

**Whisper Convicted of Fraud.**  
Rev. Orson D. Taylor of the Dalles, Ore., who has been in jail at Saginaw, Mich., for several months and against whom proceedings for securing money under false pretenses have been dragging along in the circuit court for a year or more, was sentenced to six years in prison. The complainant, Dr. D. B. Cornell, alleged that Taylor induced him to buy \$5,000 worth of shares in the Interstate Investment Company of The Dalles, a concern which did not exist.

**A New Fabric.**  
Among the new fabrics seen in the stores is the elorida, a new weave in a piece-dyed material that is set once a plain fabric and a novelty. Dumoon plaids seemingly forsake clan colors, and retaining Scottish designs take on the colors that fashion favors. The plaids come in six beautiful colorings. In one type two shades of blue in the ground are overshadowed by broken lines of brown and tan, and a dash of gold adds brilliancy to the material.

**PERILS OF SEA GUNNERY.**  
**The Mate's Agility and Quick Wittedness Save the Ship.**  
An officer of the United States Navy relates the following as illustrating some of the perils of gunnery at sea: "I am glad to see you again, and all the more so, because, without knowing it, I came very near going up into the air in small bits in this last squadron cruise. We were at heavy gun practice at sea, and but for the quickness of a gunner's mate would never have returned. As you probably know, the heavy guns in the turrets are fired by electricity, the gun being discharged simply by pressing a button. The officer in command of the forward turret was just about to press the button to fire one of our big guns, when a gunner's mate was seen to grab at something on the wall of the turret and then fall in a heap on the floor. The officer pressed the button, but the gun was not discharged. When the mate came to he was asked what had happened, and he informed the officer that the breech of the gun had not been locked and that what he grabbed at on the wall was the wires forming the electric firing circuit. When he saw that the officer was prepared to fire the gun and at the same time observed that the breech of the gun was not locked, the only thing that occurred to him to prevent the gun being discharged was to destroy the firing circuit, which he did promptly and effectively. When all this occurred there was a charge of 250 pounds of powder in the gun, another charge of the same size in the turret ready to be served, and the passageway leading to the powder magazine was wide open. But for the quickness of the gunner's mate the gun would have been discharged, the breech block would have blown out inside the turret, the gases from the burning powder would probably have ignited the charge lying in the turret, this explosion would have ignited the powder in the magazine, and the chances are that the whole ship, crew and all would have gone up in the air. A thought that has occurred to me is this: Suppose the accident had occurred, what do you imagine the verdict of a board of inquiry as to the cause of the loss of the ship would have been? Since this experience the department has adopted electrical means to prevent the discharge of any of the large guns until the breech is locked."

**Bronze-Haired Woman.**  
Some post once said that auburn-haired women ruled the world which also means that they ruled men. History seems to bear him out. This does not refer to that grating, harsh, brilliant red, but the rich, soft, wavy bronze, which is red-gold only in the sunlight.  
Xantippe, Helen of Troy, Cleopatra, Catherine of Russia, Queen Elizabeth, Mme. Recamier, Marie Antoinette, Phryne and many others who made history for the world had such hair.  
This color is indicative of abundant iron in the blood, which imparts strength, spirit, vim and ability. Women with auburn hair are unusually intense in love, and therein lies their power. They have swayed nations' masters.  
Then, too, auburn-haired women preserve their beauty. Among those of the past whose physical beauty lasted till past 50 is Helen of Troy, who reached the zenith of her charm and came upon the stage of fame at 40. Aspasia was 36 when she was wooed and won by Pericles. Thirty years after she was still a brilliant figure.  
Cleopatra was long past 30 when she met Antony. Henry VII. was captivated by Diane of Poitiers when she was 36. The king was half her age, yet his devotion was permanent. At the age of 38 Anne of Austria was regarded as the most beautiful woman of Europe. Louis XIV. married Mme. de Maintenon, the governess of his children, when she was 43 years old. Catherine of Russia was 33 when she seized the throne she occupied for thirty-five years.  
The National Brotherhood of Electrical Workers held its seventh annual convention at Detroit last week. This body has eighty unions and 10,000 members.

**FIBROID TUMOR CONQUERED.**  
**Expelled by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound—Strong Statement from Mrs. B. A. Lombard.**  
One of the greatest triumphs of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the conquering of woman's dread enemy, Fibroid Tumor.  
The growth of these tumors is so rapid that frequently their presence is not suspected until they are far advanced.  
So-called "wandering pains" may come from its early stages, or the presence of danger may be made manifest by excessive menstruation accompanied by unusual pain extending from the ovaries down the groin and thighs.  
If you have mysterious pains, if there are indications of inflammation or displacement, don't wait for time to confirm your fears and go through the horrors of a hospital operation; secure Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound right away and begin its use.  
Mrs. Pinkham, of Lynn, Mass., will give you her advice free of all charge if you will write her about yourself. Your letter will be seen by women only, and you need have no hesitation about being perfectly frank.  
Read what Mrs. B. A. Lombard, Box 71, Westfield, Mass., says:  
"I have reason to think that I would not be here now if it had not been for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It cured me of a fibroid tumor in my womb. Doctors could do nothing for me, and they could not cure me at the hospital. I will tell you about it. I had been in my usual health, but had worked quite hard. When my monthly period came I flowed very badly. The doctor gave me medicine, but it did me no good. He said the flow must be stopped if possible, and he must find the cause of my trouble. Upon examination he found there was a fibroid tumor in my womb, and gave me treatment without any benefit whatever. About that time a lady called on me and recommended Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; said she owed her life to it. I said I would try it, and did. Soon after the flow became more natural and regular. I still continued taking the Compound for some time. Then the doctor made an examination again, and found everything all right. The tumor had passed away, and that dull ache was gone."



# Half Sick Half Well

Many persons have their good day and their bad day. Others are about half sick all the time. They have headache, backache, and are restless and nervous. Food does not taste good, and the digestion is poor; the skin is dry and scaly and disfigured with pimples or eruptions; sleep brings no rest and work is a burden.  
What is the cause of all this? Impure blood.  
And the remedy?

## Ayer's Sarsaparilla

It clears out the channels through which poisons are carried from the body. When all impurities are removed from the blood nature takes right hold and completes the cure.  
If there is constipation, take Ayer's Pills. They awaken the drowsy action of the liver; they cure biliousness.

**Write to our Doctor.**  
We have the exclusive services of some of the most eminent physicians in the United States. Write freely all the particulars in your case. You will receive a prompt reply, without cost.  
Address, DR. J. C. AYER, Lowell, Mass.

**A Safe System.**  
A young man of perhaps not too honest purposes in life was in pursuit of a tailor who would not be likely to press him too closely for his bills, and was recommended to a certain man.  
"No," said his tailor, "I never send bills to nice people."  
"You're just the man for me!" said the youth.  
"But," added the tailor, "if people do not pay without being pestered with bills, I conclude that they are not nice people, and send the bills right along!"  
The young man concluded that he would try another tailor.  
To prevent the pedal of a bicycle catching in the chain as the crank revolves a curved guard is attached to the inner end of the pedal to strike the chain and push it back if it flies out of line.  
A wife never hates to ask her husband for money any worse than he hates to have her.

**THE CAUSE OF DYSPEPSIA.**  
From the Republican, Scranton, Penn.  
The cause of dyspepsia is lack of vitality, the absence of nerve force, the loss of the life-sustaining elements of food. No organ can properly perform its function when the source of nutriment fails. When the stomach is robbed of the nourishment demanded by nature, assimilation ceases, unnatural gases are generated, the entire system responds to the discord.  
A practical illustration is furnished by the case of Joseph T. Vandye, 440 Hickory street, Scranton, Pa.  
In telling his story, Mr. Vandye says: "Five years ago I was afflicted with a trouble of the stomach, which was very aggravating. I had no appetite, could not enjoy myself at any time, and especially was the trouble whenever I awoke in the morning. I did not know what the ailment was, but it became steadily worse and I was in constant misery.  
"I called in my family physician, and he diagnosed the case as catarrh of the stomach. He prescribed for me, and I had his prescription filled. I took nearly all of the medicine, but still the trouble became worse, and I felt that my condition was hopeless. I tried several remedies, but without benefit. After I had been suffering several months, Thomas Campbell, of this city, urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.  
"I finally decided to buy a box and began to use the pills according to directions. Before I had taken the second box I began to feel relieved, and after taking a few more boxes considered myself restored to health. The pills gave me new life, strength, ambition and happiness.  
"Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure dyspepsia by restoring to the blood the requisite constituents of life, by renewing the nerve force and enabling the stomach to promptly and properly assimilate the food. These pills are a specific for all diseases having their origin in impoverished blood or disordered nerves. They contain every element requisite to general nutrition, to restore strength and good health to the ailing."  
Washington printers will ask Congress to restore the scale of wages that prevailed previous to 1877.

**Wonderful Snake Charming.**  
A well-known magician tells this story: "One morning I was sitting in my room writing letters. There was no furniture in the room except a few chairs, a table and the cot bed on which I had slept and which had a single sheet thrown over it. There were no curtains or drapery anywhere about. Suddenly a snake charmer appeared in the doorway and remarked, cheerfully, 'Heap plenty big snake in room, sanbli Heap plenty big snake.'  
"I told him to go away; that I had no time to waste on him, and besides, that I did not believe there was a snake in the whole house. But he declared earnestly that there was 'heap plenty big snake,' and I finally told him to come in and drive them out. He advanced two or three paces into the room, put a pipe to his lips and began to play. The sheet of the bed rose in the air. The native twitched it off and behold there was a great cobra coiled up with his head in the air. The charmer's eyes were fixed upon the cobra, and the music became soft and slow. From the bed the serpent descended and slowly followed the man, who was backing toward the door. Just outside the charmer stopped, and the snake coiled himself on the threshold, his head high in the air, hissing angrily, while his tongue darted in and out, full of menace. He was just ready to strike when another native who had remained outside stepped forward and, in a flash, cut off the monster's head with a sharp sword. I went out and saw the writhing, bleeding, headless serpent on the ground."

**He Got It.**  
"Mister," said Meandering Mike, "would you like to have all the money you wanted?"  
"Of course I would," was the natural reply.  
"Well, then, I kin approach you as man to man and tell you me own feelin's. It's a good deal to be able to depend on sympathy and co-operation in advance. All the money I wants for the present is 10 cents, which is somethin you could help me to without misin."

**A Cheap Trick.**  
To manufacture a cheap kalsomine stuck on the wall with glue, claiming it to be the "same thing" or "just as good" as the durable Alabastine or to buy and sell such goods on such representations would seem a cheap trick. Some resort to it. To be safe, buy Alabastine only in packages and properly labeled.  
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**Shake Into Your Shoes**  
Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It cures painful, swollen, smarting feet and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Ease makes tight-fitting or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for sweating, callous and hot, tired, nervous, aching feet. Try it today. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores. By mail for 25c in stamps. Trial package FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.  
Half of a person's trouble is imaginary and the other half is not so had generally as it seems to be.  
**How's This.**  
We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of catarrh that can not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.  
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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.  
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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 50c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.  
Kindness is the well-spring of human joy. It enlarges the soul of both the donor and the receiver of it.  
**TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.**  
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c  
Most of the people who are known as cranks are such because it is the only manner in which they can obtain notoriety.  
Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, always pains, cures wind colic. 25c bottle.  
Why does a small boy always take delight in seeing how near he can skate to the danger sign?  
I believe Piso's Cure is the only medicine that will cure consumption. Anna M. Ross, Williamsport, Pa., Nov. 12, '95.  
Why is the average man always ready to stand up for the weaker sex every where but in a street car?

**A Sufficient Notice.**  
Near Christina Lake, in Washington, a rough road leads from the main highway toward the lake, where there is a ferry operated by hand power. At the point of departure of this road the following sign, posted on a tree, informs passengers of all they have to do to make the trip across the lake by this route.  
"Wagon road to Christina if you want to go across hollow or yeall also a grocery store and hotel."  
**Young People's Distinct Mission.**  
"You people have a definite mission as young people," writes Mrs. Lyman Abbott, in her series of "Peaceful Valley Papers," in the Ladies' Home Journal. "They are not to be so absorbed, even in preparing for their future work, as to forget that they are to be joy-givers of the home and of the community. Just as truly as the beauty of the butterfly's wings and the colors of the flowers are to gladden the eye, and the song of the bird is to stir the heart, so young men and maidens, in the beauty and strength of their youth, with their clear, happy voices, are to refresh the spirits of the careworn. Young people have a distinct mission, not only to be happy themselves, but to make all around them happier, and first and principally in their homes."  
**Corrupting the Word.**  
Grammararians are protesting against the abuse of the word "unique," which means unequalled, the sole object of its kind. "Very unique," "most unique," are qualifications now in common vogue; and by-and-by a new definition will creep into the dictionaries: "Unique—peculiar, odd, extraordinary."  
Every one dislikes an old man who imagines he is too young for his wife.

**The Champion in Frugality.**  
Guy, the founder of Guy's Hospital in London, was as parsimonious in private life as he was munificent in public. A good story illustrative of this is told of him in connection with John Hopkins, one of his contemporaries, who was nicknamed Vulture Hopkins on account of his rapacious mode of acquiring his immense wealth. On one occasion he paid a visit to Guy, who on Hopkins' entering the room, lighted a farthing candle. Hopkins, on being asked the object of his visit, said: "I have been told that you, sir, are better versed in the prudent and necessary art of saving than any man living, and I therefore wait on you for a lesson in frugality. I have always regarded myself as an adept in this matter, but I am told you excel me." "Oh," replied Guy, "if that is all you came to talk about, we can discuss the matter in the dark." And thereupon he blew out the candle. Struck with this example of economy, Hopkins acknowledged that he had met his superior in thrift.—Medical Record.  
Stenographers will appreciate a newly designed notebook which has a hinged arm attached to the cover to form an easel support and raise the book into a nearly vertical position.

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WE ARE ASSERTING IN THE COURTS OUR RIGHT TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE WORD "CASTORIA," AND "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," AS OUR TRADE MARK.

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March 8, 1897: *Samuel Pitcher, D.D.*

**Do Not Be Deceived.**  
Do not endanger the life of your child by accepting a cheap substitute which some druggist may offer you (because he makes a few more pennies on it), the ingredients of which even he does not know.

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Insist on Having **The Kind That Never Failed You.**  
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