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A powerful engine cannot be run with a weak boiler, and we can't keep up the strain of an active life with a weak stomach; neither can we stop the human machine to make repairs. If the stomach cannot digest enough food to keep the body strong, such a preparation as Kodol Dyspepsia Cure should be used. It digests what you eat and it simply can't help but do you good. McConnell & Berry.

The second week her husband is sick a woman looks over all her black dresses.

Recent experiments show that all classes of foods may be completely digested by a preparation called Kodol Dyspepsia Cure, which absolutely digests what you eat. As it is the only combination of all the natural digestants ever devised the demand for it has become enormous. It has never failed to cure the very worst cases of indigestion and it always gives instant relief. McConnell & Berry.

Kindness, tact, discretion, are the three elements of refined conversation. They are more substantial than brilliancy or wit and, therefore, more desirable.

**How to Cure the Grippe.**

Remain quietly at home and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as directed and a quick recovery is sure to follow. That remedy counters any tendency of the grip to result in pneumonia, which is really the only serious danger. Among the tens of thousands who have used it for the grip not one case has ever been reported that did not recover. For sale by McConnell & Berry.

**DON'T BE FOOL ED!**  
Take the genuine, original  
**ROCKY MOUNTAIN TEA**  
Made only by Madison Medicine Co., Madison, Wis. It keeps you well. Our trade mark cut on each package. Price 50 cents. Never sold in bulk. Accept no substitute. Ask your druggist.

Like bad dollars, all counterfeits of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve are worthless. The original quickly cures piles, sores and all skin diseases. McConnell & Berry.

A woman is so constituted that when ever she doesn't smile she has to make faces.

There is always danger in using counterfeits of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. The original is a safe and certain cure for piles. It is a soothing and healing salve for sores and all skin diseases. McConnell & Berry.

Cook books were written to make young women think their mothers didn't know how to cook.

Reports show a greatly increased death rate from throat and lung troubles, due to the prevalence of croup, pneumonia and grippe. We advise the use of One Minute Cough Cure in all of these difficulties. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Children like it. McConnell & Berry.

Probably the average mouse thinks women are the most dreadfully immodest creatures it ever saw.

For the weakness and prostration following grippe there is nothing so prompt and effective as One Minute Cough Cure. This preparation is highly endorsed as an unfailing remedy for all throat and lung troubles and its early use prevents consumption. It was made to cure quickly. McConnell & Berry.

**INDIANOLA.**

A grand ball will be given in Beardlee's hall on the evening of February 22nd—Washington's birthday. The Pythian orchestra from McCook will provide the music; there will be eight instruments in the orchestra, and superb music may be looked for with confidence. The grand march is scheduled for 9 o'clock. It will be the social event of the winter. Tickets, \$1.00.

**Colorado Tree Has Been on Fire One Hundred Years.**

Newcastle, Colo., Special to Kansas City World: A mountain, which has been on fire for more than 100 years is situated just west of here. So close is it that its shadow envelopes the town at 5 p.m., at this time of the year, and yet the people hereabouts think no more of it than the beautiful Grand river which washes the feet of the huge pile where the fire has burned so long. To the tenderfoot, however, the glittering patches of deep red fire, where it breaks out on the side of the mountain, and is exposed to view, there is nothing in all this state quite its equal. The fire is fed by a big vein of coal which the mountain contains. Just how the coal became ignited is not known. The oldest resident says it was on fire when he came here, and the Ute Indians, who once lived in this section, say it was burning many years before the first white man crossed the continental divide. The supposition is that the coal was ignited by a forest fire at an early date in the present century. It has smouldered and steadily burned until this day. At night when the moon is dark is the best time to see the fire. Then it is that it resembles the regions of inferno as given us in the word-painting of Dante. The earth covering the coal is loosened by the heat and falls away, exposing the sheet of fire. The escaping gas probably assists in stripping off the rocks and dirt, and wherever the vein of coal approaches the surface the fire can be seen. The first fire I saw was fully 50 feet square. It had a peculiar red tint, while the burning gas coming up at the base of the coal vein, added a bright blue coloring to the scene. In many places the surface of the mountain has sunken, showing where the fire has burned out its course. Efforts have been made to extinguish the fire. Some time ago a company which owns a large amount of coal land here, constructed a ditch from a point several miles above the mountain into which it succeeded in turning the water which goes to form Elk creek. Previously shaft had been sunk in the mountain, and into this shaft the water was permitted to flow. The shaft was soon filled, but the fire was above the level of the water, and the effort was a failure.

**His Business.**

Ida—Who is that man we saw in front of the cave?

May—He takes tourists underground.

Ida—Goodness! he must be an undertaker.

**A Bad Habit**

Some of the physicians are claiming that the 5 o'clock tea habit is a bad one. They say it induces nervous debility.

**USEFUL SNOW.**

**Moisture Stored in Water for Use in Summer.**

If all the condensed moisture of the atmosphere were to fall as rain, and none of it as snow, hundreds of thousands of square miles of the earth's surface now yielding beautiful crops would be little better than a desert. The tremendous economic gain for the world at large which results from the difference between snow and rain is seldom realized by the inhabitants of fertile and well-watered lowlands. It is the extensive regions where irrigation is a prime necessity in agriculture that the special uses of the snow come chiefly into view. All through the winter the snow is falling upon the high mountains, and packing itself firmly into the ravines. Thus in nature's great ice house a supply of moisture is stored up for the following summer. All through the warm months the hardened snow banks are melting gradually. In trickling streams they steadily feed the rivers, which as they flow through the valleys are utilized for irrigation. If this moisture fell as rain it would almost immediately wash down through the rivers, which would hardly be fed at all in the summer, when the crops most need water. These facts are so well known as to be commonplace in the Salt Lake valley, and in the sub-arid regions of the west generally. They are not so well understood in New Jersey or Ohio, where snow is sometimes a disagreeable feature of winter. In all parts of the country the notion prevails that the snow is of great value as a fertilizer. Scientists, however, are inclined to attach less importance to its service in soil nutrition—for some regions which have no snow are exceedingly fertile—than to its worth as a blanket during the months of high winds. It prevents the blowing off of the finely pulverized richness of the top soil. This, although little perceived, would often be a very great loss. In nature's every form there is meaning.—Youth's Companion

**Amnesty in Peru.**

The Peruvian legislature has passed a law granting absolute amnesty to all persons who may have been concerned in any political transgression or offenses, with the right to fill public offices. All political prisoners confined in Lima have been set at liberty.

**Peculiar Spiral Chimney.**

A spiral chimney, 150 feet high, has been built near Bradford, England. The chimney is square in cross-section and each layer of brick is shifted three-sixteenths of an inch out of place, thus giving a peculiar twist to each side of the stack.

**Special Sale**

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## THE GREATEST MONEY-SAVING SALE EVER HELD IN WESTERN NEBRASKA!!

We will offer for sale for 8 days only, regardless of value, 5,000 pairs of winter and medium-weight Shoes. This sale is FOR CASH ONLY, and will commence on Thursday, February 14, and last until Saturday, February 23. Come early and get first choice.

**LOT 1**—We have picked out 500 odd pairs of Men's, Women's, Boys' and Girls' shoes worth up to \$4.00, which we will close at ..... **.99c.**

**LOT 2**—Includes our \$3.50 Men's Hand-Sewed Box Calf, Russia Calf, both black and tan, Russia Calfskin and Vici ..... **\$2.79**

**LOT 3**—Our \$3.00 lines of Welt-Sewed Box Calf, Coltskin and Kid, in all styles toes, lace or congress ..... **\$2.39**

**SPECIAL FOR MEN**—All Oil-Grain shoes—always sold from \$1.50 to \$1.75—in seamless, lace, buckle or congress, sewed, pegged or standard screw. (It will be money saved to buy these for the coming summer, as you will need them.) Price now ..... **\$1.19**

**LOT 4**—Our \$2.50 lines in Kangaroo Calf, Coltskin, Dongola, tans and blacks, any toe or style. (When we say Kangaroo Calf we do not mean Kangaroo Grain, commonly sold for Kangaroo Calf, but genuine Calfskin) ..... **\$1.89**

**LOT 5**—Our \$1.75 and \$1.50 lines of all the popular leathers, lace or congress, in any toe ..... **\$1.29**

**LOT 6**—Our \$3.50 Ladies' shoes. This lot includes our best welts and hand-turns in blacks, ox-bloods or tans, made by the well-known and tested Drew-Selby, E. P. Reed, Green-Wheeler etc ..... **\$2.79**

**LOT 7**—Our \$3.00 lines of Ladies' shoes in welts and hand-turns, made of Vici, Glazed, Kangaroo, Calf etc ..... **\$2.39**

**LOT 8**—Our \$2.75 and \$2.25 lines in black and colors, heavy and light soles, laces and buttons ..... **\$1.89**

**LOT 9**—Our \$1.75 and \$1.50 lines, made of Dongola, Vici Kid, Calf etc., in the latest styles and shapes, tans or blacks, heavy or light soles ..... **\$1.29**

**SPECIAL FOR LADIES.**

All our Oxfords and Slippers, in black or tan, at the astonishingly low price of ..... **\$1.19**

This sale is no sham or marked up prices affair—all our goods are marked in plain figures; nor is this old stuff, it will include all our new up-to-date goods. Come and see for yourself.

A GUESS—With each purchase, which entitles the lucky one to any pair of shoes in the store; the next nearest gets any \$3.00 shoe in the store.

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