IT IS IN THE BLOOD

Neither Liniments nor Ointments Will Reach Rheumatism-How Mr. Stephenson Was Cured.

People with inflamed and aching joints, or painful muscles; people who shuffle about with the aid of a cane or a crutch and cry, Oh! at every slight jar. are constantly asking,"What is the best thing for rheumatism?"

To attempt to cure rheumatism by external applications is a foolish waste of time. The seat of the disease is in the blood, and while the sufferer is rubbing lotions and grease on the skin the poison in the circulation is increasing.

Delays in adopting a sensible treatment are dangerous because rheumatism may at any moment reach the heart and prove fatal. The only safe course for rheumatic sufferers is to get the best possible blood remedy at once.

Mr. Stephenson's experience with this obstinate and distressing affliction is that of hundreds. He says:

"About a year ago I was attacked by severe rheumatic pains in my left shoulder. The pains were worse in wet weather, and at these periods caused me the greatest suffering. I tried a number of treatments and ointments, but they failed to alleviate the pains."

Then he realized that the cause must be deeper and the pain only a surface indication. He adds:

" I had heard Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People recommended as a cure for rheumatism, and when I found that I was getting no relief from applications, I made up my mind that I would try them. Before the first box was gone I noticed that the pains were becoming less frequent, and that they were not so severe as before. After the second box and been used up I was entirely free from discomfort, and I have had no traces of rheumatism since."

The change in treatment proved by almost immediate results that Mr. Thomas Stephenson, who lives at No.115 Greenwood street, Springfield, Mass., had found the true means for the purification and enrichment of his blood.

Dr. Williams' Piuk Pills are without doubt the best of all blood remedies. They effect genuine and lasting cures in rheumatism. They do not merely deaden the ache, but they expel the poison from the blood. These pills are sold by all druggists.

Spread of English Language.

New Zealand, Samoa, Hawali, most of Polynesia and various small states have permanently adopted our mother tongue, and there is every reason to believe that the 10,000,000 of Filipinos will be using it in the course of time. With the construction of the Panama canal Central America also will probably yield to its influences to a large extent.

Definition of Railway Ticket,

A little school girl's definition of a railroad ticket is worth repeating. In a composition written in one of the Boston primaries on "A Railway Journey," the little one says, among other things: "You have got to get a ticket, which is a piece of paper, and you and lets you pass through."

Have Strange Beliefs.

Strange beliefs linger in many outof-the-way corners of Britain. In Devoushire, for instance, the country folk still make "cramp rings" out of old coffin handles; and bracelets forged out of nails on which suicides have hanged themselves are worn by gouty people, and deemed singularly efficacious.

Cured Her Diabetes.

Halo, Ind., Feb. 27th .- (Special.) -If what will cure Diabetes will cure an form of Kidney Disease, as so many physicians say, then Dodd's Kidney Pills will cure any form of Kidney Disease. For Mrs. L. C. Bowers of this place has proved that Dodd's Kidney Pills will cure Diabetes.

"I had Diabetes," Mrs. Bowers says, "my teeth all became loose and part of them came out. I passed a great deal of water with such burning sensations I could hardly bear it. I lost about 40 pounds in weight. I used many medicines and doctored with two local doctors but never got any better till I started to use Dodd's Kidney Pills. They cured me so completely that in three years I have had no return of the disease. I am a well woman now, thanks to Dodd's Kidney Pills."

Dodd's Kidney Pills cure all kidney allments from Backache to Bright's Disease. Cure your Backache with them and you will never have Bright's Disease, Diabetes or Rheumatism.

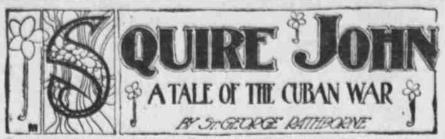
Lake Chad is gradually drying up, and recent researches tend to show that its complete disappearance is only a question of time.

CUTICURA GROWS HAIR.

Scalp Cleared of Dandruff and Hair Restored by One Box of Cuticura and One Cake of Cuticura Soap.

A. W. Taft of Independence, Va., writing under date of Sept. 15, 1904. "I have had falling hair and dandruff for twelve years and could get nothing to help me. Finally I bought one box of Cuticura Ointment and one cake of Cuticura Scap, and they cleared my scalp of the dandruff and stopped the hair falling. Now my hair is growing as well as ever. 1 am highly pleased with Cuticura Scap as a toilet soap. (Signed) A. W. Taft, Independence, Va."

The trouble with remorse is that it never turns up till next morning.



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CHAPTER XIX-Continued. Perhaps he has just discovered the threatening danger from fire, or it may be the rallway carriage is already ablaze. Jack is convinced that the danger springs from this source, and not on account of their demoralized enemies.

He is loth to leave his present anchorage; he believes he could remain indefinitely in such close proximity to the divinity in the form of a girl who is moulding his fate with her fair hands as a potter shapes als clay.

Duty calls, and he obeys. Upon passing through the opening which the vigorous onslaught of the agent fashioned, he finds the trio awaiting him.

Outside, the fire rages, and the crackling of a few minutes before is rapidly growing into an increasing roar as the flames leap from tree to

"Rather an uncomfortable situation, I declare," is the way in which he greets them.

"Well, I should say so," emphatically declares Smithers, who has lost his coolness, and dances about like a man on a scorching gridiron.

"Have you made any discovery? Is the carriage on fire?" for he can think of nothing less, to judge from Smithers' actions.

"It's worse," groans the agent.

"How can that be?" asks Travers. mentally deciding that his trusted agent must have his usually steady mind affected in some way by the continuous run of ill luck that seems to haunt him.

"Because, unless we get out of this spot instanter, we're bound for kingdom come by the shortest route on record," comes the quick, mysterious

"Tell me what you have discovered," he says, in his quiet way, which even the presence of the most startling danger does not seem to disturb to any extent.

"It is easily done. The guard has just been giving it to me. You remember several of the compartments of this carriage are locked. I have just learned they contain a ton of ammunition for the use of the Spanish army in the field. If the fire-if a single spark enters there, we will never know what struck us, Senor Jack."

CHAPTER XX.

Just So Napoleon Retreated From Moscow.

In his excitement Smithers had mentioned a name upon which his lips are supposed to be sealed; but as Roblado and Spencer have not concluded their argument at the door of the other compartment, it hardly give it to a man who cuts a hole in it seems possible that any damage can result from such a slip of the tongue.

placed over the magazine of a burning ship, and the startling information conveyed in Smithers' crude but effective manner gives Jack some uneasiness, though it is to his credit that it is of others and not himself he thinks.

"Come," he says, cheerily; "it seems as though we've jumped out of the frying-pan into the fire, and our last state is worse than the first. The question is, how can we improve the situation?"

Smithers shakes his head helplessly. For once in his life he can see no outlet, since it appears to be a choice between two evils-the raging fire on one hand, and the mob of half frenzied guerrilleros on the other, if they de-



"They contain a ton of ammunition!" sert the car and try to escape down the track between the flaming jaws. "Come to the door, and I will show

you," declares Travers, promptly. The other files there on eager wings. It is not a very pleasant atmosphere upon which they thrust their heads. The heat has become very intense, and Jack, as he places a hand upon the side of the carriage and comprehends what power those roaring pyramids of flame can show, whistles expressively, remembering

chambers beyond-a free passport to the skies. "Look," he cries, pointing down the lines of glittering rails; "notice that this wind comes from that quarter. The fire eats in the teeth of it very slowly, if at all. It is in the other direction the greatest danger lies. We are playing a peculiar part, you know.

what is contained in those two sealed

This car is like the huge pendulum of a clock. We have swung to the left and to the right-now we will go forward again.

Smithers grasps his meaning, and mentally swears at his own stupidity in failing to conceive such a simple

"You have discovered the only possible chance. Good luck to you, sir. The sooner we are on the toboggan the better; and, Ah Sin, see to it that you have your great joss guard us as we rush between those flery hands joined across the track below, for should a spark enter one of those comneed any assistance, sir--" But Travers is already out of the door and bending low beside one of the front

Again he matches his superb muscular ability against the grim adhesive qualities of cold iron. His former experience has taught him something, and he does not waste any preclous time in useless pulling, but works the pin backward and forward with resolute jerks.

As before, he wins-pluck and brawn have again triumphed over cold metal.

No sooner does he feel the car begin to move than he makes a plunge again for the door which Smithers has held open. This time it might be very unpleasant hanging outside on the footboard, since a sea of fire awaits them below.

Hardly has he gained the interior and the door been closed than they are in it. There is a flash of flame on either side as the fire licks the framework of the moving carriage. Those in the secret of the ammunition hold their breath in very suspense, but greatly to their relief no explosion follows:

The bottom reached, a run across, and up the opposite rise they pass, about halfway to the point from which their first dash occurred.

Jack is in readiness. Much depends on his ability to block the wheels again.

Hanging from the footboard, he leaps off at the proper moment, and applies his novel brake with the same

success as before. They seem to have escaped another great danger.

Smithers is uneasy. He makes a circuit of the carriage, sniffing the air. Jack is below, and almost immediately he hears the agent utter an exclamation. Then Smithers' head appears against the sky.

"The roof is afire-right over one of the other sections, and I can't get at it with my hand or foot! If you could inviting them to come on, meanwhile secure a small quantity of water-"

But Jack has already leaped into the guard's den and seized upon a means or not, the soldiers spend but No man fancies finding himself gallon can be remembers discovering a brief time in irresolution. there.

"Here-here! Take it and be quick, my dear fellow!" he says, handing it

Smithers promptly seizes hold of the can, and turns to accomplish his purpose, reappearing a minute later with a relieved air and an empty water ves-

"The country is saved, sir," is his cheering report, and from this Travers understands that the deluge of water fell upon the right spot

There is much to think of still. While danger from the blazing woods need not alarm them-for the time being, at least-they dread to think of what might happen should

there be a change of wind, and this is apt to occur at any hour. Jack and Smithers talk it over in the forward compartment, and Senor Roblado joins them.

The Spanish artist does not seem as enthusiastic as before. He asks questions and makes suggestions, but evidently his spirit is tamed. Perhaps the multitude of dangers descending upon them in succession have something to do with this change in his

There is one who thinks differently, and this is the astute Mr. Smithers. When Roblado retires again to the other compartment, to ascertain how the ladies are faring, the agent takes advantage of his filting to hastily remark in an undertone:

"Well, he's guessed it, Senor Jack, He knows you are the Squire John again against whom they played their cards in Edinburgh."

What do you suppose he will do?" "Nothing just at present." "But he hates me.

"Quite true; and yet just at present he depends upon you for his very life, When we get back to Havana, if Fortune is so kind as to allow us, then look out for storms, but not here."

"It's little I care, you know, so long as I am able to serve her. That is the full extent of my mission to Cuba. And from the way matters are going. I have strong hopes that sooner or later success will come to me. But let us forget the future, and take care of the present. We have seen no signs of our enemies around, and yet I hardly believe they have left the neighborhood. Look out here at the sky-you have spent some years in Cuba. Tell me what you think of the chances for

a downpour of rain. "It has certainly clouded over; but you know at this season of the year we usually have a daily rain after the noon hour."

"That's what I look for, my dear fellow: it would be in a direct line with | Weekly.

our luck. But you seem to be listen-

ing. What is it you hear?"

"Put your head out again, sir, and you will be fully informed."

Jack does as requested. The strong wind bears to his ears a crash of shots and loud onteries; nor is Travers more backward about guessing their meaning than his com-

panion expected. "They are advancing this way, and fighting as they come," he declares.

"That is true as gospel, sir. The men of Gomez have them on the run. May the god of battles prosper their cause until Spanish rule in Cuba is known no more." Jack's curiosity is again aroused,

and he wonders what strange fortune has welded the career of this Briton with the cause of liberty in the Gem of the Antilles; but certainly there is no time to hear the story-now. Doubtless the explosion of the dyna-

mite destroyed the bridge, and caused the wreck of the military train, but the majority of the troops aboard have escaped, and meet the attack of their partments, we're done for. If you foes with a bravery that proves their right to a part in the traditions of olden Spanish chivalry.

While our friends keep watch and ward wondering what new and strange experience is about to be their



The strong wind brings to his ears a crash of shots and loud outcries. portion, a crash of musketry sounds

just beyond the crest of the hill. "They are coming," exclaims Smithers, laboring under unusual excite-

Moving figures are seen, and the light of the still-burning trees glints from polished gunbarrels and shining swords.

They are Spanish soldiers who gather there and gaze in wonder at the fiery scene spread before them

Our friends can even hear their loud exclamations at sight of the carriage. Senor Roblado is of course wildly delighted at the coming of the military; he springs to the ground and makes all manner of frantic gestures,

bawling at the top of his voice. Whether they understand what he

Shots and shouts tell that the enemy presses hot upon their trail, so that every little while it is necessary to turn at bay and beat off the eager

So Napoleon retreated from Moscow leaving a trail of blood through all southwestern Russia. Down the slope they come, helter-skelter. Jack wonders whether his friend Gen. Toledo is one of the officers in the front.

The cries they now utter are indicative of great joy. At first he is puzzled to account for them, but when the leading soldiers draw nearer he is able to catch the tenor of these exultant shouts. They have fought under heavy disadvantages, since their weapons are nearly all empty, and the sight of the carriage laden with ammunition causes hilarious satisfaction

(To be continued.)

Benny on the Camel. The camel is a large, homely animal with two big warts on its back When it has only one it is called a dromedary. A camel can go for days and days without drinking anything. but it wants its victuals regular. It isn't any fun to ride on a camel. tried it once. It feels as if you were taking a ride on the Rocky mountains. A camel will associate with anybody, but prefers Egyptians. There was a man once who thought it made a camel tired to hold its head up, and he tried to rest it by tying its head to one of the bumps, but the animal bit a large chunk out of his arm, and he desisted. A camel is always chewing something, but never lets you see what it is. It walks as if it were lame on all four legs. You can always see a camel for nothing at a circus. If you want to see the giant you have got to pay. This is because it is harder to raise a giant than it is to raise a camel.—Chicago Tribune.

Her Unconscious Loyalty.

A lawyer making a specialty of divorce cases was recently consulted by a woman desirous of bringing action against her husband for separation. The lady related a harrowing story of her ill treatment at the hands of her better half. Indeed, the lawyer was so impressed by her recital of woes that for a moment he was startled out of his usual professional composure. "Madam!" he exclaimed, "from what you say, I gather that this man is a perfect brute!" Whereupon the applicant for divorce rose with dignity and said: "Sir, I shall consult another lawyer. I came here to get your advice as to a divorce, not to hear my husband abused!"--Harper's

WAR WILL GO ON

EMPEROR OF RUSSIA DECIDES TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT.

WILL PRESS IT WITH ENERGY

Advices to the German Court from churia Is Good.

BERLIN-The emperor of Russia has elected to continue the war.

His position is absolutely firm and the German court has been advised in that sense.

The war will be pressed with the utmost energy, the domestic situation being now within the control of the authorities.

Those who have advised peace and suggested inquiries for Japan's terms, the French and British governments, are for the present silent and are likely to remain so unless events of an extraordinary character shake the Russian emperor's resolution. The considerations that led to the emper or's decision as understood here are:

"First-The judgment of the chiefs of the army that Field Marshal Oyama not only cannot defeat General Kuropatkin, but stands in danger of defeat himself. How cowardly, therefore, for Russia to ask for mercy, with all the men and money essential to a successful war.

"Second-All the forces of criticism now directed against the government for having fought rather than yield to legitimate interests and for having failed to win victories, would be continued with added fury against the government that accepted war and then betrayed the country. A government that would crave peace of Russia's enemy while still capable of winning victory would be giving the party of change genuine grounds for revolution. The facts of the military situation, love of country and arguments of expediency were all against peace and for pressing the war hopefully.

ST. PETERSBURG-A second day has passed without dispatches having been given out from General Kuropatkin, which is interpreted to support the rumors that great events are in progress in Manchuria. The war office, however, steadfastly maintains that there is no important news and that there have been no developments since the last dispatches made public, in which the commander-in-chief reported all quiet with the exception of minor actions to the eastward. The Associated Press dispatches from Mukden made no mention of a battle and the retirement of the Russians.

JAPAN WANTS INDEMNITY

Has Spent \$350,000,000 in Upholding Principles.

PARIS-Rusia has not given any indication to France that she is ready to take up the question of peace and therefore the authorities here do not feel qualified to discuss the St. Peters. burg reports giving the precise terms. The reports are explained substantially as follows:

"The peace sentiment has lately been steadily augmenting throughout Russia, particularly outside of St. Petersburg, and within recent days some of the most influential personages in St. Petersburg have come out favorable to peace and have sought to impress responsible officials that the time has arrived to take definite action. However, those having the chief responsibility, such as Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, have not yet shown willingness to accept peace arguments. Therefore, so long as the Russian foreign office is not prepared to accept the peace view it is considered doubtful of accomplishment. In spite of this the peace reports are considered a hopeful sign of a tendency in the highest quarters towards peace. The Japanese legistion points out that peace negotiations require certain definite steps between parties, and as Russia has not yet made the slightest overture to Japan concerning terms Russia is not in a position to elaborate pacific conditions. The officials of the legation incline to the view that St. Petersburg reports were designed to sound official sentiment in Japan. What Tokio will say is not

TO PUSH LAND FRAUD CASES.

WASHINGTON-As the result of

President Roosevelt Determined to Go to the Bottom.

conference held at the white house with President Roosevelt further developments in the land fraud cases in Oregon and California may be expected at no distant day. Since the first steps were taken looking to the prosecution of the alleged offenders, the president has shown a keen interest in the investigations which have been made and in the indictments which followed. With the view of acquainting himself with the situation as it exists up to the present time, the presday he held a second conference at | Indians." which were present Secretary Hitch-'s ordered. prise if further arr

A MINE DISASTER.

Over One Hundred Men are En-

tombed. BIRMINGHAM, Ala.-By an explosion in the Virginia mines, about eighteen mlles southwest of Birmingham, at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, between 110 and 135 union miners Russia-Czar's Advisers Think are entombed and it is believed that Chance for Great Victory in Man- the entire number suffered an awful death. Scores of vigorous rescuers are at work digging into the mine to relieve their friends and comrades on the inside.

The explosion is believed to have been caused by an accumulation of dust, although the mine has heretofore been noted for being entirely free from gas. It is also believed that as the entire quota has probably been killed the details of the cause of the disaster will never be known.

The news spread like wildfire through the whole district. The camp is almost isolated from the rest of the world, as there is no telephone station at Virginia, and the only wire running to the place is a dispatcher's wire of the Birmingham Mineral railway, on which Virginia is located. Details are slow to come in, but each man who arrived in the city from the scene told a more gruesome story of the horror.

Since the strike has been on in the Birmingham district, many of the most industrious and thrifty miners of Pratt City and other Important mining points have removed to the Virginia mines, so that the mines were bing worked to their full capacity by the most skilled miners in the community.

Relief trains with surgeons and workmen were dispatched from both, Birmingham and Bessemer as soon as the news of the disaster was learn ed. They began the work of success in earnest before 6 o'clock and at midnight had not gotten half way thought it will be 10 o'clock Tuesday before the interior of the slope is reached. The slopes are well arrange ed and there has never been the least trouble in the mines before. They are owned by the Alabama Steel and Wire company, but are leased and operated by Reid & Co.

BIRMINGHAM-The scene at Virginla mines on Tuesday, where a terrific afterdamp explosion occurred, imprisoning 160 men, 700 feet below the surface, was the most gruesome and sorrowing that has ever been witnessed in this section of Alabama. Of the miners who entered the mine so far only forty-five bodies have been recovered. The recovery already of so many dead bodies, precludes the idea that any living men remain among the unfortunates still in the mine. The corpses are frightfully mangled and disfigured and identification is almost impossible.

OSAGE OIL LEASE.

House Resolution Asks Pointed Questions.

WASHINGTON-Another chapter in the Osage oil lease incident developed Wednesday when Representative Stephens of Texas introduced two resolutions in the house addressing inquiries to the secretary of the interior regarding the Foster lease of oil and gas lands belonging to the Osage Indians. One resolution calls on the secretary to furnish the house with a copy of the Foster lease and of all subleases under the lease, giving the dates of the approval or rejection and all correspondence on the subject.

The other resolution asks under what act of congress the Foster lease was made and under what authority of law the subleases were approved. The secretary is asked whether he did not ratify the sublease to the Almeda company and whether this was not the first sublease so ratified and whether he had not previously refused to ratify subleases. The resolution asks not only for the date of the ratification of the Almeda sublease, but also calls for a list of the officers, directors and stockholders of the Almeda company, with information as to whether any of these persons are "personally known or in any way related to him (the secretary) and if so the name of such person and how related."

The resolution directs the secretary to say whether he did not on February 13, last, in a letter addressed to the chairman of the comnettee on Indian affairs, write that the commissioner of Indian affairs "also shows that there is no necessity for the proposed legislation in order to protect the existing rights of the parties who hold under the said Foster lease, and it is not deemed advisable, nor, indeed, would it be just to renew and extend the said lease for a period of ten years or any other period, without the knowledge and consent of the Indians."

The resolutions continue:

"And if you did write this letter please state to this house what information you have since received that has caused you to recommend the ident was in close conference with adoption of the senate amendment to Secretary Hitchcock, Attorney General | the Indian appropriation bill extend-Moody and Special Attorney F. J. ing said lease for ten years on 680,000 Heney, who discussed with him the scres of said Osage Indian lands withevidence so far gathered. Later in the out first securing the consent of said

The statement recently given out cock, Mr. Heney and Secret Service by Secretary Hitchcock is cited, in Inspector William D. Burns, who was which he said that "the original Fusactive in bringing about a number of ter lease was an unheard of monopoly arrests. At this latter meeting, it is and nothing short of a public scandal," understood, a plan of action was and the resolution asks the secretary mapped out and the statement was if he was correctly quoted, and if so made that it need not occasion sur- to state why he now recommends extension of the lease.