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### HER CHOICE OF DEMISE.

**Pathetic Thought of Little Girl Who Had Lost Playmate.**

Mary had for neighbor a small playmate, a much-loved and attractive boy. The little lad rushed across the street one day, throwing back a glance at his mother. At that instant a trolley car swept around the corner and the resulting tragedy threw the town into mourning. Each family wept as though its own son had been lost. Mary was utterly disconsolate and, little as she had previously known of death, realized in a childish way the added horror of this one. In her convulsive grief, and while her father and mother sat with sobs in their throats and tears overflowing, Mary straightened up and sobbed:

"Mother, when I die I hope it will be of a disease and not of a damage!"

### TERRIBLE.

Minister—I'm afraid you men will do anything for money.

Meandering Mike—Yus; some fellows will even work for it.

**Ivy's Strength.**

An ivy plant which established itself in a crevice of the tower of St. John the Baptist church at Yaraborough, England, undermined the foundation and lifted stones out of place until it will cost $3,000 to make repairs.


# WOMAN'S BACKACHE

The back is the mainspring of woman's organism. It quickly calls attention to trouble by aching. It tells, with other symptoms, such as nervousness, headache, pains in the loins, weight in the lower part of the body, that a woman's feminine organism needs immediate attention.

In such cases the one sure remedy which speedily removes the cause, and restores the feminine organism to a healthy, normal condition is

**LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND**

Mrs. Will Young, of 6 Columbia Ave., Rockland, Me., says:

"I was troubled for a long time with dreadful backaches and a pain in my side, and was miserable in every way. I doctored until I was discouraged and thought I would never get well. I read what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound had done for others and decided to try it; after taking three bottles I can truly say that I never felt so well in my life."

Mrs. Augustus Lyon, of East Earl, Pa., writes to Mrs. Pinkham:

"I had very severe backaches, and pressing-down pains. I could not sleep, and had no appetite. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound cured me and made me feel like a new woman."

**FACTS FOR SICK WOMEN.**

For thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, has been the standard remedy for female ills, and has positively cured thousands of women who have been troubled with displacements, inflammation, ulceration, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing-down feeling, flatulency, indigestion, dizziness, or nervous prostration.


# A RUSSIAN REFUGEE

**TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE UNDERGONE BY MAURICE BALANOVSKY.**

**His Daring and Exciting Escape from Siberian Military Prison with Several Companions—Now in United States.**

Fort Dodge, Ia.—There arrived in Fort Dodge a few days ago a Russian refugee named Maurice Balanovsky, after perhaps as daring and exciting escape from a Siberian military prison as ever fell to the lot of mortal man, after having spent three years of his life as a convict.

Balanovsky was born in Odessa, his father being a wealthy merchant of the city. He was given every advantage and was highly educated in his own language. Three years ago in September his father invited a number of his countrymen to spend the day with him. They feasted until afternoon, when like vultures the Cossacks swept down upon them and in the yard of the Balanovsky home 60 of the party lay butchered, for no other reason than they were Jewish by birth. Among the slain was the father of young Balanovsky, and kneeling by his bruised and mangled body he swore a terrible oath of vengeance. For this, and the additional reason he was a social democrat, he was cast into prison. His mother and two younger brothers escaped to Bremen and later were given assistance by relatives in Fort Dodge and were able to reach here. Their property was confiscated by the czar.

After several weeks in a prison at Odessa young Balanovsky was called into court, and although he plead his own case and was praised for his oratory before the magistrate, he was sentenced to a life of servitude in a military prison in Siberia. Soon the weary march began, but his heart never failed him. His one hope was for a chance to escape and to come to America, there to join his mother and

MAURICE BALANOVSKY.

brothers and to tell of the terrible sufferings of the people in these prisons. Being a skilled mechanic he was given liberties after a time in the prison, and although compelled to report daily to the police department, managed to arrange for the escape of 17 of his friends, two of whom were girls.

Plans were laid for their escape and finally the little party made a dash for freedom, nine of them gave up their lives in the first ten miles, but Balanovsky and seven others managed to make their way to freedom after more than three months of wandering by night and hiding by day. Sometimes for several days they were compelled to subsist on roots and herbs, and although they passed within sight of the towers and spires of Odessa, they dared not visit their friends. Neither were the Jewish people with whom they came in contact able to assist them in any way out of the country, for fear of the harm which would befall them should it become known to the secret police of the empire. Finally they crossed the frontier and were able to send word to friends and relatives in this country. Money was immediately forwarded and about one month ago the party landed in Boston. Soon after landing the two girls of the party were united in marriage to two of the male members of the party, while Balanovsky came directly to this city to the home of his cousin, Joe Steinberg.

The terrible experience he underwent told on him physically and from a rugged youth of 17 when imprisoned he is now terrible amaciated from the torture of the past three years, as well as his experience in making his escape. Several times, he says, they were attacked in their way across country and were compelled to take human life to preserve their own, and his own body shows the marks left by bullets. In this city for the first time since the evening his father and 60 of his countrymen were murdered in their yard at Odessa, he had the pleasure of meeting his mother, and will at once set to work to retrieve their lost fortune and monthly—as do many of his countrymen—send back a small part of his earnings to friends and relatives that they, too, in time, may enjoy the blessings of liberty in the United States.

### POLICE JUDGE WILLS.

**Will Gladly Answer the Questions of any Inquirer.**

It is a generous offer that Police Judge J. H. Wills, of Cloverport, Ky., makes to sufferers from backache, kidney and bladder ills.

Judge Wills knows the value of Doan's Kidney Pills and will answer the questions of any sufferer who writes to him. The judge says: "I take pleasure in recommending Doan's Kidney Pills to persons suffering from kidney disorders, backache, etc. It is the best remedy I have ever known and I will gladly answer any questions about it."

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### TOO MUCH.

Eddie—I don't mind so much dat I quit smokin' 'cause you ast me ter, but ter be refused after I'd gone an' washed me handsome face fer a week straight—well, honest, I didn't think it of yer.

### ECZEMA FOR 55 YEARS.

**Suffered Torments from Birth—In Frightful Condition—Got No Help Until Cuticura Cured Him.**

"I had an itching, tormenting eczema ever since I came into the world, and I am now a man 55 years old. I tried all kinds of medicines I heard of, but found no relief. I was truly in a frightful condition. At last I broke out all over with red and white boils, which kept growing until they were as big as walnuts, causing great pain and misery, but I kept from scratching as well as I could. I was so run down that I could hardly do my work I used Cuticura Soap, Ointment, Resolvent, and Pills for about eight months, and I can truthfully say I am cured. Hale Bordwell, Tipton, Ia., Aug. 17, 1907."

"I cheerfully endorse the above testimonial. It is the truth. I know Mr. Bordwell and know the condition he was in. Nelson R. Burnett, Tipton, Ia."

**Sees America a Heaven.**

Prof. W. B. Elkin of the University of Missouri believes that America will be a veritable heaven on earth within 100 years, and he goes on to tell why in an article which he has written for the American Journal of Sociology. Among other things which will be a feature of the millennium he pictures is a reformed press. Newspapers, he says, will be printed and edited by the colleges.


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**WHAT CAUSES HEADACHE.**
From October to May, Colds are the most frequent cause of Headache. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE removes cause. E. W. Grove on box 25c


The surer a girl is about a man's being in love with her the less sure she is about being in love with him.

There is nothing ill said that is not ill taken.—German.

# IMMIGRATION FROM SOUTH EXPECTED

**U. S. FARMERS ARE RECOGNIZING SPLENDID OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY WESTERN CANADA.**

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 9, 1908.—Present indications are that the Canadian Northwest will draw an exceptionally heavy movement of new settlers from the United States this year. It should surpass the banner record for 1907. This is not only based on the fact that the Americans have come to realize generally that the Canadian Northwest offers splendid opportunities, but also because the railroads have awakened to the fact and are offering rates to the Canadian Northwest which are exceptionally favorable.

The lines which lead to St. Paul from the east and south are offering homeseekers' rates to the Canadian Northwest this year which are on a parity with those in existence to the southwest for a couple of seasons.

These rates can be obtained from any agent of the Canadian government, who will be pleased to give all information possible regarding those districts which offer the greatest inducements to settlers. The weather throughout Western Canada has been remarkably good this year. A telegram from the winter wheat belt of Southern Alberta dated at Cardston, Alberta, January 29th, says:

"This winter up to January 25 was nothing short of a marvel, in fact, it was the finest anyone can remember for twenty-five years though there have been others nearly as good. The days were fine, sunny and warm with light frosts at night. Overcoats and gloves, etc., were discarded by most people in the day time. There was so little frost in the ground that post holes could be dug without any trouble after the first inch was broken through. Winter wheat remained fresh and green although there has been no snow since the September storm. If there is an early spring, winter wheat should gain a great start."

Amongst the reports of the yield of last year the following extracts are taken:

H. Howe, of Magrath, Alta, writing on November, 1907, says: "I have 70 acres in crop, 50 acres of wheat and seven acres of oats. My average yield of oats was 35 bushels to the acre, and of wheat 45 bushels. The value to me was $35 per acre."

J. F. Haycock, of Magrath, writes in November: "I had 65 acres in winter wheat, which went 60 bushels to the acre; oats averaged 80 bushels. I also had 12 tons of hay worth $10 per ton. I got 600 bushels of potatoes from three acres of land; I got eight tons per acre from five acres of sugar beet."

J. F. Bradshaw, of Magrath, had 1,030 acres of winter wheat last year which averaged 39½ bushels to the acre. The value of his farm products per acre was: Wheat, $31.60; oats, $11.20 and barley, $25.15.

**A Nature Student.**

The faculty with which the New York child grasps the "new idea" in matters educational is charmingly illustrated in a composition recently penned by a six-year-old. Her teacher had asked for brief compositions on "Animals I Have Seen." This is the result, written in the present day vertical penmanship:

"Do you see the little robin swinging on the tree? Do you see the little goldfish a-swimming in the bowl? Who teached these two to fly so beautifully together? Who struck the feathers on their breasts? 'Twas God—'Twas God. He done it."


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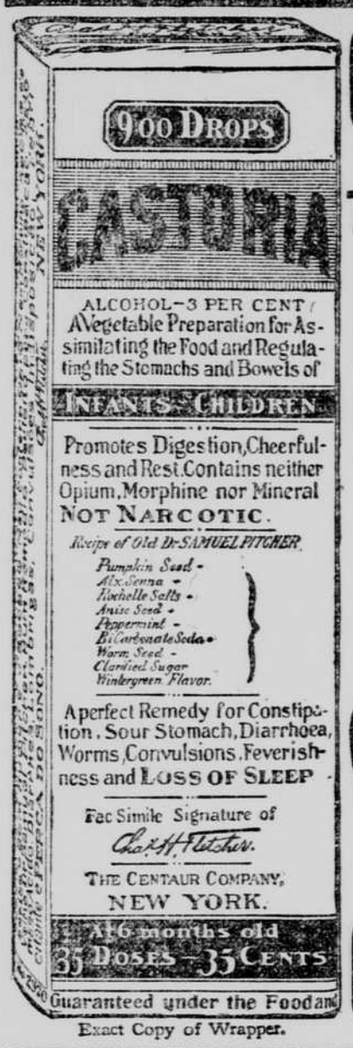


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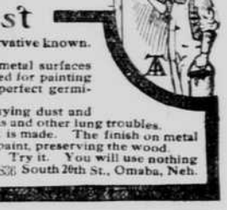

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