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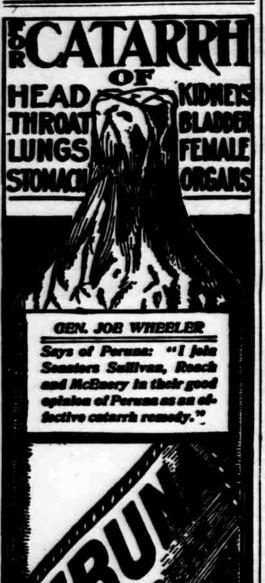
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dent aliens, while 90.9 per cent of the whole number were citizens of the United States. There were then 9,548 other enlisted men, of whom 64 per cent were native-born, 19 per cent naturalized, 9 per cent had declared intentions, 3 per cent were resident aliens, and 4 per cent non-resident aliens,

Salating Mount Vernon.

A moment's pause, and the assembly

all rung out over the silent current

An Obstructed Monange.

lines on poles in front of little Fred-

interested in the operation and asked

die G--'s home. Freddie was much

Mount Vernon:

the ship was nearing.

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while 83 per cent were citizens of the (Sung at the completion of the Con cord Monument, April 19, 1836.) United States. There were also 2,685 By the rude bridge that arched the apprentices, 93 per cent of whom were native-born and 7 per cent foreignflood. Their flag to April's breeze unfurled, born. More than 68 per cent of the Here once the embattled farmer stood, whole enlisted force was native-born.

The foe long since in silence slept; Alike the conqueror silent sleeps: And Time the ruined bridge has swept Down the dark stream which seaward creeps.

> On this green bank, by this soft stream. We set today a votive stone; That memory may their deed redeem, When, like our sires, our sons are

And fired the shot heard round the

Spirit, that made those heroes dare To die, or leave their children free. Bid Time and Nature gently spare The shaft we raise to them and thes. -Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Went Bravely to His Death. "In the four years I served in the army of northern Virginia," said the old confederate, in a reminiscent mood, while chatting with friends in a Louisville hotel, "I saw more men youthful freshness of his voice. killed than I'd care to count. In the course of the war three out of the four men who were tent-mates with me of the river and echoed back from the were killed. Each one went down within ten feet of me, one with his head torn away with a shell, the second with a minie ball that tore a great hole in his jugular vein, and the third from an overdose of bayonet, when he got at close quarters with the Yankees at their quarters. one afternoon at Seven Pines. My command lost 58 per cent in one battle, and as we usually came pretty near evening things up with the other fellows I have been a witness at a pretty

dustry says: When it is known that blackleg occurs with more or less regularity in a pasture, feed lot, or stable,

leasures Against Blackleg.

it is due to the presence of the blackleg germ, either in the ground of these places or in materials (coarse feed, etc.) brought there regularly. Whenever an animal becomes affected, the germs multiply by the million in its system, and their liberation, through natural or artificial means, tends to preserve, increase, or spread the infection. In the large pastures of the West and Southwest an affected animal is rarely noticed until after death, when the swarms of buzzards or other birds of prey indicate that there is "something dead," and an investigation is made. It is then frequently too late to attempt to prevent the spread of infection, for wolves and other vermin usually attack the carcass in short order, without even waiting for the animal to die, and only the bones and pieces of the hide are found scattered.

over an acre or more of ground. In more densely populated districts, A naval officer describes in the where a sick animal is readily discov-Youth's Companion how the United ered, there is often an inclination to States dispatch boat Dolphin saluted "doctor" the animal, usually by means of a jackknife, and the result is the The navigator, looking up from his same as in the other case-the infecobservation of the chart, turned totion is scattered proadcast from inward the captain, who was gazing fixcisions made in the affected part. edly through his binoculars, trying to In some districts the cattle that die make out, or to make use of the nautifrom blackleg are skinned in order at cal term, to "pick up" a buoy which least to save the hide, and the remaining parts of the carcass are left "Mount Vernon is just ahead, sir," to take care of themselves. This process naturally assists in scattering the "Very well, call all hands to guarinfection. It is therefore of the utmost importance that catle owners in the in-"Sound to quarters, sir." This to fected districts be made to realize that the officer of the deck from the navigaan animal affected with blackleg may be the cause of large subsequent losses "Aye, aye, sir. Bugler, sound to from the same disease, maybe not imquarters!" rung out the voice of the mediately, but within a period of years young officer who then had the deck. to follow, and it can not be recom-He was but lately graduated from the Naval Academy, and the hardships of sea life had not yet roughened the

mended too urgently that they make every effort to reduce the danger by taking adequate measures to destroy the germs and remove the danger of renewed infection. For this purpose the French scientists recommend various methods,

heights above its banks. The white some of which, however, are impracpillars of Washington's beautiful home ticable under the conditions which oblashed out through the deep green of tain in the infected districts of this the trees high up above the ship, as the country. They propose, for instance, ficers and men, hurrying from all to place the dead animals in a tank parts of the vessel, ranged themselves of sulphuric acid until completely dissolved. Where wood is plentiful the "Form on the port side, facing outbest method is to cremate the carcass. oard!" came the sharp order from the bridge, and later, "Sound attention!" In order to insure its complete destruc-The bugie again broke the stillness. tion, the dead animal should be placed on a couple of logs and plenty of dry The Dolphin was now abreast of the wood heaped around it. A couple of historic home of the first chief magis-

Intiled, Freezenably. A report of the Bureau of Animal In-Joseph Chamberlain usually says his little very well, but he was guilty of "bull" not very long ago when in arliament he was speaking against a bill proposed by another member and turning toward that person said: "The honorable gentieman shakes his

head-I am sorry to hear it." Sawed-Of Reyalty.

The king of Italy, who is but five leet three inches tall, is not the only short monarch in Europe, nor the king Portugal the only stout one, for King Edward VII., in spite of most of his pictures, is but five feet four inches in height and weighs 257 pounds.

Ballet-Proof Pasteboard Arme Pasteboard armor is the latest form defense. Experiments at Copenhaga show that millboard three inches thick was impenetrable to carbine bullets which pierced five-inch wooden planks.

For Protection to a Flower. In an almost despairing effort to stay the dread extinction of the fragrant

trailing arbutus flowers, the legislature of Connecticut passed a law forbidding any person to pull up the plants by the roots on land owned by another under a penalty of \$20.

> Verdiet Meant Death. Aldrich, Mo., May 27th .- Four of the

best doctors in the vicinity have been in attendance on Mrs. Mollie Moore of this place, who has been suffering with a severe case of nervousness and kidney disease. Each of them told her that she would die. Hearing of Dodd's Kidney Pills, she

began to use them, and instantly noticed a change for the better. Her improvement has been continuous since then. She says that the disease first dark spots floating before her eyes. Her nerves were so bad that many times they would collapse completely, and she would fall down as if shot. The fact that Dodd's Kidney Pills saved her after four doctors had given

her up, has caused no end of talk in this neighborhood, and all are loud in their praises of this new remedy-

Dodd's Kidney Pills-which is curing so many hitherto incurable cases, in left. this state and elsewhere.

Magnate Hill's Start. James J. Hill, the railway magnate. was at one time a Mississippi steamboat "runner," and as such well known in the early development of Milwaukee. He was then accounted one of the best "drummers" of business for river boats.

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WESTERN CANADA'S DECEMBER WEATHER

That of Max In To the Editor:-Thomas Regan and

C. Collins of Eden Valley, Minnesota went out to Western Canada last Decamber as delegates to look over the grazing and grain lands that are being flered at such low prices and reasonable terms. This is what they say: "Wearrived in Calgary about the 20th of December and although we had left winter in Minnesota and Manitobe, we were surprised to find beautiful warm weather at this point, quite equal to what we have in May in Minnesota. There was no snow nor trace of winter to be seen, and the climate was really splendid. Horses, cattle and sheep were running out, in prime condition, with plenty of feed on the prairie, and really better than that of ours

stabled in the south. We are impressed with this country as one of the finest mixed farming countries we have ever seen. The immense tracts of fertile lands well sheltered and abundantly watered leave nothing to be desired.

"Leaving Alberta we returned east and visited the Yorkton district in Assinibola. We drove out about ten miles at this point and were highly pleased with the splendid samples of grain we were able to see wheat yielding 25 bushels, cats 60 bushels, Roots were also good specimens. From what we have seen, we have decided to throw in our lot with the Yorktoners-satisfied that this part of the country will furnish good opportunities for anyone anxious to make the best of a really good country."

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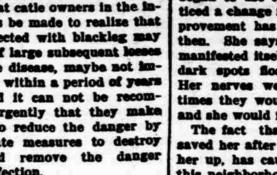


A woman is sick-some disease peculiar to her sex is fast developing in her system. She goes to her family physician and tells him a story, but not the whole story.

She holds back something, loses her head, becomes agi-tated, forgets what she wants to say, and finally conceals what she ought to have told, and this completely mystifies the doctor.

Is it a wonder, therefore, that the doctor fails to cure the disease ? Still we cannot blame the woman, for it is very embarrassing to detail some of the symptoms of her suffering, even to her family physician. This is the reason why hundreds of thousands of women are now in correspondence with Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. To her they can give every symptom, so that when she is ready to advise them she is in possession of more facts from her correspondence with the patient than the physician can possibly obtain through a personal interview.

Following we publish a letter from a woman showing the result of a correspondence with Mrs. Pinkham. All such letters are considered absolutely confidential by Mrs. Pinkham, and are never published in any way or manner without the consent in writing of the patient; but hundreds of women are so grateful for the health which Mrs. Pinkham and her medicine have been able to restore to them that they not only consent to publishing their letters, but write asking that this be done in order that other who suffer may be benefited by their experience.





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fair share of violent demises. But there is one incident that happened near the end of the war that keeps coming back to memory, and every time I think of it I wish I had been somewhere else on the morning it happened. You know, near the close of the war, the poor, half-starved devils got to deserting pretty frequently. It was war and there was but one way to remedy it-a wooden cross, the deserter and the firing squad. One morning I left my command and started over to talk to some old friends in a Mississippi regiment. I got about half of the distance when I ran into a little body of men. Two of them had their eyes blindfolded and their arms tied behind them. The first fellow couldn't

have been more than 25. He was tall, straight as an arrow, with dark, curling brown hair, and his face was the handsomest and the saddest I ever saw. He was walking quietly and steady. I couldn't see his eyes, but not a muscle of his face was twitching. and his feet were planted fairly and squarely on the ground. I noticed that he wore the uniform of a captain. The second fellow had to be held up by four men. Every few steps he would fall to the ground perfectly limp, and,

it seemed, lifeless. When the men would get him up he would scream and cry like a scared child. He was a great, big, raw-boned North Carolinian, and his terror would have been disgusting if it had not been so pitiable. I a great many questions about telefollowed the little procession for 100 graph lines. His mother told him that yards to where the line of crosses stood. The captain was to be shot first. As they placed him with his back to the cross he said: 'Men, you know me. I've led you in thirty fights, and you've never seen me shy from a gun muzzle yet, have you? I just want you to take this bandage off my eyes, and as long as I've got to die let me die like a man. I've given you the order to fire many a time, and I'd like to give my last order, if you'll let me.' The lieutenant hesitated, and then he said, 'Jack, I'll do it, if I get shot for it.' They unbound his eyes. He straightened himself for a minute.

took a long look all about him, and then facing his men said, in as steady a voice as I ever listened to, 'Ready! Aim! Fire!' They fired, and he pitched straight forward his full length. dead before he struck the ground. Then they tried to bind the Tar-heel

to the cross, but he writhed and moaned and twisted away from it like a snake with a broken back. They gave it up and he was shot while he was crawling along on the ground,

screaming out prayers for mercy. I heard afterward that the captain. hearing that his mother was dying. had asked leave to go to his home. which was only twelve miles away. We needed every man then, and the permit was refused. He slipped away, but before he got back Grant made one of his attacks on our lines. The captain's

company went into action for the first time without him at the head of it. He returned for a court-martial. Deserting had become too common for any excuse to be taken for it, and he was ordered to be shot the next morning. By some chance a detail of his for the horses and four men to work

the country; all hands lined up along the port side of the poured on and fire set to it. It is necessary that the carcass be entirely deship, standing at attention and facing the shore. As the order, "Salute! stroyed; if any part of it remains, another fire should be built over it. came sharply cut and abrupt from the

bridge, the right hand of every officer In a pasture where wood is scarce, and man was raised to his cap, and the carcass may be buried. This methremained there while the ship's bell od is always more or less unsatisfactory, as the infection is not destroyed rung out twenty-one slow, solemn strokes, one for each gun of a national but merely removed to a few feet besalute. The venerable mansion, with low the surface, whence it may return the white pillars of its porch like githrough various means of egress-for cantic sentinels on guard, looked down instance, as demonstrated by Pasteur. from the heights through a framework through the agency of the earthworms. of majestic trees to the river below. It is therefore of importance that the As an old gray-bearded patriarch rehole in the ground be made at least 6 ceives the homage of youth, so this digfeet deep and the carcass well covered nified monument to the first head of with lime before the earth is filled in. the government seemed to receive the The lime has no special germicidal efpassing salute of the representative of fect on the blackleg bacillus but may the government of today. With the present the infection from being carlast stroke of the bell came the order, ried to the surface. The place where "Sound the retreat!" The bugle anthe animal was lying before being burswered, and as the last note came back ied, as well as the top of the grave, from the shore. Mount Vernon disapshould be freely sprinkled with a 2 per peared behind the green of the trees. cent solution of creolin, or any of the Every vessel of war of the United carbolic sheep dips or disinfectants States passing the home of Washingwhich are guaranteed to contain thyton observes this impressive ceremony. mol or eucalyptol. The two latter substances are especially recommended by the French scientists because of their Recently a telegraph company strung

National Meat Inspection.

germs.

The live stock and meat inspection service of the Bureau of Animal Inmessages were sent over the wires dustry has had a phenomenal growth from one person to another. Freddie and now constitutes the larger part of asked if these messages could be seen its work. Meat inspection was carried going over the wires, and was told on, in the fiscal year 1900, at 148 packthat they moved much too swiftly for ing houses and abattoirs, situated in that. Once when the wind made the forty-five different centers. The total wires sing he wanted to know if the number of antemortem inspections of noise made was not made by so many animals was 53,087,994. This comprised messages trying to go over the wires at 9.656.762 inspections of cattle, 9,854,732 one time. Recently when he went to of sheep, 559,735 of calves, 33,011,205 of the window and looked at the wires hogs, and 5,560 of horses. The number he cried out in delight and ran to his of animals rejected, subject to postmother: "O, mamma," he exclaimed, as mortem inspection, was 159,519. The he burst into the kitchen, "do come actual number of animals inspected before slaughter was 34,840,374, against quick and see th' message out on th' ellygraft wire! It's stuck wite in 3.809.459 in 1892, an increase of 31,030,runt uv our house-hurry!" To sat-915, or 815 per cent. The postmortem inspection of 34,737,613 animals reisfy him the mother accompanied him to the window and Freddie pointed out sulted in the condemnation of 61,906 a piece of paper which had blown carcasses and 30,346 parts of carcasses. The Bureau in 1899 inspected microagainst the wires, and, becoming tanscopically 108,928,195 pounds of pork for gled, had remained suspended.-Ohio export, as against 38,152,874 pounds in 1892, when microscopical inspection was begun, an increase of 70,775,321 pounds, or 186 per cent. In 1900, how-As the new quick-firing machine ever, but 55,809,626 pounds were inguns stood the test admirably during

> Quality of Ranch Horses

as in 1899.

spected, or only about half as much

the regiments on the western frontier It has been evident for a good many receiving them first. During the mayears that the quality of ranch horses neuvers they were used both as an is improving. The introduction onto aid for the infantry and as protection the range of high-bred stallions has for the cavalry. They are mounted had a marked effect. The ranch owners with springs on four-wheeled cara dosen years ago saw the need of imriages drawn by four horses. The proving the quality of their stock and barrel is surmounted by a bronze jackrecognized the ease with which it could et and the intermediate space is filled be done. A few Percheron and Clyde with water in order to keep the barrel sires were introduced on different cool. Each gun has a mounted soldier ranches and the range sires were sent to market. In a year or two after that he colts were noticed to be of a perior type. Now the products of such matings are competing with Easternbred horses in our own and in the Canadian markets. Recently in Toronto a good many of these range colts have been disposed of at auction. At one sale forty-two colts were sold, the It is not generally understood that prices received varying from \$40 to \$120. These prices were low and at them the animals went quickly.

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navy department has compiled statistics of the number of foreign born enlisted men in the United States navy the old Pensacola, now doing duty as a in the Spanish-American war and at training ship while attached to the the beginning of the current fiscal training station, Yerbs Buens island, year, says the Washington Times. In San Francisco harbor, is no longer a the Spanish war there were 2,379 for- steamer. Her machinery and bollers sign petty officers in the navy, of were removed several years since, and whom 1.607 were naturalized citizens the space formerly occupied by them of the United States and 478 had de- has been utilized as living and drai clared their intention to become citi- space for the crew and recruits. The zens. There were 4,879 foreign-born vessel is fitted up with all the modern men of other ratings, of whom 1,576 appliances for comfort, electric light were citizens, and 1,551 had declared throughout, an efficient ventilating intentions. There were also 142 foreign- system, a carefully installed steamborn apprentices then in the service. heating system, and in a general way The native-born celisted men in the everything has been placed on board Spanish war consisted of 4,050 petty the Pensacola which sanitary and officers, 7,472 other enlisted men and medical science has suggested for the 1,884 apprentices. The totals are: comfort of the onlisted men. Native-born, 15,406; foreign-born, 7,-422; total in service, 22,828. By per-

centages the native-born comprised 65 per cent of the whole number, 50 per cent were citizens of the United States, and of the remainder 25 per

just been liquidated by the treasury cent had declared their intentions to secome citizens. On June 30, 1900, the department. The interest and prinand of the last facal year, there were cipal amounted to \$12,906.20. 6,500 petty officers in the service, of

When a courtship ends in marriage whom 57.3 per cent were native born, \$2.6 per cent naturalized, 6.5 per cent romance had declared intentions, 1.5 per cent mences. romance ceases and history com-

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Systematic protection of the forests against fire is an issue before the New Jersey legislature. The total forest area of New Jersey is more than 2,-000,000 acres, which is believed to be larger in proportion to its size than that of any other middle state. The proposed preventive measures will follow the general lines of a suggestion made by Gifford Pinchot, an authority on ferestry, which involves a system of fire lance, to be patrolled daily by

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