The Grip Leaves Thousands in its Path
Weak, Nervous, Dyspeptic, Catarrh Wrecks.

"For Grip and the after effects like debility, nervousness, dyspepsia and other catarrhal conditions resulting from the Grip, in the entire Materia Medica I have found no remedy that equals Peruna for prompt action."—Dr. S. B. Hartman, President The Hartman Sanitarium

From N. Y. Journal. "During the recent Grip epidemic, claiming a million victims or more, the efficiency of Peruna in quickly relieving this malady and its after effects has been the talk of the continent."

LIKE A DEMON grip has crossed our country, leaving behind scores of physical wrecks.

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Never in the history of medicine has a remedy received such unqualified and universal eulogies as Peruna.

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Hon. Joseph A. Flinn, alderman Fifth District, writes from 104 Christopher street, New York City, as follows:

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"La grippe has entered thousands of our homes this fall, and I noticed that the people who used Peruna were quickly restored, while those who depended on doctor's prescriptions, spent weeks in recovering, leaving them weak and emaciated.

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"I should like to see our Board of Health give it official recognition and have it used generally among our poor sick people in Greater New York.'—Joseph A. Flinn.

D. L. Wallace, a charter member of the International Barber's Union, writes from 15 Western avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.:

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"One of my customers who was greatly helped by Peruna advised me to try it, and I procured a bottle the same day. I used it faithfully and felt a marked improvement. During the next two months I took five bottles, and then felt splendid. Now my head is clear, my nerves steady, I enjoy food, and rest well. Peruna has been worth a dollar a dose to me."—D. L. Wallace.

Mr. O. H. Perry, Atchison, Kansas, writes:

"Again, after repeated trials of your medicines, Peruna and Manalin, I give this as my expression of the wonderful results of your very valuable medicine in its effects in my case after repeated trials.

"First, it cured me of chronic bronchitis of fifteen years' standing, by using two bottles of Peruna in January, 1894, and no return of it.

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A Congressman's Experience.

House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio.

Gentlemen—"I am more than satisfied with Peruna, and find it to be an excellent remedy for the grip and cattarh. I have used it in my family and they all join me in recommending it as an excellent remedy."

Very respectfully,
George H. White.

If you do not receive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

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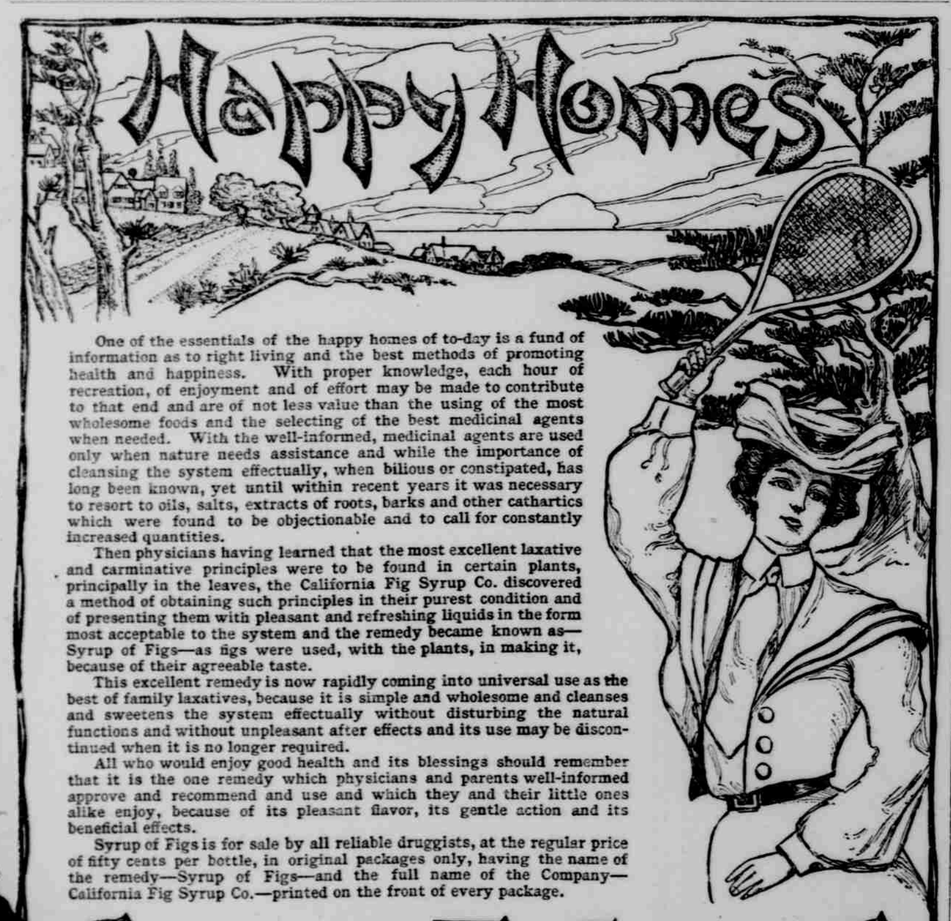
Happy Homes



One of the essentials of the happy homes of to-day is a fund of information as to right living and the best methods of promoting health and happiness. With proper knowledge, each hour of recreation, of enjoyment and of effort may be made to contribute to that end and are of not less value than the using of the most wholesome foods and the selecting of the best medicinal agents when needed. With the well-informed, medicinal agents are used only when nature needs assistance and while the importance of cleansing the system effectually, when bilious or constipated, has long been known, yet until within recent years it was necessary to resort to oils, salts, extracts of roots, barks and other cathartics which were found to be objectionable and to call for constantly increased quantities.

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Commoner Comment.

THE FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

The adjournment of the Fifty-seventh congress completes the work of the federal legislators chosen in 1900. They have succeeded in increasing the expenditures of the government about 50 per cent over the expenditures of the Fifty-first congress, which startled the country with its "billion-dollar" extravagance.

The increase in the per capita cost of government is largely due to the fact that the great manufacturing industries are using the taxing power for their own enrichment and they, therefore, encourage extravagance to make an excuse for a high tariff. Then, too, the imperial policy upon which the government has embarked is adding a considerable amount to the appropriation bills. The army expenditure is more than double what it was before we began to experiment with colonialism and the navy is feeling the stimulus of the war spirit.

While heavier burdens are constantly being laid upon the people by the government, those in authority are more and more negligent of the rights and interests of the people. The failure of the president to secure, or even seriously attempt to secure, effective anti-trust legislation is the most prominent feature of the second session of congress. It will be remembered that the president made some anti-trust speeches last summer—or at least speeches which his political friends construed as antagonistic to the trusts. It was even said that Mr. Littlefield had been selected to lead the fight against monopolies. "Just wait until congress meets in December," said the president's supporters, "and then you will see a strenuous attack on the trusts." Many democrats were deceived by the noise of preparation and a minister went so far as to say that Mr. Roosevelt had been raised to the office providentially to meet the aggressions of organized wealth.

Well, congress convened and the papers told us how the bills were pouring in, how the committee was combining the good features of the various bills, and finally how a draft of the committee bill had been submitted to the attorney general. But he regarded it as "too drastic." At last the bill was drawn so as to effect only corporations hereafter organized, leaving existing trusts to continue their depredations. The democrats of the house were denied an opportunity to present amendments and the bill was rushed through and sent to the senate. The senate committee kept it until the democratic members, together with a minority of the republican members, reported it over the protest of a majority of the republicans. By the same vote the committee added an amendment making the bill apply to existing corporations as well as to future ones, but when Senator Blackburn, acting under instructions from a democratic caucus, moved to take the bill up for consideration in the senate only two republicans voted with the democrats to consider the measure.

Just before adjournment Senator Elkins pointed out that for the third time the republican party had failed to keep its promise to admit the territories of Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona. Having spent the session doing little of importance, it is now necessary to have an extra session of the senate in order to secure the ratification of the Panama and Cuban treaties.

Surely it must be a partisan republican who will point with pride to the record of the Fifty-seventh congress.

REORGANIZERS' PLAN DISCLOSED.

On another page will be found extracts from the Brooklyn Eagle which disclose the plans of the reorganizers. It is a full and complete confession of all that The Commoner has charged as to the purpose of the corporation democrats. They do not contemplate victory; they have intelligence enough to know that they cannot hope to win with a platform and candidate antagonistic to the rank and file of the party, but they desire to regain control of the party in order to prevent its doing anything to interfere with republican plans.

It will be noticed that the proposed platform is to be "acceptable to eastern leaders AND TO THE COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY." As the republican platform is entirely acceptable to these same interests, how can a democratic platform be equally acceptable unless it is similar in language and purport?

The Kansas City platform democrats are under a debt of gratitude to the Eagle for this early announcement of the real intentions of the reorganizers. The only hope the Cleveland-Hill democrats have of obtaining control of the party machinery rests upon their ability to deceive the voters as to their purpose. It is evident to all who know the leading reorganizers that they do not desire harmony, but are intent rather on wreaking vengeance on those who are responsible for driving the Wall street element out of the party; but many are misled by their promises. We have the same fight to make now that we made in 1895. In March of that year an address signed by about thirty members of congress called upon the silver democrats to organize within the party and secure control of the organization. More than three-fourths of the democrats of the house and senate refused to sign the address for fear of "disturbing the harmony of the party." But in less than four months the plans of the Cleveland element became so apparent that a conference was held at Memphis and the bimetallic league organized to carry out the plans set forth in the address issued in March, and this conference was attended by many who four months before refused to believe that Mr. Cleveland intended to wreck the party if it refused the demands of the financiers.

So, today, many timid democrats have hesitated to take a stand against the reorganizers, but in a few months they will find that they must either become the pliant tools of organized wealth or take up the fight for the masses as against the monopolists.

Let those democrats who are democrats from principle and not merely for hope of office read the Eagle's editorial and ask themselves what hope such a platform as it outlines and such an organization as it desires would hold out to those who believe in equal rights to all and special privileges to none.

The Eagle says that Mr. Hill has been in correspondence with certain democrats in Nebraska. That may be true, but not one of them will dare to admit that he favors Mr. Hill's nomination if he aspires to be a delegate to the next national convention. We had some Nebraska democrats of the Hill type, but they are about all in the republican party. Again, The Commoner reminds its readers that now is the time to organize. The sooner this organization is completed the sooner the fight will be won.

If the reorganizers find that they cannot steal a march on the people they will not carry their fight to the convention. The sooner the Kansas City platform democrats are aroused the more harmonious the convention will be.

In a recent issue of The Commoner the editor called attention to the principle involved in the initiative and referendum, and criticised the Chicago Chronicle because of its attempt to defeat the will of the people on this question. On another page will be found an argument recently made against the initiative and referendum by one of the citizens of Chicago. It is published because it shows the standpoint fro mwhich the opponents begin to reason. The writer of this article asks the question: "Is it reasonable to assume that the placing upon the masses this great responsibility of making or selecting laws, is logical or safe?" Here is the secret of all the opposition. The opponents of the initiative and referendum distrust the masses; they assume that the people as a whole are incapable of passing judgment upon their own affairs; they must select officers to think for them and to act for them. The democratic idea is that the people think for themselves and select representatives to carry out their thoughts. The democratic idea is that the representative is a necessary evil—necessary because the people are too numerous to act directly upon all questions, but an evil still because the representative is often led by his own interests to sacrifice the interests of the people.

In the article referred to, we are told that the making of laws is a science calling for the highest talent. Here, again, the opponent of the initiative and referendum is trying to get the government out of the reach of the people. Jefferson said that the art of government was simply the art of being honest, and that the principles of right and wrong were so easily discerned that they required not the aid of many counselors. Is it because they are skilled in the science of government that the members of city councils vote away valuable franchises to corporations, or is it because the members of such councils sell for a price that which they themselves do not own? There is a great deal more danger that representatives will not do as well as they know than there is that the people themselves will not know enough to protect their own interests.

The writer of the article referred to lectures the people for not selecting "broad-minded, honest and courageous representatives." The admonition is often needed, but the trouble is that men are often selected who have not been dishonest before election, but who become dishonest when subjected to the temptations that surround their position. It is not always easy to detect corruption in legislators. Very few confess, and conclusive proof is often hard to secure. If the people have a right under reasonable restrictions to pass upon a law, temptation will be removed, because it will be of no advantage to a corporation to bribe a legislature if the people have a right to sit in judgment upon the law afterward. And so a corporation cannot bribe a legislature to avoid a subject upon which the people, through the initiative, have demanded action.

The initiative and referendum do not supplant representative government; they simply purify it and perfect it. If the reader of The Commoner will pursue and consider the argument made against the initiative and referendum he will have his faith strengthened in this popular reform.

It is neither necessary nor desirable that the people should attempt to decide all questions by the referendum, but when any considerable proportion of them desire a question submitted it is only fair that it should be submitted. Likewise, when a proportion of the people desire to vote upon a law passed by the legislature they should have a right to do so. Experience has shown that they do not have to avail themselves of the right very often, because the mere fact that they have the right makes the legislature more obedient to their wishes, thus giving the protection of the initiative and referendum with out the expense of it.

After the exhibition made by the last senate how can any sane man object to the election of senators by direct vote of the people?

The principal thing accomplished by the Fifty-seventh congress was to demonstrate that if the people expect any legislation in their interests they should elect a different kind of congress.

There is something wrong about the democracy of a democrat who acts on the advice of republican bosses and manipulators.

Men who habitually vote the republican ticket and advocate republican policies do not possess the right kind of democracy by which to measure democratic policies and principles.

The Memphis News put a great truth in a few words when it says: "It is a strange being that wants the democratic party to adopt a republican platform in order to lose the populist vote."

President Eliot declares that no man can work too hard. As a theorist President Eliot is all right.

The effort to sprout the "Iowa idea" on congressional soil seems to have been a deep and dismal failure.

Large families and trust prices for groceries, meat, clothing and fuel do not make an attractive combination.

This European trouble over Turkey simply means that Turkey will profit while the European powers wrangle.

What this country needs is a democratic congress that no millionaire trust magnate will waste time sending telegrams to.

Nothing e'er so became the last congress as the taking off thereof.

Ohio was one hnudred years old on March 1—really old enough to know better.

If you want to see a confirmed pessimist just tell a schoolboy that Memorial day falls on Saturday this year.

Why should banks be the only one privileged to borrow government money on state and county bonds?

The Ills of Women Act upon the Nerves like a Firebrand.

The relation of woman's nerves and generative organs is very close; consequently nine tenths of the nervous prostration, nervous despondency, "the blues," sleeplessness, and nervous irritability of women arise from some derangement of the organism which makes her a woman. Herein we prove conclusively that **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound** will quickly relieve all this trouble.

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"I am recommending your medicine to many of my friends, and I assure you that you have my hearty thanks for your valuable preparation which has done so much good. I trust all suffering women will use your Vegetable Compound."—MRS. MINNIE TIETZ, 620 First Ave., Eau Claire, Wis. (May 28, 1901).

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A Belgian Rat Story.

A particularly good rat story is told in a Belgian paper. A gardener had planted 250 tulip bulbs. The following day, when about to complete the number, the man noticed that the bulbs had disappeared mysteriously. He was told that perhaps rats had been at work, and looked for their hole. This he found, and dug down into the earth until a subterranean chamber was disclosed, where the whole of the 250 bulbs were hidden, packed neatly in rows, one above the other. There was a bundle or hay and dead leaves also, showing that the rats had made most elaborate preparations for the winter season.

Sam Houston as an Indian.

The statute of General Sam Houston of Texas, to be placed in the capitol at Washington, of which Miss Elizabeth Ney is the sculptor, is to be a duplicate of the statue which has just been finished and placed in the capitol at Austin. This statue represents Houston as an Indian at a time when he was living with the Cherokee tribe after his self-banishment from Tennessee. Judge John H. Reagan, who knew Houston intimately, is angry over the Indian statue and in a letter protests against its duplicate being placed in the national capitol.

He Means It.

New Berlin, Ill., March 16th.—Mr. Frank Newton of this place speaks very earnestly and emphatically when asked by any of his many friends the reason for the very noticeable improvement in his health.

For a long time—over two years—he has been suffering a great deal with pains in his back and an all-over feeling of illness and weakness. His appetite failed him and he grew gradually weaker and weaker till he was very much run down.

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