

FREE TO TWENTY-FIVE LADIES.

The Defiance Starch Co. will give 25 ladies a round-trip ticket to the St. Louis exposition to five ladies in each of the following states: Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri who will send in the largest number of trade marks cut from a 10-cent, 16-ounce package of Defiance cold water laundry starch. This means from your own home, anywhere in the above named states. These trade marks must be mailed to and received by the Defiance Starch Co., Omaha, Neb., before September 1st, 1904. October and November will be the best months to visit the exposition. Remember that Defiance is the only starch put up 16 oz. (a full pound) to the package. You get one-third more starch for the same money than of any other kind, and Defiance never sticks to the iron. The tickets to the exposition will be sent by registered mail September 5th. Starch for sale by all dealers.

The Strenuous Life.

What it means to be a "club man" may be illustrated by mentioning the clubs of which Asbel P. Fitch, who died last month in New York was a member. He had membership in the Metropolitan, the Manhattan, New York Yacht, Lawyers', Germanic, Ardrey, St. Nicholas, Press, Arion, Liederkranz and the Metropolitan Club of Washington. In addition he was president of the Franklin County Society, a member of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Sons of the Revolution, New England Society, Military Order of Foreign Wars, New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, Municipal Art Society, the Chamber of Commerce and the Dunlap Society. He was also a director in a number of banks and other large corporations.

Insist on Getting It.

Some grocers say they don't keep Defiance Starch. This is because they have a stock on hand of other brands containing only 12 oz. in a package, which they won't be able to sell first, because Defiance contains 16 oz. for the same money. Do you want 16 oz. instead of 12 oz. for same money? Then buy Defiance Starch. Requires no cooking.

Uncle Sam's Heavy Guns.

At Sandy Hook are United States Ordnance proving-grounds, where Uncle Sam does heavy training for war. Firing lately from big guns has been tremendously heavy, the detonations being severe enough to shake the earth clear up to Staten Island, a distance of fifteen miles. On the lower shore of Long Island and at some places along the Jersey shore noises shake and dishes and other articles are broken, windows are cracked, and there is a general smash-up, when the big guns are fired. It is a disagreeable reminder of war. Shots are fired at sea and when they explode in the water the ocean is for a few seconds dotted here and there with geyser fountains.

Do You Want the Lowest Rates

either one-way or round-trip excursion, to any point east of Chicago or St. Louis? Ask the Erie Railroad Company, 555 Railway Exchange, Chicago, for complete information. Three fast trains daily from Chicago and St. Louis through to New York, Boston, Buffalo, Pittsburgh and other eastern points. Stop-over without charge at Niagara Falls, Cambridge Springs and Beautiful Chautauque Lake.

Men who are advertising that they walk with the devil now will be anxious to prove an alibi some day.

All Up-to-Date Housekeepers use Defiance Cold Water Starch, because it is better, and 4 oz. more of it for same money.

While the pessimist sees only the thorns on the rose the optimist sees only the rose on the thorns.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound
A Woman's Remedy
For Woman's Ills.



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BEGGS' BLOOD PURIFIER CURES catarrh of the stomach.

THE ODD CORNER

The Weaver.
When silver bells ring out the old,
And play the new year in,
A spirit in the winter woods
Softly begins to spin;
No mortal eye has seen her face,
Or watched her labors there,
But crocus buds are in her breast,
And blossoms in her hair.

She weaves, upon her magic loom,
The snowdrop's silver sheen,
The tender tint of April boughs,
The meadow's velvet green,
The lilac and the daffodil
Beneath her fingers grow,
And as the tolls from day to day,
About her melts the snow.

So, what if clouds are dark with storm,
And windows white with frost,
And voices of the running brooks
In icy valleys are lost;
What if the wondrous northern lights
Their crimson banners fling—
Said Nature in her woodland weaves
The bridal robe of Spring.

Smallest Book in the World.
The smallest book in the world is Schloss's "English Bijou Almanac for 1839." Diminutive as it is, there are illustrations in it. On its pages are portraits of Princess Victoria, her royal highness the Duchess of Kent, Lady Blessington Wellington, Sir Thomas Lawrence, Pasta, and Beethoven. To each picture is appended a short poem. Then follows the calendar. Inside the cover is the inscription, "Anna East: Her Book." The small proportions of the volume will be realized when it is seen side by side with a thimble, as in the illustration. It is three-eighths of an inch wide by one-half an inch high.



Crabs That Eat Coconuts.
Crabs which live upon coconuts which they pick for themselves are found in the Coral Islands. Nature has provided this crustacean with claws and nippers of enormous strength, and it is supposed that the crab climbs the cocoa palms and detaches the nuts. It reaches the mat of the fruit by picking and rapping with its claws at the end of the nut where the three small holes are to be found till a slight breach is made. Then the nippers are brought into use for the rough fibers which surround the shell. These he shreds with his nippers and conveys to his burrows, where they form a comfortable bed for the crab while he is changing his coat. Some of these crabs attain a length of over two feet, and live in holes which they have made in the earth at the roots of tropical trees.

Baptism for the Dead.

Under the caption "The Vitality of Mormonism," Ray Stannard Baker writes, in the June Century:
"Another device which holds the people to the church is the curious doctrine of baptism for the dead. It is believed that the living may, by being baptized, save their relatives who have gone before. A man goes to the temple and is solemnly immersed for his grandfather, who died out of the faith; the grandfather's name is duly entered in the book of records; the grandson contributes a fee, and comes the next day to be baptized for his grandmother, and so on. As the result of this faith the Mormons have delved more deeply into their genealogy, perhaps, than any other class of Americans. I know of several cases in which Mormons have gone to England on purpose to trace out their genealogical tree, bringing back long lists of their ancestors, in some cases going back to the time of William the Conqueror. On their return to Utah they begin the process of baptism, a dip for each ancestor."

A Nonpuncturable Tire.

There has been a growing demand from all owners and operators of non-puncturable tires. Solid tires have been used to some extent, but they have never shown the desirable resilient qualities. Now comes a French company claiming to have automobiles and motor cars for a solved the problem with a tire, a cross section of which is shown in the illustration. The advantages claimed for it are: Nonliability to puncture, great cushion ability owing to its hollow construction, nonliability to side-slip owing to its flat tread, absolute security, as it can not be twisted out of the rim. English motorists are now giving it a trial along the country roads in their island.

Novelty in Advertising.
A novel way of introducing a new article has been discovered in London. A number of men who suggest by their apparel that they are grooms, valets or servants of some kind are sent about the shops to buy the article which is being boomed. They insist upon having this particular article and no other, rejecting any substitute which may be offered them.

In many cases the tradesman has not the article in question, but is sure to lay in a stock when a few days later a drummer waits upon him with the article in question. As the men are selected with a view to give the impression that their employers are wealthy, the shopkeeper naturally thinks that the article will bring him the patronage of a class he is anxious to please.

Earthquake of 1870.

On November 18, 1870, the most severe earthquake that has ever taken place in New England occurred. It was felt all over Eastern North America and was first felt in St. John, N. B., and traveled westward. It is stated in history that when the shock was felt at Quebec the fact was telegraphed by the operators to Montreal in time to call the attention of those at the latter place to the phenomena about thirty seconds before the shock reached them.

Mammoth Organ in Maine Church.

The Universalist church at Portland, Me., has a mammoth organ. In it are over 5,000 pipes, the smallest, a piccolo, being half an inch long, and the largest a double open diapason, or 32-foot C pipe. The vox humana stop alone, having 61 pipes, cost \$600. The four pipe rooms are each as large as an ordinary bed chamber. The organ was voiced by J. H. Brown, who voiced the organ at Westminster abbey. The organ is blown by a three horse power electric motor.

Is it Not Worth While

if you travel, on business or pleasure, to get the best service for the lowest rates? Ask the Erie Railroad Company, 555 Railway Exchange, Chicago, for full information. Booklets free describing Summer Tours and the Beautiful Chautauque Lake Region; also Cambridge Springs.

The joys of today and the griefs of today will be hand in hand at the setting of the sun.

Expensive Agricultural Experience. Senator Stewart of Nevada has also learned that farming—at least fancy farming, with the owner giving no personal attention to the business—does not pay, and his large estate of 600 acres in Virginia, which cost him \$140,000, has been sold to Judge Yeomans, of the interstate commerce commission for \$30,000.

By the time a man thoroughly understands the ways of a woman, he is so old that he doesn't care anything about them.

A REASON FOR SICKNESS.



Healthy kidneys take from the blood every 24 hours 500 grains of impure, poisonous matter—more than enough to cause death. Weakened kidneys leave this waste in the blood, and you are soon sick. To get well, cure the kidneys with Doan's Kidney Pills, the great kidney specific.

Mrs. J. L. Bowles of 118 Cor. St., Durham, N. C., says: "I was sick and bedfast for over nine months, and the doctor who attended me said unless I submitted to an operation for gravel I would never be well. I would not consent to that and so continued to suffer. My back was so weak I could not stand or walk, and it aches constantly. The first day after I began using Doan's Kidney Pills I felt relief, and in a short time I was up and around the same as ever, free from backache."

A FREE TRIAL of this great kidney medicine which cured Mrs. Bowles will be mailed to any part of the United States. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Sold by all dealers; price 50 cents per box.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. 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 him.

Walden, N.Y. J. C. Watson, Druggist, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Liberty's Torch a Candle.

The great bronze statue of Liberty in New York harbor is always an impressive figure by day, but at night it does not live up to its reputation for "enlightening the world." At dusk every evening a sickly blue light begins to appear in the great black torch, and when night sets in this light takes its place with the other harbor lights, a little high up, but not a bit more brilliant than the rest. It might be easily taken for a lantern on the masthead of a ship.

Do Your Feet Ache and Burn?

Shake into your shoes, Allen's Foot-Powder, a powder for the feet. It makes tight or new shoes feel easy. Cures Swollen, Hot, Sweating Feet, Corns and Bunions. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

He who hath eaten salt drinketh water.

Why It is the Best is because made by an entirely different process. Defiance Starch is unlike any other, better and one-third more for 10 cents.

A man is good when he is old.

Everybody's Magazine, July, 1904.

The most sensational feature any American magazine has captured in years is Thomas W. Lawson's "Frozen Finance, the Story of Amalgamated Copper," which begins in the July issue of Everybody's Magazine. Mr. Lawson was one of the organizers of that gigantic corporation, and he knows exactly what happened to the millions that were lost through its manipulation. His next article is an announcement of distinctly dramatic interest and promises revelations of the highest importance to every one in the country. He frankly states that his purpose in telling the story is to set himself right with the thousands of investors who, through his instrumentality, put their money into Amalgamated and have been plundered.

"A Day with Hudson Maxim."

Following the plan which St. Nicholas has carried out for several months, the July issue will have an instructive article designed to present valuable facts in a way entertaining to both young and old. "A Day with Hudson Maxim" is the title of Joseph H. Adams' sketch, which will tell many interesting details of the great inventor's life and work. Hudson Maxim's residence is in Brooklyn, where a visitor finds him as much at home among his high explosives as his cook in her kitchen. Mr. Adams invites to lunch on Welsh rarebit cooked in a chafing dish over a lamp filled with—not alcohol, but nitroglycerin.

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How Dowie Left Australia.

Elijah Dowie's departure from Adelaide South Australia, was a strangely sacred and subterranean business. Instead of going on board the Mongolia from Largs bay, like an ordinary human he announced that his place of embarkation would be kept a dark secret. Then, while the crowd haunted the jetties of Glenelg, Semaphore, Largs, and ven Henley beach, he sneaked down to out-of-the-way sleepy, Brighton, where a launch cabin and declined to come out until the crowd on the deck of the Mongolia had finished kissing its departing friends and gone ashore. At the last moment the terrified prophet fled up the Mongolia's gangway as if the devil was behind him with a stinpot and almost broke his neck getting into the cabin out of sight. It didn't look at all like the departure of a prophet.

I am sure Piao's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. TROS. ROBINSON, Maple Street, Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1900.

What Our Territory Cost.

The cost of the acquisition of vast territory by the United States is given in the following list: Louisiana, \$15,000,000; Florida, \$5,000,000; Texas, \$18,500,000, California and New Mexico, \$15,000,000; Arizona, \$10,000,000; Alaska, \$7,250,000; Philippine islands, \$20,000,000; Panama canal, \$40,000,000; Panama canal strip, \$10,000,000; total, \$140,750,000. In addition, the United States when it annexed Hawaii assumed a debt of \$4,000,000.

\$38.00 per M. Lewis' "Single Binder," straight 50 cigar, costs more than other brands, but this price gives the dealer a fair profit—and the smoker a better cigar. Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

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WHY HOT WEATHER MAKES WOMEN NERVOUS.



Blanche Grey. A Well Known Canadian Lady Sends Letter of Endorsement to Pe-ru-na.

Miss Mary Burns, 28 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, N. S., writes: "Having used Peruna for indigestion and stomach trouble and to build up a broken down system with the very best results, I am pleased to state my experience with this excellent medicine. I had been troubled with stomach trouble and poor digestion for some years, and although I tried many remedies and dieting, nothing seemed to restore my health until I used Peruna. In three months I had entirely recovered my health and strength."—Mary Burns.

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Suggestions by Dr. Hartman.—How to Combat the Nervous Depression Incident to Warm Weather.

Nervousness is very common among women. This condition is due to anemic nerve centers. The nerve centers are the reservoir for nerve vitality. These centers become bloodless for the want of proper nutrition. This condition is especially noticeable during the warm season. Every summer an army of invalids are produced as a direct result of weak nervous systems. This could easily be overcome by the use of Peruna. Peruna strikes at the root of the trouble by correcting the digestion. Perfect digestion furnishes increased nutrition for the nerve centers. Perfectly digested food gives these reservoirs of life a vitality which creates strong, steady nerves, and in this manner fortifies and nourishes life.

Miss Blanche Grey, a prominent young society woman of Memphis, Tenn., in a recent letter from 174 Alabama street, writes: "To a society woman whose nervous force is often taxed to the utmost from lack of rest and irregular meals, I know of nothing which is of so much benefit as Peruna. I took it a few months ago when I felt my strength giving way, and it soon made itself manifest in giving me new strength and health."—Miss Blanche Grey.

Peruna Contains No Narcotics. One reason why Peruna has found permanent use in so many homes is that it contains no narcotic of any kind. Peruna is perfectly harmless. It can be used any length of time without acquiring a drug habit. Peruna does not produce temporary results. It is permanent in its effect.

It has no bad effect upon the system, and gradually eliminates catarrh by removing the cause of catarrh. There are a multitude of homes where Peruna has been used off and on for twenty years. Such a thing could not be possible if Peruna contained any drug of a narcotic nature.

At this season of the year we are peculiarly liable to inflammations of the stomach and bowels. It is the part of wisdom to learn how to cut them short and in the easiest and quickest manner. Peruna does this by its peculiar power over all forms of catarrhal troubles.

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