

# CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and Substitutes are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

## What is CASTORIA

Castoria is a substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is Harmless and Pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. It cures Diarrhoea and Wind Colic. It relieves Teething Troubles, cures Constipation and Flatulency. It assimilates the Food, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

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## SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

IN EFFECT DEC. 5 1898.

Numbers.	Numbers.	Number.	Eastern Time.	Numbers.	Numbers.	Number.
74&11	85	8		12&23	26	6
4:30pm	12:05am	Lv.	New York	Ar.	12:45pm	6:35am
8:30pm	5:50am	Lv.	Philadelphia	Ar.	10:15am	2:55am
8:30pm	6:23am	Lv.	Baltimore	Ar.	8:00am	11:25pm
10:45pm	11:15am	Lv.	Washington	Ar.	6:42am	9:45pm
6:15am	6:07pm	Lv.	Danville	Ar.	11:25pm	1:40pm
12:15am	12:01pm	Lv.	Richmond	Ar.	6:40am	6:25pm
9:35pm	8:10am	Lv.	Norfolk	Ar.	7:50am	8:55pm
9:10am	2:50pm	Lv.	Selma	Ar.	2:40am	12:35pm
4:05am	8:50pm	Lv.	Raleigh	Ar.	1:40am	11:45am
7:10pm	8:55pm	Lv.	Greensboro	Ar.	10:45pm	8:50am
(Central Time.)						
9:05am	7:10pm	Lv.	Salisbury	Ar.	6:35pm	9:30am
9:35am	8:10pm	Lv.	Statesville	Ar.	5:44pm	8:43am
9:55am	9:07pm	Lv.	Newton	Ar.	5:03pm	8:09am
10:55am	9:25pm	Lv.	Hickory	Ar.	4:58pm	7:52am
12:15pm	10:34pm	Lv.	Marion	Ar.	3:23pm	6:45am
3:15pm	12:08am	Lv.	Biltmore	Ar.	1:30pm	5:21am
8:35pm	12:10am	Lv.	Asheville	Ar.	1:20pm	5:15am
12:35pm	12:15am	Lv.	Asheville	Ar.	1:10pm	5:10am
8:55pm	1:25am	Lv.	Hot Springs	Ar.	11:40am	4:00am
8:30pm	3:00am	Lv.	Morrisville	Ar.	9:50am	3:30am
7:40pm	4:25am	Lv.	Knoxville	Ar.	8:25am	1:15am
11:35pm	7:40am	Lv.	Chattanooga	Ar.	4:20am	10:00pm
7:10pm	7:10pm	Lv.	Memphis	Ar.	9:15am	9:15am
6:40am	6:55pm	Lv.	Nashville	Ar.	10:10pm	9:10am
7:50am	7:50pm	Lv.	Louisville	Ar.	7:45pm	7:40am
7:30am	7:30pm	Lv.	Cincinnati	Ar.	6:00pm	6:30am

### A. AND S. BRANCH.

No. 14.	No. 19	No. 8	(Central Time.)	No. 12.	No. 9	No. 7.
8:30am	8:05pm	Lv.	Asheville	Ar.	6:00pm	1:40pm
8:55am	8:15pm	Lv.	Biltmore	Ar.	6:52pm	2:30pm
9:17am	8:29pm	Lv.	Hendersonville	Ar.	6:09pm	1:45pm
10:20am	6:00pm	Lv.	Troy	Ar.	8:10pm	12:42pm
11:25am	6:15pm	Lv.	Spartanburg	Ar.	8:10pm	11:25am
2:40pm	9:35pm	Lv.	Columbia	Ar.	11:30am	8:30am
6:00pm	11:00am	Lv.	Charleston	Ar.	7:30am	5:30pm
(Central Time.)						
8:30am	8:30am	Lv.	Savannah	Ar.	12:24am	12:24am
9:15am	8:15am	Lv.	Jacksonville	Ar.	8:00pm	8:00pm
9:00am	8:00am	Lv.	Augusta	Ar.	8:30pm	8:30pm
8:45pm	8:12am	Lv.	Atlanta	Ar.	7:50am	11:50pm
1:40am	8:10pm	Lv.	New Orleans	Ar.	7:45pm	7:55am
7:40am	8:00pm	Lv.	Memphis	Ar.	9:00pm	9:00pm

### MURPHY BRANCH.

No. 67.	No. 17.	(Central Time.)	No. 68.	No. 18.
8:00am	4:00pm	Lv.	Asheville	Ar.
10:29am	6:25pm	Lv.	Waynesville	Ar.
11:20am	5:50pm	Lv.	Balsam	Ar.
1:45am	8:00pm	Lv.	Bryson City	Ar.
4:45pm	8:00pm	Lv.	Murphy	Ar.

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## STOCKS, GRAIN AND COTTON

Stocks Continue Upward With Sales upon a Tremendous Scale.

### FURTHER ADVANCES INDICATED

Cotton Quiet and Unchanged—Wheat Opens Higher But Reacts—Corn and Provisions Dull.

By Direct Private Wire to W. P. H. Broker 48 Nassau Ave.

New York, Jan. 13.—There was an absence of the usual realizing in the morning's trading, in fact everything was advanced with sales upon the largest scale.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit opened on a scale from 91 to 93, or 4 points above the closing, while Manhattan continued a leading feature.

This strength continued until after 2 p. m. when some slight reactions were recorded on profit taking, but the buying was of such a class as to indicate further advances tomorrow and next week.

Sugar advanced on covering of the shorts about \$3 a share.

Favorable bank statement is expected tomorrow.

COTTON—Cables closed 1-2 down for futures, with sales of spots 12,000 bales.

The opening here was at 1 point advance, and the movement was influenced greatly by the weather conditions, which were adverse to hauling.

Ports receipts are estimated at 32,000 or about the same as last year.

While the tendency was upward there was little change in quotations and the market became extremely dull.

The Wall street crowd were the best buyers.

### CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—Cables came stronger this morning, Liverpool about 1-2 higher.

The opening here was strong and 1-2 up. The strength continued until privilege prices were reached, when selling against them caused some reaction and prices receded 1-2.

The selling also caused some realizing and the weakness continued until near the close.

The position is still strong and next week will probably see the market still higher.

Corn opened at yesterday's closing price but encountered good selling orders and followed wheat in weakness.

Provisions dull at slight concessions.

### NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Am. Tobacco	147 1/4	148 1/4	147 1/4	147 1/4
Am. Sugar R.	125 3/4	128 3/4	125 3/4	127 3/4
A. T. & S. F. pf.	55 1/2	55 3/4	54 3/4	55 1/2
Rail. & Ohio	69	69	68	68 1/2
Brook. R. T.	91	95	90 1/4	94 1/4
Chi. B. & Q.	128 1/2	130 1/2	127 1/2	130 1/2
Ches. & Ohio	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/4	27 1/2
Chi. G. W.	14 1/2	16	15 1/2	15 1/2
Del. & Hud.	111 1/2	112	111 1/2	111
Fed. Steel	52	52 1/2	51 3/4	51 3/4
Fed. Steel pf.	83 1/2	83 1/2	83	83 1/2
Gen. Electric	100 1/2	100 1/2	100	100
Ill. Central	117	117	116 1/2	117
Lou. & Nash.	66	66 1/2	65 1/2	66 1/2
Manhattan	107 1/2	108 1/2	107	108 1/2
Mo. Pacific	46	46 1/2	45 1/2	46 1/2
Met. Traction	190	190 1/2	189	190
No. Pacific	47 1/2	48 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2
No. Pacific, pf.	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2
N. Y. C. (en.)	124 1/2	125	124 1/2	124
Northwest'n.	144	144 1/2	143 1/2	144 1/2
Omaha	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
Pacific Mail	44 1/2	45 1/2	44 1/2	45
People's Gas	111 1/2	112	111	111 1/2
Rock Island	115 1/2	116 1/2	114 1/2	115 1/2
So. Railway pf.	45 1/2	46 1/2	45 1/2	46 1/2
St. Paul	123 1/2	124 1/2	123 1/2	124 1/2
T. C. & I.	86	86 1/2	86	86 1/2
U. P. pf.	74 1/2	74 1/2	74	74 1/2
West'n Union	91 1/2	95 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2
Continental Tobacco	8	8	8	8

### CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE.

	Open	High	Low	Close
May Wheat	71 1/2	71 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
May Corn	37 1/2	37 1/2	37	37 1/2
May Oats	28	28 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
May Pork	1015	1015	1005	1015
May Lard	575	577	570	570
May Ribs	507	510	502	502

### NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE.

	Open	High	Low	Close
March	571	574	571	571
May	579	581	578	578
Aug.	588	588	585	585

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away. To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

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If you are not satisfied with our present accommodations try the Oaks hotel, rates moderate.

## For Women

No medicine is so good for pale, weak, nervous, fidgety women as Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It is a real flesh-maker, a real blood-purifier, a real nerve strengthener. It restores the pink of health to the cheeks, the flush of youth to the eye.

## PLAYING THE GAME.

"And I really think," said Mrs. Merriman, "it was more than one of my ordinary inspirations."

"Really?" said I.  
"Yes; it was genius. I'll tell you about it."

"Laura was staying here. She wasn't by way of being actually engaged, you know—one of that unsatisfactory sort of half and half things. He's a nice boy, quite a nice boy, but he had a gay little way, like the Tomtit, you know."

"Laura was here some time. They wrote to each other, more often than not, as Tomtit would say."

"Then for a few days she looked 'mopy,' and was for her quite cross. She came to me, and by degrees began a long rignarole. He was this and he was that. He was writing horrid, short letters. Of course she didn't care. It wasn't that. Only he wasn't to think he could behave as he chose."

"He was staying in a house full of people. He had himself said there were some nice girls there, and this was the apex of the whole matter; he was going next week to another house, to which her twin sister had been asked and not she."

"You twin sister's pretty, isn't she?"  
"I don't know," snappily. "I was supposed to be exactly alike. Only she wears a fringe and has darker eyebrows. Yes; she is pretty."

"Then came a sudden burst of confidence."  
"Dear Mrs. Merriman, I'm—I'm afraid he'll think she's prettier than I am!"

"But surely he has seen her before?"  
"No; that's just it. He hasn't. She's been abroad a great deal. I never met him till this summer, you know."

"Stop!" I said authoritatively. "I really couldn't bear any more confidences, especially second-hand ones. 'Stop! I have a magnificent idea. Come up to my room and let me out you a fringe.'"

"What on earth do you mean?" said Laura blankly.  
"What I say. Come up at once," she came, and I cut it.

"It is a great improvement," she said as she twisted up her hair. "I shall write and tell him."

"No you won't," I said. "You little blind idiot! Don't you understand? Now, tell me, how much would it take to keep Nora away from the Chamberlaynes?"

"Laura's jaw dropped."  
"To keep away? Oh, I couldn't do that. It's—it's not what the boys call 'playing the game.'" Besides, it would upset the Chamberlaynes' plans."

"How if you went instead of her?"  
"Laura's head went up."

"Thank you! I have more pride than to force myself—She suddenly stopped. She had caught sight of herself in the glass. She laughed, picked up a hand glass and turned slowly round."

"Could she be bribed with a hat?" I said with a businesslike air, "a Paris hat?"  
"—I think a London one would do. You see, George Marten will be at the reo-

ry—She took a burned match and began darkening her eyebrows.  
"I struck while the iron was hot. Write at once to Nora and settle everything," I said briskly. "Go home a day or two earlier (I shall be sorry to lose you, dear, but this is important). Borrow a respectable amount of Nora's things and appear at the Chamberlaynes' as Miss N. Stafford."

Two days later:  
MY DEAREST MRS. MERRIMAN—I have come, and so has he. I nearly fainted. He doesn't guess. He talked to me all the evening about me—Laura! 'Twas magnificent. No time for more. He never looks at the other girls. Yours devotedly,  
LAURA.

Next day:  
DEAR MRS. MERRIMAN—You will be surprised to learn that I leave here tomorrow morning. I would have left tonight, only there is not a train. It is all over. He has been saying such things. To think he ever could look at any one in exactly the same way he used to look at me! I wish I was dead! I told him today I was going to tell Laura. He said, "Oh, no, you won't!" I hate him! I wonder I kept up, but I did. How could I ever have liked him the least little bit? I am feeling very ill. Yours,  
L. STAFFORD.

Next morning:  
MY DEAREST DARLING MRS. MERRIMAN—Will you believe it? It is all right. He knew all along. How could he? He said he knew when he heard me sneeze, as I did when I arrived at that horrid, drafty station—I mean, dear drafty station! He knows my sneeze in a million. He says he could hardly bear to keep it up, only I was so sweet. I tell him he was most cruel and unkind. He says it was a sneeze, and whoever put it into my head ought to be cut! He says he cares for no one else in the whole wide world, and he doesn't like fringes, so he can't like Nora when he sees her. Dear Nora! Just fancy! She is going to marry George Marten! Isn't it odd? Your most devoted and grateful  
LAURA.

Mrs. Merriman put the letters away and laughed.  
"That was genius," said she.  
"No it wasn't," said I.—Ladies' Realm.

## The Chinamen We Meet.

Comparatively few Chinamen of the class we see here are able to read, and I will venture the assertion that there are not over half a dozen in all New Orleans who possess that accomplishment. I know one who reads Chinese with tolerable fluency, and he is in great demand among the balance of the colony to decipher letters and papers. Because a laundryman is able to dash off a few hieroglyphics as a receipt for one's washing is no indication that he could read ten consecutive lines of a native book or periodical. What he writes is merely a numeral or two by which he distinguishes the package, and that much is very easily learned. Any bright American can pick it up in a few weeks.

Most of the Chinese, however, are natural mathematicians, and perform arithmetical calculations on a sort of abacus wired frame, strung with buttons. They shift the buttons to and fro and give correct answers to the most intricate arithmetical problems in less time than it takes to tell about it. I have often tried to learn the secret, but was never able to master it. The thing is based on a series of logarithms, but they are entirely too esoteric for me to grasp.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Children's Winter Shoes, 5 to 8, 60c. at G. A. Mears and Sons' Shoe Store.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve Cures Piles, Scalds, Burns.

Ladies' Felt Shoes. All sizes. Lace and Congress at 85c. G. A. Mears and Sons' Shoe Store.

## Boils, Old Running Sores, Itching, Scratching ECZEMA Blood Poison.

Producing the following symptoms: Falling hair, sore throat, swollen glands eruptions, pustules and ulcers of the skin, stiffness of the joints, rheumatism, bone pains, etc.

## Ulcers, Scrofula. Running Sore Eyes CURED BY Botanic Blood Balm--- B.B.B.

The above named diseases are all due to diseased germs floating around in the blood. These germs make their appearance in the form of sores on the body at the point of least resistance. Lotions and salves may help temporarily but to effect a cure the poison must be got out of the blood.

Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) is the only remedy which has really effected a permanent cure of these terrible diseases. B. B. B. is a powerful vegetable blood remedy, which, when it mixes with the diseased blood, causes the humors and germs to leave the body through the pores of the skin and excretory organs. Mr. B. F. Price, a Philadelphia druggist, recently wrote us that when people afflicted with blood diseases called for a remedy they are invariably advised them to use B. B. B., and he never knew of a case that failed of a permanent cure. It has been on the market for 17 years, and we have recent letters from patients who were cured years ago, saying that they are as well as can be at the present time, with no trace of the disease left. This proves that the poison was entirely driven out of the system, and hence a permanent cure was effected. It is the cure that counts. We will let some of the patients speak for themselves.

ECZEMA CURED.  
Julia E. Johnson, Stafford's P. O., S. C., says: "I had suffered thirteen years with eczema, and was times confined to my bed. The itching was terrible. My son