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**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**

**THE TWO PRODIGALS.**

The following poem was written by Cecil P. Pool, a gifted young North Carolinian, now residing in Lynchburg, Va. It appeared in some of the Virginia papers, and was highly complimented:

When the roses of summer were budding and blooming,  
 And ripening wheat bent 'neath its burden of gold,  
 Came a prodigal son, world weary and tattered,  
 To the place where his footsteps had echoed of old.  
 They clung to his garments with tears and caresses,  
 Till the cup of his welcome with joy was o'er run  
 And the flowers of love and forgiveness were woven  
 In blossoming crown for the Prodigal Son.

When icicles hung from the bare, frozen branches,  
 And winter winds moaned round the dwellings of men—  
 Forsaken and homeless a prodigal daughter  
 Creeps back to the home of her childhood again.  
 But they drove her away in the storm and the darkness,  
 And the icy cold winds with their chill piercing breath—  
 While the pitiless curses that followed her footsteps  
 Were keen as the tempest, and cruel as death.

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**PROFESSOR FALB ON 1895.**

**HIS ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CRITICAL DAYS FOR THE COMING YEAR.**

Professor Rudolf Falb of Leipzig, the discoverer of the "critical days," in giving their number, order and dates for the coming year in the columns of the Deutsche Kaiser Kalender for 1895, states that observations begun in 1863 convinced him that the influence of the attraction of the moon and sun upon the waters of the sea had a similar effect upon the ocean of the earth's atmosphere as well as upon the liquid and volatile masses contained in the interior of our globe. He discovered that great atmospheric disturbances, shocks of earthquake and explosion in mines were surprisingly often coincident with the days upon which the most extensive tides and other oceanic commotions were caused by the influence of either moon or sun, or both. These periods Professor Falb distinguished by the name of "critical days," because they mark on the one side perils—"turning points"—in the equilibrium of the neptunic, plutonic and atmospheric masses above mentioned, and on the other side afford the measure and means for computing the degree and effect of lunar and solar forces upon our planet.

The individual constellations affecting each for itself an increase of these forces are: First, the perigee—that is, the time when moon and earth are nearest to one another; second, the moon's equatorial position; third, the perihelion, when our globe is nearest the sun; fourth, the sun's equatorial position; fifth, the equinox, or new moon and full moon; sixth the lunar or solar eclipses.

The coming year will be especially notable for the fact of its three most critical days being accompanied by eclipses. In mentioning the dates of their different orders and grades of individual effectiveness Professor Falb takes care to state that the results of the strongest attractions often precede their "critical days," as astronomically computed, by one or two days, while those of lesser import may be from two to three days later than periodically fixed. The latter may also be the case at the time of critical days of the first order whenever long continuing and extensive atmospheric pressure or eastern winds prevailed previous to these dates. The following are the "critical days" for 1895:

Of the first order, Sept. 18, March 11, Aug. 20, Feb. 9, Oct. 18, April 9, July 22 and Jan. 11.

Of the second order, May 9, Nov. 16, March 26, April 25, Dec. 31, Oct. 14, Feb. 24, June 22, Sept. 4, and Nov. 2.

Of the third order, May 24, Dec. 2, Dec. 16, June 7, Aug. 5, Jan 25 and July 7.—Baltimore Sun.

Mr. Ira P. Wetmore, a prominent real estate agent of San Angelo, Texas, has used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in his family for several years as occasion required, and always with perfect success. He says: "I find it a perfect cure for our baby when troubled with colic or dysentery. I now feel that my outfit is not complete without a bottle of this Remedy at home or on a trip away from home. For sale by J. N. Brown, Halifax, and Dr. A. S. Harrison, Enfield, druggists."

**Beware of Pneumonia.**

**HEALTH COMMISSIONER EDSON OF NEW YORK TELLS HOW TO WARD IT OFF.**

Although more or less prevalent throughout the year, pneumonia is peculiarly dangerous during the opening months of winter. With the first frosts a very marked increase takes place in the number of cases, and during this cold, damp weather extra precautions should be taken. Pneumonia is probably produced by an earth microbe, and when frost prevails the soil beneath the house is the only ground which is not frozen. The germ gradually works to ward the warm, moist earth, and the house really acts as a sort of fine, which forms a ready mode of egress for them. The proper ventilation of rooms is therefore an important factor in guarding against pneumonia, one, however, which is often overlooked.

Lack of personal hygiene is the chief predisposing cause of the disease. Irregular hours, insufficient nourishment, dyspepsia, excessive fatigue or some disease which has lowered the general tone of the system all weaken the power of resisting the pneumonia germ. When the system is run down, a sudden exposure to cold may prove fatal, while in a normal condition of body it would be thrown off.

There are three periods during which the susceptibility to pneumonia is greatest. They are early childhood—that is, up to 7 years of age, between the ages of 20 and 40 and after 60. The power of resistance against pneumonia grows much feebler after 60 years of age, and nineteenth of the cases prove fatal.

Cold, damp weather is favorable to the contraction of "cold" and the subsequent development of pneumonia, and still exists to some extent in a modified form. This is the disease with which pneumonia most readily, that is, it is found in combination with diphtheria, typhoid fever, measles, scarlet fever and many others.

When a severe or sudden chill has been contracted, the main thing is to act quickly, and many a serious illness can be averted and valuable life saved by a little intelligence coupled with promptitude. If possible, send for a doctor immediately and take ten grains of quinine and five drops of spirits of camphor in a little water or on a lump of sugar. These doses are for an adult. Then soak the feet in hot water and jump into bed. Simple as these remedies are, they have nipped in the bud many prospective cases of pneumonia.

While soaking the feet the body should be warmly wrapped in a blanket, which should be kept on until some time after the person has entered the bed in order that free perspiration be continued and not checked.

A good thing to prevent "colds" is to wear wool next the skin. When this is not possible on account of the irritation sometimes caused, a mixture of wool and silk will generally be found satisfactory. I would not recommend cotton in any form for underwear, as it is frequently the cause of a dangerous cold by becoming wet and keeping the temperature of the skin below the normal. Care should be taken that the feet do not get wet, or if so that prompt measures are taken to dry them and a change of hose made.

The care taken of the outside of the body must be supplemented by the same care of the inside. A moderate diet, wholesome food, plenty of rest, regular hours, will keep the whole system in good order and enable it to throw off the germs of disease which can only obtain a footing when debilitation affords an entrance for the disease and a fruitful soil for its development.—Cyrus Nelson in St. Louis Post Dispatch.

For pneumonia I have found nothing to Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It relieves the pain as soon as applied. J. W. Young, West Liberty, W. Va. The prompt relief it affords is alone worth many times the cost, 50 cents. Its continued use will effect a permanent cure. For sale by J. N. Brown, Halifax, and Dr. A. S. Harrison, Enfield, druggist.

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HON. AUGUSTUS O. BACON, OF GEORGIA.  
 Nominated for United States Senator for the long term by the Democratic legislative caucus, May, Bacon was born in Bryan county, Ga., Oct. 20, 1826, graduated from the University of Georgia in 1849, served in the Confederate army from May, 1861, to 1864, as adjutant of the North Georgia regiment; was elected presidential elector in 1868; was speaker of the Georgia house of representatives from 1870 to 1872; with the exception of two terms, was a candidate for governor in 1892, but failed to get the nomination. His campaign for the United States Senate began early in July and was vigorously pushed until the caucus and vote in his favor.



DOES SHE LIKE IT?  
 She talked so well on woman's rights.  
 That all the fellows sat and stared,  
 And now, alas, who has her way,  
 And pushes her own cause.

**THE OLD MAN DREAMS.**

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

Oh, for one hour of youthful joy!  
 Give me back my twentieth Spring!  
 I'd rather laugh, a bright-haired boy,  
 Than reign a gray-beard king!

Off with the spoils of wrinkled age!  
 Away with learning's crown!  
 Tear out life's wisdom-written page,  
 And dash its trophies down!

One moment let my life-blood stream  
 From boyhood's fount of flame!  
 Give me one giddy, roiling dream  
 Of life all love and fame!

My listening angel heard the prayer,  
 And, calmly smiling, said:  
 "If I but touch thy silver hair,  
 Thy hair will turn to lead."

"But is there nothing in thy track  
 To bid thee fondly stay,  
 While the swift seasons hurry back  
 To bid the world 'd for day?"

"Ah, truest soul of womanhood!  
 Without thee what were life?  
 One bliss I cannot leave behind—  
 'I'll take—my—precious—wife!"

The angel took a sapphire pen  
 And wrote in rainbow dew:  
 "The man would be a boy again,  
 And be a husband, too!"

And is there nothing yet unsaid  
 Before the change appears?  
 Remember, all their gifts have fled  
 With those dissolving years!"

"Why, yes; for memory would recall  
 My fond paternal joys,  
 I could not bear to leave them all—  
 'I'll take—my—girl—and—boys!"

The smiling angel dropped his pen—  
 "Why, this will never do!  
 The man would be a boy again,  
 And be a father, too!"

And so I laughed—my laughter woke  
 The household with its noise—  
 And wrote my dream, when morning broke,  
 To please the gray-haired boys.

**Lamar and Conkling.**

**A BITTER QUARREL THAT MANY THOUGHT WOULD END IN A TRAGEDY.**

New Orleans Picayune.

The late Judge L. Q. C. Lamar possessed a remarkable peculiarity. Unusual excitement seemed to act upon his nerves like an opiate and put him to sleep. This was strongly exemplified after his remarkable verbal encounter with the great New Yorker, Mr. Conkling, Mr. Lamar, after scarfing Conkling for life and leaving him with burning, yet deferential resentment, closed as follows:

"I apologize to the Senate for this seemingly unparliamentary language, (advancing on the New Yorker and throwing his index finger full in his face) language that no good man, deserves, and no brave man will wear."

Immediately Mr. Lamar walked to the clock room on the Democratic side lay down on a sofa and in three minutes was sleeping as calmly as a babe. There was great excitement. It was believed Mr. Conkling would not submit to the language applied to him, and that probably would not challenge Lamar, being an athlete he would meet him on the streets and assault him.

The late Senator Zeb Vance, a Hercules in stature, who was devoted to Mr. Lamar, without the knowledge of that gentleman or of any other human being, shadowed Mr. Lamar for some days, explaining afterward that if Conkling ever struck Lamar he intended to beat him to death. Mr. Vance, however did not know what those intimately acquainted with Mr. Lamar knew. In all probability, Mr. Lamar could have whipped them both. He prided himself upon his muscle and has often said to the writer, "I believe I am better fitted for a prize fighter than I am for a Senator." It was apprehended by some that Conkling would challenge Mr. Lamar. Conkling was known to be an expert with the short sword. Mr. Lamar said to an intimate friend in discussing the matter: "If Mr. Conkling had sent me a challenge I should have chosen short swords."

"Why, Mr. Lamar," replied his friend, "Conkling is an expert with the short sword."

"I know that," replied the Senator, "but I took some lessons with the short sword myself when I was in Paris the time that I was sent by the Confederacy on a mission to Russia."

"Why, Senator," the friend replied, "you have not had a short sword in your hand in twenty five years."

"I know that," coolly replied the Senator, "but I should have chosen short swords."

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis., was troubled with neuralgia and rheumatism, his stomach was disordered, his liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

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Old age is like sugar cane. The frost that withers the leaves makes it all the sweeter.

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"It suta'y seems," said Uncle Eben, "dat de Norf Pole am mos' ex ha'ld ter reach for a white gem man 'er de 'lection poll was fob me, onoc' 'er er time."

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