THE WEAK SPOT.

A weak, aching back tells of sick kidneys. It aches when you work. It aches when you try to rest. It throbs in changeable weather. Urinary troubles add to your misery. No rest, no comfort, until the kidneys are well. Cure them with Doan's Kidney Pills.

Mrs. W. M. Dauscher, of 25 Water St., Bradford, Pa., says: "I had an almost continuous pain in the small of the back. My ankles, feet, hands and almost my whole body were bloated. I was languid and the kidney secretions were profuse. Physicians told me I had diabetes in its worst form, and I feared I would never recover. Doan's Kidney Pills cured me in 1896, and I have been well ever since."

A FREE TRIAL of this great kidney medicine which cured Mrs. Dauscher 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.

The man who never crosses a bridge until he gets to it sometimes fails to cross it when he reaches the river.

After a girl has been married about three weeks she returns to earth.

Everything depends on comparisons—to the worm the tortoise is a reckless chauffeur for speed.

Recognizes Geologist.

The Academy of Sciences of Paris has elected Prof. Barrois of Lille, to fill the vacancy left in the section of mineralogy by the death of the illustrious Fouque. This recognition of the claims of one of the most distinguished geologists of the present day will be welcomed far and wide.

When Wrestlers Oiled Bodies.

In Grecian and Roman wrestling bouts the bodies and limbs of the wrestlers were plentifully anointed with oil and grease. The object of this was to prevent a hold being secured by an opponent. Modern articles of agreement, however, state explicitly that no oil or grease shall be used.

Immensity of Alaska.

Few people realize the immensity of the area of Alaska. With its 577,390 square miles, it is larger than the three largest states in the Union, namely, Texas, California and Montana, the total area of which is only 570,220 square miles.

It is easier to secure a unanimous decision that a bad thing is bad than that a good thing is good.

When a woman falls in love, has she met with an accident?

TOO KEEN A BARGAINER.

Woman Shopper Overreached Herself in Her Eagerness.

The late Levi Z. Leiter now and then used to narfate incidents of his early life as a clerk in a dry goods shop of Leitersburg, Md. With one of these incidents, as with a parable, Mr. Leiter would often illustrate some point he wished to make.

"Be frugal and careful in your dealings," he said to a young business man one day, "but never be grasping. Never try to overreach. Such courses too often make a man ridiculous, and give him besides a bad reputation that lasts all his life.

"A reputation of this kind was acquired in a moment in our Leitersburg store by a woman, and she could never shake it off.

"This woman came into the store and said to me, in the presence of a good-sized crowd of people:

"'How much is this guimpe, young man?'

"'One dollar a yard, ma'am,' said I.

"But she was slightly deaf. She misunderstood me.

"'Two dollars a yard?' she exclaimed. 'Well, it ain't worth it. I'll give ye a dollar and a half, and that's all I'll give.'

"'One dollar, ma'am, is the price,' I repeated in a louder key.

"'Oh,' she said. 'That's much too high. I'll give ye 75 cents.'"

The Rue-Anemone.

Under an oak tree in a woodland, where
The dreaming spring had dropped it from her hair,
I found a flower, through which I seemed to gaze
Beyond the world and see what no man dare
Behold and live—the myths of bygone days:
Diana and Endymion and the bare
Slim beauty of the boy whom Echo wooed,
And Hyacinthus, whom Apollo dewed
With love and death, and Daphne, ever fair,
And that reed-slender girl whom Pan pursued.

I stood and gazed, and through it seemed to see
The Dryad's feet dance by the forest tree,
Her hair wild blown; the Faun, with listening ear,
Deep in the boscage, kneeling on one knee,
Watching the wandered Oread draw near,
Her wild heart beating like a honey bee
Within a rose—all, the myths of old,
All, all the bright shapes of the age of gold,
Peopling the wonder worlds of poetry,
Through it I seemed in fancy to behold.

What other flower that, fashioned like a star,
Draws its frail life from earth and braves the war
Of all the heavens, can suggest the dreams
That this suggests, in whom no trace of mar
Or soil exists; where stainless innocence seems
Enshrined, and where, beyond our vision far,
That inaccessible beauty which the heart
Worships as truth and holiness and art
Is symbolized; wherein embodied are
The things that make the soul's immortal part?

—Lippincott's.

Biblical Injunction Reversed.

Most farmers, and especially boys, take trouble to hunt down a snake when they are really the farmers' friends Many person will leave a carriage or team in the road to kill a snake they see upon the roadside. And as for the blacksnake that lives under the house or old porch, it is a greater enemy to mice and rats than the best cat could possibly be, while it would not harm an infant; in fact, could be tamed to be very interesting. Kindness always wins snakes, and they will show it as perceptibly as most creatures. A blacksnake pet is more cleanly than a dog or cat, is far less trouble, will respond to the familiar call just as quickly, show every evidence of affection as sincerely, and if its fangs should scratch the skin or even penetrate the flesh the result is not so annoying as the scratches from the briars that come from picking roses or blackberries.—Easton (Md.) Gazette.

She Called It Living.

It is strange to mark the contrast of existence between two people living practically side by side with each other. Into the fortunes of one so much is crowded—changes, events and various happenings—so that a decade of the life of this one is more than the allotted threescore and ten of the other. "Nothing has ever happened to me," said a girl of twenty-three, rather discontentedly, "and just see what Mildred S—— has had! We left school together at eighteen. Since then she has been engaged, broke it off, become engaged again, married, quarrelled with her husband, got a divorce, and is now back home again with all that behind her, while I have been going on exactly the same."

"But you certainly do not think her lot an enviable one?" queried her mother, laughing.

"No," said the girl, doubtfully; "but it was living. I don't know but that is better than merely existing."

Forced Contribution.

Not long ago in New York some philanthropic effort was started in a church to raise funds, and it was decided to have a special sermon and collection. Mr. H—— was appointed one of the members to pass the plate. Meeting a friend on Broadway, and being very anxious for a large collection, he urged his attendance. The friend was compelled to leave the city that very day, but stated that he had given his wife a five-dollar bill for the collection.

As the plate was passed, the lady put in $3. Mr. H——, instead of passing on, stopped and, in an undertone, said:

"No you don't. I want the other $2. You know your husband gave you $5."

The lady, very much astonished, said:

"Do move on, Mr. H——"

"No," replied H——, "I'll remain here till I get the other $2."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

FREE TO TWENTY-FIVE LADIES.

The Defiance Starch Co. will give 25 ladies a round-trp 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.

Women's imperfections are known only to their dressmakers.

The Hagenbeck Animal Paradise and Trained Animal Circus on the Pike at St. Louis attracts great crowds every day. There are wild beasts, lions, leopards, pumas, hyenas, bears and tigers roaming in their native jungle together with domesticated animals in perfect harmony. The Hagenbeck trainers present the most thrilling performances of perfect animal training daily in the steel cage of the huge arena. You should not fail to see it. It is the greatest attraction at the World's Fair.

Umbrellas and friends are seldom around in the hour of need.

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.

"Laugh and the world laughs with you." And it also laughs at you and thereafter refuses to take you seriously.

Grain-Eating Songsters.

Fine voices, it is said, are seldom found in a country where fish or meat diet prevails. Those Italians who eat the most fish (those of Naples and Genoa) have few fine singers among them. The sweet voices are found in the Irish women of the country, and not of the towns. Norway is not a country of singers, because they eat too much fish; but Sweden is a country of grain and song. Carnivorous birds croak; grain-eating birds sing.

Where Most Wheels Go Around.

There is no place in the world where the wagon or cart traffic is equal to that of Newchwang. During the winter months, when the roads are firmly frozen, there are not less than 2,000 carts, each carrying two tons per day, coming to the port, each drawn by from four to seven mules or ponies; some of these carts are from thirty to forty days on the road in order to reach the market.

Longest Convention.

The longest convention in our political history was the Democratic national convention which met at Charleston, S. C., in 1860. At the end of ten days it had accomplished nothing, and adjourned to meet in Baltimore. Even when the majority of the delegates reconvened in the last-named city they needed four days to nominate Stephen A. Douglas.

BACK LICK

Settled the Case With Her.

Many great discoveries have been made by accident and things better than gold mines have been found in this way, for example when even the accidental discovery that coffee is the real cause of one's sickness proves of most tremendous value because it locates the cause and the person has then a chance to get well.

"For over 25 years," says a Missouri woman, "I suffered untold agonies in my stomach and even the best physicians disagreed as to the cause without giving me any permanent help, different ones saying it was gastritis, indigestion, neuralgia, etc., so I dragged along from year to year, always half sick, until finally I gave up all hopes of ever being well again.

"When taking dinner with a friend one day she said she had a new drink which turned out to be Postum and I liked it so well I told her I thought I would stop coffee for awhile and use it, which I did.

"So for three months we had Postum in place of coffee without ever having one of my old spells but was always healthy and vigorous.

"Husband kept saying he was convinced it was coffee that caused those spells, but even then I wouldn't believe it until one day we got out of Postum and as we lived two miles from town I thought to use the coffee we had in the house.

"The result of a week's use of coffee again was that I had another terrible spell of agony and distress, proving that it was the coffee and nothing else. That settled it and I said good bye to Coffee forever and since then Postum alone has been our hot mealtime drink.

"My friends all say I am looking worlds better and my complexion is much improved. All the other members of our family have been benefited, too, by Postum in place of the old drink, coffee." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Ten days trial of Postum in place of coffee or tea is the wise thing for every coffee drinker. Such a trial tells the exact truth often where coffee is not suspected.

Look in each pkg. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

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