

A Cross Clerk

Is a rarity. For the most part the young woman behind the counter is smiling and obliging, though her back hurts, her side pains, or her head throbs distractingly. The wonder is not that she is sometimes irritable, but that she so rarely shows irritation, when every nerve is quivering and she hardly knows how to hold her head up.

The nervous condition, headache and weakness, which are the results of a congested condition of the womanly organs, can be cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It regulates the functions, stops enfeebling drain, strengthens the nervous system and promotes the general health of the entire body.

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Christmas comforts. FRANK L. STANTON. Gittin' 'long to Christmas—know it by the little fellow meet me at the closing of the day.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

The worst threat that has recently been made in Germany against the United States is the proposition to Dingleyze the German tariff. War waged on that basis would leave us helpless.

The proceedings brought in November 1897, by Attorney-General Monnett of Ohio, to punish the Standard Oil Trust for contempt of court in disobeying the order issued in 1892 directing its dissolution, have dismissed by the Supreme Court of the States through the failure of a majority of its six judges to agree on the question whether the Trust has had a reasonable time within which to wind up its affairs.

ROBERTS' CHILL TONIC... IS A SYSTEM BUILDER, GIVES APPETITE & CORRECTS THE LIVER. ROBERTS' CHILL TONIC IS THE BEST CHILL TONIC AT THE SMALLEST PRICE AND YOUR MONEY REFUNDED IF IT FAILS TO CURE YOU.

FIERCE FIGHTING IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Boers Capture Nearly Six Hundred Officers and Men of Clements' Command. CASUALTIES WERE HEAVY.

Gen. Kitchener Says the Boers Suffered Severely—Boer Force Under DeWet Now Said to Be 3,000 Strong. Other Engagements.

LONDON, December 15.—Lord Kitchener reports that eighteen officers and five hundred and fifty men are missing from General Clements' force. They consist of four companies of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

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BRITISH TROOPS ATTACK BOXERS.

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THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

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SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

It is easier to do right than to do wrong. One moment's sin may cost a lifetime's sorrow. Application to ideals accomplishes more than mere appreciation.

God's commandments are the iron door into Himself. To them it is to have it opened, and His great heart of love revealed.

Every morning is the symbol and the assurance of a new hope for everyone who has courage enough left to open his eyes and behold what a fresh day is doing for the world.

No man or woman of the humblest rank can really be strong, gentle, pure and good in the world being better for it, without somebody being helped and comforted by the very existence of that goodness.

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Our Lord does not praise the centurian for his amiable care of his servants, nor for his generosity to the Jews, nor for his public spirit, nor for his humility, but for his faith.

No man or woman of the humblest rank can really be strong, gentle, pure and good in the world being better for it, without somebody being helped and comforted by the very existence of that goodness.

166 Barrels Selected Apples, 2,750 Selected C. C. Nuts, 625 Pounds Mixed Nuts, 950 Pounds L. Raisins, 460 Pounds L. Caramels, 3,500 Pounds Mixed Candy, 2,750 Pounds Stuck Candy, 2,120 Bags Liverpool Salt, 1130 Bags Table Salt, 710 Bags N. C. Pennants, 215 Bags Virginia Peanuts.

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