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A TRUE STORY.

How a Young Wife Regained Her Health and Beauty.



W. E. Birch, Afton, Va., an extensive fruit grower of that place, writes the following letter to the Ferns Medicine Co., of Columbus, Ohio. We print the letter in full:
Afton, Va., June 4, 1900.
Gentlemen—The country is now flooded with patent medicines of every kind that are worthless and a humbug, that I for one, am glad to be able to say I have found one that is everything and more than is claimed for it.
My wife was very much run down and out of sorts in every way. She had a pelvic disorder which left her very weak, nervous and no appetite at all.
One day I happened to be at my father's store, B. A. Birch, Coresville, Alb county, Va., and noticed your medicine he had there for sale.
I thought it might help my wife, so I bought a bottle of it home and within a week she commenced to eat and now she is hungry all the time and not half the medicine has been taken. We both agree that it beats any medicine to bring on an appetite and to put the nerves in good shape that we have ever had anything to do with. We had our family doctor to give her medicine and he did all he could, but she did not improve the least. She has consumption in her family and she was in such bad shape; so I ran down, nervous, weak, and could not get very uneasy, but your medicine made an entirely new woman of her. I believe she eats and feels better now than she has for years.
I have not the slightest doubt but that your medicine has saved her from a long spell of sickness, if nothing more. All my family had begun to get uneasy, but, of course, she did not know it and I have only just told her of it since she has improved so much. I had no idea it would do half what it has and don't think there is another medicine made that will begin to compare with it.—W. E. Birch, Fruit Grower, Afton, Alb county, Va.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Ferns, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.
Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O.

GREAT Sacrifice Sale IN CLOTHING

We have bought an immense line of fall and winter clothing, for men and boys, and in order to clear our space before our fall goods arrive, we have decided to offer our entire line of spring and summer suits for the next 30 days at actual cost, and when we say cost we mean actual bill cost, with freight added and no more. We have some extra special values selected from four of the largest factory lines in the United States, and from these lines we selected only the cream, hence we believe we have the best that can be bought and it would be to the interest of all to see our stock before making purchases elsewhere. We must close our summer goods during the next 30 days.

We are also offering special inducements in the Heer Oxforde for ladies and Barry Oxforde for men and included in these values we have thrown our line of summer dress goods, which must be closed during the next 45 days.

Our fall stock will be a decided improvement on any line ever shown in Mt. Airy and we are very desirous of making the room necessary to handle our fall business, this alone necessitates this, the greatest clearance sale ever held in Mt. Airy.

Remember also that we have the most complete line of heavy groceries carried in this section of North Carolina all of which are offered at rock bottom prices. Merchants will do well to see us and get our prices before buying.

Our Queen of Patents Flour is the best to be had and the price is below others called "the best." Every pound guaranteed. Our Red Rooster and Farmer's Choice are excellent values and will give the most skeptic entire satisfaction.

In considering our claims remember that our goods were bought for cash and all cash discounts saved, which enables us to give full value received for every dollar invested with us.

Try us once and you will come again. Make yourself feel at home when in our store.

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THE ONE DAY COLD CURE. For cold in the head and sore throat, use "The One Day Cold Cure." Guaranteed to relieve in 24 hours. No. 25-26 For Fifty Cents. Guaranteed to relieve in 24 hours. No. 25-26 For Fifty Cents.

The Gathering at Montreat.

The Montreat Bible Conference opened Sunday morning with an attendance of perhaps three hundred people. The weather was ideal, and the large, airy auditorium, through which the breeze swept, was cool and comfortable. The interior was decorated with a care and taste characteristic of the Montreat ladies.

Large vases of native wild flowers presented many colors artistically blended, adorned the platform and pulpit; long, heavy festoons of laurel leaves gracefully spanned the roof-rail, and a living green frame of the same leaves was arranged about a copy in oil, painted by Miss Lulu W. Cooper, of Monksckey's famous picture, "Christ Before Pilate."

The meeting opened with an abundance of congregational singing, led by Mr. Harry L. Maxwell, the "Sweet Singer from Indiana," who has never before been heard here. Mr. Maxwell has a rare tenor voice which is famous throughout the length and breadth of his native state, and he is a decided acquisition to the conference. He may be heard all during the week.

The speaker of the morning, R. V. W. E. Biederwolf, is also from Indiana, and it is no mean encomium to say that as a pulpit orator he stands among the very first in that progressive state. Dr. Biederwolf fully sustained his reputation and gave his congregation one hour packed full of thought and feeling that was an intellectual and oratorical treat.

At 3:30 Sunday afternoon a service was held in memory of the late Weston R. Gale, former manager of the Mountain Insect Association. The Rev. Walter B. Long, Rev. J. L. Cooper, Rev. F. D. Rood, Mrs. S. E. Keeler and Miss Jackson spoke feelingly of Mr. Gale's exceptional character and ability that now only needed carrying on to full flower and fruitage and urged his hearers to push forward the work for which Montreat stood with something of the inspiration and zeal that distinguished the subject of the memorial occasion.

In the evening at 7:30 a beautiful "twilight service" was held in the open air in front of the church. It consisted in the singing of old hymns, familiar to all and a short address on "prayer," by Rev. Biederwolf. Following this was the evening service, opening with a song service conducted by Mr. Maxwell, assisted by an improvised choir. Rev. Charles W. Byrd, D. D., of the First M. E. Church, Atlanta, Ga., occupied the pulpit, and preached upon humiliation and childlikeness as the great prerequisite to heavenly reward.

This morning Dr. Biederwolf opened with a series of six lectures on "The Development of the Spiritual Life." These will be given each morning at 10:30, and judging from the one already delivered, promise to be important features of the conference. The attendance at the conference of visitors from a distance is good. About 75 guests are registered at the Hotel Montreat; the cottages are all occupied, and a number of tents have been erected for the accommodation of transients.—Montreat Letter in Asheville Citizen.

In Jail for Murder.

Sol Benje and wife and Catherine Bangue were placed in jail Saturday by Sheriff Johnson on the charge of murdering Benje's daughter Sarah.

There was a preliminary hearing before Justice Laforet, Forester and Hutchinson Monday morning and the defendants were bound over to court.

The murder occurred in Edwards township about the 25th of Feb. 1902. On the 26th of March, 1902, the body of the dead girl was found in Hoot's mill pond. At the corner's inquest it developed that there were many bruises on the girl showing that she had been killed before being thrown into the pond. Recently evidence has developed implicating Benje, his wife and Catherine Bangue as the perpetrators of the crime.—Wilkesboro Chronicle.

The postoffice scandal grows. Seven indictments, involving thirteen persons, have been returned by the Federal grand jury at Washington for conspiracy, and as the jury is still in session, other indictments are expected to follow. Machen, the ex-Superintendent of Free Delivery, is in the list. Do you wonder at Mr. Payne's health failing him?—Wilmington Star.

The performance of Mr. Dowey, of Newbern, makes the average defaulting bank cashier look like a child. To clean up a small State bank for \$130,000, more than its capital and surplus combined, leaving it only \$1,800 in cash, the feat of a Napoleon of finance and makes Mr. Dowey as a gentleman who ought to have been Secretary of the Treasury.—Charlotte Observer.

Suicide Prevented. The startling announcement that a preventive of suicide had been discovered will interest many. A run down system, or dependency invariably precedes suicide and something has been found that will prevent that condition which makes suicide likely. At the first thought of self destruction take Electric Bitters. It is a great tonic and nerveine will strengthen the nerves and build up the system. It's also a great stomach, liver and kidney regulator. Only 60c. Satisfaction guaranteed by C. E. Galloway, druggist.

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The Paris Disaster.

A Paris dispatch says: Eighty four bodies have been recovered and the death list probably will exceed one hundred, in the underground railway disaster which occurred last night.

The accident, which occurred on the Metropolitan electric railway, assumed the proportions of an awful catastrophe during the early hours today, when more than four score bodies of the burned and suffocated victims were removed from the subterranean passage. The work continues and indications are that the death list will, perhaps, exceed five score.

Long lines of ambulances were brought into requisition and the bodies were carried to the morgue and the near by military barracks. After daylight the crowds at the entrances to the tunnel increased to enormous proportions, obliging the police to form a solid cordon, through which were admitted only those seeking to identify their relatives among the victims. The failure to return home during the night gave many the first news of the catastrophe. Fathers and mothers came hurrying to the mouths of the tunnel to try and find the absent ones.

The firemen found a great number of bodies massed near the ticket office of the station, where many had evidently been overcome while seeking tickets. They had been surprised by the columns of smoke and had sought to run back up the stone stairway leading to the street. A struggle had ensued and some escaped, but the others had been trapped. One woman had died within the ticket office, where her body was found. The ticket seller herself, succeeded in escaping.

At the station of Les Couronnes the same scenes of death and despair had been enacted. The accident occurred midway between the stations of Montivoyant and Les Couronnes so that the work of salvage proceeded from both ends of the tunnel. In addition to the blinding smoke the tunnel belched forth a terrific heat, as one of the trains was slowly burning within. The firemen succeeded in throwing several streams of water in the direction of the wreck, while some firemen and military engineers at great hazard pushed on inside the tunnel.

Further on the firemen stumbled upon a terrible mass of bodies. These were the passengers of the burned train. They had fled from the coaches when the fire broke out, and groping through the suffocating clouds of smoke sought the exit at Les Couronnes station. But the tunnel makes a sharp turn near the scene of the disaster, and at the angle the entire mass of humanity apparently became tightly wedged.

The panic which took place at this point within this dark subterranean passage must have been terrible. M. Lepine, prefect of police, summoned a large force of doctors and municipal officials who superintended the removal of the bodies. The number of corpses brought up from the angle where the mass was wedged was so large that from four to eight bodies were placed in each ambulance. Many of the victims had handkerchiefs stuffed in their mouths, they having evidently tried to keep out the asphyxiating smoke. The faces of the dead were red and congested. Some women held their children tightly in their arms.

Several versions of the disaster are given, but the main facts which have been established are the following: Train No. 43, which caused the accident, came from Porte Dauphin, at the entrance to the Bois De Boulogne, in the western part of Paris, and passing under the Place De L'Etoile, circled the northernly quarter of the city. In this northernly quarter—a manufacturing section—the train picked up numbers of workmen, who after their day's work were returning to their homes in the populous eastern arrondissements of the city. On reaching the neighborhood of the cemetery of Pere La Chaise, the electrical motor failed to act properly and the train waited at the station of Les Couronnes until the arrival of a second train, which pushed the crippled train forward, making a total of sixteen coaches.

After proceeding about two hundred yards toward Montivoyant station the damaged tender set fire to the engine of the train. The engine burned fiercely, raising quantities of smoke. Simultaneously the electric lights on the trains went out, leaving the passengers in total darkness, except for the light of the burning engine far ahead. This impeded the progress of the train toward Montivoyant. The terror-stricken passengers got out and tried to grope their way back to Les Couronnes. The powerful electrical current which continued in the rails, seemed to have stunned many. A number of passengers managed to reach Les Couronnes station, but the main body of the passengers was overcome by the heat and smoke.

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Gold in North Carolina.

Mr. T. K. Bruner, secretary of the North Carolina department of agriculture, says that within a radius of fifty miles of Salisbury there are more than 400 known localities where gold, silver and copper bearing ores are being found and identified. In an interview with the Raleigh News and Observer he recalled his special investigation of that region, said that he expected to see the day when millions of gold will be taken from Guilford, Randolph, Davidson, Rowan, Montgomery, Stanly, Cabarrus, Union, Mecklenburg, Anson and Moore counties, and added:

"A geological survey of this region would simply mean an identification of the rocks exposed on the surface, and a description of the mining already done in the seams and fissures of the mother rock. That much is already pretty well known. What we want to know now is where these fissures, seams and veins occur in the country rock. They are the goldbearers. The farmer with his plow and hoe is just as apt to turn up the precious metal as the prospector with pick and shovel.

"It is there, and in rich quality, for the finder. Some systematic investigation with money enough behind it to expose and locate these fissures seems to me the only practical way to solve this problem. However, the rich finds recently reported may bring a score of miners with pick and pan to delve among the rocks to find nature's storehouses of precious metals.

"Why, in the township of El Dorado in Montgomery county," said he, "there is not ten feet of road that will not show the color of gold if carefully panned.

A Sailor's Mascots.

Jack Tar is notoriously improvident, and most of our naval seamen when they get ashore spend their money, be it more or less, with a lavish hand. Shore leave is limited to twenty-four hours, but in that brief time the untrained sailor manages to run through about all the cash he carries with him. He plunges into a whirl of dissipation and is oftentimes cheated or robbed of a good share of his ready assets, but a percentage of the latter is also apt to go for anything that happens to strike his almost childish fancy. Mascots are the seafarer's delight, and whatever he may come across which seems to him to have a talismanic property he is bound to buy it if he can; hence when "pier jumpers," as those on shore leave are technically called, return in well filled barges to the ship and under direction of the master at arms climb up to the deck they are likely to bring with them a miscellaneous collection of goats, dogs, parrots, monkeys, roosters, etc. One sailor on the Kearsarge, either in or out of his senses at the time, went so far as to purchase as a mascot a colored baby from its mother for the sum of 40 cents and came aboard with it in his arms. He was not allowed to retain it, however, and the child was eventually restored to its repentant and hysterical parent.

How many of the mascots may be kept on board lies within the discretion of the captain. A liberal policy is pursued in this matter. But manifestly there is a limit to the number of those that can be accommodated. The surplus is sent ashore without delay. When the returned "pier jumpers" are lined up while the ship's writer calls the roll to discover the laggards, it is one of the most perplexing duties of the officer of the deck to decide what dumb creatures may or may not be added to the vessel's menagerie. If the vessel is on her way homeward from the tropics, she usually carries a large variety of living presents for the home friends of the sailors. But these are only temporary tenants of the hold and would not be permitted to remain on board long.—Leslie's Weekly.

A Good Name.

If boys knew what golden capital "good name" is they would work hard to get it. Well did the wisest man say that "is richer" to be chosen than great riches." It has helped many a man to acquire riches. It is of great importance to a boy what the men of his place say of him. Never fancy that they do not know you, that they have no interest in what you do. Every business man sees and estimates the boys who pass before him at pretty near their own worth. Every man with sons of his own takes an interest in other men's sons. There is nothing like obliging ways to make friends of people and lead them to speak well of you. That will be a stepping-stone to your success in life.—Selected.

Liquor Shipped From Outside.

Statesville is a prohibition town but it is not always dry by several jugs full. Saturday night about 11:30 o'clock a good many people were waiting at the express office for their liquor to come in on the belated train from Salisbury. One man counted 17 jugs pass out of the office. It is said 20 odd gallons reached Statesville on the trains Saturday. Those who prefer beer get it by express also. This is the record of only one day and it is by no means unusual.

The scene around the express office is best likened to the crowd around a store in the country when a box of fresh fish has been ordered for Saturday afternoon or a beef killed.—Statesville Landmark.

The Value of Expert Treatment.

Everyone who is afflicted with a chronic disease experiences great difficulty in having their case intelligently treated by the average physician. These diseases can only be cured by a specialist who understands them thoroughly. Dr. J. Newton Hathaway of Atlanta, Ga., is acknowledged the most skillful and successful specialist in the United States. Write him for his expert opinion of your case, for which he makes no charge.

Save the Children.

Ninety-nine of every one hundred diseases that children have are due to disorders of the stomach, and these disorders are all caused by indigestion. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is just as good for children as it is for adults. Children thrive on it. It keeps their little stomachs sweet and encourages their growth and development. Mrs. Henry Carter, 706 Central St., Nashville, Tenn., says: "My little boy is now three years old and has been suffering from indigestion ever since he was born. I have had the best doctors in Nashville, but failed to do him any good. After using one bottle of Kodol he is a well baby. I recommend it to all sufferers." Kodol digests what you eat and makes the stomach sweet. Sold by I. W. West, druggist, Mt. Airy, N. C.

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