

In the British army there are 11,000 men at least five feet eleven inches in height.

Innocent Children Sacrificed.

It is estimated that one-fourth of the human race die before attaining their fifth birthday, owing to our changeable climate. And there are thousands of adults that stomach complaints are reducing to confirmed invalidism, whom Foster's Stomach Bitters would promptly relieve.

Wrong never grow strong enough to right themselves.

To Cure Constipation Forever.
Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

The contented mind has a continual feast.

\$400 FOR NEW NAMES!
The Salzer Seed Co. want suitable names for their 17-inch long corn and White Oat prodigy. You can win this \$400 easily. Catalogue tells all about it. Seed potatoes only \$1.50 a barrel.

Send This Notice and 10 Cts. in Stamps to John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and get free their great seed catalogue and 11 new farm seed samples, including above corn and oats, positively worth \$10, to get a start. w.n.c.

A DOCTOR'S DIRECTIONS.

They save a daughter from blindness.

When a father writes that yours "is the best medicine in the world," you can allow something for seeming extravagance in the statement if you know that the medicine so praised, cured a loved daughter of disease and restored to her the eyesight nearly lost. The best medicine in the world for you is the medicine that cures you. There can't be anything better. No medicine can do more than cure. That is why John's Good, of Orrick, Mo., writes in these strong terms:

"Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the best medicine in the world. My daughter had a relapse after the measles, due to taking cold. She was nearly blind and was obliged to remain in a dark room all the time. The doctors could give her no relief; one of them directed me to give her Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Two bottles cured her completely."

The thousands of testimonials to the value of Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla repeat over and over again, in one form or another the expression: "The doctors gave her no relief, one of them directed me to give her Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Two bottles cured her completely."

It is a common experience to try Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla as a last resort. It is

A thrifty South African, it is said, has discovered a way to get rid of the locust pest. He catches a few of the insects, inoculates them with a toxin and turns them loose among their fellows. The authorities have used his discovery with a good result.

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 face-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.

The chairman of a county committee in North Carolina recently wrote a letter to Senator "Zach" Chandler, asking him to oppose the confirmation of a postmaster in the town of the writer. As "Zach" Chandler has been dead eighteen years, the letter was delivered to his son-in-law, Senator Hale.

A common experience to have Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla prescribed by a physician. It is a common experience to see a complete cure follow the use of a few bottles of this great blood purifying medicine. Because it is a specific for all forms of blood disease. If a disease has its origin in bad or impure blood, Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla, acting directly on the blood, removing its impurities and giving to it vitalizing energy, will promptly eradicate the disease.

The great feature of Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the radical cures that result from its use. Many medicines only suppress disease—they push the impurities down under the skin, they paint the complexion with subtle arsenical compounds, but the disease rages in the veins like a pent-up fire, and some day breaks out in a volcanic eruption that eats up the body. Ayer's Sarsaparilla goes to the root. It makes the fountain clean and the waters are clean. It makes the root good and the fruit is good. It gives Nature the elements she needs to build up the broken down constitution—not to brace it up with stimulants or patch it up on the surface. Send for Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and learn more about the cures effected by this remedy. It's sent free on request, by the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

"IRONING MADE EASY."



This starch is prepared on scientific principles by men who have had years of practical experience in fancy laundering. It restores old linen and summer dresses to their natural whiteness and imparts a beautiful and lasting finish. It is the only starch manufactured that is perfectly harmless, containing neither arsenic, alum or any other substance injurious to linen and can be used even for a baby powder.

For Sale by All Wholesale and Retail Grocers.

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STANDARD OF THE WORLD.

One Price to All Alike.

We agree to maintain the list prices on Columbia, Hartford and Vedette bicycles published in our 1898 Catalogue, throughout the season ending October 1st, 1898.

Columbia Models 50 and 51, Bevel-Gear Chainless, \$125
" 47 and 48, Tandems, " 125
" 45, 46 and 49, Chain Wheels, " 75
Hartford Patterns, 7 and 8, " 50
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POPE MFG. CO., Hartford, Conn.

Catalogue free from any Columbia dealer, or by mail for one 2-cent stamp.

ROOFING.

The best Red Rope Roofing for 1c per sq. ft. says and nails included. Substitutes for Plaster. Samples free. THE FAY MANILLA ROOFING CO., CAMDEN, N. J.

OPIUM, MORPHINE AND WHISKY HABITS.

HOME CURE. Book FREE. Dr. J. C. HOFFMAN, Isabella Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

When Answering Advertisements Kindly Mention This Paper.

They stop work, cost money, give pain.

Sprains and Bruises
It costs little to cure them right away with **St. Jacobs Oil**. It saves time, money, misery.

WOMAN'S FATE.

From the Record, Bushnell, Ill.

No woman is better able to speak to others regarding "woman's fate" than Mrs. Jacob Weaver of Bushnell, Ill., wife of a city marshal. She had entirely recovered from the illness which kept her bedfast much of the time for five or six years past, and says her recovery is due to that well known remedy, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Mrs. Weaver is fifty-six years old, and has lived in Bushnell nearly thirty years. She is of unquestioned veracity and unblemished reputation. The story of her recovery is interesting. She says:

"I suffered for five or six years with the trouble that comes to women at this time of my life. I was much weakened, was unable much of the time to do my own work, and suffered beyond my power to describe. I was downhearted and melancholy."

"I took many different medicines, in fact I took medicine all the time, but nothing seemed to do me any good. I read about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and some of my friends recommended them highly. I made up my mind to try them."

"I bought the first box in March, 1897, and was benefitted from the start."

"A box and a half cured me completely, and I am now rugged and strong. I have not been bothered with my troubles since."

"I began taking the pills. I have recommended the pills to many women who are suffering as I suffered. They are the only thing that helped me in the trial that comes to so many women at my age."

When woman is passing beyond the age of motherhood, it is a crisis in her life. Then, if ever, proper attention to hygiene should be exercised. The attendant sufferings will disappear and buoyant health will follow if Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are used.

These pills exert a powerful influence in restoring the system to its proper condition. They contain in a condensed form all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood.

A divorce suit should be included in the wardrobe of the actress who hopes to be well advertised.

Colorado Gold Field.

Colorado is the banner gold-producing state in the Union. Production in 1897 over \$20,000,000. This year promises to exceed \$30,000,000. New strikes are being made every day. Nothing like since the days of '49. Would you know all about these things? Then send twenty-five cents for a six-months' trial subscription to the "MINING WORLD," an eight-page illustrated weekly paper. Regular subscription, \$1.00 a year. The newest mining newspaper in the world. Address "World," P. O. Box 1611, Denver, Colorado.

Law is a dry study, but a pretty woman's tears often have the desired effect upon the jury.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children
Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York, Cure Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the Bowels and Destroy Worms. Over 10,000 testimonials. They never fail. At all druggists, 25c. Sample free. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Lefroy, N. Y.

It never rains between the first and second cataracts of the Nile.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.
Candy Cathartic cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

One of the German cities boasts a street laid with rubber.

Many People Cannot Drink coffee at night. It spoils their sleep. You can drink Grain-O when you please and sleep like a top. For Grain-O does not stimulate; it nourishes, cheers and feeds. Yet it looks and tastes like the best coffee. For nervous persons, young people and children Grain-O is the perfect drink. Made from pure grains. Get a package from your grocer to-day. Try it in place of coffee. 15c and 25c.

Cee's Cough Balsam
Is the oldest and best. It will break up a cold quicker than anything else. It is always reliable. Try it.

To be thoughtful for the comfort of others is the surest way to promote our own.

SHOULD BE PREPARED.
Rheumatism and La Grippe Prevalent and Prompt Treatment Necessary.

Every family should have a bottle of "5 Drops" on hand, especially at this season of the year. Changes in the weather are so liable to cause rheumatism, la grippe and many other diseases that the "5 Drops" cure.

Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co., Chicago: "5 Drops" promptly received. That is the medicine we want. My wife would undoubtedly have been a cripple if it had not been for your "5 Drops." We would not be without it.

Yours truly, John G. Martin, Wellsville, Mo. Feb. 16, 1898.

This is one of many testimonials which the manufacturers of "5 Drops" have received.

During the next thirty days they will send out 100,000 of their sample bottles for 25 cents a bottle. Write today to the Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co., 167 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill. This company is reliable and promptly fill every order.

The average amount of sickness in human life is nine days out of the year.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is our only medicine for coughs and colds.—Mrs. C. Beltz, 439 5th Ave., Denver, Col., Nov. 8, '93.

It takes both grace and grit to bear disappointment well.

Smoke Sledge Cigarettes, 20 for 5 cts.

In Australia spring begins August 20, summer November 20, autumn February 20, and winter May 20.

SCARED BY TELEGRAPHY.

Incident Made the Operator Feel a Bit Creepy.

"As you know," said a retired veteran to the Buffalo Express man, "I used to be a telegraph operator. In the year 1876 I was working in the Western Union's main office in New York. One night I wanted to get off the worst way. I had an important engagement, and did not want to break it, and I tracked my brains all day for a valid excuse to offer to the night manager in applying for leave. I was unable to think of anything and I went to work in an unsatisfied state of mind. After I got to work, however, an idea struck me. I had received several messages from the offices in some of the hotels, so I took a receiving blank and wrote a message like this: 'George: We are at the St. Denis. Can't you come up and see us?'"

"I signed the fictitious telegram the name of an aunt of mine who lived in Boston and whom I had not seen for several years, and sent it down to the night manager with a little note stating that my aunt had just come to town and that I would like very much to get off. It happened that there was not much business that night and I got a reply back in a few minutes that I could go at 8:30 o'clock. That suited me to a T and I began to take some more messages. The operator at the St. Denis was sending quite a batch, as it happened, a fact which had led me to use the name of that hotel in my fake message, and was still sending when, fifteen minutes later, there flashed over the wire this message: 'George: We are at the St. Denis. Can't you come up and see us?'"

"The message was addressed to me and was signed by the name of the same aunt whose name I had taken. I laughed when I took it, for I thought at first that some of the operators had caught on to my excuse for getting off. Then in a minute I realized the impossibility of the story having been sent to the St. Denis, for the wire and operator there had both been busy continuously since I wrote my fake. I began to feel creepy and wired back to St. Denis to know whether the message was genuine or a fake. I was assured that it was genuine, and then I felt queerer yet. I sent a reply telling my aunt that I could not get off but would see her in the morning, and as soon as 8:30 o'clock came I hustled up to the hotel, where I found her name and that of her daughter on the register. I kept my other engagement and saw my aunt the next day. I never told her of the fake telegram."

A RAT ELECTROCUTED.
Mr. Rodent Bit a Live Wire and It Did the Rest.

A quick-witted attaché of a well-known hotel has solved the problem of the quick disposition of rats. A night or two ago a member of the rodent tribe made his way into a trap which had been set for his species, says the Washington Post. The trap was one of the wire cage variety, and when the man whose duty it is to take care of it came around in the morning he thought his quarry was a squirrel or a medium sized gray dog. No such rat, as far as size went, had ever been seen by him. He carried the cage out into the daylight and whistled for it. Several came, but none of them would tackle the rat. It was too big. Then some cats were called, but they only took one look before scurrying away. The matter was becoming serious, when the house electrician came along. "I'll fix him," was the electrician's solitary ejaculation. Then he disappeared, to return a minute or two later with a battery from which projected a piece of wire. "Just turn this crank a bit," he said to a bystander. The latter did as directed, and the electrician shoved the wire into the trap. The big rat glanced at it, and then grabbed it viciously with his teeth. Presto! As quick as a flash all was over. The rodent had gone to that bourne, etc. "Just a matter of 1,000 volts or so," sententiously remarked the electrician, picking up his battery and walking away. The rat was pitched into the garbage barrel, and now cats and dogs are at a discount at that hotel, while electricity is away above par.

Those Charming Windows.
Frank: These young widows have an advantage over you girls, because they know all about men. May—Yes; and because the only men who know all about them are dead.—Puck.

FLOWERS OF ROYALTY.
The Duchess of York prefers lilies of the valley and white roses—the roses of York.

Queen Victoria has an especial fondness for lilies of the valley and violets, and always has them about her room.

The Prince of Wales cannot endure to be without his "button-hole" and that ornament is invariably a yellow tea rose.

Violets were the pet flowers of the late Emperor Frederick of Germany, and now regarded as almost sacred by his widow, daughter of Queen Victoria. When she visits England she is often presented with violets from total strangers, "in memory of her husband."

The Princess of Wales is never content unless her rooms are one mass of flowers, so much does she love them. Every table in her rooms bears its mass of bloom, and the palms and greenery at Sandringham are a wonder to behold. She invariably wears a knot of violets or some other small flower tucked into her belt.

It is a long head that knows no turning when a pretty girl passes.

OVER-WROUGHT NERVES OF WOMEN.

Extracts From Letters Received by Mrs. Pinkham.

"I am so nervous and wretched." "I feel as if I should fly." How familiar these expressions are. Little things annoy you and make you irritable. You can't sleep, you are unable to lift ordinary burdens, and are subject to dizziness.

That bearing-down sensation helps to make you feel miserable.

You have backache and pains low down in the side, pain in top of head, later on at base of the brain.

Such a condition points unerringly to serious uterine trouble.

If you had written to Mrs. Pinkham when you first experienced impaired vitality, you would have been spared these hours of awful suffering.

Happiness will be gone out of your life forever, my sister, unless you act promptly. Procure Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once, and begin its use, then write to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., if there is anything about your case you do not understand.

You need not be afraid to tell her the things you could not explain to the doctor, your letter is seen only by women and is absolutely confidential. Mrs. Pinkham's vast experience with such troubles enables her to tell you just what is best for you, and she will charge you nothing for her advice.

Mrs. JENNIE HIRLEY, Youngdale, Pa., writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Will you kindly allow me the pleasure of expressing my gratitude for the wonderful relief I have experienced by taking your Vegetable Compound. I suffered for a long time with nervous prostration, backache, headache, loss of appetite, a heavy bearing-down feeling, also burning pains in the groin. I could not sleep, was tired all the time, had no ambition. Life was a burden to me. The pains I suffered at times of menstruation were something dreadful. I thought there was no cure for it. I saw your advertisement in the paper, and my husband advised me to try your medicine. I took five bottles, and now I am well and happy. Your medicine saved my life."

A Million Women Have Been Benefited by Mrs. Pinkham's Advice and Medicine

"A FAIR FACE MAY PROVE A FOUL BARGAIN." MARRY A PLAIN GIRL IF SHE USES

SAPOLIO

The national debt is now \$13.41 for each individual. In 1867 it was \$69.26.

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

The more heart we put into a hard task the lighter our toil becomes.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.
Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. All druggists.

Why shouldn't the man who is a rake succeed as a gardener?

Star Tobacco is the leading brand of the world, because it is the best.

Why does a man always promise to be good when he's too sick to be bad?

"Worth Its Weight in Gold."
Mrs. D. A. McCoy, 711 So. 27th St., Omaha, Neb., writes: "I am an old lady 67 years old. I have been troubled for the past 20 years with constipation, indigestion and sleepless nights; but since taking your Dr. Kay's Renovator I can sleep like a child and am not troubled in the least with the above named diseases. Your Dr. Kay's Renovator is worth its weight in gold." Send your address and give your symptoms and our physician will send you free advice and free sample of Dr. Kay's Renovator and Dr. Kay's Lung Balm, and a copy of "Dr. Kay's Home Treatment," a 64-page book with 50 excellent recipes and many valuable prescriptions for nearly all diseases. Sold by druggists at 25c. each, or \$1.00 a dozen. Dr. J. J. Kay Medical Co., Omaha, Neb.

Half a spoonful is measured by dividing through the middle lengthwise.

TOWER'S FISH BRAND SLICKER
WILL KEEP YOU DRY.

Don't be fooled with a makeshift or rubber coat. If you want a coat that will keep you dry in the hardest storm buy the Fish Brand Slicker. If not for sale in your town, write for catalogue to A. J. TOWER, Boston, Mass.

Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer
The greatest preserver of youth in the world. Never a single gray hair—no dandruff—but the rich, glossy hair of early life.

HE PAYS THE FRAYT
BEST SCALES. LEAST MONEY.
JONES OF BINGHAMTON N. Y.

OATS 231 WHEAT 40c
Bushels. A Bushel.
How to grow Wheat at 40c a bu. and 231c. Oats, 173c. Barley, and 1600c. Potatoes per acre. See our great catalog, mailed you with 11 Farm Seed samples upon receipt of this notice and 10c stamp. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., U.S.A.

Dr. Kay's Lung Balm for coughs, colds, and throat disease.

CURE YOURSELF!
Use Bic G for throat and discharge, inflammation, irritation, and all other ailments of the throat, nose, and mouth. Painless, and not irritating. THE CHAS. CHAMBERLAIN CO., CHICAGO, ILL., U.S.A. Sold by Druggists, or sent in plain wrapper, by express, prepaid, for \$1.00, or 3 bottles, \$2.50. Circular sent on request.

IT WILL PAY ANY FARMER
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