

WHAT IS SCROFULA

It is that impurity in the blood, which, accumulating in the glands of the neck, produces unsightly lumps or swellings; which causes painful running sores on the arms, legs, or feet; which develops ulcers in the eyes, ears, or nose, often causing blindness or deafness; which is the origin of pimples, cancerous growths, or the many other manifestations usually ascribed to "humors"; which, fastening upon the lungs, causes consumption and death. Being the most ancient, it is the most general of all diseases or affections, for very few persons are entirely free from it.

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The Catholics have purchased the York Methodist college and grounds and will remodel them for educational purposes.

The farmers of Nebraska may be poor in money, but they possess a richness of appetite, the envy of many a rich business man.

A MAN committed suicide at Spokane Falls the other day, whose brain weighed sixty-one ounces. Too much brain appears to be as bad as too little brain.

The New Republic last week issued a very handsome pictorial and biographical edition of the candidates and prominent workers of the prohibition party. It was a good stroke of enterprise.

SCIENTIFIC people are delighted over the discovery of a lens of such power that 304,700,000th part of an inch can be distinguished. An instrument like that would come handy in endeavoring to find out how the Journal stands on the submission question.

The Western Railroad Gazetteer is the name of a new publication that will be issued in this city October 1st. Mr. F. F. Roese is business manager of the Gazetteer, which, as its name indicates, will be devoted to the railway interest of the west and northwest.

SOME people have very tender consciences. A Kentucky woman has received a letter containing \$25 from "one who took a pocket-knife from her grandfather's store fifty years ago." The chances are that the fellow beat the old man out of a big bill, and sent the \$25 as a salve to his conscience.

THE question whether the steam motors have a right on the streets or not is agitating the minds of our city fathers. From all evidence the COURIER can gather, it would seem that the city has granted the franchise, but whether they had a right to do so is a problem weighty legal minds cannot determine. The motor should go, however.

MR. BROX COLE, late of the Des Moines Mail and Times, with another Des Moines newspaper man, has purchased the Grand Island Times. Mr. Cole is a splendid, all-round newspaper man, and for several years was the nominal editor of Persinger's (Des Moines) Times, before its consolidation. The COURIER hopes to see Mr. Cole succeed, but he has a herculean task before him in bucking the Independent. Hebble is very well fixed, and by doing work for nothing and inserting advertisements for a similar equivalent he has frozen every one out who has attempted to compete with him.

THE race in politics is not to the swift or the strong, but the cunning. How many of us in our school and college days have not been filled with patriotic fire and pride as we combed the great speeches of Webster, Clay, Benton, Calhoun and the other statesman of that regime? How many times have we mentally vowed to place ourselves on the sacrificial altars of ambition, and rival the statesmen of old in ministering to the needs of the people? But as we grow to man's estate, and essay to enter the arena, how different it all seems! How many promises do we have to make, how many elements to propitiate one way or the other, how much "seeing" of people and wire-pulling to secure even the least of legislative positions. The politics of our youthful imagination, and the politics of reality are widely different, and disgusting are the means one must employ to secure position. The young man in politics has little chance; experience gives the older a knowledge of the ins and outs, and the younger must be content with petty delegations and committee work. We want to see young men in higher official positions, young blood infused in the sluggish currents of legislation.

A CIRCULAR thrown round our streets this week, containing extracts from Powderly's article on "Pauper Immigration" is one that thinking people should read. There are few who understand to what proportions the importation of contract labor has grown. It is terrifying to see thousands of these men, the scum of Europe, pour into this country every day, and an incompetent, slow-moving congress make no attempt to stop it. The writer has seen hundreds of Hungarians, Poles and Italians huddled together in shanties in the coal and iron districts of Pennsylvania, shanties reeking with offensive odors, and more like the dens of wild beasts than the abode of men. Some of the employers of these men are congressmen, representatives of a liberty-loving, prosperous race, who dispossess their constituents of positions worth two dollars a day, and fill them with ignorant, bestial foreigners at fifty and seventy-five cents a day. America is and will remain the land of the free and the home of the brave, but it should not be the asylum for indigent Europeans and beasts in the shape of humans. The circular is a timely one, and the thanks of the public should be tendered Mr. J. A. Kilroy, at whose expense it was issued.

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SCIENCE AND PROGRESS.

POPULAR SCIENCE NEWS FROM MANY SOURCES.

A New Summer Sport in the Form of a Marine Toboggan Slide Which Has Proven Exceedingly Popular Among the Bathers at Seaside Park.

Tobogganing has become such a favorite winter pastime that the idea occurred some time ago to a resident of Bridgeport, Conn., that it might be adapted to the summer months also. In 1887 he built a marine toboggan slide. It is an adjunct of the large bathing establishment at Seaside Park, near Bridgeport. Following is a description with illustration taken from Scientific American:



A MARINE TOBOGGAN SLIDE.

The artificial slope rises from high water mark to the height of thirty-two feet above it, where there is a suitable platform that is reached by a flight of steps. The chute itself is but twenty inches wide, and contains 735 wheels for the sleds to run on. It is the inventor's intention this season to replace these wheels by a series of brass rollers each sixteen inches long. Almost any common toboggan will answer the purpose; but the patented "star oval board" will encounter less friction than a flat surface, and will meet with less resistance on striking the water. The slide is open to all at certain stages of the tide, but at high water none are admitted but good swimmers. The chute is 178 feet long. The toboggan starts at the signal given by a bell, only one being allowed to go at a time, and on being projected from the lower end, they ricochet across the waters of the sound for a distance varying from 75 to 75 feet, skipping along like a flat pebble, till the force acquired in the descent is lost, after which the bather swims ashore, pulling his sled after him. The facial expression of novices taking their first adventurous slide is quite remarkable, and the sensations felt are correspondingly novel and peculiar. The popularity of this new form of summer sport is proved by the fact that, during the month of August, 1887, 11,000 slides were paid for at two cents a slide. Crowds of spectators were daily assembled to witness the exciting scene.

The Hoosac Tunnel.
The total length of the Hoosac tunnel, at North Adams, Mass., is 25,331 feet, or four and three-fourths miles. It is twenty feet in height and twenty-four feet in width. From it was excavated 1,000,000 tons of rock. Its entire cost was \$14,000,000. It is soon to be lighted by electricity.

A Fossil Human Footprint.
In various localities, notably upon the rocks of the Connecticut valley, there have been found the footprints of various animals belonging to former geological periods, which have been preserved by the hardening of the soft sand or mud into solid rock.

There have lately been discovered in Nicaragua certain human footprints which have been preserved in the same manner, although of much later date than those referred to above. They have been described at length by Dr. Daniel Brinton, and four of them have been removed to the Peabody Museum of Archaeology at Cambridge, Mass., where they are now on exhibition.

These footprints occur on the borders of a lake near the town of Managua at a depth of twenty-one feet below the surface. Several different strata of limestone, calcareous tufa, sand, clay and volcanic ashes were found above them, indicating an unusual activity of geological forces. The whole region is of a volcanic nature, and in former years eruptions and changes of level were much more frequent than at present.



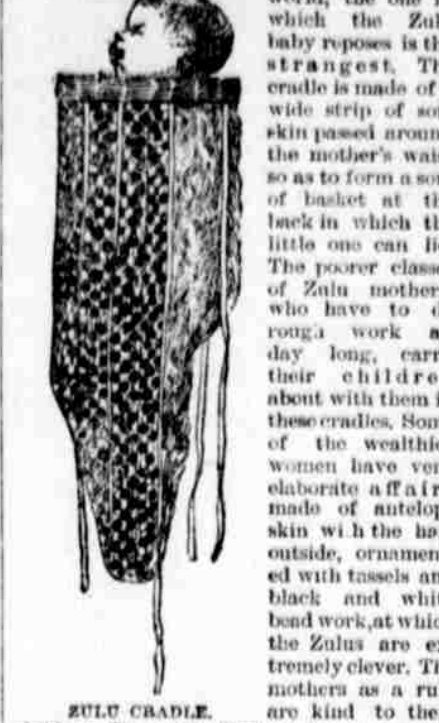
A HUMAN FOOTPRINT.

The footprint represented in the illustration is about ten inches long and from three to four and a half inches wide; the excessive width in proportion to the length is doubtless due, explains Popular Science News, to the soft earth spreading under the weight. The great toe is large and prominent, and is longer than the second one. This peculiarity is considered by some archaeologists to be a sign of inferiority of race. The fore part of the foot has made the deepest impression, showing it to be made by a vigorous and strong gaited person.

The age of these footprints is very uncertain. Certain fossils accompanying the footprints have been referred to the quarternary era, and the bones of a mastodon were found in a layer of earth above the footprints. The country surrounding the Lake Nicaragua is rich in relics of prehistoric inhabitants, who were evidently a distinct race from those inhabiting the country at the time of the Spanish conquest; and although it is at present impossible to set a date for these literal "footprints on the sands of time," there can be no doubt that they are of great antiquity, and may even date back to that remote period when the northern part of the country was covered with the snow and ice of the glacial epoch.

Flour is a great absorbent of odors. Do not store near it onions, fish or other strong smelling substances.

The Zulu Baby's Cradle.



ZULU CRADLE.

Perhaps of all the strange cradles in the world, the one in which the Zulu baby reposes is the strangest. The cradle is made of a wide strip of soft skin passed around the mother's waist so as to form a sort of basket in the back in which the little one can lie. The poorer classes of Zulu mothers, who have to do rough work all day long, carry their children about with them in these cradles. Some of the wealthier women have very elaborate affairs made of antelope skin with the hair outside, ornamented with tassels and black and white bead work, at which the Zulus are extremely clever. The mothers as a rule are kind to their children. The cradle illustrated in the accompanying cut is one of these, and strange as it may appear to our readers little Zulus consider it quite an elegant arrangement.

Why Old Laces Are Valuable.
Many of our girls do not know why old lace is often so much more valuable and generally so much more beautiful than new lace. The fact is, says Golden Days, that the valuable old lace is all woven in lost patterns. It is frequently as fine as a spider's film, and cannot be reproduced. The loss of patterns was a severe check to lace making in France and Belgium, and was occasioned by the French revolution. Before that time whole villages supported themselves by lace making, and patterns were handed down from one generation to another. They were valuable heirlooms, for the most celebrated weavers always had many orders as they could execute in a lifetime, and they were bound by an oath, taken on the four gospels, to work only for certain dealers. When the reign of terror began all work of this kind was interrupted for a time. After the storm had subsided, the dealers and weavers were far apart—some dead, some lost, and some escaped to foreign lands; and such of the women as remained were bound by their oath to work for but one; and this oath, in spite of Robespierre's doctrines, was held by the poorest of them to be binding, and there were instances where they suffered actual want rather than break their word. Some, however, taught their children and their grandchildren, and many patterns were in this way preserved. Some of the daintiest and finest patterns were never recovered, and today specimens of these laces are known to be worth their weight in gold.

How to Sign.
When a married woman has occasion to address a person to whom she is personally unknown she should sign her own name, without the addition of her matrimonial title. Then in a lower corner of the note she should put in brackets, thus [Mrs. John Smith]. In that way the answer will bear her proper address, instead of being directed to Miss Jane Smith, for example.

Rather Have the Boy Whipped.
Editor—John, if anybody calls tell him I am very busy writing an editorial.
Office Boy (ten minutes later)—Man down stairs what wants to know who wrote that article in yesterday's paper.
Editor—Go back and tell him you wrote it. I'm not feeling first rate today.—Judge.

A Fine Profession.
Mr. Crupper (to his jockey)—How did it happen, Muckins? You are the sixteenth of an ounce over weight.
Muckins—I knowed I'd git in a scrape somehow. I stopped on me way down ter git me boots shined, sir.—Time.

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