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# **Smoke of Herbs Cures** Catarrh

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This preparation of herbs, leaves, flowers and berries (containing no tobacco or habit-forming drugs) is either smoked in an ordinary clean pipe or smoking tube, and by drawing the medicated smoke into the mouth and inhaling into the lungs or sending it out through the nostrils in a perfectly natural way, the worst case of Catarrh

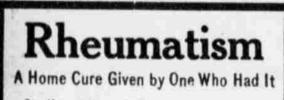
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The following editorial appeared In the Philadelphia North American: It would be interesting, though hardly flattering, to learn what impression was made upon intelligent foreign visitors to the United States by recent issues of the newspapers. What must have been the amazement of travelers from Great Britain and Germany and France and Chile and other "backward" countries to observe that the most important news of the day is the establishment of a parcel post, with the president and the postmaster general and leading men in public life and business marking the inauguration by elaborate ceremonies!

Of course, they do not understand panies. These foreigners have read such as sprays, ointments, salves, liquid or tablet medicines fail—they do not and can not reach all the affected parts. of the United States, of the growth of its population, the vastness of its industrial enterprises, the prodigious extent of its agricultural wealth, the opulence of its cities, the prosperity and freedom of its inhabitants, its possession of a banking power in excess of that of Britain, France and Germany combined.

> Yet they find this nation, twelve years after the opening of the twentieth century, making its first timid experiment with a system which their governments have operated for forty or fifty years.

> No wonder they do not understand. No one can, except Americans themselves, who know by experience how powerful have been the demands of private intersts in guiding the affairs of government. In regard to the parcel post, it seemed that opposition was confined to the express companies; but behind these were the interlocking interests of the railroads, the banks and the financial powers, whose confederation stands forth as special privilege.

It was this vast power which so long withstood the public demand for the parcel post; and it is this which thus far has strangled every official movement looking to a government-owned telegraph and telephone system.

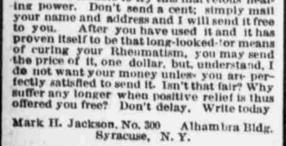


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The suggestion not only met violent protest from the financial interests, but occasioned a severe rebuke from the White House to the postmaster general. It was officially explained that he had spoken without authority of the president and that his suggestion would be ignored.

Mr. Hitchcock's abortive utterance, however, was but an echo of a recommendation made twenty years before. John Wanamaker, as postmaster general, strongly urged in 1892 that the government take over the telegraph and telephone systems. And at a testimonial luncheon given to him in New York, in November, 1911, he said what he repeated the other day:

"I am clearly of the opinion that the government owes it to the business interests and the family life of the nation to take possession of all the telegraph companies. The people (Continued on Page 14.)

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