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Half Sick Half Well

Many persons have their good day and their bad day. Others are about half sick all the time. They have headache, backache, and are restless and nervous. Food does not taste good, and the digestion is poor; the skin is dry and scaly and disfigured with pimples or eruptions; sleep brings no rest and work is a burden. What is the cause of all this? Impure blood. And the remedy?

Ayer's Sarsaparilla

It clears out the channels through which poisons are carried from the body. When all impurities are removed from the blood nature takes right hold and completes the cure. If there is constipation, take Ayer's Pills. They awaken the drooping action of the liver; they cure biliousness.

Write to our publisher. We have the complete series of the United States. Will supply all the particulars in reply. The price is a small one. Address: J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

HOUSE-MOVING. If you want a house moved it can be done reasonably, have moved over two hundred. Heavy houses a specialty. In writing to me please give the dimensions of the house, distance and condition of the way. E. S. ELLIOTT, Rich Square, N. C.

W. B. JOHNSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW WINDSOR, N. C. Practices in all Courts. All business entrusted to him will receive prompt attention.

Job Printing. J. E. Parker & Co., Woodland, N. C., are now prepared to do your Job Printing at low rates.

Established 1890. **J. E. BRITTON, COMMISSION MERCHANT.** 38 & 40 Roanoke Deck, NORFOLK, VA. Specialties: Eggs, Hides, Pigs, Peanuts, Poultry, Live Stock, and Potatoes. References—Banks of Commerce.

Cotton Seed wanted. Having connected myself on a salary, with the Goldsboro Oil Company I am prepared to offer mill prices for Cotton Seed in car lots. My territory is the Roanoke and Chowan sections. Write me before selling. R. W. RAWLS, Lewiston, N. C.

Wanted—At Once Ten active young men capable and honest to whom employment will be given in Northampton, Bertie and Hertford counties. Call or write to L. W. BAKER & Co., Potomac, N. C.

J. W. Beaton & Son GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS 217 County Street. Specialties: Hams, Eggs, Chick and Lamb, and all kinds of Stock. PORTSMOUTH, - VIRGINIA. Reference—People's Bank.

VALUABLE LAND FOR SALE. I offer for sale in Dawson's X Roads, Halifax County, 250 acres of land well covered in pine wood of original growth, lumber road running through it. R. BAUGHAN, Rich Square, N. C.

TIME FOR ACTION

The Fertilizer Trust About to Make a Levy of Fifteen Millions of Dollars Upon Farmers of the South.

That true friend of the Southern farmer, the Atlanta Constitution, warns the farmers of the South of approaching danger, and gives them excellent advice. The ROANOKE-CHOWAN TIMES some time ago, when the Fertilizer Trust was formed, predicted that the price of fertilizer would be advanced, and urged farmers to prepare to resist it. Just as we predicted, there has been a great advance in the price of commercial fertilizer, and of the materials of which it is made, all of which is controlled by the fertilizer trust.

Will the farmers in the Roanoke and Chowan section consent to be robbed by the gigantic Fertilizer Trust? We think not. If necessary we can let cotton alone and raise other crops that will pay equally as well, and that require less fertilizer. By the spring we may expect still greater advances in price of goods controlled by the trusts.

Following is the article from the Constitution:

ANOTHER HOLD-UP OF THE FARMER. The fertilizer companies of the country having organized a trust, propose to levy an annual contribution on Georgia of \$1,548,300. Extended to the other southern states, the aggregate of this unconscionable game of hold-up against the farmer will aggregate not less than \$15,000,000.

Helpless and at the mercy of giant corporations, which levy these extortions upon the people with an audacity which even the government itself dare not assume; the farmer stands in danger of losing to the fertilizer companies the advanced price received for his cotton. Bound by a tradition which has made him the slave of other men's ingenuity, he walks his acres like a man who knows not what to do, and whose only duty is to throw up his hands in surrender whenever some new form of extortion orders him to stand and deliver.

The use of commercial fertilizers has led to most of the evils which now afflict the farmer. It was an unfortunate day for him when he abandoned his manure pile and placed his reliance upon the man who proposed to supply him with a better article. The promise was delusive, because the price of the substitute ate up the extra yield caused by it and changed the farmer from his position of independence to one of mortgaged slavery.

We have letters from all parts of the south which go to prove that the fertilizer companies, having formed a trust, have made such a raise in price as will justify the statement made by the new levy. One farmer, for instance, sends us his bill for last year, with the price quoted to him for the next.

In the winter of 1898 there was delivered to him at his station as follows:

German kanit... \$12.00 per ton
Acid phosphate... 10.00 per ton
Guano... 15.50 per ton

For the coming season the trust has quoted to him prices thus:

German kanit... \$15.98 per ton
Acid phosphate... 18.97 per ton
Guano... 19.76 per ton

These advanced prices, based upon the average use of guano for the past few years, means a levy upon Georgia of an additional million and a half of dollars, and upon the south of \$15,000,000. In time, before the buying season begins, the Constitution would call upon its farming friends to halt and consider the situation. If they must have guano, it is worth no more than it has been in years past. The additional figure charged is nothing more or less than a deliberate hold-up of the people, to which they should never, never consent; never, if every field in the cotton belt should go without cultivation next year. There is only one way to resist injustice, and that is by union. Farmers of the south, do you consent to be taxed and held up in this manner? Now is your

time to show the grit that is in you, and to break the back of the combination which has thus been formed to rob you of the benefits of your labor.

There are those who will talk of legislation to curb the evil, but the method is slow and uncertain. The short and effective way is for each man to cut out his guano bill and turn to the home manure pile. The time for action is right now. Organize and refuse to buy at the quoted prices. Plant your cotton without fertilizers of this sort, if need be. If the crop be not as large, at least none of it will be due to the fertilizer trust.

The farmer by holding out his back to the back of Neilliam. Is he now equal to breaking the back of the fertilizer trust?

Will Become General. (Scotland Neck Commonwealth.) Dispensaries will no doubt be made almost general by the next General Assembly of North Carolina. Wherever they have been tried they have met with the approval of their first advocates and in some places by those who at first opposed them. We heard a gentleman who lives in a town which has no bar-rooms, and who was not too strongly in favor of ridding them out at first, say a few days ago that he did not want them in his town any more. Still another gentleman who lives in a town that has no bar-rooms said that some at first thought the moving of the saloons from the town would hurt the business of the place; but his observation, he said, was that business has been just as good since the saloons were moved out as it had been before. He said that he is convinced now that the only persons who are ever financially benefited by saloons in a community are those who sell the liquor. As to other business the presence of saloons has nothing to do with it. And he is unquestionably right. The

direction of better habits and manners is the brilliance passed in many cities against spitting on the public sidewalks.

These two illustrations, apparently trifling, are nevertheless movements towards good morals, for nothing tends more towards increased morality in life than cleanliness of speech and habit of living.

It is this public demand for men whose characters are good, whose lives are sober, whose habits are industrious, that tends to elevate mankind. There may be legislative enactments of prohibition, against drinking, against disorderly conduct, against unclean living, yet these laws will never be effective unless the public shall thoroughly endorse them.

Far better and more efficacious in this cause of sobriety and good morals, is the demand for men of such characters, than all the prohibitory laws that can be placed upon the statute books!

And if this premium is placed on sobriety and good morals, who think otherwise but that it means the advancement of the world towards a better and higher plane?

Thoughts For Meditation. The grace of the Spirit comes only from heaven and lights up the whole bodily presence.—Spurgeon.

Let us be of good cheer, remember that the misfortunes hardest to bear are those which never come.—Lowell.

Make but a few explanations. The character that cannot defend itself is not worth vindicating.—F. W. Robertson.

When a man has been guilty of any vice or folly, the best atonement he can make for it is to warn others not to fall into the like.—Addison.

They slumber sweetly whom faith rocks to sleep. No pillow so soft as a promise; no coverlid so sure as an assured interest in Christ.—Spurgeon.

The meekest, most contemptible kind of praise is that which first speaks well of a man and then qualifies it with a "but."—Henry Ward Beecher.

THE WORLD GROWS BETTER.

Proof Of the Increase of Sobriety and Good Morals—The Kind of Men Wanted.

(New Bern Journal.) The often expressed fear from the pulpit and religious press that the world is growing each year more demoralized, in the morals and habits of the majority of mankind, is no doubt an honest expression, yet it is unquestionably caused more by the wish for a greater and more increased and visible christianity on the part of the people, than by actual facts of an increasing moral degeneracy.

The columns of the press, while it seems to teem with accounts of crime and various depravities of the human race, cannot be accepted as the only arbiter in the matter, for if the good deeds of mankind were recorded they would far offset the bad records.

No stronger sign of the increase of sobriety and good morals, and the appreciation for the man of good habits, can be found than is today demanded in the business world.

Look at the advertisements of those who want help and those who want work. What is the most prominent feature of these "Want Ads"? Is it not the demand for sobriety and good habits on the part of the employer, and the certification by the seeker of a job that he is sober and of good habits?

Take the great railways and business houses of the country and how impossible it is for the drinking man to get work, when a few years ago, sobriety while on duty was only required.

A recent order of the Southern Railway Company to its train employes, is a significant sign of the advancement of good habits.

This order is that employes while on duty shall not use tobacco in any form.

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Must Bring Three Cents. (Como cor. Murfreesboro Index.) Our farmers are surely making hay while the bright days are with them, and the fast disappearing pea stacks demonstrate that the potatoes will soon be safely barned and stored away. Buyers and consumers may lay this flattering unction to their souls, that the nuts must bring three cents a pound, or else there will be a famine in the market. It is a settled fact that planters as a rule are to hold for that price. Our merchants have wisely learned out that to bull the market is to their advantage, as it disposes their customers to buy generously and to have the ability to pay squarely. Peas can be bought at Como for three cents, and those who have not that much to invest might as well be elsewhere with their gullibility tongue.

"Seeking is believing." You can see what Hood's Sarsaparilla has done for others, and must believe it will do the same for you.

Typhoid Fever and its Cause.

The epidemic of fever at the State Normal College calls up some unusual instances of such unfortunate epidemics at other places. One of the most notable was that of Yale College. After baffling the best efforts of the best physicians, the fever still continued without abatement. The authorities then sent for the late George E. Warren, Jr., sanitary engineer, who put two of his brightest young men in the college with instructions that they should gather full data in connection with every case that existed and every one that might occur. He impressed upon them that the greatest accuracy must be attained and that looking to this end all doubtful information must be rejected. He required them to find out and tabulate the sources of all the foodstuffs consumed by those who were or had been sick, the milk used, the water supply, and all other facts that could possibly have a bearing on the fever. After getting the data an examination showed that everything varied except the milk supply. Going to the farm house whence the milk had come that was used by all prior to sickness, it was found that the farmer had a herd of milk cows in a barn and a well in the middle of the barn for convenience in watering them. The milk was examined and found to be contaminated. The well was filled up and a new water supply obtained, after which there was no more trouble.

Most people will remember the case of the little town near Scranton, Pa. It was nearly depopulated by fever. All wells were finally abandoned and water from a mountain stream was the only source of supply. It never occurred to anybody that the mountain stream could be contaminated, but in the end it was found that in the previous winter there had been a case of fever in the mountains near the head of the stream. All refuse matter had been thrown out into the snow and the germs had lived in the snow and ice all winter and created the havoc in the early spring and summer. It was not the well water at all.

Clemson College, S. C., a year or two ago, suffered an epidemic of typhoid fever. The cause was never exactly located. Some think it was the drainage of a near-by swamp; others that the location of the dairy was at fault and that contamination was possible. At any rate when the swamp dried up and the dairy was moved the trouble ended.

In each case the trouble has seemed to be due, either directly or indirectly, to the water. The Yale farmer's barn was clean and well kept; his pails and other vessels were looked after. The seepage of refuse or decomposing animal matter into the well was never suspected.

The sources of typhoid fever would seem to be due in almost all cases to contamination of the water supply from decomposing animal matter. The engineer and the bacteriologists are the doctors for the trouble.—Charlotte Observer.

NO CURE—NO PAY.

That is the way all druggists sell GUY'S THERAPEUTIC CHILL TONIC for Chills and Malaria. It is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. Children love it. Adults consider it a bitter nauseating tonic. For Malaria and fever and all forms of malaria, it is 50 cents.

Gems of Thought.

Only what we have wrought in our character during life can we take away with us.—Humboldt.

One of the strongest delusions is the idea that the widening of life can bring us happiness or goodness.—Rev. Dr. W. H. P. France.

For truth it is ever the fitting time; who waits till circumstances completely favor his undertaking will never accomplish anything.—Martin Luther.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

ABSOLUTELY PURE
Makes the food more delicious and wholesome

Mrs. Martha W. Stephenson. How true it is that death has no terror for a Christ-like spirit, one who has the spirit of Christ in him is a new creature; old things have passed away and all things have become new. The thing that stings in death is sin, but that is one of the old things that passes away when a soul is converted. The soul converted exclaims, O death where is thy sting, O grave where is thy victory? The power of the Christian religion was beautifully exemplified not only in the life but in the death of sister Martha W. Stephenson, who departed this life November 11, 1899, aged 64 years. She was the daughter of Thomas Maddy, of Northampton Co., N. C. At the age of 12 she made a public profession of faith in Christ choosing Him as her personal Saviour and from that day to the hour of her death she was a consistent, earnest and useful christian. She was faithful in the performance of her christian duties in season and out of season. The glory of God and the good of those she knew was her guiding star through life. To name her was to praise her, to know her was to love her. The world is made better and brighter because of her life; she will be remembered and missed because of the good she did. The odor of her name and deeds are like precious ointment poured forth. In her dying hour she was perfectly conscious and called her loved ones to her bedside and spoke to them words of comfort and wisdom; she told those present that her last journey was almost run. With a heart full of love for souls she exhorted kindred and friends to spend their days and hours on earth so as to meet her by and by in that fair land beyond the stars. She leaves a husband and son together with six grandchildren to mourn the death of a faithful wife and loving mother and grand mother.

Sleep on beloved, sleep and take thy rest; Lay down thy head before thy Saviour's breast. We love thee well, but Jesus loves the best. Good night! Good night! Good night! Calm is thy slumber as are infants sleep. But thou shall wake no more to toil and weep. Thine is a perfect rest secure and deep. Good night! Good night! Good night! Only "good night" beloved not "fare well" A little while and all the saints shall dwell, In hallowed union indivisible— Good night! Good night! Good night! Until we meet again before His Throne, Clothed in the spotless robe He gives his room Until we know even as we are known. Good night! Good night! Good night!

TALK IS CHEAP.

Provided you do not talk by the use of Printers Ink; in that case it comes high unless you have something worth saying. What I am getting at is that I am not talking to the reader and myself. To the point: I now have a fairly well selected stock of Dry Goods and Notions, Hardware Crockeryware, Tinware, Field Seed, Groceries, Drugs, &c., &c., and my prices are marked way down. I am at small expense, comparatively, and don't have to add to the price of my goods to make up for bad accounts as I sell for cash or barter only. Here are a few prices: Meat 6c; best Granulated Sugar 6c; choice coffee 10c; best cooking soda 5c; starch 5 to 10c; white fish small size kegs \$2.50, standard size \$3.70; best pure lard 9c; Ivory soap 5c; good assortment other toilet soaps at low prices, good laundry soap at 3c; Flour and all other groceries at lowest market prices.

DRUGS AND MEDICINES.

I keep a good line of Drugs, Medicines and Druggist Sundries. Plenty of blue vitriol (bluestone) for wheat growers, so spices, borax, alum, salts, cayenne, pepper, sulphur, nutmegs, oils, turpentine, flavoring extract, camphor gum, liniments, Porter's Healing oil (best in the world for burns etc.) Chamberlain's medicines, Bromo Seltzer, Dr. King's, David's, Warner's and Pierce's medicines, Laxative Bromo Quinine, Grove's Chill Tonic and half a hundred other articles in this line, all marked way down.

DRY GOODS.

Good yard wide cotton cloth 6c; heavy quality 5 1/2 to 6c; bleached cotton cheap. Many styles and grades of ladies dress goods at 5, 6, 7, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 18, 20, 25 cents per yard and up. Men's shirts at from 25 cents to \$1.00. Big value at 90c; big lot of handkerchiefs at stunningly low prices.

PANTS.

A large lot of new Pants, bought very close, but my space is all used and will have to wait till another week to tell you about them. Don't forget that I keep Brau, Middlings, Meal, Corn and pay the highest market price for Eggs, Hides, Cotton, &c.

MILLS H. CONNER, At Depot, Rich Square, N. C.

CATARRH WASH

Two months treatment of Catarrh of the Urinary Tract, the only safe and certain remedy for Catarrh of the Urinary Tract, the only safe and certain remedy for Catarrh of the Urinary Tract.