

A system of school savings banks imported from Europe in 1885, is now in operation in eleven states. About twenty-eight thousand pupils are depositors, with \$140,000 to their credit. Dr. Fifield, an authority on the subject, says that the prime object of the school savings bank system is not so much the saving of money, as the inculcation of the principles of thrift, honesty and self responsibility.

A pauper may not, because of his insanity, be entitled to extravagant fare or gorgeous surrounding.

The Cuban Scare.
Although the diplomatic entanglement with Spain over Cuba is to some extent influencing the stock market, Wall street expects no serious complications. Nevertheless serious complications with other maladies may be expected to follow an attack of biliousness which is not checked at the outset. The most effective means to this end is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, an admirable remedy, moreover, for dyspepsia, malaria, kidney trouble, constipation and nervousness.

Dancing came first of all the public arts. It antedates music, singing and sculpture.

Beauty, Utility and Value
Are happily combined in Hood's Sarsaparilla Coupon Calendar for 1898. The lovely child's head in an embossed gold frame, surrounded by sprays of flowers in most harmonious pad in blue with clear figures, and the Coupons by means of which many valuable books and other articles may be obtained, make up the most desirable Calendar ever seen. The first coupon article is Hood's Practical Cook's Book, a handsome, useful volume of 350 pages. Ask your druggist for Hood's Coupon Calendar, or send 6 cents in stamps for one to C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

"So you clubbed together and got your janitor a Christmas present, eh? What was it? A beautiful frame, with the motto inside, 'Let the Lower Lights be Burning'."—Chicago News.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.
Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c. 25c. If C.C.C. fail, druggists refund money.

Every citizen of this country has the right to get to the sea of his product.

FREE FARM OF 160 ACRES.

Would You Like to Be Absolute Owner of Your Own Farm?
WOULD you like a farm that produces upon an average of 30 bushels of wheat per acre?
WOULD you like a farm that grows from 60 to 90 bushels of oats per acre?
WOULD you like a farm that grows from 40 to 60 bushels of barley per acre?
WOULD you like a farm that grows more bushels of potatoes per acre than any farm in Michigan?
WOULD you like a farm that produces all kinds of roots and vegetables in abundance?
WOULD you like a farm that produces the heaviest and fattest beef cattle that goes to the English market?
WOULD you like a farm that produces butter and cheese equal to the finest Danish?
WOULD you like to own a farm in a country where cattle are never stabled winter or summer?
WOULD you like to live in a country where taxes are very low, the principal taxation being for schools, and the government pays 75 per cent of that?
WOULD you like to live in a country where every person is happy and contented, excepting the doctors and undertakers?
WOULD you like to be where each of your sons can get 160 acres free, when they reach 18 years of age?
If so, consult the advertisement of the Canadian, government free lands, appearing elsewhere.

It rains on an average 208 days in the year in Ireland, about 150 in England, at Kezan about 100 days and in Siberia only 60 days.

An inspiration that produces no result, is no better than agreeable recollection.

To Cure Constipation Forever.
Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic, 10c or 25c. If C.C.C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

If the pockets are deep enough a boy's first pair of trousers always fit.

A Breeding Mule.

"Thus far and no farther," was Nature's edict when she permitted the apparent inconsistent creation of the mule, and to all intents and purposes the end is reached by the one cross, mare mules, as a rule, not possessing the power to reproduce their kind, though coming in heat, periodically, as other mares do, says Indiana Farmer. There are, however, isolated cases on record of a mule conceiving to the service of a stallion and producing a foal, though it is not shown that the foal ever lived beyond a period of a few months. One case of the kind is related that occurred in Virginia over fifty years ago was not suspected until the arrival of the foal; the dam having been constantly at work until the strange event took place. It is said that she showed a little or no udder development, but milk secretion was evidently in a natural condition for the foal which arrived in a skinny and delicate shape soon began to pick up and thrive, but at five months of age it sickened and died. The following year, the same mule produced another foal, having been served by a young stallion running in the pasture with her; this foal, as with the other, partook more of the characteristics of the horse than of those of the dam, and was a strong, healthy fellow until he had reached about a year old, then he died, despite the care and skill that were used to save his life. The mother of these colts was a mule in every sense of the word and without the shadow of a doubt and the experience is a very remarkable one. There are probably other such cases, but in them all they seem to have come into the world as monstrous and unwelcome exceptions to Nature's decree, soon to perish and pass out of existence. It is well that it is so; the mule is a serviceable, useful servant to man's requirements, but when it comes to a further perpetuation of the species, no improvement, gain or good can result therefrom and any attempt in that direction can result in nothing but infinite disorder and confusion.

Live Stock Feeders and Breeders.
I take this opportunity of advising all interested of the calling of the American Livestock Feeders' and Breeders' convention at the state capitol rooms, St. Paul, January 11 and 12 next. Its objects will be, first, to discuss the breeding of the best types of live stock to meet the demands of the market; second, kinds of food and manner of feeding to produce an animal that will bring the top market price; third, marketing live stock. During the past several years the live stock interest has increased very rapidly in Minnesota, the Dakotas, and over the Northwest generally; and there are hundreds, even thousands, of new beginners in this business, who are steadily increasing their herds. The meeting, however, will be national in its scope, and is intended to represent the live stock interests for discussion of the important points above mentioned, both of the United States and Canada. Its object is to bring together beginners in stock raising, and experienced breeders and feeders, in order that there may be a mutual exchange of views and methods in the manner of feeding and breeding live stock. Low railway rates, both east and west of St. Paul, are expected, and eminent experts in breeding and feeding have already signified their intention of being present, from Pittsburg on the East, to the Pacific ocean on the West. The various live stock organizations throughout the United States and Canada are invited to appoint delegates to be in attendance to represent their organizations, and in addition, all persons interested in the breeding and feeding of live stock will be accepted as delegates, by reporting their names and addresses to the secretary upon the day of their arrival at St. Paul. The council of arrangements extends to your paper a most cordial invitation to be represented at the convention. The ripe experience of your editorial staff cannot but be highly beneficial in the deliberations of the meeting.
David R. McGinnis,
Executive Manager.

Do You Dance To-night?
Shake into your Shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It makes tight or New Shoes feel Easy. Cures Corns, Bunions, Chilblains and Sweating Feet. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Oysters grow on trees in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. It is not unusual for a tree branch which dips into the lake to have oyster spat deposited upon it, and in time the branch becomes covered with fat oysters.

New Invention.
The United States patent office last week issued 483 patents. Amongst the curious of these were included a cycle embodying but a single wheel and a bicycle known as a unicycle, the patent being issued to an Iowa inventor.

While another Iowa inventor received a patent for a centrifugal cream separator. It remained for Utica, N. Y., inventor to provide a running gear for a baby carriage, by which the forward wheels can be dropped downward so that the carriage body may be held horizontal while the baby carriage is being wheeled up and down stairs. Most people have realized the dangers attending conveying a child in a baby buggy up or down flights of stairs, which is entirely overcome by the new invention. Above we show a simple movement by means of which the wheel A revolves the larger wheel D in opposite directions. Inventors desiring free information may obtain the same in addressing Sues & Co., registered patent agents, Omaha, Neb.

About the worse piece of luck that can happen to a busy man is to make a favorable impression upon a bore.—Aitchison Globe.

Iowa Patent Office Report.
DES MOINES, Jan. 5.—W. T. M. asks: If a person should use a ratchet in an improved window shade roller, similar to Hartshorn's, would it be an infringement? Is not the principle of such a ratchet too common to patent? Without searching the records to see Hartshorn's claims, I will endeavor to answer your question and make the matter plain to you.
Suppose Hartshorn's claim is for the combination of a ratchet, a pawl or detent, a spring and a roller for operating a curtain, all the parts may be common but the combination thereof new and patentable. To improve any one part or element in that combination, or to add another part thereto, to gain new or improved result thereby, would be patentable, but not clear of the prior broad combination claim, and an infringement, if used without license. But if one of the four parts is left out, then the combination is broken, and it would not be an infringement of the claim that had four parts in it.

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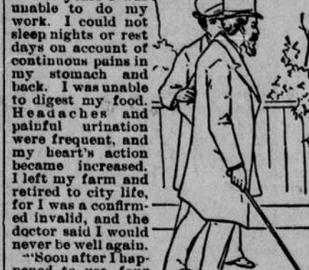
If Noah were alive today he would probably build another ark and get some Kentucky belle or christen it.—Chicago Daily News.

How's This!
We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. 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 their firm. West & Truax, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.; Walzing, Kinnear & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The only windows in Korean houses are pieces of glass about the size of a nickel.

GAINED FORTY-EIGHT POUNDS

"I had a strong appetite for liquor which was the beginning of the breaking down of my health. I was also a slave to tea and coffee drinking. I took the gold cure but it did not help me."
"This is a portion of an interview clipped from the Daily Herald, of Clinton, Iowa. It might well be taken for the subject of a temperance lecture but that is not our object in publishing it. It is to show how a system, run down by drink and disease, may be restored. We cannot do better than quote further from the same:
"For years I was unable to do my work. I could not sleep nights or rest days on account of continuous pains in my stomach and back. I was unable to digest my food. Headaches and painful urination were frequent, and my heart's action became increased. I left my farm and retired to city life, for I was a confirmed invalid, and the doctor said I would never be well again."
"Soon after I happened to use four boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and I retired to city life, since then have been free from all pain, headache and dyspepsia. I eat heartily and have no appetite for strong drink or tea or coffee, and feel twenty years younger."
"My weight has increased 48 pounds. I cannot say too much for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and claim that they have cured me."
JOHN B. COOK.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this sixteenth day of February, 1897.
A. F. BARKER, Notary Public.

To people run down in health from whatever cause—drink or disease—the above interview will be of interest. The truth of it is undoubted as the statement is sworn to, and we reproduce the same here. For any further facts concerning this medicine write to Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

The name and address of the subject of above interview is John B. Cook, of 208 South 5th Street, Lyon, Iowa.

"Why do you think Bingle would make a good alderman. He's as deaf as a post." That's the very reason he would be a safe man. Your briber never puts a proposition in black and white.—Chicago News.

Beauty is Blood Deep.
Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic cleans your blood and keeps it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets.—Beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed. 10c, 25c, 50c.

If some men had to eat their own words they would soon die of indigestion.
Smoke Sledge Cigarettes, 20 for 5 cts.

There were fewer railroads bankruptcies in 1897 than for ten years.

The next chapter of Charles A. Dana's "Reminiscences of Men and Events of the Civil War," now publishing in McClure's Magazine, will give Mr. Dana's experiences and observations in daily life with Grant at the siege and fall of Vicksburg. It will contain more of the unpublished correspondence between himself and Mr. Stanton, and afford new light generally on people and incidents.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.
We are asserting in the courts our right to the exclusive use of the word "CASTORIA," and "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," as our Trade Mark.

I, Dr. Samuel Pitcher, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the name that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on every wrapper. This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA" which has been used in the homes of the mothers of America for over thirty years. Look carefully at the wrapper and see that it is "the kind you have always bought," and has the signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on the wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.
March 8, 1897. SAMUEL PITCHER, M. D.

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WONDERS NEVER CEASE.
Salzer's great catalogue paints four vegetable wonders, a Fig, a Peach and a Strawberry Tomato, also an Orange Vine; genuine, splendid novelties. His Golden Rind Watermelon created a tremendous sensation in 1897 and took 1,000 first prizes, selling at \$1.00 apiece. His Lightning Cabbage is 18 days ahead of other seedsmen's earliest, while his Early Peas, Radishes, Tomatoes, Melons, Beets, etc., ripen weeks before their relatives.

If You Will Send this Notice and 35 cts. to John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., you will get free their big catalogue (tells all about gardening) and above four vegetable wonders. w.n.c.

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OLD OR NEW RHEUMATIC PAINS
Promptly cured by ST. JACOBS OIL.

CANDY CATHARTIC
Cure Constipation
REGULATE THE LIVER
ALL DRUGGISTS

GUARANTEED TO CURE every kind of Cough, Colds, La Grippe, Hoarseness, etc.

Dr. Kay's Lung Balm
Write us all of YOUR SYMPTOMS plainly.
Our physician will give FREE ADVICE, 68-page book of recipes, and FREE SAMPLE. PRICE, 10c and 25c.
Address DR. B. J. KAY MEDICAL CO., (Western Office), Omaha, Neb.

A PUZZLE MAP OF THE UNITED STATES
SENT FREE TO ANY ADDRESS UPON RECEIPT OF FIVE TWO-CENT STAMPS TO COVER THE COST OF MAILING. BEST INSTRUCTOR in geography ever seen. Interests the children and teaches them the geography of their own country in a practical and lasting manner. Not more than one sent to one address. Write to F. H. LORD, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, Chicago Great Western Railway, QUINCY BUILDING, CHICAGO, ILL.

60 ACRE FARMS IN WESTERN CANADA FREE
For maps, pamphlets, railway rates, etc., and full information concerning this country, enjoying exceptionally pleasant climate and continuous good crops, apply to W. V. BENNETT, Can. Gov't Agent, New York Life Building, Omaha, Neb.

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Sick and Nervous Headaches POSITIVELY Cured in 30 Minutes, by Anti-Neuralgic
At all druggists or sent post-paid upon receipt of \$1. FRENCH CHEMICAL CO., 356 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

FISOL'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION
CURES WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS. Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in Time. Sold by druggists.

The hair
is like a plant. What makes the plant fade and wither? Usually lack of necessary nourishment. The reason why Dr. Ayer's Hair Vigor restores gray or faded hair to its normal color, stops hair from falling, and makes it grow, is because it supplies the nourishment the hair needs.

"When a girl at school, in Reading, Ohio, I had a severe attack of brain fever. On my recovery, I found myself perfectly bald and, for a long time, I feared I should be permanently so. Friends urged me to use Dr. Ayer's Hair Vigor, and, on doing so, my hair immediately began to grow, and I now have as heavy and fine a head of hair as one could wish for, being changed, however, from blonde to dark brown."—Mrs. J. H. BOSSNYDER, 152 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz, Cal.

Ayer's Hair Vigor.

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Saler's Seeds are Warranted to Produce.
10 DOLLARS WORTH FOR 10c.
J. A. SALZER SEED CO., LA CROSSE, WIS.

The first of yesterday may be the second today and out of the race tomorrow.
It Keeps the Feet Dry and Warm
And is the only cure for Chilblains, Frostbites, Damp, Sweating Feet, Corns and Bunions. Ask for Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to be shaken into the shoes. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N.Y.

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Write CAPT. O'FARRELL, Pension Agent, 1425 New York Avenue, WASHINGTON, D. C.

The character of the citizen is largely formed in his childhood.
Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup
For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

PENSIONS, PATENTS, CLAIMS.
JOHN W. MORRIS, WASHINGTON, D. C.
Late Principal Examiner U. S. Pension Bureau.
Says in last war, in adjudicating claims, etc.

No man can be a fair judge who does not understand both sides.
Two bottles of Piso's Cure for Consumption cured me of a bad lung trouble.—Mrs. J. Nichols, Princeton, Ind. March 26, 1895.
If a man never takes the first drink he will never die a drunkard.

ASTHMA
DR. TAPT BROS., 4 Elm St., Rochester, N. Y.

Coe's Cough Balsam
In the oldest and best. It will break up a cold quicker than anything else. It is always reliable. Try it.
A law that is not uniformly applied is not just.

ROOFING The best Red Rope Roofing for sale, red, green, blue, and black. It is guaranteed to last for 10 years. Samples free. The FAY MANILLA ROOFING CO., Camden, N. J.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.
Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c, \$1. All druggists.

FLORIDA Full illustrated descriptive immigration literature free. Postage 10c. STATE PRESS BUREAU, Tallahassee.

The broadest and most liberal policy is the best.
Star Tobacco is the leading brand of the world, because it is the best.

If afflicted with Thompson's Eye Water.

If a man can't sing and will sing he should be sent to Sing Sing.

DROPS CURES RHEUMATISM AND MANY OTHER DISEASES.
If You or Friends Are Suffering All Can be Cured. The following letter is a sample of many received:
Johnstown, N. Y., Jan. 3rd, 1898.
SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE CO., Chicago, Gentlemen:—I have been intending to write you in regard to my cure by your wonderful medicine "DROPS" in July 1897 I was taken sick with what is called consumption of disease, being acute inflammation of all the organs of the body. I was very sick for about three months, having but one chance in a hundred of recovery, but the good Lord allowed me to live, the disease settling in my kidneys and bladder. I had also indigestion, constipation, nervous dyspepsia, heart failure, aches twice a week on the prostate gland, hemorrhage of the bowels once a week, enlarged spleen, muscular rheumatism in the palms of my hands, extending to my shoulders, catarrh and chills and shakes, which no medicine in the state could tell me what they were or the cause. I would freeze to ice for fully five minutes, then the shakes would begin and I would shake from one half hour to an hour and a half, and when they stopped I had no strength left, the after effects were more like a fit. I would sleep very heavily for three hours or more, all under the most intense pain. All the specialists in the state declared me incurable. The X-ray was put on by one of the city's most eminent physicians, but he told me I was incurable, that I must use plenty of morphine or suffer. Soon after I saw the ad in a western paper of "DROPS," the recipe from the celebrated physician, Dr. Lloyd, whom I knew by reputation. I wrote and explained my case to the Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co., and received an answer that I could be cured, and sent me a small trial bottle to begin on. Just before I received it I had one of those terrible shakes which almost killed me. For nine years I had a kidney backache, a hot stinging pain that never left me for a moment. I tried everything I could hear of, but could get no relief until I began the "DROPS." The first dose I took the 5th of May, 1897, at noon, and in less than an hour the backache left me. Dr. Lloyd said I used it steadily for three weeks and kept getting better; at the end of three weeks the pain in my side stopped; at the end of four weeks the rheumatism was no more, and in six weeks all my pain left me. My chills and shakes are gone; my heart failure and dyspepsia went the first week and I feel strong and well, and I thank my God daily for having put me in the way of this great medicine. It has cured many in this vicinity and is still curing afflicted ones who take it steadily and want to be cured. BUNN'S WHITE.
"DROPS" cures Rheumatism, Sciatica, Neuralgia, Dyspepsia, Backache, Asthma, Hay Fever, Catarrh, Sleeplessness, Nervousness, Nervous and Neuralgic Headaches, Earache, Toothache, Heart Weakness, Croup, Swelling, La Grippe, Malaria, Creeping Eruptions.
For THIRTY DAYS LONGER sample bottle, prepaid by mail, for 25 cents. At least a trial, we will send a vial you. Also, large bottles (500 doses) \$1.00, 3 bottles for \$2.50. Not sold by druggists, only by us and our agents. Agents everywhere.
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