

Where Dragons Stay The Advance of War

Jealously They Guard the Tombs of the Korean and Chinese Dead Which Japan Has Promised to Respect.

In the official correspondence between Japan, Russia, Korea and China since the opening of the Far Eastern war, the question of the tombs of the dead has been a subject of much interest.

One of the first moves of Japan was to dispatch reserves to guard the tombs at Tokyo, Nikko, Kyoto and other important points. Though Occidental in many ways, Japan's heart can be touched deeply by desecration of these sacred mausolea. At Tokyo are the tombs of the Tokugawa Shoguns. Kyoto is famous for its shrines. Here is the burial place of the Shogun Shogun. A massive structure called the spectacular bridge, like a pair of eyes, holds a high place in the traveler's memory. The souls of the departed are said to pass over it and see every act of mortals. Near by is the Taikodo shrine and its court for receiving the robes of deities, and Kadidji, sacred to the Zen sect, with its gold screens by Motonobu, Kanokido and Tohaku. The thirty-six ancient poems by Mitsunobu ornament the walls.

The writer had the good fortune to visit the shrines at Nikko after the law was changed allowing only rulers to inspect the "little cardinal bridge," or mihashi. The Daiyagaw flows be-

table of stone, on which stands a life-like bronze stork. Before the entrance repose two heavenly dogs, komatsumi and anshin.

Japan tries to practice what she preaches. In the China-Japanese war the mikado's troops paid respect to the Korean royal tombs at Seoul and Ping-Yang and the Chinese shrines along her triumphal march to the gates of Peking. Not so much can be said of the other countries. Cathay has not forgotten the French and English desecration of the summer palace and shrines under Lord Elgin and Gen. Montauban in 1859-60. In 1897, when the Germans took Kiaochow, the natives of Shangtung were in such fear that their Jerusalem or Holy Land of Confucius would be desecrated that riot and rebellion were incited, populations of towns repairing to Kifu, the home of Confucius, and to the Confucian tombs two miles beyond, eager to give their lives for their dead.

It was not so much the rash acts of the German soldiery, who had been led on by the murder of two Teuton priests, as the German connection with proposed new railway routes through the tombs-lands of the empire. All the great powers were more or less involved, and there is no doubt today it was those plans to disturb the souls of the dead that brought on the Boxer rising.

The tombs have figured in every war waged in Chinese territory. Ancestral worship, the real religion, is expressed in family and royal mausolea. The

success. To defend them the Chinese warrior trains himself in archery until he becomes expert with bow and arrow.

Believing, as they do, that the dead are surrounded by spirits who live on and progress, aiding or harming their kin, it is necessary that the deceased be honored; more important that their interests be attended to than those of the living, for the dead are in league with all the spirits of heaven and hell. Every tomb must be selected by a religious astronomer and have the tiger and dragon currents. The home, as the grave is called, is shaped like a Morris chair, and the body is placed in the seat. According to the social status of the dead are his surroundings. For the common man there is a miniature dragon roofed house; the mandarin, a stately palace and courtyard; the sage, a chapel filled with books and tablets; the emperor and warrior, a park with temples, pagodas, statues, and all the paraphernalia of royalty.

If the son of a common man become a mandarin, then all the graves of his ancestors are advanced from the four hundred thousand to the spiritual four hundred; if he become a criminal, they are shamefully desecrated. The laws concerning ancestral worship are the most stringent in the empire. The dead have three souls. One becomes the ancestral tablet in the family homestead, another enters the grave, while the third passes to the Great Overworld, where it may be detained for punishment or sent back to earth in the form of man or beast. The third soul is worshipped at the municipal shrine or temple.

Some of the most beautiful of these municipal temples are at Mukden, the tombs of Niohachi, Abakhae and numerous other Manchu emperors of Khans are inclosed in a sacred park near here. As soon as the Russians camped at the capital of Manchuria, Gen. Mao's troops from Peking appeared on the scene to guard the tombs. They are the pick of the foreign trained soldiery and are equal to their task. Each one has been taught that if he gives his life for the protection of a tomb his soul, in turn will inhabit a tomb of the same rank. It is safe to say that the Chinese will

AN AVENUE THROUGH THE MING TOMBS.



low, reflecting the red and gold of the structure and the queer greens of the tombs bordering it. The span appears to be the work of magic held in between dragon rocks, its ribs seeming to shiver and breathe with every passing breeze. Majestic statues introduce one to the mausoleum of Iemitsu. Through the arch is another gateway presided over by the mythical protectors of Buddhism and the gods of wind and thunder. On the top of a hill, up a flight of steps, is the bronze tomb, with its carved gated entrance. Down the steps and through a long gallery connecting two odd temples is the tomb of Jigen Daisi, the Nikko priest-adviser of the Shoguns.

It is watched by six Buddhist gods and two white Phoenix birds. Near by are the thirteen tombs of the royal Abhota. During my visit a group of French artists was studying the "Painters' Chamber" in Tamaya, or the tomb place of Iemitsu. These precious relics represent the art of the seventeenth century, each painting meaning the life work of its creator. The subjects are mostly Buddhist, and even at this date the royal tombs are brilliant and glowing. The Iemitsu crypt is in a regal courtyard, with stately and chapels. It is a pagoda of gold and bronze, surrounded by a stone wall. In front of the tomb is a



A Manchurian Archer.

To this day the Chinese army has soldiers armed with bows and arrows.

endeavor to preserve neutrality while the Russians tent on their tomb precincts.

Death homes for the living representatives of royalty are reserved and the people begin to worship the receiving vault while the man lives. In the great funeral processions passing through Mukden court is paid to all the Manchu emperors, Shunchi (1644), Kanghe, Yung Ching, Kienlung, Tankwang, Hienfung, Tung-chi and the waiting souls of the living Kiang-shu and the heir selected for him. The rites take place every spring and fall. The mourning colors are white, dull gray or ash. White labels are placed on all portals with verses to the spirits of the dead hovering over the city. In the processions are royal agents, civil and military officials, and the people. All the musical instruments in the community are in use.—New York Times.

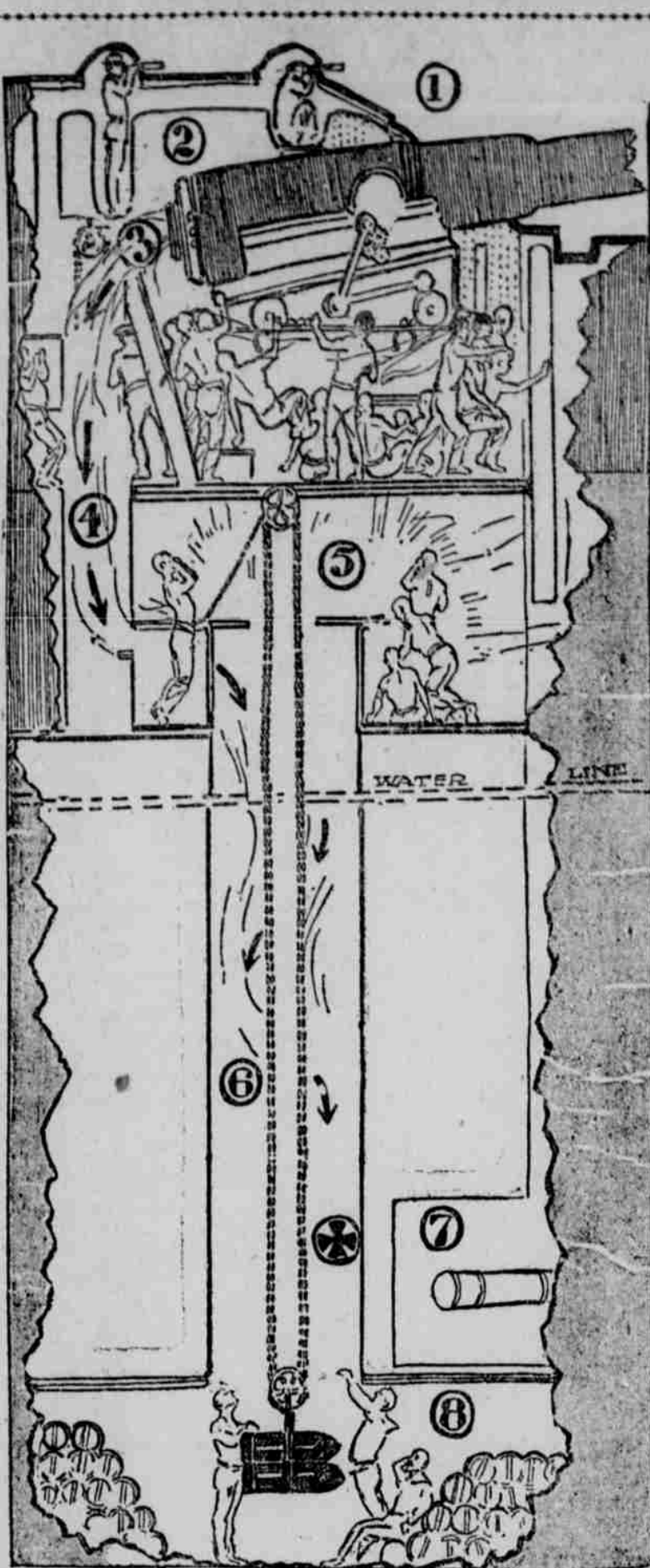
If God To-night.
If God to-night should give what I think best,
Perhaps 'twould not be right.
I dare not trust myself to make a best
With my imperfect sight.
The things which once appeared in gold-
en hue,
All worthless now I see.
Just God alone is wise enough to choose
That which shall come to me.
—J. Le Roy Stockton, in Portland Oregonian.

New Ballot Box.
W. J. Wilkinson of Baltimore has invented a new form of ballot box which, the inventor claims, is worked accurately and secretly. It is not unlike the form now in use in many respects, the main departure being that the voter indicates his selection of candidates by means of dropping balls in holes marked with the name of the candidates. Mr. Wilkinson thinks by using his device the practice of ballot box stuffing can be eliminated.

Colorado's Mineral Output.
The total value of the metallic mineral output of Colorado, for the year 1903, as reported to the directors of the United States mint, was \$50,819,993. Of this ore, the gold product alone amounted to \$22,705,711 in value. The silver output (at its "coinage value") was worth \$17,144,984; lead was \$4,747,459, and zinc \$5,141,820.

Gets Big Contract.
The Britannia contract for harbor improvements, involving about \$30,000,000 has been awarded to an English firm.

HOW THIRTY-FIVE SAILORS DIED ON U. S. BATTLESHIP



SHOWING HOW THE MISSOURI EXPLOSION HAPPENED.

No. 1, the turret; 2, interior of turret; 3, the breech of the twelve-inch turret gun, showing how the back draft blew the flash back to the powder piled up for the next charge; 4, the helix, down which the flame swept that ignited the 1,600 pounds of powder in the handling room; 5, the helix communicating with the magazine, and the cross shows the point the flames reached before they met the water by which the magazine was flooded and by which the ship was saved from being completely destroyed; 7, torpedo tube; 8, the magazine.

WELCOME TO "UNCLE RUSSELL."

Aged Financier Pleased at Cordiality of Brokers.

Russell Sage was seen in Broad street, New York, the other day for the first time in over a year, and the occasion was seized by a crowd of brokers who make their headquarters in front of the Exchange building to give him an ovation. Mr. Sage's right hand was converted into a pump handle and one young broker stood off from the crowd and shouted: "What's the matter with Uncle Russell?" Instantly the reply came: "He's all right!" The aged financier was evidently much pleased by the warmth of his greeting, and he lifted his hat and bowed all around, just like a man who has been elected a school trustee by his admiring townsmen. For two years Russell Sage has been seen on the street only at intervals, which have been gradually widening during the last year.

DIDN'T WANT AN ASSISTANT.

Musician's Rebuke More Gentle Than Was Deserved.
Dr. Hans Richter, the great musical conductor, who entered on his sixty-second year a few days ago, is noted for his absolute mastery and ease while wielding the baton. The noted German was rehearsing in London on one occasion when a peculiar little tapping sound, soft but most irritating, caught his attention. After examining it for some minutes in silence he looked around for the offender, and said, in his broken English: "I must ask you not to beat time with your foot," and then quietly added, as if it had only just occurred to him: "When I am conducting, I cannot always agree with your foot!" The expression of his face drew the sting out of the sarcasm, and everybody laughed.

School to Teach Auctioneering.

Dr. Carey M. Jones of Davenport, a well-known live stock auctioneer, in association with a number of other prominent auctioneers, will open in July in Davenport, Iowa, a school of auctioneering and oratory. The aim of the school will be to develop auctioneers capable of rolling off talk by the yard. There will be courses in oratory, grammar and other branches and a competent specialist in charge of each department. Dr. Jones conducted sales of fancy cattle in seventeen states of the union last year.

Churchmen of Strong Characters.

Dr. Ingram, bishop of London, conveys the idea of a man born to command. It has been said of him that in olden days he probably would have enforced his special brand of theology with a battle ax. In his ordinary clothes he irresistibly reminds one of Sherlock Holmes on the trail—a long aquiline nose, piercing gray eyes, lean, strong jaw and thin, curving lips. But with his smile all this vanishes and the bishop becomes a genial humorist—a large-hearted, warm-blooded man.

REPARTEE IN COUNCIL HALLS.

Shafts of Wit Pointed and Not Very Delicate.

Repartee as practiced by dignified solons in the New York legislature takes on somewhat of a Bowers complexion at times. One day the house was considering a certain measure when Mr. Cook of Erie said courteously: "The gentleman who has spoken in opposition to this bill is a pin-head." He referred to Mr. Cox of Buffalo, who in his politest manner replied: "The gentleman who favors this bill, of course, referring to Mr. Cook, 'has a vacuum' where his brains ought to be." Whereupon Assemblyman Lynch hastened to observe cordially: "Mr. Speaker, I give me great pleasure to find that, for the first occasion since I have served in the legislature with them, I can agree with both Mr. Cox and Mr. Cook. I agree with what Mr. Cook said about Mr. Cox and I endorse what Mr. Cox said about Mr. Cook." Then the bill was passed.

Pope Plus Makes Many Changes.

Pope Plus is still engaged in planning and decreeing numerous important reforms in the Roman curia. He has just reduced his Noble guard from seventy-five to forty-five, and reductions both in numbers and salary are anticipated shortly in the ranks of the Papal Swiss guards, whose disciplinary regulations, more especially as regards morality and mixing in quinal society have been of late revised with startling severity. There is reason for believing that the pope will shortly publish motu proprio a decree ordaining that no post in the Roman curia, diplomatic or otherwise, shall hereafter carry with it any right to a cardinalate. Considerable reductions in the salaries of nuncios and other diplomatic servants are also announced.

Copper King's Reputation Good.

Among Montana miners some wonder is expressed because police protection was sought in New York the other day by W. C. Green, the copper king, when someone threatened him with a gun. Twenty years ago and more "Billy" Green was known in Montana as about the last man on earth to go to the police with his troubles. In those days he was "plenty quick on the draw," and always ready to fight his own battles, being known as "a dead game man" from Anaconda to Tombstone.

London Women Ride Man Fashion.

London society women have taken to riding man fashion and it is expected that during the coming season Rotten Row will see many horsewomen in divided skirts. Many responsible West End tailors have assured journalists that orders for divided skirts are arriving from a large and ever-increasing number of horsewomen. New "ride astride" garments have been invented and are exclusively advertised in the fashion journals. Current fashion papers are full of the subject.

AS THE WORLD REVOLVES

STABBED PREMIER OF SPAIN.

Anarchist at Barcelona Fails in Attempted Murder.

Premier Maura of Spain was attacked and wounded at Barcelona April 12 by a would-be assassin armed with a dagger.

The premier had just returned from a requiem service for the repose of the soul of the late Queen Isabella, when a youth, 19 years old, named Joaquin Miguel Artao, approached, and shouting, "Long live anarchy," struck the premier in the chest with a dagger he had concealed in a handkerchief. Artao was immediately seized and imprisoned. The premier himself was able to send to Madrid the news of the attempt on his life. The force of the blow was broken and its direction diverted by the heavy lace on the minister's coat, resulting in only a slight scratch under the sixth rib.

Joaquin Miguel Artao, the assailant, is an anarchist, and when arrested at-



tempted suicide by dashing his head against the wall. He declared he had no accomplices, but had acted on his own initiative because of his hatred of Maura's politics.

GOT TIRED OF APPLAUSE.

Actor Worned of the Efforts of Hired Claqueur.

The claque is now a recognized institution in some New York playhouses, but the hired applauders have not come to understand their duties nearly so well as their Parisian prototypes. At one of these theaters the other evening the leading man was brought before the curtain half a dozen times after a good scene, chiefly through claqueurs' efforts. The actor, rather disgusted with the made-to-order enthusiasm, was bowing himself off when the most vociferous claqueur broke into another volley. The leading man paused, held up his hand, and said, when silence was restored, "Stop it, my good friend. I believe you would excuse a miracle." This produced a real curtain call, to which the actor smilingly responded.

JOKE ON SECRETARY SHAW.

Washington Laughs at Ingenuity of Statesman's Excuse.

A government scientist not long ago gave a dinner in Washington in honor of Speaker Henderson. The scientist hailed from the hawkeye state, so it was distinctively an Iowa dinner. Of course Secretary Shaw was a guest, and he was the only one absent when 7 o'clock arrived. The host waited half an hour and then gave orders to serve. At exactly 7:55 the secretary of the treasury was announced. His explanation has been a joke among the Iowa contingent in Washington ever since. "I thought this dinner was for 8 o'clock," said he, in evident embarrassment. "I arrived outside at 7:30 by my watch. It was so early I decided to walk up and down the street till I saw someone else come. But no one came, and so I had to enter alone."

NOT TO BE IMPOSED ON.

Little Jarky's Humorous Assertion of His Rights.

Congressman James of Kentucky, a giant in stature and weight, was standing with some friends on the rear platform of a Washington street car. The platform was rather crowded and Mr. James did not observe that a little colored boy was there until he felt a punch in the small of his back. He looked around and the little darkey said: "Ain't gwine have you stan' all over me, man." Mr. James replied with mock severity: "Don't you know that if you lick anybody here you'll get arrested?" "Done care nothin' 'bout dat," said the little chap's sturdy attitude was enough to win him a quarter all around from the Kentuckian and his friends.

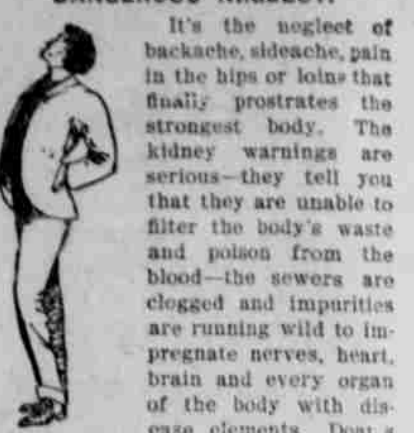
Only Known Woman Coal Miner.

There is only one woman coal miner in Missouri, and she has but one arm. Miss Minnie Petrie began to work in the mine of her nephew, Theodore Petrie, near Fulton, a few years ago because he could not get as many men as he wanted. The first day she worked she wore feminine clothes, but finding them unsuitable the next day she wore an old suit of her nephew's and, attired in men's clothes, she has been digging coal ever since. She is 50 years old.

Actor's Stage Experience.

Ludovic Barnay, the famous German actor of villain parts, doubtless has had more experience in dying than most other members of his profession. He has met death on the stage something over 1,000 times, 314 being by suicide. About a dozen other modes of exit are mentioned in his recently published memoirs. By way of cheerful set-off against this whole-sale decease, Herr Barnay was married 1,171 times, over half of his unions having been bigamous.

DAUGHTER'S NEGLECT.



It's the neglect of backache, aches, pains in the hips or loins that finally prostrates the strongest body. The kidney warnings are serious—they tell you that they are unable to filter the body's waste and poison from the blood—the sewers are clogged and impurities are running wild to impregnate nerves, heart, brain and every organ of the body with disease elements. Don't a-

Kidney Pills are quick to soothe and strengthen sick kidneys and help them free the system from poison. Read how valuable they are, even in cases of long standing.

L. C. Lovell of 415 North First St., Spokane, Wash., says: "I have had trouble from my kidneys for the past ten years. It was caused by a strain to which I paid little attention. But as I neglected the trouble it became worse and worse until any strain or a slight cold was sure to be followed by severe pain across my back. Then the action of the kidney secretions became deranged and I was caused much annoyance besides loss of sleep. Doan's Kidney Pills were brought to my notice and after taking them a short time their good effect was apparent. All the pain was removed from my back and the kidney secretions became normal. Doan's Kidney Pills do all that is claimed for them."

A FREE TRIAL of this great remedy which cured Mr. Lovell will be mailed on application to any part of the United States. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all druggists, price 50 cents per box.

It is a mighty fortunate love whose ebb tide reveals no mud flats. It isn't necessary to label a gentleman.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children.
Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York, cure Constipation, Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the bowels and destroy worms. Over 30,000 testimonials. All druggists. 25c. Sample FREE. Address A. S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

There is considerable of the tyrant about the woman who is engaged.

I am sure Pilo's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. T. Ross, 1004 Maple Street, Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1900.

The consumption specialist fills his coffers at the expense of his coughers.

When Your Grocer Says
he does not have Defiance Starch, you may be sure he is afraid to keep it until his stock of 12 oz. packages are sold. Defiance Starch is only better than any other Cold Water Starch, but contains 16 oz. to the package and sells for same money as 12 oz. brands.

"Why don't you write another good play, Mr. Gillette?" an enthusiastic friend inquired of the actor; "a good, live-realistic, up-to-date?" Mr. Gillette scribbled something on the back of a card. "How would this do?" he inquired: "Scene—A drawing room. Married lady seated, young man in dress suit at her feet. Folding doors at back open. Discovers husband with a double-barreled revolver. He fires and kills married lady and young man. Husband then advances and contemplates victims. After a pause he exclaims: 'A thousand pardons. I'm in the wrong flat.' Slow curtain."

Torpedoes for the destruction of vessels were first used in the spring of 1861 by the Confederates in the James river. In 1865 the secretary of the navy reported that more ships had been lost by torpedoing than from all other causes. General Rains, chief of the Confederate torpedo service, put the number at fifty-eight, a greater number than had been destroyed in all the wars since.

The Austrian marriage laws are very severe. They prohibit marriages between Christians and Jews and between Christians and infidels. A marriage between a Protestant woman and a man who said he had no particular creed has just been annulled by the supreme court.

CAME FROM COFFEE.

A Case Where the Taking of Morphine Began With Coffee.

"For 15 years," says a young Ohio woman, "I was a great sufferer from stomach, heart and liver trouble. For the last 10 years the suffering was terrible; it would be impossible to describe it. During the last three years I had convulsions from which the only relief was the use of morphine."

"I had several physicians, nearly all of whom advised me to stop drinking tea and coffee, and as I could take only liquid foods I felt I could not live without coffee. I continued drinking it until I became almost insane. My mind was affected, while my whole nervous system was a complete wreck. I suffered day and night from thirst and as water would only make me sick I kept on trying different drinks until a friend asked me to try Postum Food Coffee."

"I did so but it was some time before I was benefited by the change. My system was so filled with coffee poison. It was not long, however, before I could eat all kinds of foods and drink all the cold water I wanted and which my system demands. It is now 8 years I have drank nothing but Postum for breakfast and supper and the result has been that in place of being an invalid with my mind affected I am now strong, sturdy, happy and healthy."

"I have a very delicate daughter who has been greatly benefited by drinking Postum, also a strong boy, who would rather go without food for his breakfast than his Postum. So much depends on the proper cooking of Postum for unless it is boiled the proper length of time people will be disappointed in it. Those in the habit of drinking strong coffee should make the Postum very strong at first in order to get a strong coffee taste." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look in each package for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."