

The Tarboro Weekly Athlete.

BE SURE YOU ARE RIGHT; THEN GO AHEAD.—D Crockett

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Ayer's Hair Vigor

What does it do?
It causes the oil glands in the skin to become more active, making the hair soft and glossy, precisely as nature intended.

It cleanses the scalp from dandruff and thus removes one of the great causes of baldness.

It makes a better circulation in the scalp and stops the hair from coming out.

Prevents and Cures Baldness

Ayer's Hair Vigor will surely make hair grow on bald heads, provided only there is any life remaining in the hair bulbs.

It restores color to gray or white hair. It does not do this in a moment, as will a hair dye; but in a short time the gray color of age gradually disappears and the darker color of youth takes its place.

Would you like a copy of our book on the Hair and Scalp? It is free.

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New Use for the Roentgen Rays.

One of the newest uses to which the Roentgen photography has been applied is the detection of glass splinters and other foreign bodies in the eye. The difficulty of photographing the eye is very great because it is practically enclosed in a bony case and cannot be got at. Dr. H. Lewkowitz has, however, invented a contrivance which enables this operation to be successfully performed. The plate is so made that it can be inserted, under an anesthetic, of course, into the orbital cavity between the os lacrymale and the eyeball, and in this way a photograph can be taken which shows the position of objects quite beyond the reach of the ophthalmoscope. In fact, Hultholtz's wonderful instrument is useful, except where the foreign body is located in transparent tissue and is free from extrusion of blood, conditions which do not apply to the Roentgen photograph at all.—Fall Mall Gazette.

The Trail of the Wheel.

A bicycle census could be taken in Cleveland, it would show some astonishing results. Probably there isn't a highway or byway in all the city round that hasn't its wheel or wheels. Just for instance, there is a short cross street in the east end, not far from Willson avenue, where the houses number 35. In the 35 homes there are 33 bicycles, and that is not all.

This means a round total of \$2,040, and an average investment for each family of about \$105. Of course this may be a highly favored thoroughfare, but there are other streets, no doubt, that run their totals still higher. Really you know, there never was such a fact—if fact is the term to use.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

NEW SUPERSTITION.

The Great New York Millionaire Aims to Build Costly Mansions.

Since Cornelius Vanderbilt's costly city dwelling upon Fifth avenue, just south of the plaza, was completed no propositions for costly and conspicuous private mansions have been offered to the architect.

There is a reluctance, due in part to a superstition not frankly acknowledged, to spend great sums in building city homes or country residences. E. C. Benedict's \$1,000,000 country seat, erected upon the site of "Twined" America's club house, is conspicuous as an exception.

There are melancholy recollections that may in part explain this superstition. On lower Fifth avenue the costly mansions erected not many years ago for August Belmont and Marshall O. Roberts and Edwards Pierpont and James Gordon Bennett are deserted and are to be delivered over to the architect.

The elder Bennett had a beautiful country place at the farther northern point of Manhattan Island, but had not many years enjoyment on it, nor did Charles O'Connor, who was his neighbor in this then country retreat, find that he had bought much else there than ill health, which drove him to Nantucket island to pass his declining years.

C. P. Huntington is said to have a superstition that ill fortune will attend him if he occupies the granite mansion he built upon Fifth avenue, nearly opposite the Vanderbilt.

EQUINE HISTORY.

Closely observers declare that the horse really sheds tears when grieved.

Celer, the rooster of the Roman Emperor, was fed on almonds and raisins, was covered with royal purple and stabled in the imperial palace.

The greatest picture of Benjamin West was his "Death on the Pale Horse." When first exhibited, men turned pale and women fainted at the sight.

The horses of Tartary are small, not larger than the mungies of America, but are exceedingly tough and capable of traveling long distances without food, water or rest.

The Thebanians were the first Europeans to use the horse for war purposes, and thus originated the profitable of the cantour, a monster of half horse and half man.

EVERY BRIDE

Every bride should know about the preparation that for half a century has been helping expectant mothers bring little ones into the world without danger and the hundred and one discomforts and distractions incident to child-birth. It is applied externally, which is the only way to get relief. Medicines taken internally will not help and may result in harm.

Mother's Friend

fits and prepares every organ, muscle and part of the body for the critical hour. It robs child-birth of its tortures and pains. Baby's coming is made quick and easy. Its action is doubly beneficial if used during the whole period of pregnancy.

Books Free, containing valuable information to all women, will be sent to any address upon application.

The Bradford Regulator Co.,

Atlanta, Ga.

THE FASHION PLATE.

Corsets of brocaded satin with jeweled clasps are one of the season's novelties.

Dancing slippers are made to match the gown, and rhinestone and pearl can be used in the finish.

The fashionable fan is a veritable riot, it is so small. The empire is the approved style in the finest sizes.

A novel muff and cape long enough to touch to the elbows are made of coque feathers, with the breast feathers for the yoke.

Silk merino is a new material for petticoats. It costs \$1.50 a yard, is fully a yard wide and comes in a variety of colors.

Long cloaks of brocaded silk, cloth and tulle velvet, made with bishop sleeves and trimmed with fur, are worn with evening dresses.

The slouch which was worn in the early part of the century is the latest model shown just at present. It is close fitting from the wrist, where it flares over the hand to the elbow, and above this is a puff which gathers full into the armpits.

Distinction in dress is difficult with the diversity of materials in use this season, but a successful way to attain it is to have a plain costume of some soft silk or wool, and put with an undergarment to match.

The latest idea in bodices shows a tendency to make the sides of the front and back diverge. A fan shaped plating of satin like the skirts covers half of the front of an evening dress, and tulle and colored velvet are artistically combined in the other.

Empire muffs of velvet lined with fur are made up this season, and the latest style of fur muff has a lining of the same fur. Other novelties in fur are the bolero jackets trimmed around with cream lace or otherwise decorated with elaborate designs in bands.—New York Sun.

BIT AND SPUR.

Brooklyn may gain the grand circuit. There is a big demand for fast show horses.

Ed Geary's winter stable now contains over 40 horses.

The National Trotting association has 650 members.

Broeding enjoyed a boom in eastern New York in 1897.

Andy Welsh is driving Hild, 2:11 1/2, and Gertrude, 2:12, to pole.

Contention, 2:24 1/2, is owned by Mr. Thad Rowland of Orlin, O.

Maplehurst farm now owns but four of the best of the best Irish Wilkes.

E. R. McFrye has signed a two year contract to train for German parties.

Jim Schreiber, 2:11 1/2, was destroyed recently by his owner, owing to old age.

A promising youngster by Galvin is owned by Adam Fullhart of Findlay, O.

Mr. William A. Walker of Richmond is driving the boy gelding Monopoly 2:38 1/2.

Dora Buck, that recently took a record of 2:24 1/2, is by a son and out of a daughter of Sam Parry.

H. G. Foler paid Mike Bowerman \$750 for the dam of John R. Geary, 2:30 1/2, and a Young Jim filly.

Seth Griffin has received an order from the Vienna Trotting club, Vienna, for one of his celebrated track machines.

Will Cason, the Michigan boy who has had such phenomenal success driving trotters in Russia, is only 19 years old.

John J. McConerty has not given up his idea of going to Europe next season. If he can secure a strong string, he will go over in the late spring.

LITERARY INDUSTRY.

Motley took six years to write "The Rise of the Dutch Republic."

Mrs. Cowden Clark required 16 years to prepare the "Concordance to Shakespeare."

Noah Webster, from first to last, spent 17 years on his "Dictionary of the English Language."

Newton spent over eight years in correspondence and the collection of data for his "Principles of Natural Philosophy."

Young wrote his "Night Thoughts" in less than six weeks as a means of comforting himself under his bereavement.

Longfellow turned out about one volume of poems a year for many years. Nearly four years were required for his translation of "Dante."

Cruden labored 19 years on his "Concordance to the Bible," and immediately after its publication was sent to a lunatic asylum. He never entirely recovered from the mental disease induced by this gigantic undertaking.

Irving wrote the first 180 pages of "Albion's Hall" in ten days; the three months he spent in that palace; his "Effie of George Washington" required nearly five years.

George Eliot is said to have written "Middlemarch" in four months. Some doubt is thrown upon this statement by the fact that she commonly worked slowly, writing with great care and deliberation and making few erasures after her work was done.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The first iron nails made in this country were hammered into shape at Cambridge, R. I., in 1777.

The west coast of France is occasionally visited by that phenomenon known as the "perfumed mist."

The most extensive cemetery in the world is that at Rome, in which over 6,000,000 human beings have been interred.

For Values Received.—Did the jury in the horse stealing case reach an agreement last night?

Alkali Ike—Naps; they are still arguing about it, I believe, but the mob agreed on the first ballot an lynched him with neatness an dispatch.

"Good gracious! Then why does not some one inform the jury that there is no further use for them?"

Faithfully Provincial.

"Uncle Hiram, did you find the New York people intelligent?"

"Waal, they knew a heap 'bout New York, but they didn't know a blains thing 'bout the rest o' th' country."—Detroit Free Press.

Light on the Subject.

"You don't mean to say that that stinky old splinter has given you 10 marks for telling her fortune?"

"Indeed I do. I told her she would meet with an accident before she was 24 years old."—Pileague Blatter.

Donkey and Horse Meet in Paris.

The people of Paris are hippogriphs to a remarkable degree. Concerning an average, over 20,000 horses and donkeys annually. Last year, according to the returns, the Parisians ate 23,390 horses, 439 donkeys and 86 mules. This year, donkey and such flesh, dressed, for the butcher's block, weighed 5,879 tons and was sold at prices varying from 9 cents to 1 franc per pound, the latter being the price paid for the best horse stanks.

DEEPENING THE THAMES.

A Channel 80 Feet Deep and 1,000 Wide From the Nore to Gravesend.

Two years ago the president of the board of trade in Great Britain appointed a commission of experts to inquire whether dredging and other operations were expedient for improving the navigation of the river Thames between Thorney creek and the Nore Lightship. This movement was the result of the demands of owners of deep draft vessels for a depth of 30 feet in the river from the Nore up to Gravesend, provided London expected to hold its own in competition with Liverpool, Southampton and other ports. Some of them even insisted that this depth should be carried 10 miles farther up, to the Royal Albert docks.

The report of the commissioners, Mr. Barry, Sir George Nares and Mr. Lyster, as set forth in The Times of London, fully concurs in the desirability of securing a navigable depth of 30 feet at low water at least up to Gravesend. Above that point there are valuable properties on the banks and other considerations making it doubtful whether the scheme could be carried farther. It was also found that dredging alone could not make and maintain the channel, and that a tidal training bank should extend eastward from Canvey island, in order to direct and control the current and prevent in the future such shiftings of the channel as have sometimes occurred.

But a great drawback to the scheme was found to be the cost, while there was opposition to meeting this cost by increasing the tonnage dues upon shipping, and it was recognized that such an increase would be a disadvantage in the present severe competition with other ports in this and foreign countries.

The authorities known as the commissioners of the Thames have, however, helped to solve the problem in another way. They have proposed a new method to a channel which at low water spring tide shall be not less than 20 feet deep and 1,000 feet wide. This could be done without adding anything to the charges upon the shipping.

In support of this plan it is shown that during the four years from 1891 to 1894 inclusive the total number of vessels entering the Thames that drew over 20 feet was 50, and of these 13 were either steamships or British or foreign flag vessels. The remaining 37 were ocean going steamships, and under the scheme now proposed the delay which occurs in the incoming or outgoing of these vessels will, in the large majority of cases, be entirely avoided.

It being clear, therefore, that a 20 foot channel would be sufficient for at least nine-tenths of the shipping, it was decided that next January work upon it, which can be done solely by dredging, should be begun. Then from Gravesend up the river as far as Crayford Ness, opposite Purfleet, there would be a channel of 1,000 feet and a minimum depth of 24 feet at low water spring tide, while from Crayford Ness to the Albert docks the width is to be 600 feet and the depth 23, and from the latter to the Millwall docks there will be a channel at least 300 feet wide and 18 feet deep.

It is believed that the entire work could be completed in 1 1/2 years, or by mid-summer of 1898. Work, meanwhile, has been going on upon the river, so that an improvement in the Thames will be quite evident at the end of the present year.

SELECTIONS.

BURIED GLACIERS.

Large Piles of Ice Covered Under Masses of Unexcavated Vegetation.

Eight or ten miles to the north, on the same side of Robertson's bay, north Greenland, is a plateau about a mile long, a quarter wide and with a precipitous rise to the sea of 15 or 20 feet and which stands back from the water's edge not more than 50 or 40 feet. To show it rise the highest covered cliffs to a height of from 2,000 to 3,000 feet capped with lowers and pinnacles of brown basalt. To the north is the terrible frozen expanse of the Melvilleoff glacier, extending every few hours with great many centuries ago, and covering great icebergs. This plateau, both top and sides, is a mass of flourishing vegetation, chiefly grass, which, when one walks through it, reaches above the knees. From among this verdure buttercup, people's purple and other flowers thrust their golden heads in wild profusion. Yet beneath this rich vegetable life, as glorious in its luxuriance as in the meadows of temperate regions, without other substance than that derived from decayed snow and grass, is a portion of a dead glacier, a body of ice which is the sole formation of that plateau, conquered and buried in the first instance by the indomitable traveling power of great looking clump masses of icebergs, and in the second instance by the thickness of the growth of vegetation, the glacier at the head of the bay, now known as the Verbooff glacier, extended out to the sea, covering all the space from cliff to cliff, except a narrow strip of floating ice, and the glacier, gigantic, frozen river. In these gorges clump moss struggles bravely for existence, but while the glacier moved forward, crushing and burying everything in its path, this form of vegetable life could do little more than hold its own.

In the course of time, from some unknown cause, the glacier began suddenly to recede to the point where it now discharges, that part of it which was in the way of floating away in the shape of icebergs and those which were on the shores remaining stationary, to be slowly melted by the summer sun. This was the opportunity for the mosses. Gazing nothing for the cold, they crept slowly, but by inches, over the ice, and perhaps ten 50 or more feet thick, and made their way, first, in thin, delicate layers, and then, as time passed on and strength was gathered, in thick masses, till they reached the edge, which fronted the bay. Here, as the summer slowly melted the face of the ice wall away, they matted themselves firmly and dropped over, lower and lower, until they reached the rocky shore, and the water by their weight, and the bay more and more, and the mosses grew and flourished, the young plants trampling the older underfoot until the latter, rotting, turning into a rich mold, burying the conqueror in its fragments of the ice. Here, as the mosses grew, they found their way into the moss, blown hither by the winds or carried there on the feet of birds. They germinated and increased, and by their greater vigor, in turn almost blotted out the moss. To give finish to the charming picture this created, blooming plants took their abode and flourished, till every summer the plateau is a garden of green, gold and white. How long this condition of things will last, of course it is impossible to say. 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