Old People Need A Bowel Stimulant

The Ideal One Is a Mild Laxative-Tonic That Will Keep the Bowels Gently Active.

Healthy old age is so absolutely dependent upon the condition of the bowels that great care should be taken to see that they act regularly. The fact is that as age advances the stomach muscles become weak and inactive and the liver does not store up the juices that are necessary to prompt digestion.

Some help can be obtained by eating easily digested foods and by plenty of exercise, but this latter is irksome to most elderly people. One thing is certain, that a state of constipation should always be avoided, as it is dangerous to life and health. The best plan is to take a mild laxative as often as is deemed necessary. But with equal certainty it is suggested that cathartics. purgatives, physics, salts and pills be and are so harsh as to be a shock to a delicate system.

A much better plan and one that ing, is to take a gentle laxative-tonic acts as nearly like nature as is possible. In fact, the tendency of this remedy is to strengthen the stomach and bowel rally again, when medicines of all kinds can usually be dispensed with. This is the opinion of many people of A. P. Davidson of University Mound and because of her sedentary habits it will do.

Signatures on Paintings.

Experts rarely rely on signatures alone to determine the authenticity of an old painting, but trust rather to their knowledge of the painter's technique. Sometimes the painter's name is found in a conspicuous place, as, for instance, in Raphael's "Sposalizo" at Milan.

Proud of having surpassed his master the youthful genius wrote on a frieze in the very center of the canvas, Raphael Urbinas."

Reynolds hardly ever signed his work. But upon the completion of the portrait of Mrs. Siddons as "The Trag-&c Muse," he wrote his name large on the gold embroidery of her dress. He was unable, he said, "to resist the temptation of sending my name to posterity on the hem of your garment."

Sure.

"This story says a man raised an umbrella," said the Boob. "Where do they raise umbrellas?" "In wet climates," replied the

Cheerful Idiot.

"Is your business a matrimonial bu-

"Of course it isn't!" "Then why do you advertise for sealed proposals?"

Don't neglect a cold. It means Consumption or Pneumonia. Dean's Mentholated Cough Drops check colds—5c at Druggists.

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Bix-A man can't take his money with him when he dies; and even if he

eould, what good would it do him? er. They are like Bluff and Stuff.

Dix—Well, he might get some com"Who came out ahead," a man fort out of a cool million.

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CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it Bears the Bignature of Chart Hillichus.
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CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS are responsible — they not only give relief CARTERS - they perma-nently cure Contipation. Millions use

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A bottle can be bought of any druggist at fifty cents or one dollar. People thousands of elderly people are follow- usually buy the fifty cent size first, and then, having convinced themselves of like Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which its merits, they buy the dollar size, which is more economical. Results are always guaranteed or money will be refunded. Elderly persons of both muscles and so train them to act natu- sexes can follow these suggestions

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> When a man begins to abuse his own town it is time for him to move

Many a man gets to be conceited by

thinking he isn't.

Great Loss. "Did that speculator lose anything in the financial flurry?" "He lost his head."

Something Like. "Did you ever feel the influence of starlight night?" "Humph! All moonshine."

Room. "How do you like my new skirt?" asked the sweet young thing. "Asn't it perfect?'

'Well, there isn't much room for improvement," replied the grouch.

The Use of Words.

"Talking about stupid ones, that Smith girl is dumb!' "Yes, you can tell that as soon as you hear her talk."

Alcoholic Fiction.

"That's a corking good story Scribble is contributing to Flimmer's magazine.

"I should say it's an un-corking good story. The leading character is a dipsomaniac."

Easy Winner. Senator Key Pittman was talking in Tonopah about two lobbyists who

had quarreled. "But there's no fear," he said, their maining or mutilating each oth-

asked, 'in that street row between Bluff and Stuff?'

'Stuff did,' was the answer, 'but he had half a street's start."

Doesn't Speak Well of Him. "Why did the last man who roomed here leave?" asked the would-be lodger.

"I told him to go," answered the landlady. "And I don't want any more roomers like him. He should be living in a pig pen."

"Rather careless, eh?" "Careless is altogether too mild a word, sir. I'm not finicky, because I can't afford to be, but I give you my word that I never put but one thing

in his room that stayed clean." "What was that?"

"His towel."

A FOOD DRINK Which Brings Daily Enjoyment.

A lady doctor writes: "Though busy hourly with my own affairs, I will not deny myself the pleas ure of taking a few minutes to tell of my enjoyment daily obtained from my morning cup of Postum. It is a food beverage, not an irritant like coffee.

"I began to use Postum 8 years ago, not because I wanted to, but because coffee, which I dearly loved, made my nights long, weary periods to be dread ed and unfitting me for business during the day.

"On advice of a friend, I first tried Postum, making it carefully as suggested on the package. As I had always used 'cream and no sugar.' mixed my Postum so. It looked good was clear and fragrant, and it was a pleasure to see the cream color it as my Kentucky friend wanted her cof fee to look-'like a new saddle.'

'Then I tasted it critically, for I had tried many 'substitutes' for coffee. was pleased, yes, satisfied with my Postum in taste and effect, and am yet being a constant user of it all these years. I continually assure my friends and acquaintances that they will like it in place of coffee, and receive benefit from its use. I have gained weight

can sleep and am not nervous."

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Instant Postum is a soluble powder A teaspoonful dissolves quickly in a cup of hot water and, with cream and sugar, makes a delicious beverage in stantly. Grocers sell both kinds. 'There's a reason' for Postum.

Madame?" "Let us see what those boxes contain



Behrens, pressing his forefinger on his lips, stood for a moment contemplating the boxes, then making up his mind which of them he should open first, he produced a hat of lavender with white ostrich feather plumes.

He stood for a moment looking at it who had not yet left the room, "has Placide returned yet?"

Synopsis.

"THE MINISTER OF POLICE," by Henry Mountjoy, is a romance of Paris during the Louis XV reign, a period when Europe was in a condition of foment and unrest; when Voltaire was breaking, to pleces the shackles of religion; when Rouisseau at the Cafe de Regenance was preaching the right to think; and when a thousand men, some in the gutter, some near the throne, were prep_ing the great explosion of the revolution.

Madame Linden, an Austrian lady, after completing a simple mission to the French county, lingers on in Paris, enjoying the gay life there. De Sartines, the minister of police, thinks she has some other motive than pleasure in delaying her departure and surrounds her with sples to discover, if possible, whether she is dabbling in state plots.

The Lussac is a noble of exceptional character of that period. Handsome, with all the elegance of a man of the court, there is still about him something that stamps him as a man apart, something of the visionary, the enthusiast and the poet, rare in that age of animal lust, chilling wit and embroidered brutality. He is, in fact, steeped in the philosophy of Rousseau and is trying to put this philosophy linto practice through his connection with a secret society that is plotting the downfall of the sitate. Before he has gone far enough to incriminate himself he falls in love with the beautiful Austrian, who persuades him his method of righting the wrongs of humanity is impracticable, and ends by promising to go to Vienna with her to live.

As he leaves her house a fellow conspirator, his chief, joins him, says several of the interpretate arrested, and ender the poet are arrested, and ender the poet a "In this light, Madame, this hat is almost impossible; however, to get the effect of contour—" He handed it to her, and she put it on.
"Tilted slightly more to the left, Madame."

and shaking his head.

"So?" asked the baroness.
"Perfectly," replied the hat-artist,
"and with the mouth closed, please.
It is not a hat of conversation, but designed for occasions of formality when
the weare is isolated as when drivthe wearer is isolated, as when driv-ing alone. Madame de Stenlis will per-haps give her opinion?" But before Madame de Stenlis could

speak, Rosine appeared at the door-

iy. "Monsieur de S**art**ines." De Sartines had been delayed by an igent who had stopped his carriage at the gates of Paris and given him the "Your business is a tragedy, not a "Your business is a tragedy, not a "Your business" is a tragedy, not a the gates of Paris and given him the news of De Lussac's escape from the bastile, the loss of the papers of the Society of the Midi, and the fact that Beauregard had been all but slain in a duel with De Lussac.

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As he leaves her house a fellow conspirator, his chief, joins him, says several of their members are arrested, and entrusts the secret articles of the association to him. He then explains to De Lussac that their only hope is to intimidate the minister of police. This can be accomplished only by obtaining an incriminating contract signed by the minister of police and in the possession and safe keeping of De Richelleu, De Lussac's cousin. With this contract in their possession they can dictate terms to the minister of police, obtain the release of the members already imprisoned and be safe themselves. The news was a terrible blow to De Sartines. With the loss of the papers of the Society of the Midl he had now no hold on Madame Linden, and scarcely any on De Lussac. He came to the house in the Rue Coq Heron without arms, knowing his antagonist was triply armed, but without the least knowledge of how whe was going to knowledge of how she was going to

He entered the arena and found her engaged in trying on a hat!

"Ah!" cried Madame de Stenlis as De Sartines bowed to his hostess, "here is a better criticism than mine. De Sartines, your opinion on the confection of Monsicur Behrens."

Before De Sartines could reply, a silvery laugh sounded from the doorway. They turned: it was Madame d'Har.

already imprisoned and be safe themselves.

D) Lussac goes home, burles the papers he has just received, writes Madame Linden that he is attempting one last mission for the society, and also writes an associate telling him where the papers may be found in case of his death. Then he enters Richelleu's home and almost succeeds in getting the document, but is surprised and leaves it in a drawer which he has unlocked. Before he can make another attempt he is arrested and taken to the Bastile but not before he has told Madame Linden how nearly he succeeded in getting the document. She, realizing how desperate her lover's position is, visits Richelleu's home and succeeded where her lover has failed.

Meantime the police have secured strong They turned; it was Madame d'Har-lancourt, who had just entered the room, and who had broken into a laugh before Rosine could announce her.

"Ma fol. Monsieur de Sartines," cried
the comtesse, almost ignoring her
hostess, "you have changed your trade

"How so, madame?"

of police, she prevents her own arrest by intimidating the minister of police. De

Lussac escapes from the bastile and goes

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she was wearing the diamond necklace for which she had paid Boehmer that

She felt as though she were escaping

from Gehenna, and a momentary im-pulse came on her to send at once for

her traveling-carriage and, leaving De

her traveling-carriage and, leaving he Sartines unscathed and her dresses to look after themselves, start at once and but the protecting frontier between herself and these people whom she hated. She had scarcely dismissed this

impulse when Rosine appeared at the

"Show him up," replied Madame la Baronne, "and have my hats brought

Madame Linden looked at the clock

felt no fear of their non-arrival, though

Rosine carried three hat-boxes one on

top of the other, and after Behrens came his assistant carrying three more

"They are of my own design, Mad-me," replied the delighted Behrens.

"Madame de Stenlis."

Madame de Stenlis, wonderful in a robe of lavender and all her diamonds,

entered, bowed to Madame Linden and

then to Behrens.
"I thought I was early," said Mad-

"Madame, Monsieur Behrens has ar-

selves, voiced themselves.

here.

bowing.

the door.

Around her neck, beneath her dress,

with her to Vienna where the story leaves

"How so, madame?"
"From buying consciences to selling bonnets." She glanced around at three hats which Behrens had taken from their boxes and deposited, one on the table, one on a settee, and one on a chair, all waiting to be tried on. "Or are they for exhibition?"
"Exhibition" out in Medame de Step. Meantime the police have secured strong evidence against her, since De Lussac ad-dressed the letter he intended for his fellow conspirator to her by mistake. This letter the police intercepted and at once identified her with the society. However, with a document in her possession, which, if made public, will disgrace the minister

'Exhibition," cut in Madame de Sten-Exhibition, cut in Madame de Sten-lis. "Here is one, and it asks your criticism." She indicated the baroness, who, beautiful and statuesque, the highest compliment to Behrens' art, stood almost heedless of what they were saying, her whole mind engaged in watching De Sartines and the deep anxiety evident in his face and man-ner.

ner.
"Madame," said Madame d'Harlan-court, turning to the baroness and bowing, "my compliments."
"And your criticism," madame," reafternoon. She had also paid Behrens for the hats and gowns which were due now to arrive; everything had been paid for, and all her plans were complete for immediate departure, and as she sat glancing round her at the room which she was so soon to leave and

plied the other. "Monsieur de Sartines," said Mad-ame d'Harlancourt, "your criticism

which she was so soon to leave, and which she was so soon to leave, and which she would never see again, she reviewed Paris and its people. Their falsity, and trickery, and coldness, and absolute want of heart; the polished vileness of the court, the brutal misery that the property that the studies of of the common people, the gilding of the salons and the filth of the streets all rose up before her, visualized them

presence of fools," laughed she. "Well, Madame d'Harlancourt, now that Monsieur de Sartines has given his opinion

what have you to say?
"Nothing, madame."
"Monsieur Behrens." 'Madame?

"You were right."
"In what way, madame?"
"It renders them dumb."

De Sartines, sure that all this was a prelude to tragedy and feeling as a man might feel who is being murdered amid millinery, drew close to the beau-tiful and poisonous-tongued creature who was now gazing at herself in the glass, and murmured, "A truce." She turned from him without a word to Behrens, who was offering another

hat for inspection; before she could take it, however, Rosine's voice came from the doorway: "Monsieur de Joyeuse.'

It pointed to fifteen minutes past eight. The guests were late, but late-ness was a fashionable vice, and she 'Rosine," said the baroness as she bowed to the newcomer, "has Placide arrived yet from that business on which I sent him?" slightly disturbed by this want of punctuality in De Sartines.

A moment later Behrens, following Rosine through the boudoir, entered,

"Not yet, madame."
"Well, inform me when he does. Mon. sieur de Joyeuse, I am trying on a hat.

sieur de Joyeuse, I am trying on a nat. Your criticism on it, please?"
"Madame,' 'said De Joyeuse gravely,
"it could not rest there."
"And why, monsieur?"
"It would be so anxious to get at The boxes were chocolate-colored and powdered with golden bees.
"Madame," said Behrens, bowing

"Madame," said Behrens, bowing again, as Rosine and the assistant, having deposited their burdens on the floor, left the room, "my compliments."

"And my hats, it seems," replied she "Behrens,' 'said madame, removing the structure from her head. "Madame?" "My hat has lost its magic; it no with a faint tinge of mockery in the bow which she returned him. "Ma foi, Monsleur Behrens, your boxes are so beautiful that one might wear them for hats"

longer makes them dumb." Sne glanced at the clock as she spoke it pointed to a quarter to nine. The others, who felt sure that something was going forward behind the scenes, that some mystery lay behind this foolery, stood by watching De Sartines and the woman who was playing this curious game.

She was standing opposite to Behrens,

ame," replied the delighted Behrens.

"Your own design? Why Monsieur Behrens, it seems to me that had you but devoted yourself to canvas instead of chiffon you might have been Monsieur Fragonard."

"Oh, Madame!" cried Behrens, on whom flattery acted as a powerful light, making him blind to ridicule.

"Monsieur Fragonard! Where would he without my creations? And Monsieur Fragonard! Where would he be without my creations? And Monsieur Boucher, who dresses the shepherdesses he copies? I, I alone. And do I copy? No, Madame, I create."

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It has worked and is working other great good. Every principal city in cevery city in every suffrage state, has felt the beneficent effects of the enfranchised woman's influence.

Her influence is making for new stand-ards of governmental efficiency. She has stopped waste. Her votes have given San anounce-bene the announce-ment of modern government de Maupeou."

She seemed undecided as to which she should try on, nor had she made up her mind when, like a thunderclap to De Sartines, came the announce-ment from the doorway: "Monsieur de Maupeou."

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COMEDY OR TRAGEDY?

The vice chancellor, seated in the then to Behrens.

"I thought I was early." said Madame de Stenlis, "but I find Monsieur Behrens is before me."

"On the contrary, Madame," replied the baroness, "you are late, and Monsieur Behrens, I am sure, stands behind you as a very faithful tradesman, not as a guest. Come, Madame, you are the first critic in Paris. I leave for Vienna in two hours' time, and I am takguard room of the toll gate beside the enna in two hours' time, and I am taking with me some creations of Monsieur
Behren's which you may like to give
your opinion upon. Monsieur Behrens!"

"Madame?"

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services of the captain himself. Grim, yellow, commanding himself to appear calm the vice chancellor bowed eugenics marriage bill.

Then he turned slightly, disclosing a form behind him.

"Madame, I have taken the liberty of bringing a friend with me," said De Maupeou. "Monsieur de Beautrellis, of the guards, Madame la Baronne Linder."

Beautrellis, a magnificent man of the type of Monsieur Beauregard, looked round him, saw De Sartines and

He did not know in the least what He did not know in the least what was going to happen. De Maupeou had told him something about a conspiracy. If so, where were the conspirators?—for all these people were of the court. He saw Madame de Stenlis, and bowed; he had danced with her only two nights ago. What in the name of wonder was she doing here? He bowed to Madame d'Harlancourt, nodded to De Joyeuse, and then turned his eves to his hostess

"has Placide returned yet?"
"No, madame."
The baroness glanced at the clock; it was after 9. De Maupeou noticed her anxiety and guessed that Placide—whoever he might be—was am ain-spring in her design. He forced him-self to be patient, and drawing up to Madame de Stenlis began to talk on indifferent tonis while Madame Lin indifferent topis, while Madame Linden turned her attention again to Beh-

rens, speaking also to Monsieur de Beautrellis and Monsieur de Sartines, who were standing near by.

"Gentlemen, you must excuse the presence of so many hats, but a comedy ill-dressed is a comedy ill-acted. Monsieur de Maupeou," raising her voice, "are you a judge of hats?"

"No, madame," replied De Maupeou, breaking off his conversation with Madame de Stenlis. "My business in life."

comedy, then. Well, at all events, you can give an opinion of an actress' qualification for the tragic role. I told you this morning I was about to stage a little play of mine, and upon my heart, Monsieur de Maupeou, I have not yet fixed in my mind whether it will have a comic of a tragic ending. That sounds as though I were an indefferent playwright. I am, and it seems to me that nowadays it is the indifferent playwrights who please. They study their public, not their art. So do I. Monsieur de Beautrellis, what would you advise as an ending for my little

play, comedy or tragedy?"
"Oh, ma foi!" craied the simpleminded Beautrellis, "I prefer to laugh. Comedy, madame, by all means. One leaves the theater with a better taste in the mouth and able to eat one's

supper."
"Monsieur de Sartines, what do you "Madame," said De Sartines, who began to see a gleam of light, "in my mind Monsieur de Beautrellis is right."

He bowed profoundly.
"Madame de Stenlis? Madame d'Harlancourt?

"Tragedy!" cried the two women, laughing. The baroness, ignoring De Maupeou and De Joyeuse, turned to Behrens.
"Monsieur Behrens, you who dress the actresses of the Comedie Francaise, give me your opinion. Could I act tragedy under that hat of pearl gray which you are holding for me to try

"If madame is desirous of ruining the effect of the hat and the play, why, yes," replied Behrens. Then, bursting out: "Heavens, madame! no, 1,000 times no! But if madame requires for her play a hat of tragedy—why, here is tragedy itself." He held up the black hat on the point of his finger, and as he did so a knock came to the door. It opened, disclosing Placide.

"Ah, Placide," said the baroness. "So you have returned. Have you got what I sent you for?"

'Yes, madame," replied Placide, producing a paper.

"Good," said the baroness, putting on the gray hat. "Monsieur Behrens,

first."

"It leaves me dumb," said De Sartines, looking at the hat.

"It has that effect, monsieur; it has that effect," put in the delighted Behrens, walking round the baroness so as to view her from all sides. "Dumb! yes, it has that effect."

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"The Ramancourt, your criticism on the gray hat. "Monsieur Behrens, put tragedy away, pack it with the others. I will travel in this. Monsieur de Sartines, the play of which I spoke to you this morning shall have a happy ending. I retain the manuscript, however. Placide, bring me that parcel."

But before Placide could move, De Maupeou, who had been whispering to Maupeou, who had been whispering to

Monsieur de Beautrellis, took a paper from his pocket and presented it to the baroness. Monsieur de Beautrellis took up his position by the door, and the vice chancellor, calmly walking up to Placide, took the paper from his

Madame Linden glanced at the paper that had been handed to her. De Sar-tines, who was by her side, glanced at

It was the order of the king.

CHAPTER VII.

THE GENIUS OF PLACIDE. The whole thing had been done with such beautiful simplicity and absence of fuss that the guests perceived nothing of the tragedy at the bottom of is The woman on whom the tables had been so completely turned stood by the man on whom she had brought de-struction, yet neither of them allowed their emotions to be seen

(Continued next week.)

Suffrage Reduces Crime. From the San Francisco Call.

The extension of suffrage to women has resulted in a reduction of crime. That epitomizes a speech made by Chief of Police Sebastian, of Los Angeles, before the National Association of Police Chiefs Washington Chief Sebastian is an excellent authority

Chief Sebastian is an excellent authority upon the practical relation of women's suffrage to the crime problems of the American city. His is a first hand knowledge based on actual experience.

Among the interesting things said by chief Sebastian was that the enfranchisement of women had helped to break down a wall of false reticence that had prevented public discussion and public understanding of one of the most vital crime problems—the vice question.

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Her influence is making for new stand-

Most of her influence, as suggested by Chief Sebastian, has been exercised through educational channels. And in her home, apart from every civic or political organization, enfranchised woman is carrying on her greatest educational work. By her direct participation and her home discussion of the human interest problems of government, she is unconsciously equip-oing her sons and daughters with a prac-

oing her sons and daughters with a prac-ical knowledge and an interest in govern-mental affairs which are the foundations of good citizenship. of good citizenship.

Bad government and bad public officers are the penalties of a community's political ignorance. The enfranchised mother has proved herself to be the nation's best political educator by the work she is doing to train her boys and girls up to a majority which shall find them something more than adults ignorant of, and averse to, the performance of the duties involved in their citizenship.

She is breaking down the wall of political ignorance, behind which bad government is entrenched.

cal ignorance, behin The Wisconsin senate has passed the

to Madame la Baronne and to the guests. Then he turned slightly disclosing a SCHEME TO PROTECT **WESTERN REPUBLICS**

Europe Should Have Free Rein & South America, He Thinks-Would Let the United States Boss North of Canal.

Berlin. Special: A novel interpreta-tion of how the Monroe doctrine should be applied after the comple-tion of the Panama Canal has just tion of the Panama Canal has just been voiced by a German diplomat of authority and high position. In substance it is to give the United States full control as far south as the Isthmian waterway, but to let the countries of Europe, including Germany, have a free field from Panama to Tierra del Fuego.

The high standing of this diplomat may reasonably be expected to influmat may reasonably be expected to influ-

The high standing of this diplomat may reasonably be expected to influence the standpoint of Germany in any future controversy involving the famous doctrine of American foreign relations; consequently his views are not without a certain interest. He would cut the American continent in two at the Panama Canal and allow to the United States full and free hand as far south as that waterway. hand as far south as that waterway, but exclude from the sphere of any out exclude from the sphere of any Washington supervision or control the relations of Germany, and the other European powers, with the states of South America. He believes sermany should refrain from any in-ereference whatsoever in Mexico, and that the same rule should apply to all the Central American states. This would involve a virtual extension of the southern boundary of the United States to the Canal, so far as the relations of these states to the European powers is concerned. This, it will be seen, is the Monroe dectrine for Central America in an even stronger from than is at present enforced. But the European states must and should, this diplomat believes, be allowed to settle their controversies with the countries south of this line in their own way and without reference to Washington. The role of the United States as guardian and protector to the whole continent is, he believes, a thing of the past; the South Amerian states have reached years of dis-pretion; they are out of the legitimate sphere of control of the American department of state; the countries of Europe are entitled to insist on a free hand in their relations with them.

CURVE PITCHING. From the Indianapolis News.

The papers a few days ago informed us that the first curved ball was pitched by Arthur Cummings in 1876. Cum-mings was a great pitcher, but it would be difficult to prove that he was the author of the curve. The truth is that many men had pitched this style of many men had pitched this style of ball prior to 1876. It is probable that numerous pitchers had put "stuff" on the ball without realizing that they were doing so. Indeed, it is not easy to pitch or throw a ball without curv-ing it. Certain it is that the curve became general as soon as the pitcher was relieved from the necessity of de-livering the ball with his arm below the waist line. the waist line.

The important thing about the curve however, was the conscious control of it. When men knew that they were throwing it the development of its possibilities began. Possibly Cummings may have been the first to realize that he was throwing curves. Yet who can say? The first man to demonstrate say? The first man to demonstrate the curve to the skeptical scientists was, we believe, Charlie Mitchell, of the Cincinnati Red Stockings. After he had pitched a ball round a fence erected between him and his catcher the scientists were forced to surrender. After the fact was proved then they set out to explain it—to explain what they had previously said was impossible. Possibly Mitchell's claim is at least as good as that of Cummings.

Times Hard in Canada. From the Odebolt, Ia., Chronicle

From the Odebolt, Ia., Chronicle.

After a visit to Winnipeg and other points in Canada Willard H. Bowker writes the Chronicle regarding conditions there. His letter was prompted by a short item appearing in this paper some weeks ago relative to a money stringency there. Writing from Minneapolls, where he is now employed, under date of September 12, Mr. Bowker says:

"I was interested in, but skeptical about an item appearing several weeks ago in the Chronicle telling a little about the financial stringency existing in Canada. A few weeks spent there convinced me that you had barely hinted at the facts. Money is hard to secure, even on first mortgages on real estate at 12 per cent. There seems to be plenty of money in Canada, but it is being held tight for the present, while the people "cuss" the Balkan wars and American tariff. The direct result is the tying up of building operations and the consequent throwing out of work of many men. Idle buildings under construction and large crowds before the various labor agencies bear emphatic testimony of this.

"Naturally there is wide speculation as to the culmination of the tight money market. Real estate men, always optimistic from necessity, are ready to assure all that the moving of the good crop of wheat will remedy all troubles. But most others (there are only slightly more than 600 real estate firms in Winni-

sure all that the moving of the good crop of wheat will remedy all troubles. But most others (there are only slightly more than 600 real estate firms in Winnipeg alone) say that it will be spring before business returns to normal, and this seems very probable.

"One of the interesting impressions I received while in Winnipeg was that of the attitude of Britishers towards the United States. Two 'old countrymen' especially, one a Londoner, the other a Scotch artist from the University of Glasgow, showed what seems to be indicative of the feeling of many of their countrymen. They could not or would not concede a single redeeming feature to either the United States or Canada. The Scotchman in particular knew of all the political corruption, petty graft and trust monopolies existing in America, but could see not one inch beyond the evils. He really made me wonder if our politics do not need a little renovating. But all that I conceded to him was that they had it 'all over us' in Great Britain in one thing, conceit, and then proceeded to fight a few battles of the revolution all over again.

As to Sunday Baseball. From the St. Louis Republic.

The pastors of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, representing the St. Louis churches of that faith, passed a resolution on Monday condemning Sunday baseball.

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The Republic begs to suggest to these gentlemen that they are attacking this problem at the wrong end. We are not discussing theories for the moment, only tactics and results. These pastors want to put an end to Sunday baseball. Why don't they agitate for a Saturday half holiday in the industrial world? This solution of the difficulty has worked well in other countries. If there is anywhere a nation that can afford to give its workers a respite from the grind of toil at the end of the week, it is this, the richest country in the world.

People's bodies have rights in this world as well as their souls. Is society properly respecting the physical rights of the young workingman who labors 60 hours a week in the shop if it denies him all opportunity for games that fill the lungs with fresh air and the soul with the joy of healthy play? And if society has ignored this fundamental right, ought not the church to assert it in no uncertain voice ought not it to stand for Saturday baseball just as vigorously as it stands against tenday baseball?

If not, why not?