leniency vanished in the critical sarcasm: "With mos' tenors, they sing along a false note, an' you say, 'Oh!' [Mr. Doehme frowned and winced.] But with Mr. Van Deek he sing along, an' sing along, an' once in a while he strike a true note, an' you say, 'Oh!'" And Mr. Doehme's smile of pleased surprise called forth a round of laughter.

**Uncle Sam's Big Checks.**  
Uncle Sam has paid big bills abroad before now, but this Panama payment tops them all. Six years ago he paid Spain \$20,000,000 on account of the Philippines, but the amount was sent in four warrants of \$5,000,000 each. Previous to that the most historical warrants were \$8,000,000 issued to Russia in payment for Alaska in 1868 and \$5,500,000 paid England for awards in Halifax fishing infringements.

**Investment Aided Church.**  
Two of the prominent and influential members of the Fort Fairfield, Maine, Congregational church last fall invested quite a sum of money in potatoes, privately vowing that, if they made a profit, that profit should be given to their church. The amount made was over \$900, and the pastor made the cheering announcement that that amount had been received from the transaction by the church.

**Vicar and Workman.**  
The vicar of a colliery district in Leicestershire, England, has just accomplished the remarkable feat of restoring, mainly by his own manual labor, his dilapidated church. Since February, 1901, the vicar has labored as a workman all the week and preached to his people on the Sundays. He has worked at the church almost alone, the only assistance being a few days by one man.

**A REASON FOR SICKNESS.**



Healthy kidneys take from the blood every 24 hours 500 grains of impure, poisonous matter—more than enough to cause death. Weakened kidneys leave this waste in the blood, and you are soon sick. To get well, cure the kidneys with Doan's Kidney Pills, the great kidney specific.

Mrs. J. H. Bowles of 113 Cove St., Durham, N. C., says: "I was sick and bedfast for over nine months, and the doctor who attended me said unless I submitted to an operation for gravel I would never be well. I would not consent to that and so continued to suffer. My back was so weak I could not stand or walk, and it ached constantly. The first day after I began using Doan's Kidney Pills I felt relief, and in a short time I was up and around the same as ever, free from backache."

**A FREE TRIAL** of this great kidney medicine which cured Mrs. Bowles will be mailed to any part of the United States. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Sold by all dealers; price 50 cents per box.

**How's This?**  
We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.  
We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.  
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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

**Baptism for the Dead.**  
Under the caption "The Vitality of Mormonism," Ray Stannard Baker writes, in the June Century:  
"Another device which holds the people to the church is the curious doctrine of baptism for the dead. It is believed that the living may, by being baptized, save their relatives who have gone before. A man goes to the temple and is solemnly immersed for his grandfather, who died out of the faith; the grandfather's name is duly entered in the book of records; the grandson contributes a fee, and comes the next day to be baptized for his grandmother, and so on. As the result of this faith the Mormons have delved more deeply into their genealogy, perhaps, than any other class of Americans. I know of several cases in which Mormons have gone to England on purpose to trace out their genealogical tree, bringing back long lists of their ancestors, in some cases going back to the time of William the Conqueror. On their return to Utah they begin the process of baptism, a dip for each ancestor."

**Everybody's Magazine, July, 1904.**  
The most sensational feature any American magazine has captured in years is Thomas W. Lawson's "Frenzied Finance, the Story of Amalgamated Copper," which begins in the July issue of Everybody's Magazine. Mr. Lawson was one of the organizers of that gigantic corporation, and he knows exactly what happened to the millions that were lost through its manipulation. His first article is an announcement of distinctly dramatic interest and promises revelations of the highest importance to every one in the country. He frankly states that his purpose in telling the story is to set himself right with the thousands of investors who, through his instrumentality, put their money into Amalgamated and have been plundered.

**"A Day with Hudson Maxim."**  
Following the plan which St. Nicholas has carried out for several months, the July issue will have an instructive article designed to present valuable facts in a way entertaining to both young and old. "A Day with Hudson Maxim" is the title of Joseph H. Adams' sketch, which will tell many interesting details of the great inventor's life and work. Hudson Maxim's residence is in Brooklyn, where a visitor finds him as much at home among his high explosives as his cook in her kitchen. Mr. Adams tells, among other things, of being invited to lunch on Welsh rarebit cooked in a chafing dish over a lamp filled with—not alcohol, but nitroglycerin.

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**Expensive Agricultural Experience.**  
Senator Stewart of Nevada has also learned that farming—at least fancy farming, with the owner giving no personal attention to the business—does not pay, and his large estate of 690 acres in Virginia, which cost him \$140,000, has been sold to Judge Yeomans, of the interstate commerce commission for \$30,000.

By the time a man thoroughly understands the ways of a woman, he is so old that he doesn't care anything about them.

**How Dowie Left Australia.**

Elijah Dowie's departure from Adelaide South Australia, was a strangely sacred and subterranean business. Instead of going on board the Mongolia from Largs bay, like an ordinary human he announced that his place of embarkation would be kept a dark secret. Then, while the crowd haunted the jetties of Henley, Semaphore, Largs, and Ven Heley beach, he sneaked down to out-of-the-way sleepy, Brighton, where a launch cabin and declined to come out until the crowd on the deck of the Mongolia had finished kissing its departing friends and gone ashore. At the last moment the terrified prophet fled up the Mongolia's gangway as if the devil was behind him with a stipot and almost broke his neck getting into the cabin out of sight. It didn't look at all like the departure of a prophet.

I am sure Pils' Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. THOS. ROBINSON, Maple Street, Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1900.

**What Our Territory Cost.**  
The cost of the acquisition of vast territory by the United States is given in the following list: Louisiana, \$15,000,000; Florida, \$5,000,000; Texas, \$18,500,000, California and New Mexico, \$15,000,000; Arizona, \$10,000,000; Alaska, \$7,250,000; Philippine Islands, \$20,000,000; Panama canal, \$40,000,000; Panama canal strip, \$10,000,000; total, \$140,750,000. In addition, the United States when it annexed Hawaii assumed a debt of \$4,000,000.

\$36.00 per M. Lewis' "Single Binder," straight 50 cigar, costs more than other brands, but this price gives the dealer fair profit—and the smoker a better cigar. Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

**Liberty's Torch a Candle.**  
The great bronze statue of Liberty in New York harbor is always an impressive figure by day, but at night it does not live up to its reputation for "enlightening the world." At dusk every evening a sickly blue light begins to appear in the great black torch, and when night sets in this light takes its place with the other harbor lights, a little high up, but not a bit more brilliant than the rest. It might be easily taken for a lantern on the masthead of a ship.

**Do Your Feet Ache and Burn?**  
Shake out your shoes, Allen's Foot-Powder for the feet. It makes tight or New Shoes feel Easy. Cures Swollen, Hot, Sweating Feet, Corns and Bunions. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

**Why It Is the Best**  
Because made by an entirely different process. Defiance Starch is unlike any other, better and one-third more for 10 cents.

A man is good when he is old.

**WHY HOT WEATHER MAKES WOMEN NERVOUS.**



A Well Known Canadian Lady Sends Letter of Endorsement to Pe-ru-na.  
Miss Mary Burns, 28 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, N. S., writes: "Having used Pe-ru-na for indigestion and stomach trouble and to build up a broken down system with the very best results, I am pleased to state my experience with this excellent medicine. I had been troubled with stomach trouble and poor digestion for some years, and although I tried many remedies and dieting, nothing seemed to restore my health until I used Pe-ru-na. In three months I had entirely recovered my health and strength."—Mary Burns.

**Suggestions by Dr. Hartman.—How to Combat the Nervous Depression Incident to Warm Weather.**

Nervousness is very common among women. This condition is due to anemic nerve centers. The nerve centers are the reservoir for nerve vitality. These centers become bloodless for the want of proper nutrition. This condition is especially noticeable during the warm season. Every summer an army of invalids are produced as a direct result of weak nervous systems. This could easily be overcome by the use of Pe-ru-na. Pe-ru-na strikes at the root of the trouble by correcting the digestion. Perfect digestion furnishes increased nutrition for the nerve centers. Perfectly digested food gives these reservoirs of life a vitality which creates strong, steady nerves, and in this manner fortifies and nourishes life. Miss Blanche Grey, a prominent young society woman of Memphis, Tenn., in a recent letter from 174 Alabama street, writes: "To a society woman whose nervous forces is often taxed to the utmost from lack of rest and irregular meals, I know of nothing which is of so much benefit as Pe-ru-na. I took it a few months ago when I felt my strength giving way, and it soon made itself manifest in giving me new strength and health."—Miss Blanche Grey. Pe-ru-na Contains No Narcotics. One reason why Pe-ru-na has found permanent use in so many homes is that it contains no narcotic of any kind. Pe-ru-na is perfectly harmless. It can be used any length of time without acquiring a drug habit. Pe-ru-na does not produce temporary results. It is permanent in its effect. It has no bad effect upon the system, and gradually eliminates catarrh by removing the cause of catarrh. There are a multitude of homes where Pe-ru-na has been used off and on for twenty years. Such a thing could not be possible if Pe-ru-na contained any drugs of a narcotic nature. At this season of the year we are peculiarly liable to inflammations of the stomach and bowels. It is the part of wisdom to learn how to cut them short and in the easiest and quickest manner. Pe-ru-na does this by its peculiar power over all forms of catarrhal troubles.

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