

At an auction sale of the effects of a deceased woman in London the other day a safe was purchased by a man named Ponder. Behind one of the compartments Mr. Ponder found securities to the value of \$52,000. Such a discovery would cause most men to ponder as to the expediency of making it known.

Melons were grown by the old Greeks and Romans and were carried to America by Columbus. The water-melon is native to Africa.

Between 1871 and 1891 nearly 2,000,000 Germans left for their native land.

## A FRIEND'S ADVICE.

And what it led to.

It is not a common occurrence that a friendly word should be the means of giving nearly forty years of happiness and health to the person heeding the advice it carries. This was the case with Mary Lingard. At twenty-five she was dragging out her days in misery. At sixty she finds herself so active and strong she can do work that would shame many a younger woman, and looks back on thirty-six happy, healthful years of industry. But let her tell her story.

"Thirty-six years ago I had great trouble with my liver. The doctors allowed that there were tumors growing on it and they blistered my side in an effort to give me relief. I was at that time earning my living as a tailor, and for five years, between the pain in my side and the blisters I was in constant misery, and work was a drag to me, with no prospect of relief; fortunately for me, however, a friend advised me to take Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and finally persuaded me to take a regular course of it. When I first commenced taking the Sarsaparilla to take so painful that I could not fasten my dress, and for a time I did not get any relief, but my friend advised me to persevere and relief was sure to come, and come it did. This happened, as I say, thirty-six years ago. My liver has never troubled me since, and during these years I have passed through the most arduous period of a woman's life without any particular trouble, and today, at sixty-one years of age, I am active and strong, and able to do a day's work that would upset

Governor Atkinson of Georgia, being denounced by religious papers for having witnessed a Mexican bull fight on Sunday, answered: "As Sunday is the only day on which bull-fighting can be witnessed in the City of Mexico, and as the purpose of my visit was to glean all I could of Mexican customs, I did not stand back on conventionality."

This cabbage still grows wild in Greece, where it originated. Radishes were native to China, but have grown in Europe for centuries.

Two cupsful of granulated sugar weigh a pound.

many a younger woman. Ever since my recovery I have taken a couple of bottles of Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla each spring, and am quite satisfied that I owe my good health to blood-purification. I give the testimonial purely in the hope that it may meet the eye of some poor sufferer."—MARY LINGARD, Woodstock, Ont.

Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla has won its way to every corner of the world by the praise of its friends; those who have tried it and who know they were cured by the use of the remedy. There is nothing so strong as this personal testimony. It throws all theories and fancies to the winds and stands solidly upon the rock of experience, challenging every skeptic with a positive "I know." Ayer's Sarsaparilla, with its purifying and vitalizing action on the blood is a radical remedy for every form of disease that begins in tainted or impure blood. Hence tumors, ulcers, boils, eruptions and similar diseases yield promptly to this medicine. Some cases are more stubborn than others, but persistence with Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla usually results in a complete cure. Mary Lingard began with a bottle, and went on to a course of Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla. When she was cured she realized that a medicine that could cure disease could also prevent it. So she took a couple of bottles each spring and kept in perfect health. There are thousands of similar cases on record. Some of these are gathered into Dr. Ayer's Cures, a little book of ten pages which is sent free by J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass. Write for it.

## JAILS IN INDIAN TERRITORY.

About on a Par with the "Black Hole" of Calcutta.

The other day a pit over was brought to the bar in one of the federal courts of Indian territory. He was told that he could have his choice of a jail or a penitentiary sentence. "Judge," said he, "let me go to the penitentiary. For God's sake, don't send me back to that jail." At Ardmore the space between two brick buildings is inclosed by walls across the front and rear of the lot. A roof partially covers the inclosure. The table ends are open and a driving rain or snow storm wets the interior. The mud of the dirt floors is often ankle deep. Such is one of the United States jails of the territory. Under this shed and in the mud the federal prisoners awaiting trial are herded by guards, who patrol the front and rear day and night. At South McAlester is the second of these national disgraceful jails. It is a stone building 50 feet wide by about 80 feet long. The sides of the building are without openings of any kind. In one end is a door. In the opposite end are two windows. The only air that can enter is by the door and the two windows. Men and women prisoners are confined in this stone building. Recently the number thus housed was 176. The smell which comes from the interior is such that few persons can approach the door without being sickened. At Muskogee is the third of the territory jails. A fire destroyed the old building in use and a new structure, crude for such purposes, but a marked improvement on the other two jails, is now in use. These three places, two of them without counterparts in the whole country, are employed to hold between 700 and 800 prisoners, either awaiting trial or under sentence. They are the only jails for a population of 300,000 white people. After the first of the year the federal courts will supersede the Indian courts and the three jails may serve as well for the Indian population. To keep the 700 or 800 prisoners within these "black holes" the United States pay \$40,000 a year to jailers and keepers. The course of the government toward Indian territory has been reprehensible in many respects. There is nothing, however, which calls more loudly for reform than these horrible makeshifts for prisons.

## EARNED HIS ANNUAL TREAT.

Drove the Old Gentleman When He Pursued the Elopement Couple.

"As long as my employer lives," said the big workman to the Detroit Free Press man, "I'm sure of just as fine a dinner for Thanksgiving as the market affords."

"Invited to his house?"

"No, of course not. He has too much sense to set me down to a table with a lot of the upper crust. I'd feel like crawling under the board and could no more eat than if I was gagged and handcuffed. He sends the stuff to the house, and we never get it all closed out much before Christmas."

"Does he treat all his men that way?"

"Couldn't afford it. He has hundreds of them, you know. But me and him had what he calls an escapade a good many years ago. You know, I was a coachman for old Grinder. He had a daughter, the prettiest woman in the state, and with spirit enough to lead an army. My present boss fell in love with her and she with him. Grinder fairly kicked the roof off the house and told me to do the same with the young boss if I ever caught him on the premises. But, to begin with, I'd do anything on earth for my young mistress. Then I was in love with her maid and she told me mighty plain that if I took sides with old Grinder against his daughter I'd have to go away from home to do my courting. It was a warm Thanksgiving day when the young folks planned to elope. The mistress wanted me to drive them, but I told her in a mean way like that I'd better drive the old gentleman when he took up the chase. She saw the point and told me not to hurt him serious."

"Sure enough, when Grinder heard the girl had slipped away after dinner, he was a cyclone. Away we went in a light buggy with a fast horse. On the creek bottom road I managed an upset and dragged him through slush and mud for a quarter of a mile. He was mad enough to murder some one, but he was too proud to own he was beaten, so he forgave the young folks and set the boss up in business."

Former Seaport Now Far Inland.

In the eleventh century Sandwich was the most famous English seaport. It is now, however, two miles inland, owing to the sea receding.

## ANSWERS.

Freshman—Certainly it is improper to kiss a girl of 10 years; but even if it wasn't, what's the use?

Housekeeper—We cannot tell you what is good for moths without knowing what is the matter with them.

Quaker—You lose the bet. A quill pen was used in writing the declaration of independence, not William Penn.

Piscatory—Your idea of using a lightning rod when fishing for electric eels is good, but your judgment is somewhat freckled.

Kickapoo—We have looked up and down several authorities, but can find nothing that relates to moccasins ever having been made on the Last of the Mohicans.

Pennibbs—Yes, employ a stenographer by all means. You have discovered how badly you write and a stenographer will enable you to learn how badly you think.

Why is an umbrella never used until it is up?

Practice in the United States Patent Office.

There are 35 principal examiners, an examiner of interferences and an examiner of trade marks, and each is practically a court. There is also a board of examiners-in-chief, composed of three men.

From the adverse decision of an examiner, appeal may be made to the examiner-in-chief upon payment of \$10. From the decision of the examiners-in-chief to the commissioner upon payment of \$20, and from his decision to the court of appeals of the District of Columbia.

It is the duty of examiners in the U. S. Patent Office to make objections and refuse claims for patents as often as they can find good reason for doing so, and the duty of an attorney to overcome all objections raised if it is possible to do so. An attorney who does not know his rights and inventors' rights and lacks the patience, ability and courage to prosecute claims, in other words maintain his rights regarding the time and labor required to do so, is not such an attorney as an inventor should employ to secure a patent.

Valuable information sent to inventors free. Iowa Patent Office, Des Moines, February 21, 1898. Thomas G. and J. Ralph Orwig, solicitors.

Why don't some genius invent a safety accordion for beginners?

Rev. Mary A. Hillis the noted Evangelist writes: "I gladly give my testimony to the healing properties of Dr. Kay's Lung Balm. My son had a terrible cough every winter for five years and he took dozens of bottles of the leading cough medicines but nothing seemed to help him or quiet his cough. But two cent boxes of Dr. Kay's Lung Balm has cured him, and it has also been a great relief to other members of my family when afflicted with colds."

We are positive that Dr. Kay's Lung Balm and also Dr. Kay's Renovator have no equals. If you have any disease write us and give your symptoms and our physician will send free a twice and a valuable 68 page book with 35 recipes and giving symptoms and various methods of treating nearly all diseases. We will also send a free sample of Dr. Kay's Lung Balm or Dr. Kay's Renovator. Address Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., (Western Office) Omaha, Neb.

Why don't they remove the scales from the eyes of justice if she is blind?

SEATTLE, unquestionably best and cheapest starting point and outfitting station for Alaska and Klondike, does not ask for advice you to go, but you will find Seattle's facilities, stocks and experience unsurpassed and prices the very lowest. Washington state has Klondikes of its own. Seattle is the chief city. Strangers are protected by Public Comfort Bureau, Ad District Chamber of Commerce, Seattle, Wash.

Why doesn't a trained skirt know enough to keep out of the mud?

Doubles the Pleasures of a Drive.

A fine carriage doubles the pleasure of driving. Intending buyers of carriages can save dollars by sending for the large, free catalogue of the Elkhart Carriage and Harness Manufacturing Co., of Elkhart, Ind.

Why is the hired girl of foreign birth called a domestic?

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.

Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. \$1. All druggists.

Already nine-tenths of the trade of Bangkok is in English hands.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

We are asserting in the courts our right to the exclusive use of the word "CASTORIA," and "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," as our Trade Mark. I, Dr. Samuel Pitcher, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on every wrapper. This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA" which has been used in the homes of the mothers of America for over thirty years. Look carefully at the wrapper and see that it is "the kind you have always bought," and has the signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on the Wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.

March 8, 1897. SAMUEL PITCHER, M. D.

Why doesn't the person who eats too much angel cake feel angelic?

Smoke Sledge Cigarettes, 50 for 5 cts.

# A Total Disability Claim of \$1,650 Paid to a Man Who Was Afterward Cured.

The Monitor, a newspaper published at Meaford, Ont., Canada, first discovered this case two years ago, and published it at length, which now seems, owing to the cure of it, to be a miracle. The facts were so remarkable that many people doubted the truth of them. They said: "It is too remarkable; it cannot possibly be true; the paper is mistaken, and the man, although he may think himself cured, will soon relapse into his former condition," etc., etc. The accuracy of its report called in question. The Monitor determined to find out whether the facts were as stated, and whether the man would really stay cured. They accordingly kept a close watch on the case for two years after the

opening his mouth sufficiently wide to take solid food. The doctors called the disease spinal sclerosis, and all said he could not live. For three years he lingered in this condition. Then by some friends he was advised to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. He took them and there was a slight change. The first thing noted was a tendency to sweat freely. This showed there was some life left in his helpless body. Next came a little feeling in his limbs. This extended, followed by pricking sensations, until at last the blood began to course freely, naturally and vigorously through his body, and the helplessness gave way to returning strength, the ability to walk returned, and he was restored to his old time health.

I am in even better health than when I gave you the first letter." "Do you still attribute your cure to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills?" asked the Monitor. "Unquestionably I do," was the reply. "Doctors had failed, as had also the numerous remedies recommended by my friends. Nothing I took had the slightest effect upon me until I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. To this wonderful medicine I owe my release from the living death. I have since recommended these pills to many of my friends, and the verdict is always in their favor. I shall always bless the day I was induced to take them." Such is the history of one of the most remarkable cases of modern times. Can any

first article appeared, and have just now published another article about it in which the original reports are completely verified. The cure is permanent, and they publish a full and complete account of the case in view of the fact that the Mutual Life Association for \$150,000,000 of total disability claim paid by them to Mr. Peteh. The first account stated that the patient (see address below) had been a pauper for five years, that there was such a total lack of feeling in his limbs and body, that a pin run full length could not be felt; that he could not walk or help himself at all; for two years he was not dressed, furthermore that he was blinded was for that reason not recognizable, and could not get his clothes on. The paralysis was so complete as to affect the face and prevented him from

The above is the substance of the first article published by the Monitor. Now follow some clippings, taken from the same paper two years afterward, and there is not the slightest shadow of doubt, in view of this testimony, that Mr. Peteh's cure is permanent. Here follows the account:

On being again questioned, Mr. Peteh said: "You see thousands—thousands—of men, natural and elastic. Once they were hard and without sensation. You could pierce them with a pin and I would not feel it, and what is true of my limbs is true of the throat of my body. Perhaps you have observed that I have now even ceased to use a cane, and can get about my business perfectly well. You may say there is absolutely no doubt as to my cure being permanent. Indeed

one says, in the face of such testimony, that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are not entitled to the careful consideration of any suffering man, woman or child. Is not the case in truth a miracle of modern medicine? To make the evidence complete we publish above a fac-simile of the check received by Mr. Peteh from the Canadian Mutual Life Association, being the amount due him for total disability. It is unnecessary to add that this life insurance association did not pay this large amount of money to Mr. Peteh, except after the most careful examination of his condition by their medical experts. They must have regarded him as forever incurable.

Mr. Peteh's address is as follows: Reuben Peteh, Griersville, Ont., Canada.

A copy of the new edition of Miss Parlow's Choice Receipts will be sent postpaid to any of our readers who will make application by postal card or note to Walter Baker & Co., Limited, Dorchester, Mass.

One's Cough Balsam is the most effective. It will break up a cold quicker than anything else. It is always reliable. Try it.

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Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup For children, teething and for the cure of croup, inflammation, allays pain, cures whooping cough, 25 cents a bottle.

The older a man gets, the more of a fool he thinks a boy is.

A Handsome Metal Paper Cutter and Book Mark Combined. Sent free of postage under sealed cover on receipt of ten cents in silver or stamps. The latest, best and most desirable application by postal card and office. Address Geo. H. Hefford, 419 Old Colony Building, Chicago, Ill.

Don't credit yourself with brains because you are homely.

Educate Your Bowels with Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c. 50c. If C.C.C. fail, druggists refund money.

Speaking of the late President Cattell of Lafayette college, the Philadelphia Press says: "A general winning personality, the dead divine devoted the middle period of his life, thirty years in all, to the cause of education. In this period, by reason of ability to command the attention of the young and win the confidence of the influential his fame is largely connected with his development of Lafayette college, which, under his control, prospered as never before and became one of the leading institutions of the state."

A young woman in Chicago supports herself by caring for other people's birds and flowers. She goes daily from house to house, feeding and watering pet birds and cleaning their cages. She then turns her attention to the plants and window boxes, cleansing leaves and giving a dose of fertilizer when needed, and in other ways keeping her feathered and floral patients in excellent condition.

A modern philosopher says there are people who declare that they hate a thief, but who will borrow umbrellas and books and never return them.

We always wonder at this time of the year where the flies come from.

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CURED BY "5 DROPS" is the most concentrated and powerful specific known. Free from opiates and perfectly harmless. Relief is usually felt the first night. We have letters of grateful praise from thousands who have been cured by "5 DROPS," and who recommend it to sufferers.

HAD RHEUMATISM FOR 40 YEARS.

Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co., Chicago, Gentlemen—I write this to inform you all how much good your "5 DROPS" is doing my husband. He is taking the second bottle, and is improving every day. While he began to take it he was suffering a great deal with Rheumatism and Heart Trouble, and was unable to get up. Now he has had stomach trouble, had no appetite, and could not walk half a mile without his legs being so stiff that when he got down he could hardly get up again. Now I am happy to tell you he is like a new man, and can walk half a mile without any pain. He has had Rheumatism for forty years and will be seventy years old the 10th of this month. He has gained ten pounds since he began taking your "5 DROPS." I cannot thank you enough for what your "5 DROPS" has done for him. For I don't think he would have been alive today if it had not been for "5 DROPS." I advise all suffering beings to be treated with your "5 DROPS," for it is a boon to mankind. Mr. Swanson will send testimonials later on. Yours gratefully, MAX F. JONES, Bridgeport, Ala., January 5, 1898.

HAD RHEUMATISM OF THE HEART.

Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co., Chicago, Dear Sirs—Enclosed please find money order, for which please send me order of "5 DROPS." We can recommend your "5 DROPS" very highly. My husband had Rheumatism of the Heart so bad he could not lie down in bed to sleep, and was blinded so bad he could not button any of his clothes, and before a 25 cent trial bottle was gone he could lie down and sleep as well as a person in perfect health, and could button his clothes as good as ever. I could tell you of different cases of headache and numbness and sleeplessness, but it speaks for itself.

Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co., Chicago, Kansas, January 8, 1898.

"5 DROPS" cures Rheumatism, Sciatica, Neuralgia, Dyspepsia, Backache, Asthma, Hay Fever, Catarrh, Nephritis, Nervousness, Nervous and Neuralgic Headaches, Earache, Toothache, Heart Weakness, Croup, Swelling, La Grippe, Malaria, Creeping Numbness. FOR THIRTY DAYS LONGER to enable sufferers to give "5 DROPS" at least a trial, we will send a 25 cent trial bottle by mail, for 25 cents. A sample bottle will accompany you. Also, large bottles (300 doses) \$1.00, 3 bottles for \$2.50. Not sold by druggists, only by our agents. Agents wanted in new territory. Write us to-day.

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