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An Illinois experimenter has discovered that an excellent syrup can be extracted from corn cobs simply by boiling them in water proportionate to the number of cobs, about a gallon to twelve cobs. To this water, after being strained, he adds a gallon of dark brown sugar and the product is something which they say gets away with genuine maple syrup. When the western farmer with his corn cobs can set up in the maple sugar business what is to become of Vermont.

The latest photograph of the heavens show sixty-eight million planets and stars, but a bob-tail comet would create more of a sensation than all of these.

The oyster is so small at the beginning of its career that it is said two million would occupy only one cubic inch. They grow so much in time that one of them has been known to occupy a whole festival stew.

Two colored citizens of Kentucky made a trade the other day in which one bartered his wife for an old mule, a pointer dog and \$5 in hard cash. The only objection to the trade came from the dog, which refused to acknowledge his new owner.

Some fellow with a spite against the human race, not satisfied with the havoc the tobacco cigarette is making, has invented a green tea cigarette, which is becoming the fad among the idiots in London, and other European cities and will doubtless soon be imported on this side of the salt pond.

A wedding at Pottstown, Pa., in which George Oyster was to marry a Miss Hertzog, was indefinitely postponed because George was arrested just before the ceremony began, on a serious charge by another Miss, who claimed him as her oyster. Mishaps all around there, it seems.

SENATE PASSES THE BILL.

The House Measure Not Modified. Mr. Sherman's Amendment to Make the Venezuelan Commission Subject to Senate Confirmation Hardly Considered at All.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The proceedings in the Senate today were opened with a prayer by its blind chaplain, invoking the Christmas influence, "peace on earth and

good will to men," and asking that the two greatest nations of the earth of one language, one faith, one baptism and one Lord should not be embroiled in war. It was delivered with such feeling, earnestness and eloquence that it was ordered to be printed in the Record—a very unusual privilege to be accorded to a chaplain's opening prayer.

The day, however, did not respond to the peaceful opening; and when the hour of adjournment came, the Senate had passed, without amendment and without a single negative vote, the House bill appropriating \$100,000 for a commission to report to the President on the true divisional line between the republic of Venezuela and British Guiana.

Mr. Sherman's amendment fixing the number of commissioners at three, and requiring their appointment to be "by and with the advice of the Senate" was reported from the committee on foreign relations, but it had very little support in the Senate, and was, at the close of the debate, laid on the table without a division and with only two or three negative votes—the vote being viva voce.

The debate took a more excited turn than that of the preceding day. It was opened by Mr. Platt, Republican, of Connecticut, who said there was no reason to suppose that war was to be precipitated, but that the American people would not shun war.

A Household Treasure.

D W Fuller, of Canajoharie, N. Y., says that he always keeps Dr. King's New Discovery in the house and his family has always found the very best results follow its use; that he would not be without it, if procurable. G A Dykeman druggist, Catskill, N. Y., says that Dr. King's New Discovery is undoubtedly the best cough remedy; that he has used it in his family for eight years and it has never failed to do all that is claimed for it. Why not try a remedy so long tried and tested. Trial bottles free at Fetzer's drug store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00.

The Wall Street Panic.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The Times tomorrow will print the following account of the day in Wall street: Collusion between bear operators in stocks and foreign trading houses smashed prices in Wall street today, ran money rates up to 90 per cent, resulted in withdrawals of three million four hundred thousands dollars in the gold reserve and caused several financial failures. Good temper and moderation by the banks and the influence of the Central Trust Company in placing one million five hundred thousand dollars on the market in the last hour of trading, to be loaned at normal rates, turned the downward course of prices. Recovery was rapid and general, but at the end of the day quotations showed material net losses. The shock of attack left the market warring and feverish.

The stock exchange firms that went under were Nichols, Frothingham & Co, S S Sands & Co., and Deneufville & Co. The consolidated brokers crowded to the wall were Leo J Feldaman and Benjamin Fenton.

For Over Fifty Years.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. Twenty five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind. mw1&w 23'95

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Pectoral. The first bottle gave me great relief; the second, which I am now taking, has relieved me almost entirely of all unpleasant symptoms, and I feel sure that one or two bottles more will effect a permanent cure. To all ministers suffering from throat troubles, I recommend Ayer's Cherry Pectoral."—E. M. BRAWLEY, D. D., Dist. Secretary, Am. Bapt. Publication Society, Petersburg, Va. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral GOLD MEDAL AT THE WORLD'S FAIR. AYER'S LEADS ALL OTHER SARSAPARILLAS.

POSITIVELY FREE.

A Christmas present to every man woman and child on December 24, at 12 o'clock, in front of the Morris House by Old Dr. Odom; he gives a grand street parade, a carriage with Italian string band, Irish harp, 5 feet high, 80 strings, and violin. Everybody come and enjoy Xmas eve. He positively gives away 400 packages of medicine of his own manufacture, thrown broadcast and handed to old people. See what Mrs. J T Barnhardt says about Old Dr. Odom's Shaman Pain Cure: "My breast healed twice, I could not get any ease at night or day. I tried every thing I heard of for two weeks. It pained me all the time and was so very sore I could not touch it without crying. My husband sent for Dr. Odom. My breast was swollen extremely large and I could scarcely use my arms I suffered so much pain. IN ONE HOUR HE RELIEVED ME WITH HIS LINIMENT and I have not had any pain since. I will ask every lady in the world never to be without a bottle in her house. I will make oath to the above." On December 24th I am going to let every person that wants a bottle of the liniment have it AT HALF PRICE. Come prepared to get it. All other medicine on that day at REDUCED PRICES and sold on a POSITIVE GUARANTEE. Twenty-five other testimonials in person will be given that day. Respectfully, OLD DR. ODOM.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having been duly appointed and qualified administrator on the estate of the late Dr. Solomon Furr, deceased, all persons holding claims against the said deceased are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned duly authenticated on or before the 20th day of November, 1896, or this notice will be plead as a bar to their recovery. Also all persons owing said deceased are notified that prompt payment is expected. L. M. MORRISON, Administrator. This, Nov. 19, 1895.

RACKET STORE!

We save you 25 to 33 per cent, on your

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

We have a nice assortment of Celluloid Boxes, inlaid with mother of pearl, satin lined, for ladies and gentlemen—we sell \$5.00 Photo Boxes for 3.45.

CHINA WARE.

Japanese Vases at less than wholesale prices. Cups and saucers large enough to use, at 5 cents. Children's A B C plates up to fine

CHINA CAKE PLATES

at 98 cents, worth \$1.50 today; also mugs, teapots, dishes, bowls, syrup pitchers, salt and pepper castors, etc.

LAMPS.

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from 48 cents to \$5.50 each.

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cheaper than you can buy any where—from 1 cent up. Doll carriages from 90 cents to 1.68. Hobby horses \$1.24 to 1.89.

DOLLS from 1 to 68c.

Our stock of dolls is far superior to anything we have ever had, and fully 25 per cent cheaper than you can buy anywhere.

150 DOZEN 150

Ladies' and Gents' cotton, linen and silk handkerchiefs for the holidays. Handsome

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Candy 7 1/2 cents per pound. Children's Books, 1 to 5c. Gilt edge, red lined poems, 55c. Teachers' Oxford Bibles \$1.75 to 2.00; Ladies solid gold gem setting rings at 75c to 1.50, worth 50 per cent more. Satin pin cushions 20 to 48 cents. A nice assortment of gents neckwear for presents.

PERFUME!

both American and French—from 5c to 55 cents. Baskets 1 to \$1.24 each.

Japanese Bronze Tray, 12x18, \$3.50.

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