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Colds

"I had a terrible cold and could hardly breathe. I then tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and it gave me immediate relief."
W. C. Layton, Sidell, Ill.

How will your cough be tonight? Worse, probably. For it's first a cold, then a cough, then bronchitis or pneumonia, and at last consumption. Coughs always tend downward. Stop this downward tendency by taking Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

Throat: Ho. Ac. St. All croup.

Consult your doctor. If he says take it, then do as he says. If he tells you not to take it, then don't take it. He knows. Leave it with him. We are willing.
J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

Some of the Southern news papers have fallen into the habit of referring to Jefferson Davis as Jeff Davis. There was a day when this belittlement of Mr. Davis' name would have been considered offensive to the same newspapers.—Mobile Register.

THE WORST FORM.

Multitudes are singing the praise of Kodol, the new discovery that is making so many sick people well and weak people strong by digesting what they eat, by cleansing and sweetening the stomach and by transforming their food into the kind of pure, rich, red blood that makes you feel good all over. Mrs. Cranfill, of Troy, I., T., writes: "I for a number of years was troubled with indigestion and dyspepsia that grew into the worst form. Finally I was induced to try Kodol and after using four bottles I am entirely cured. I heartily recommend Kodol to all sufferers from indigestion or dyspepsia. Take a dose after each meal. It digests what you eat. T. J. Coffey and Bro.

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Illiterate Voters.

There are 21,300,000 inhabitants of the United States of voting age and 2,300,000 of them, or about 11 per cent, were returned on the last census as illiterate—a very large proportion for a country in which the opportunities for an education are universal.

An examination of the figures, according to the New York Sun, shows that, contrary to the general belief, it is not the foreign born voters who cause this percentage to be so high. The proportion of illiterates among the foreign-born voters in the United States is 11.5 per cent., whereas among the native-born inhabitants the proportion is 10.5 per cent.—not a very important difference.

The part of the United States in which there is least illiteracy is the group of states which make up the Middle West and Northwest. Iowa and Nebraska have less than 3 per cent., Kansas less than four per cent. of illiterate inhabitants over the age of 21.

In Utah and Washington, in the Pacific group of States the percentage of illiteracy is less than 4 per cent.; in Colorado, Oregon and Wyoming less than 5.

In New England and among the native born inhabitants the percentage is still lower, 1 per cent in Massachusetts, 1.5 in Connecticut, 2 per cent in New Hampshire and 2.5 in Rhode Island. In the South the rate of illiteracy among the native born white inhabitants is highest in Louisiana, being 20 per cent. In North Carolina it is 19 per cent, Kentucky 15, Tennessee and Alabama 14, South Carolina, Virginia and Georgia 15, West Virginia 11 and Arkansas 10.

The high rate of illiteracy in the United States is due largely to the colored inhabitants there are some 2,000,000 of them over 21 years of age and of these 1,075,000 are illiterate—46 per cent.

Wherever colored inhabitants are numerous the rate of illiteracy is high; where they are few in numbers it is low; and leaving out the colored inhabitants, the rate of illiteracy in the United States is not high and is being reduced steadily.—Times Democrat.

JUMPED ON A TEN PENNY NAIL

The little daughter of Mr. J. N. Powell jumped on an inverted rake made of ten penny nails, and thrust one nail entirely through her foot and a second one half through. Chamberlain's Pain Balm was promptly applied and in five minutes later the pain had disappeared and no more suffering was experienced. In three days the child was wearing her shoe as usual with absolutely no discomfort. Mr. Powell is a well known merchant of Forkland, Va. Pain Balm is an antiseptic and heals sores and injuries without maitonitry in one-third the time required by the usual treatment. For sale by Blackburn.

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Druggists*

Mirage in Washington.

Washington Post. Scientific circles in Washington are discussing tonight the wonderful mirage which appeared in the sky this afternoon to the south of the city. Thousands of residents of Washington saw the manifestation, but it is accounted particularly fortunate that the officials of the Weather Bureau had their attention called to view it and accumulate scientific data.

The mirage was as clear and distinct as if painted with a gigantic brush on the sky, and showed the dome of the capitol building, surmounted by the Goddess of Liberty, at a point in the heavens opposite the building. The sky picture was vastly enlarged, covering an immense area of the heavens, and the white dome was thrown in sharp relief against the deep blue of the upper atmosphere.

The Weather Bureau officials had their attention called to the atmospheric phenomena by a telephone message from Francis H. Whitney, Postmaster General Payne's private secretary who saw the mirage while looking out of the south window of the Post office Department. Realizing the rarity of the manifestation he made haste to call it to the attention of those whose observations might prove productive of information to the scientific world.

The mirage lasted only seven minutes, and then did not fade away gradually, but vanished as suddenly as it had appeared. The close proximity of the mirage to the object reflected is considered as remarkable by scientific men. There are well established observations of mirages seen many miles distant from the location of the reality, but this is believed to be the first instance, in this country at least, of a sky picture, apparently within a short distance of the object of which it was a reflection. The data taken from the Weather Bureau officials to the atmospheric conditions which obtained at the time the mirage was seen, with the deductions as to the exact nature and cause of the phenomena, will be made public within a few days.

TO THE PUBLIC.

Allow me to say a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I had a very severe cough and cold and feared I would get pneumonia, but after taking the second dose of this medicine I felt better, three bottles of it cured my cold and the pains in my chest disappeared entirely. I am most respectfully yours for health, Ralph S. Meyers, 64 Thirtieth street, Wheeling, W. Va. For sale by Blackburn.

Kaiser Bill has adopted the monocle. He grows more like our president every day.—Macon News.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

The Cabbage Snake.

The stories that have been printed about the "little cabbage snake" have hurt the cabbage business in mountain counties. Here is what Mr. Gerald McCarthy, biologist of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture has to say about it:

"The sea serpent, of mendacious renown seems to have gone out of business this year by a land serpent which has located in the western part of North Carolina, where it has taken to frightening the owners of cabbage patches. Many stories have been published concerning the deadly venom of this creature usually referred to as the cabbage snake. Several of these serpents have been caught and sent to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture for identification. All of these have proved to be the common and harmless water worm or 'hair snake'—Gordius variabilis.

"Snakes and serpents belong to the backbone series of animals. This creature is a nematode worm belonging far down in the scale of created beings. It has a soft boneless body with only rudimentary organs. It does not chew or bite, but absorbs its food in liquid form through any and every part of the body. It is normally an internal parasite of grass hoppers and other insects. Its presence in cabbage heads is rare and accidental, due to the previous abundance of insects upon the plants. The Gordius worms are never found parasitic upon human or vertebrate animals. The stories concerning the deaths supposed to have been caused by these worms are untrue and ridiculous! There is no venom in them. They may be eaten raw or cooked without any danger to the eater.

"The serious part of these stories is that such publications may cause considerable loss by preventing people from eating the cabbage they have raised or purchased. Such fears are wholly groundless. The worms are not common and when they do occur upon cabbage they will do no harm to anyone eating the vegetable. They are at worst no more hurtful than the worms so plentiful in apples and peaches some seasons.

"The so called cabbage worm or Gordius variabilis, is a slender white worm from 4 to 12 inches long and about as thick as an ordinary knitting needle.

"It is hoped that those newspapers that have published the misleading stories concerning the worm will republish this refutation and thus help prevent the needless waste of good food."

Henry L. Shattuck, of Shellsburg, Iowa, was cured of a stomach trouble with which he had been afflicted for years, by four boxes of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. He had previously tried many other remedies and a number of physicians without relief. For sale by M. B. Blackburn.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure
Digests what you eat.

Essay on the Candidates.

Durant News.

The candidate cometh up like a flower and retireth busied. His friends fill him with false hope and atmosphere. He smileth upon mankind and sloppeth over with humor. He kisseth the children and scattereth microbes among the innocent babes. He privately cheweth a clove when he meeteth the preacher and when he converses with him he standeth to leeward and curbeth his breath as with a strong bit. He goeth home late at night to his fiery wife with beery breath and cold feet. He riseth up before breakfast saying, "I go and see a man." The dead beat lieth in wait and pulleth his leg to a queen's taste. He "naileth a lie," but before election he runneth short of nails. He giveth liberally to the church, he subscribeth liberally to the band, contributeth a sum to the poor whose barn was burned, he sendeth a small keg hither and a large keg thither, he yieldeth up his substance with apparent alacrity. After the election he goeth back to the barn and kicketh himself and calleth himself a Kotterdam fool.

Life is not easy for a ny one, and to many people it is very hard. They are carrying every ounce of burden they can possibly carry. They sometimes almost totter beneath the heavy load. Now suppose that, instead of saying cheering words to these people, heartening words which would put new hope and courage into their spirit, we do nothing but criticize them, find fault with them, speak in a harsh unloving way of them; what is the effect upon them? It can only be hurtful. It makes their load all the heavier. Or, rather, it takes out their heart the enthusiasm, the hope, the courage and makes it harder for them to go on.

Carrying ones cross means simply that you are to go on the road which you see to be the straight one; carrying whatever you find is given you to carry, as well and as stoutly as you can, without making any faces or calling people to look at you. Above all you are neither to load or unload yourself, nor cut your cross to your own liking. But all you have really to do is to keep your back as straight as you can and not think about what is on it, above all not to boast of what is on it. The real and essential meaning of virtue is in that straightness of the back.—Ethics of the Dust.

"Last winter an infant child of mine had croup in a violent form," says Elder J. W. Rogers, a Christian Evangelist, of Filley, Mo. "I gave her a few doses of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and in a short time all danger was past and the child recovered. This remedy not only cures croup, but when given as soon as the first symptoms appear, will prevent the attack. It contains no opium or other harmful substance and may be given as confidently to an infant as to an adult. For sale by Blackburn.



ALL WOMEN

Wine of Cardui is the guardian of a woman's health and happiness from youth to old age. It helps her safely into womanhood. It sustains her during the trials of pregnancy, childbirth and motherhood, making labor easy and preventing flooding and miscarriage. It gently leads her through the dangerous period known as the change of life.

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cures leucorrhoea, falling of the womb, and menstrual irregularity in every form. It is valuable in every trying period of a woman's life. It reinforces the nervous system, acts directly on the genital organs and is the finest tonic for women known. Ask your druggist for a \$1.00 bottle of Wine of Cardui.

Batesville, Ala., July 11, 1900.
I am using Wine of Cardui and Theodore's Black-Draught and I feel like a different woman already. Several ladies here keep the medicine in their homes all the time. I have three girls and they are using it with me.
Mrs. EATY BROWDER.
For advice and literature, address, giving symptoms, "The Ladies' Advisory Board," The Chattanooga Medicine Company, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Merciful Women

"The statement that 16,000 marsh hens and jack daws were killed last summer in Currituck county, N. C., to supply the demand for feathered ornaments on women's hats, is not encouraging to those who would prevent the wholesale slaughter of birds. But the evil work did not stop here. We are even told that the very buzzards were sacrificed so that their wing feathers might be used to embellish feminine head gear. That it is time to call a halt on this business there is no denying, but the reform—if successful—can come from but one source—the women themselves. And when you touch a woman's hat you get very close to the person in it.—Richmond Dispatch.

FORTY YEARS IN TORTURE.

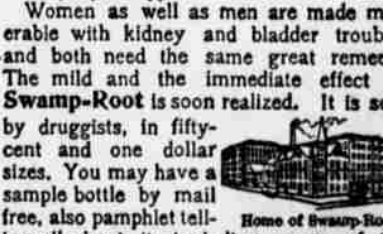
To be relieved from a torturing disease after forty years torture might well cause the gratitude of anyone. That is what DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve did for C. H. H. Geneva, O. He says: DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured me of piles after 40 years." Cures cuts, burns, bruises, skin diseases, Beware of counterfeits. T. J. Coffey and Bro.

Wireless telegraphy is to be used on Italian trains as a means of preventing rail way accidents.—Ex.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition, beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased. Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet including all about it, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper.



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