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And what it led to.

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"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 tailoress, but 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 my side was 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 critical period of a woman's life without any particular trouble, and to-day, at sixty-one years of age, I am active and strong, and able to do a day's work that would upset 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 this treatment. I give this 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, sores, 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 Curebook, a little book of 100 pages which is sent free by the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass. Write for it.

They are telling this story in London about the Countess Waldegrave, who was married four times: One evening she appeared at the opera in Dublin, during her fourth husband's occupancy of the post of the chief secretary for Ireland. An audacious celt, catching sight of her ladyship in one of the boxes shouted out with real Irish tenerity: "Lady Waldgrave, which of the four did you like best?" The countess was equal to the occasion. Without a moment's hesitation, she rose from her seat and exclaimed enthusiastically: "Why, the Irishman, of course"—a remark which naturally "brought down the house."

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Practice in the United States Patent Office.

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

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Why do they speak of a man's downfall when his business goes up?

A copy of the new edition of Miss Parloa'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.

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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.

The Fullness Thereof.

Amid the discomforts of life and the fullness therof, reaching to every family, there is that which can so easily mitigate or entirely cure, the wonder is why we endure and suffer so much. From big pains to little aches, which are the wear and tear of the physical structure of man, there are always remedies good, better and best. The choice should be always for best as the surest and the cheapest. In chronic or acute suffering with rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica or lumbago, or with the minor ailments of sprains and bruises, or of soreness and stiffness, the efficacy of St. Jacobs Oil and the fullness thereof in so many complete and perfect cures make it stand out as the best remedy for pain. Why, then, should we stand on the order of going for it, and not go at once? In numberless cases the aggravations of discomforts and pains are from delay. Why should we suffer?

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Why do we use the term "playwright" instead of "playwriter?"

The Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern Railway company has adopted a plan of handling locomotive ashes or cinders at terminals and divisional points which has resulted in a saving of expenses. The device consists of large pans holding about 3 cubic yards each, which are placed in the pit and when full are moved by a crane to the car where they are dumped. The machinery is handled by one man and the results have been very satisfactory.

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FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-Date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Kinds Thereof—Horticulture, Viticulture and Floriculture.

Cow Peas and Soja Beans.

For Fertilizer.—The value of these two crops as a fertilizer is largely due to their high per cent. of nitrogen and, further, upon the fact that though they prefer good land they will grow on either sand or clay that is "too poor to raise anything else."

As the roots are small and nearly five-sixths of the plant is above ground the stubble alone does not enrich the ground as much as do the corresponding parts of alfalfa and of clover. Sown for fertilizer, the crop should be plowed under, or, better yet, hogged down or pastured off before plowing. They are indifferent to fertilizers, except the superphosphates.

Yield.—Rhode Island reports yields of two or three tons of dry matter of cow peas and slightly less of soja beans. Delaware reports but a little over one ton per acre of cow peas. Louisiana over one and one-half tons and South Carolina over three and one-half tons of dry matter to which ten per cent should be added to express it in terms of hay. Ohio reports but one and one-half tons of green foliage, but the land was poor. The yield of seeds varies greatly in different localities, with different varieties and with time of planting. In general, cow peas and soja beans are capable of about equal yield in seeds, the former tending to excel in the South and the latter in the North. Both yield more in drills than when sown broadcast; late planting tends to increase seed production and early planting to excessive development of stem and leaf. Of the many varieties of cow peas, the small upright growers are most prolific in seed and the so-called trailers, of longer growth, yield most of forage. Yields of seed reported vary from ten or twelve bushels to as high as thirty-seven per acre, though twenty-five bushels is a good yield of cow peas and twenty of soja beans.

Varieties.—The two common varieties of soja beans are the Black Medium and the Early White, or Improved White. Of these the first seems to give the ranker growth of vines and the latter the heavier yield of seed.

The sixty or more varieties of cow peas differ greatly in character of growth, in amount of vine, in yield of seed, and in the time required from seeding to maturity. Some of the smaller varieties called "bunch" varieties are entirely upright, like soja beans, others called "trailers" send out long trailing vines fifteen or twenty feet long, and still others called "runners" send out upright stalks which afterward from extreme development resume a horizontal position. The real trailers produce a heavy growth of vine, but the crop is difficult to secure with the mower, which rides over many of the lowest vines, leaving them attached both to the ground and to the tangled mass of vines about them. Because of this, the so-called runners are preferred as being easier to cut clean from the ground. A few varieties will live in the ground over winter in the southern states and come up the succeeding spring. The following supposed facts will be of value to the prospective grower: (t) means trailing; (r) running; (e) erect.

Very Early.—Sixty or seventy days: New Erea (r), Chocolate (r), Congo (r), Vacuum (r), White Giant (r).

Early.—Whippoorwill (e), Red Crowder (r), Granite (r).

Medium.—Coffee (e), Large Lady (r), Pony (r).

Late.—Black Eye (r), Everlasting (r), White Crowder (r).

Very Late.—Unknown (or Wonderful) (e), Black (r), Blue Hull (r), Purple Hull Crowder (r), Clay (e), Conch (t), Gourd (r), Calico (r), Quadroon (e), Redding (r), Red Nipper (r), Rice (r), Speckled Crowder (r).

North Carolina prefers Unknown and Black for yield of either forage or seed. Clay for poor land and Red Nipper for dry, sandy land. Nearly all except the northern states place Unknown first and Black second for general use, that is, for both seed and vine. The Clay recommended for poor soils has much vine, but is a poor bearer. The Blue is small, with few vines, but a good bearer. Whippoorwill is an early variety of great excellence, but is a "bunch" pea with few vines.

Culture.—Either of these crops will grow on almost any land that is not too wet, and may be sown broadcast at the rate of one-half to two bushels per acre, using least seed with the trailing or running varieties. They may also be planted in drills of convenient distance for cultivating, planting the seeds five or six inches apart in the row, in which case a bushel of soja beans will plant about four acres, and of cow peas four to six, according to the variety. The yield of seed will be best from drills, but the culture is cheaper when sown broadcast on ground well prepared as for corn, in which case the crop now takes possession of the ground to the exclusion of weeds. In the South cow peas are frequently sown in corn at the last cultivating.

In general, the best time to plant is immediately after corn, though much depends on the variety, and upon the fact that the late planting favors seed formation, particularly with cow peas. In all cases avoid cultivation when the vines are wet.

Source of Seed.—Seed can be purchased from any reliable seedsman, and at prices ranging from 75 cents up, according to the locality and other circumstances. Southern seedsmen seem to pay most attention to varieties.

Soil Analyses.

Prof. Persons, in his bulletin on "A Chemical Study of Some Tropical Soils," in speaking of the value of a chemical analysis, says: There is probably no one subject in connection with their profession that is so little understood by farmers generally as that of the real value to be attached to a chemical analysis. Indeed, I may say that there is scarcely a question that is the subject of so much discussion and disagreement, even among the agricultural chemists of the country as that of the real importance to be attached to such an analysis. One line of authorities, headed by Dr. Hilgard, the director of the California experiment station, relies most strongly upon such an analysis, while others, of perhaps equal prominence, at least in other lines, do not place so much reliance upon it. All agree, however, that something is to be gained by a careful chemical study of a soil. Even those who do not agree wholly with Hilgard concede that, whilst a chemical analysis fails to indicate the exact degree of availability of soil constituents, it will at least reveal the approximate total quantity of the several constituents present therein, and in this indicating either the sufficiency or deficiency of the several soil essentials, it proves itself very helpful to the agriculturist, even though it does fail to show the exact degree of availability of a single soil constituent. It must be conceded that if it does this only, a chemical analysis is of sufficient importance to warrant its being undertaken, for if it can tell a farmer that his soil contains a sufficient quantity of one element and is probably entirely lacking in another, it at least affords him a rational basis for inaugurating a series of practical soil-test experiments with fertilizers that will enable him to answer the question definitely and thus save himself the risk of purchasing and applying certain fertilizers on a particular soil that are not needed by it and that would prove a useless expenditure if applied. It will be seen that the weak point in an analysis is that, while it reveals what a soil actually contains and in what proportions the several constituents are present, it does not state with absolute accuracy just how much of that plant food is in an available form, that is, in a form suited for plant assimilation. This is an important matter, for, other things being equal, the actual productiveness of any soil will depend not so much upon the total amount of plant food it contains as upon the proportion of that food which is in an available form. And until it is possible for an analysis to reveal with much accuracy the degree of availability of any plant food essential, it cannot be said that chemical methods are entirely perfected and capable of furnishing information in all respects satisfactory. It is encouraging to note that many chemists are at the present time engaged in perfecting methods with this object in view.

It frequently happens that when soils are barren their failure to produce is due to the presence of certain poisonous substances, such as sulphate or sulphid of iron. When such is the case, a chemical analysis will reveal the fact and chemistry will provide a remedy.

Soil for Pears.

Clay soil is considered best for pear culture, and still it should not be too tenacious and sticky. A pear orchard will not thrive so well, says Green's Fruit Grower, on any soil that has not a clay subsoil. Next to a friable clay loam, a gravel loam is most desirable. A light, sandy soil is the least desirable of any, and yet pears can be grown on sandy soil. Standard pears can be planted twenty to thirty feet apart, according to circumstances and habits of growth. If planted thirty feet apart, dwarf pears can be planted between the rows each way. I prefer a standard pear for general orchard culture, for the reason that they require less fertility and cultivation, and for the further reason that they are longer lived and make larger and more permanent trees. When the question came up for a vote, however, before the Western New York Horticultural society, we found that the dwarf pear was the favorite for orchard planting or for garden. Dwarf pears have the advantage of coming into earlier bearing. The dwarf pear is not short lived. It requires more pruning and more attention than the standard pear. Many varieties do better on the dwarf pear than on the standard. I should not locate a pear orchard or any other orchard in a low piece of ground. I should locate on a hillside. The pear is easily transplanted. I transplant several thousand every spring, and they do not lose on an average one out of one hundred trees. Pear trees come into bearing earlier than the apple.

Horse Famine Predicted.

At the convention of live stock feeders and breeders at St. Paul recently a horse famine was predicted. F. J. Berry, a veteran horse dealer, said: "Scrub horses will remain a drug on the market, but good horses will sell for big prices. The great depression that we have just passed through has discouraged horsemen and driven many of them out of the business. For the last three years there has been but a small per cent of the usual number of colts raised. At the same time the consumption of horses has been going on, until our supply of American horses is reduced two or three million. Farmers, in order to sell at all, have been obliged to sell their best, thus reducing the quality as well as the quantity. Horses are increasing in price, and the future is bright. It will not be long before prices will be as high as they ever were, and it is believed by our best judges that a great famine of the salable class of horses will be upon us in a few years at the most. The export demand is becoming the leading feature and life of our Chicago market, it being headquarters for export buyers. The export demand commenced in 1893, and had a rapid growth until 1896, when 35,000 horses were sold for export, and during the last year fully 50,000 horses and mules were sold for export. The demand is increasing in England, Ireland, Belgium, Scotland, Germany, France and Mexico, and our present correspondence would fully indicate one-third increase for the coming year. If Americans will have an eye to their own interests they will commence breeding the best grades, and as extensively as possible, and every horse should be bred to a purpose, and the breeder should pay the strictest attention to the class he wishes to produce."

Intensive Culture.—In France, according to authorities who criticise Canadian agriculture from this standpoint, the art of fertilizing the soil is carried to such an extent that, in case of tenant farming, the tenant usually reserves the right to carry the surface of the soil of his farm or garden away with him on the expiration of his lease. This is the more practicable in that country because of excellent means of communication, the usual smallness of the lots cultivated, and the fact that the French peasantry seldom wander far from the neighborhood in which they were born. The returns from a single acre of land cultivated in the vicinity of Paris by the highest degree of intensive tillage often amount to eight or even ten fold more than the returns from an acre of land on a Canadian farm.—Rural Canadian.

Pekin Ducks.—Rouen ducks are equal to the Pekins in size, lay as many eggs, are more beautiful and grow rapidly, but no duckling will grow as fast as a Pekin duckling up to the age of twelve weeks, nor will any breed thrive as well without a pond as the Pekins. All breeds have some disadvantages as well as advantages. Pekins are white and clean, but a dirty plumage on a duckling that weighs five pounds when it is ten weeks old is better than an apparently cleaner plumage on a smaller one. Never mind the dirt, but try to get the most weight in the shortest space of time and at the lowest cost.—EX.

Most people that keep account of the egg production of their fowls are unable to make them come up to the limit prescribed in the books. This is true of even well kept blooded stock. Is the limit too high?

Know the soil. That knowledge will save much useless expense especially if commercial fertilizers are used.

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 definitely 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 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 fac simile of the check given by the Canadian Mutual Life Association for $1650.00 amount of total disability claim paid by them to Mr. Petch.*

The first account stated that the patient (see address below) had been a paralytic 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 bloated was for that reason almost unrecognizable, and could not get his clothes on. The paralysis was so complete as to affect the face and prevented him from 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 interview."

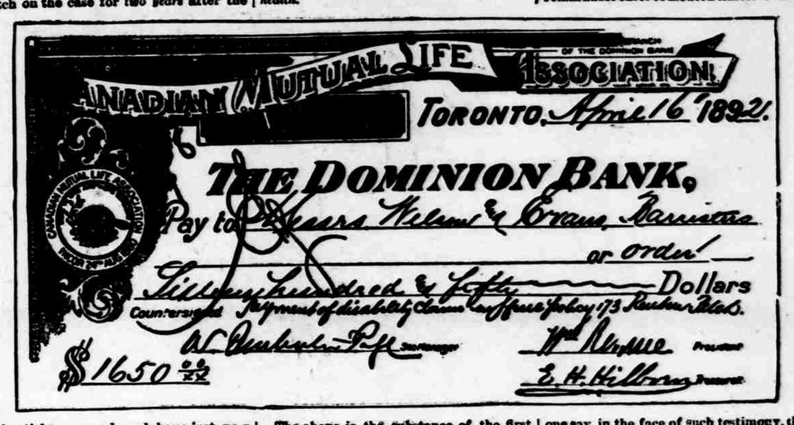
"Do you still attribute your cure to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills?" asked the *Monitor.*

"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 one say, 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?

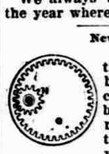
To make the evidence complete we publish above a fac simile cut of the check received by Mr. Petch from the Canadian Mutual Life Association, being the amount due him for total disability. It is unnecessary to add that this life insurance association did not pay this large amount of money to Mr. Petch, except after the most careful examination of his condition by their medical experts. They *must* have regarded him as forever incurable.

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



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

New Inventions.



A very curious invention was that patented by a German last week, comprising a sleeping bag for soldiers, the bag being light, easily transportable, impervious to moisture and still being properly ventilated. The present war scare will of course, be responsible for a great number of inventions relating to military and naval arms. Inventors applying for patents should be careful to place their inventions in the hands of registered attorneys. We have just received from the printer our illustrated hand book with some one hundred illustrations, which will be sent upon application. Free information relating to patents may be obtained in addressing Sues & Co., registered patent lawyers, Bee Building, Omaha, Nebr.

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

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.

Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C.C.C. fail, druggists refund money.

Muskets were first used in 1414 by the French army.

Coe's Cough Balsam

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

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 he influential his fame is largely connected with his developement of Lafayette college, which, under his control, prospered as never before and became one of the leading institutions of the state."

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 securites to the value of $52,000. Such a discovery would cause most men to ponder as to the expediency of making it known.

Swans, shirts, canaries and trousers were among the personal effects Sir Robert Peel's creditors auctioned off at Drayton Manor, and the whole lot brought only a little over $500.

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 does nature put a head on a dude if it abhors vacuum.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup

For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

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

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

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

FOR 30 DAYS MORE YOU CAN TRY IT FOR 25 CENTS.

RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA, LA GRIPPE

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

5 DROPS [Trade Mark.]

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 now and is improving every day. When he began to take it he was suffering a great deal with Rheumatism and Heart Trouble, and weakness in his limbs, and also had stomach trouble, had no appetite and could not walk half a mile without his legs being so stiff that when he sat down he could hardly get up again. Now, I am happy to tell you he is like a new man, and can walk without any pain. If your medicine cures him it will cure anyone, for 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 to-day 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. Jordon will send testimonial later on). Yours gratefully, MARY F. JORDON, 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 bloated 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. Respectfully, MRS. O. S. FLOWER, Ruleton, Kansas, January 8, 1898.

"5 DROPS" cures Rheumatism, Sciatica, Neuralgia, Dyspepsia, Backache, Asthma, Hay Fever, Catarrh, Sleeplessness, Nervousness, Nervous and Neuralgic Headaches, Earache, Toothache, Heart Weakness, Croup, Swelling, La Grippe, Malaria, Creeping Numbness.

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