

Brief Telegrams

The United States congress is to be asked at its next session to investigate the alleged cruelties to the natives of the Congo Free State.

Roanoke, Va. was selected by the delegates of the eighth annual convention of the National Firemen's association as the place of meeting next year.

An examination by German officials of the methods in vogue for colonizing thinly inhabited portions of the United States was begun in New York.

A cablegram from Rio Janeiro states the transfer of D. E. Thompson from ambassador to Brazil to that of ambassador to Mexico is officially announced at that city.

The board of directors of the Equitable Life Assurance Society decided to abolish the \$25,000 pension now enjoyed by Mrs. Henry B. Hyde, widow of the founder of the society.

Omaha's five national banks have just issued official statements showing total deposits of \$37,354,016.99. This is a gain of \$4,854,431.46 as compared with the reports sixty days ago.

Mount Vesuvius is in full eruption and is throwing out an enormous mass of lava. Deep rumblings are heard in the interior of the crater and lava is flowing down the right side of the cone.

King Oscar has conferred the honor of knighthood of the Royal Order of Vasa upon B. Lowenstein of Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Lowenstein has been a constant visitor to Sweden for twelve years.

The transfer of the bureau of materials and supplies from Panama to Colon is being effected. Chief Tobey and his staff from tomorrow on will occupy the De Lesseps house at Cristobal.

One of the familiar sayings concerning missions and missionaries and temperance is, that every ship which carries missionaries to Africa on its upper deck, carries a hold full of American rum.

By the will of Mrs. Julia E. Hackley, widow of the late millionaire philanthropist of Muskegon, Mich., that city gets \$300,000 as an endowment to be known as the Julia E. Hackley memorial fund for the poor.

The American minister to Peru, Irving B. Dudley, sailed from Gallo on the steamer Memphis for San Francisco on leave of absence. A large number of diplomats, officials and others bid him farewell.

The stated clerk of the Presbyterian church, North, Rev. Dr. William H. Roberts, has just issued a comparative summary of the growth of the church during the past six years. The membership is now 1,115,620.

When Hudson Taylor, the venerable founder of the China inland mission, recently died, he left behind him a working force of more than eight hundred men and women scattered in all parts of China doing missionary work.

William Dutcher, president of the National Association of Audubon societies, announces that he has received a check for \$100,000 from a well known man of the financial world, the money to be used in furthering the objects of the organization.

Colonel Russell B. Harrison of Indianapolis, who was at Lafayette Ind., attending the annual reunion of the One Hundred and Sixtieth regiment, Indiana Infantry, has resigned as adjutant general of the United Order of Spanish War Veterans.

The announcement that the United States Steel company had decided to maintain the price of steel rails to its customers for 1906 at \$28 a ton was made today at the office of Judge Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the company in New York.

The president has approved the sentence in the court-martial case of First Lieutenant G. S. Richards, Twenty-third infantry, who was convicted of duplicating pay accounts and was sentenced to dismissal from the service and to one year at hard labor.

Green McCurtain, governor of the Choctaw nation, will take his place among the millionaires ere long. He settled up the affairs of the tribe recently, involving the sale of coal lands worth \$40,000,000. Of this purchase price Governor McCurtain will receive 10 per cent as commission, or \$4,000,000.

William Goode, editor of the London Standard, passed through Topeka, Kan. George W. Crane joined him and went to Kansas City. Goode used to work for the Crane Printing Company in Topeka. Later on he branched out in the newspaper profession, and is now at the head of the London publication.

A series of severe earthquake shocks were felt at Portsmouth, N. H.

The new 16,000 tons battleship Vermont, built for the United States government by the Fore River Shipbuilding company, was successfully launched at Quincy, Mass.

James McMenamin, the first chief of the Kansas City fire department, died there, aged 76 years.

John Hicks of Wisconsin, American minister to Chile, arrived at Colon, H. G. Bland also arrived to assume an important position on the Panama railroad.

READ ON OLD TOMBSTONES.

Two Quaint Inscriptions That Gave Strong Testimony.

I was a visitor to the West cemetery in Litchfield a few days ago (where my bones will ultimately rest, unless I am unfortunately drowned at sea), and after inspecting the tombstones of ancestors I was interested in reading the inscriptions on some others, to-wit: Here lies the body of Mary, wife of Dr. John Buel, Esq. She died Nov. 4th, 1768, aet. 94, having had 13 children, 101 grandchildren, 274 great-grandchildren, 22 great-great-grandchildren—total 410; 336 survive her." Another: "Sacred to the memory of Inestimable worth of Unrivalled Excellence & Virtue, Mrs. Rachel, wife of Jerome B. Woodruff, daughter of Norman & Lois Barber, whose ethereal parts became a seraph May 24, 1835, in the 22 y'r of her age."—Correspondence Hartford-Courant.

Hindu Customs.

It is in order that sons may perform the father's funeral ceremonies each year that it is ordained that the son shall inherit the father's property. It is a rule of our faith that by the son's performance of such acts the father obtains heaven. For this reason, if he has no male child, the father will adopt a boy in order that, after his own death, his funeral ceremonies may be performed by the adopted son. —Mysore Standard, Bangalore.

DON'T MISS THIS.

A Cure for Stomach Trouble—A New Method by Absorption—No Drugs.

DO YOU BELCH? It means a diseased stomach. Are you afflicted with short breath, gas, sour eructations, heart pains, indigestion, dyspepsia, burning pains and lead weight in pit of stomach, acid stomach, distended abdomen, dizziness, BAD BREATH, or any other stomach trouble? Let us send you a box of Mull's Anti-Belch Wafers free to convince you that it cures.

Nothing else like it known. It's sure and very pleasant. Cures by absorption. Harmless. No drugs. Stomach trouble can't be cured otherwise—so says medical science. Drugs won't do—they eat up the stomach and make you worse. We know Mull's Anti-Belch Wafers cure and we want you to know it, hence this offer.

SPECIAL OFFER.—The regular price of Mull's Anti-Belch Wafers is 50c. a box, but to introduce it to thousands of sufferers we will send two (2) boxes upon receipt of 75c. and this advertisement, or we will send you a sample free for this coupon.

FREE BOX 114

Send this coupon with your name and address and druggist's name who does NOT sell it, for a free box of Mull's Anti-Belch Wafers to Mull's Grape Tonic Co., 148 Third Ave., Rock Island, Ill. Give full address and write plainly.

Sold at all druggists, 50c. per box.

Dying, Thought of Reputation.

Sergeant Weir of the Scots Grays, as paymaster of his troop, was exempt from active service at the battle of Waterloo, in which he nevertheless fought and fell. When the field was searched for the dead and wounded, Corporal Scot of the same regiment found the body of Sergeant Weir with his name written in blood with his dying hand upon his forehead. This, explained the corporal, was obviously done in order that the sergeant's body might be found and identified, and that thereby all suspicion of his having absconded with the money of his troop might be averted.

College Don's Mistake.

Jewett enjoyed the company of the pretty women whom he invited to Balliol, but I never heard of his being in love. One day a young lady told him it would make her so happy if he would marry her. Upon which he assured her that he was much touched by her proposal, but that he could not entertain it, as he had long given up all thoughts of matrimony. She hastened to explain that she was engaged to some one else, and that she had only ventured to ask him to perform the ceremony.—Levenson-Gower's "Bygone Years."

Sure Cure at Last.

Monticello, Miss., Sept. 4 (Special).—Lawrence County is almost daily in receipt of fresh evidence that a sure cure for all Kidney Troubles has at last been found, and that cure is Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Among those who have reason to bless the Great American Kidney Remedy is Mrs. L. E. Baggett of this place. Mrs. Baggett had dropsy. Dodd's Kidney Pills cured her.

"I was troubled with my kidneys," Mrs. Baggett says in recommending Dodd's Kidney Pills to her friends, "my urine would hardly pass. The doctors said I had Dropsy. I have taken Dodd's Kidney Pills as directed and am now a well woman."

Dodd's Kidney Pills cure the kidneys. Cured Kidneys strain all the impurities out of the blood. That means pure blood and a sound, energetic body. Dodd's Kidney pills are the greatest tonic the world has ever known.

A gentleman of Yorkshire, England, is ready to make affidavit that while he was sitting by the river Leven a pike jumped from the water, bit him severely on the foot and jumped back again.

Here is Relief for Women.

Mother Gray, a nurse in New York, discovered a pleasant herb remedy for women's ills, called AUSTRALIAN-LEAF. It is the only certain monthly regulator. Cures female weaknesses, Backache, Kidney and Urinary troubles. At all Druggists or by mail 50 cts. Sample mailed FREE. Address: The Mother Gray Co., Lenoir, N. Y.

Talk is cheap. A man can get a shave for 5 cents.

Star Gazing During September Month—Uranus and the Cluster of Twinklers

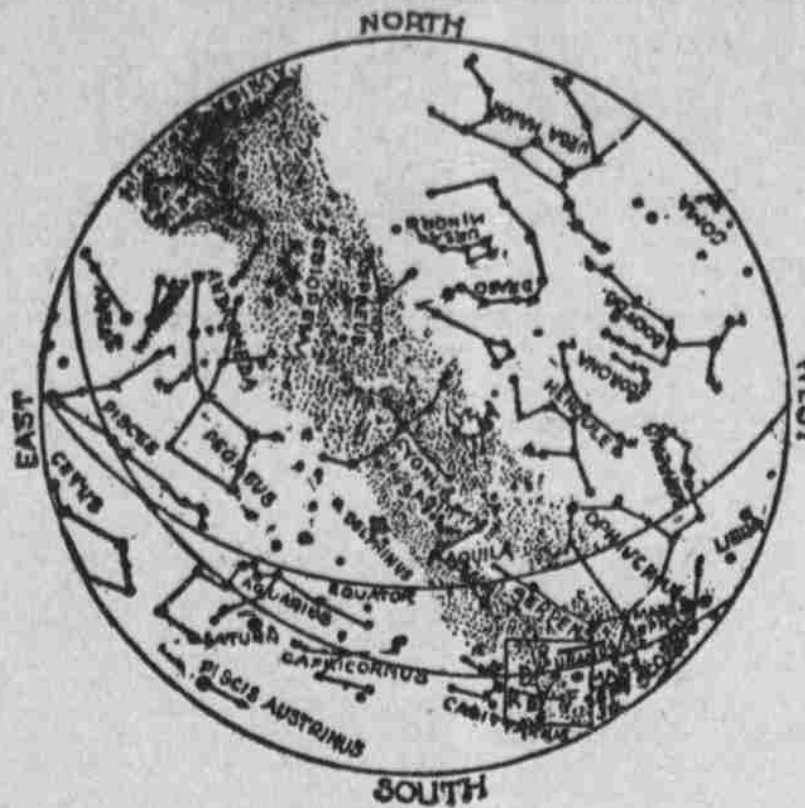


Fig. 1—The constellations at 9 p. m., Sept. 1.

It is the purely autumn constellations which may be seen covering the face of the sky during the evenings of September. A last glimpse of the striking summer group Scorpio may still be had, but this constellation is rapidly sinking low down in the southwest and will soon disappear for another year. At the close of the month the Pleiades and the Hyades, the first of the winter stars, may be seen just above the ground in the east, telling us that summer is indeed over and that winter is at hand. Meanwhile it is the less striking but no less beautiful faint autumn groups which are with us.

Directly overhead will be seen the brilliant Vega with the Northern Cross

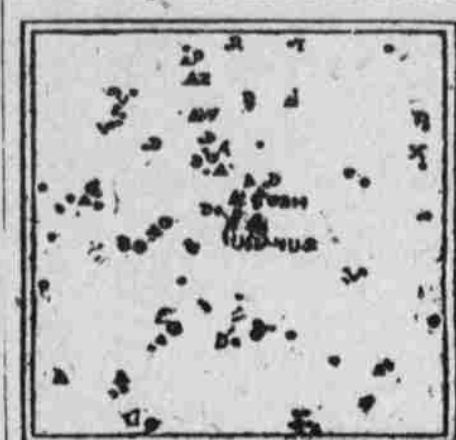


Fig. 2—The square in Fig. 1, enlarged, showing the position of Uranus and Surrounding Stars.

on the east and the delicate little oval figure known as the Northern Crown to the west. Below the Northern Cross is the bright group Aquila, or the Eagle, while further south, at the point where the Milky Way meets the ground, is the large faint group Sagittarius, or the Archer. Arcturus, the largest star of the group Bootes, may still be seen driving the Great Bear in ceaseless flight before him in the northwest, while directly opposite him in the extreme southeast there is appearing for the first time this year the magnificent Royal Star, Formalhaut.

Mars Will Disappear.

The planet Mars is still conspicuous in the southwest, but it would disappear during the month were it not that it has already begun its very rapid eastward motion among the stars. It

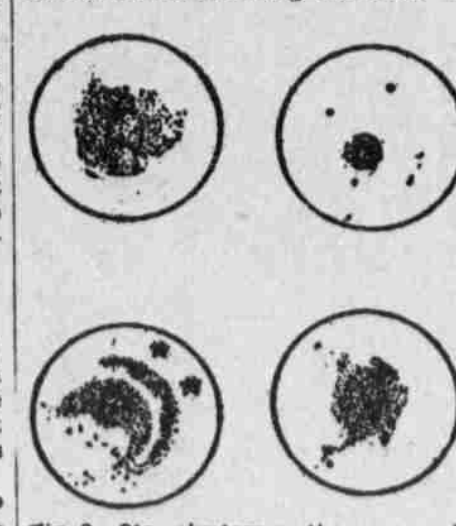


Fig. 3—Star clusters as they appear in a small telescope.

is now just above Antares, the fiery red star which will be seen sitting in the extreme southwest, but during the month it will move entirely out of the constellation Scorpio and well into the Milky Way. As will be seen from figure 1 it will by this time almost have overtaken the planet Uranus, which is itself moving very slowly toward the east, but it will not pass this body until Oct. 8 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The beautiful planet Saturn, with its rings, is each evening being brought into more and more favorable position for observation. It is now in the southeast in the constellation Aquarius. It may be easily located on the brightest object in this part of the heavens, with the single exception of Formalhaut, a reddish star which is much lower down near the ground. The earth is well above the plane of the rings, so that we now look down upon them and see them well opened out. The rings will continue to widen until Oct. 27, after which they will apparently begin slowly to grow narrower again. Their appearance will thus gradually change from that shown in figure 5 to a very narrow line, as shown in figure 6, and finally when we arrive in such a position that we view

them exactly edgewise they will disappear from view entirely, except in the largest telescopes, and the planet with its moons will alone remain visible, as shown in figure 7.

The September Stars.

Figure 1 shows all of the brighter stars just as they appear in the sky at 9 o'clock on any of the evenings of September. If the observer will watch the heavens for a few moments only he will see that the groups toward the west, or on the right side of the map, are slowly setting while those on the left are mounting higher and higher in the sky and new groups, not shown on the map, are rising in the east to take their places. A watch of only ten or fifteen minutes will make this motion very evident. By 10 o'clock the group Aries will be well up from the ground in the east, while below this, in the position occupied by Aries in figure 1, will be seen the constellation Taurus, with the beautiful Pleiades and Hyades. Between these two groups a most striking star will at once be noticed, a star very much brighter than any of the fixed stars in the east. This is the planet Jupiter, which is rising earlier and earlier each evening and which will for many months be the most beautiful and conspicuous object in the heavens.

A View of Uranus.

The possessor of a small telescope should not fail to look for the planet Uranus, not only because it is in a more favorable position for observation than it will be again this year, but also because it is in a very rich region of the sky and is surrounded by many beautiful objects which will well repay examination. To make this easier a part of figure 1 is shown on a much larger scale in figure 2. This figure is a map of the stars enclosed within the square at the bottom of figure 1. These may be very readily found on the sky by noticing that the stars A, B, C, E, F and K are the same on both maps. Below and to the right of A, figure 2, will be seen a fourth magnitude star DH; to the left of this there is a row of three sixth magnitude stars of which the middle one is Uranus.

The observer will probably have no difficulty in finding Uranus with the help of figures 1 and 2, but when found its appearance will probably disappoint him. Its apparent diameter is only four seconds—that is, it only appears to be about one-tenth as large in diameter as Jupiter and therefore in a small telescope it looks almost exactly like a rather small greenish star. Yet if the observer will compare the planet with the other stars near it he will soon notice a difference in the character of its light or luster, while if he has access to a telescope of four or five inches aperture the little round disk will be very distinctly visible.

Has Dense Atmosphere.

The planet is so inconspicuous in the telescope only because it is so enormously far away. Actually it is a great world 32,000 miles in diameter, but so great is its distance from us that its light occupies two hours and forty-seven minutes in making its long journey to the earth, although light travels more than 186,000 miles in one second of time. The planet is surrounded by a very dense atmosphere, and indeed is very probably wholly vaporized and at a high temperature. Its density is still very low; a cubic foot of Uranus would only weigh one-fourth as much as a cubic foot of our earth, and apparently many ages must pass away as it shrinks together and cools off before it can support any form of life which we can conceive of.

Four Small Moons.

Uranus is attended by four small

around the planet in only two and one-half days, while the outer one requires only thirteen and one-half days in which to make the circuit. It will be remembered that our own moon goes around the earth in twenty-eight days. While a month on Uranus, reckoning by its nearest moon, is but two and one-half days long, the year, on the contrary, is eighty-four times as long as ours, for Uranus occupies eighty-four years in passing around the sun. Only an inhabitant who lived to be a good old age would therefore be privileged to see the four seasons, spring, summer, autumn and winter, on this planet.

On figure 2 there are shown a few of the interesting objects in this part of the sky. Each round dot of this figure represents a star, the size of the dots showing the comparative brightness of the stars, while each triangular dot shows the position of a star cluster or nebula. Each double star is marked D, each triple star T, each red star R, and each variable star V.

Star Clusters.

The clusters will well repay examination. Those at L, S and 2 are rather loose clusters, but are fine objects in a small telescope. Those at W, O and Q are densely crowded clusters of faint stars, the first being surrounded by a superb field of brighter stars. The two dots marked P are remarkable nebulas. The lower is an enormously extended nebulous cloud which is divided by black lanes into three parts and mixed up with a cluster of stars; the upper is the horseshoe nebula whose appearance in a large telescope is as shown in figure 3. In figure 4 are several star clusters as they appear in a small telescope; the first of these is the cluster at Q, figure 2.

The little dot marked X shows the point at which in 1604 a magnificent new star appeared and grew so rapidly in brightness that it soon far outshone every other star in the sky. It could even be easily seen in full daylight. It remained visible for two years, but it has now long since entirely disappeared.

Astor's "Stately Pleasure Dome."

The London Mirror tells of the activities of our former fellow-citizen, Mr. W. W. Astor, in making a new home for himself in England. It seems that he has bought a property de-

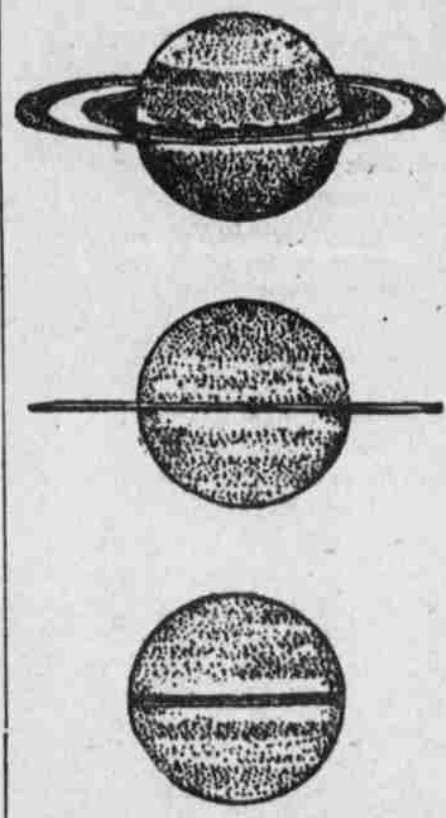


Fig. 5—Saturn as it appears now.
Fig. 6—Saturn as it appears when the rings are seen nearly edgewise.
Fig. 7—Saturn when the rings are turned edgewise toward us.

scribed as "the historic Hever estate in Kent," and is improving it.

It includes 2,000 acres of land and a moated castle, nearly six hundred years old, where at one time Henry VIII maintained Anne of Cleves. On this estate Mr. Astor has put to work about one thousand men, with due apparatus, and is making changes rated as improvements which the calculating natives estimate will cost him a million and a quarter pounds.

He is building a lake, a model village, roads, bridges and gardens, and is doubtless having a good deal of the sort of fun that Mr. Kipling in a recent story has suggested as a suitable recreation for tired Americans.

Turkish Title for American.

The sultan of Turkey has conferred on Prof. Herman V. Hilprecht of Philadelphia, the Order of the Golden Lailikat. The order was founded by Abdul Hamid in 1890, and the degree is usually conferred upon victorious Turkish generals for "valor and loyalty."

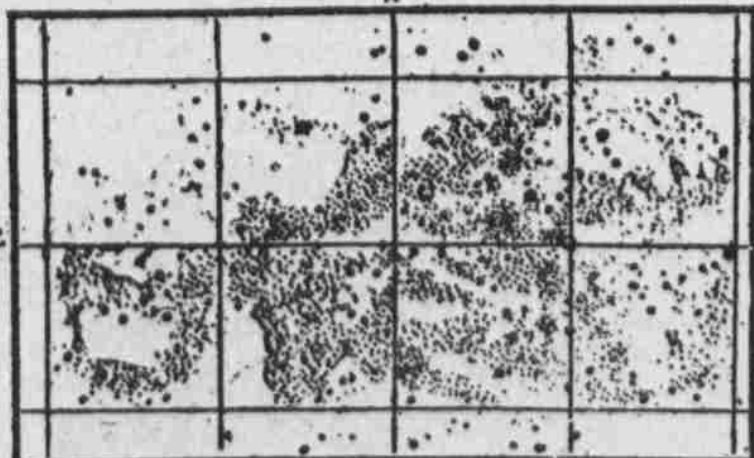


Fig. 4—The Horseshoe Nebula.

FEVER'S AFTER EFFECTS

Did Not Disappear Until the Blood Was Renewed by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Typhoid fever is sometimes called nervous fever. During the course of the fever the nerves are always profoundly disturbed, and when it is over they are left so sensitive that the patient has to be guarded against all excitement. In the tonic treatment then demanded, regard must be paid not only to building up flesh but also to strengthening the nerves. A remedy that will do both, make sound flesh to repair waste and give new vigor to feeble nerves, is the most convenient and economical. Such a remedy is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

One proof of this is the experience of Mr. Charles Worth, of East Vassalboro, Maine. He says: "I had a severe attack of typhoid fever late in the fall which left me very weak and debilitated. My heart palpitated, my breathing became difficult after the least exertion and there was numbness in both hands. I suffered in that way for fully six months. As I did not grow out of it, did not in fact see the slightest improvement as time passed, I decided to use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as I knew of some cures they had effected in cases like mine."

"Almost as soon as I began taking them I could see decided improvement and after keeping on with them for several weeks I was completely well. I consider Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a most valuable remedy, and I am in the habit of recommending them to others afflicted as I was."

When the nerves ache and tremble it means that they are starving. The only way to feed them is through the blood, and the best food is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They are absolutely guaranteed to be free from opiates or other harmful drugs. They are sold by all druggists, or may be obtained directly from the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

"I don't see how Bilkins can stand that wife of his. She's ugly, ill humored, and she's his fourth attempt, anyhow." "That's just it. He's been married four times, but this is the first time he's struck a real good cook."

COMMON SENSE.

A large Minneapolis manufacturing concern, The Pillsbury Co., are employing a unique method in advertising their product, "Pillsbury's Vitos, The Meat of the Wheat," in appealing to the "Common Sense" of the American public.

Their assertions are modest as compared to most of the cereal food advertisements of the last few years, but they carry a ring of truth. Their reasoning is certainly rational; here is some of it:

"We all believe that Wheat is the best cereal the Creator has given mankind."

Pillsbury's Vitos is nothing more nor less than the white heart of this wheat kernel, cut out by steel machinery, and sterilized—nothing added—nothing taken away—no adulteration—no flavoring—no coloring—no cooking.

This product comes to your table in its pure, white, granular form, an appetizing dish for young and old.

Easily digested because it retains its granular form when cooked, never lumpy or pasty.

A two-pound package makes twelve pounds of pure white cooked food, and Pillsbury quality too. Two generous dishes for one cent.

We have no competitors because we are the largest millers in the world and get the best wheat. Your grocer will gladly fill your order for Pillsbury's Vitos because he knows he sells you satisfaction. Vitos is put up only in two pound packages—air tight. Price 15c. Don't be without it."

No man or boy is ever the slightest good in this world unless he has ambition.—Lord Stanley.

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in 8-ounce packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 ozs." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

An average man would soon attain perfection if he followed the advice he hands out to his neighbors.

Automobile touring car for sale. For particulars address A. L. Purcell, 415 Karbach block, Omaha, Neb.

Even the toper has his cardinal features.

AT BED TIME I TAKE A PLEASANT HERBS DRINK

THE NEXT MORNING I FEEL BRIGHT AND NEW

My doctor says it acts gently on the stomach, liver and kidneys and is a pleasant laxative. This drink is made from herbs and is prepared for use as easily as tea. It is called "Lane's Family Medicine."

LANE'S FAMILY MEDICINE

All druggists or by mail 25 cts. and 50 cts. Buy it in Lane's Family Medicine boxes. Buy it in Lane's Family Medicine bottles. In order to be healthy the body must be kept in good condition. Address, O. F. Woodward, Le Roy, N. Y.