

The Murrsville Gas Field.
The gas field of Murrsville is one of the wonders of the world. One hundred and twenty-five wells within a radius of one mile are pouring forth a volume of gas that is marvelous. Frank L. Stewart, the best posted man on the subject in the United States, says there is no perceptible diminution of the flow from the wells—that each well, on an average, produces daily from 50,000,000' to 75,000,000'. Taking 60,000,000' as an average, and multiplying that by 125, and the daily product of gas is 7,500,000,000'. There are now fifteen gas pipe lines down, conveying the element to as many different points. From the fact that the flow is so immense, and the pressure is so evenly maintained, the conclusion is reached that there must be a constant generation of gas going on beneath the earth's crust. The report has been once and again set adrift that this or that well was giving out, but the gentleman above referred to says that the decreased pressure was caused by some obstruction in the tubing, and that, having withdrawn the casing and put down the bit, the flow has been restored to its original pressure.

A Keg of Powder in His Dining Room.

Gray Jay Toole, Captain of the Charlotte Light Infantry, has been considerably disturbed lately over the discovery of a keg of powder in his house. Captain Toole was enjoying a quiet hour in his dining room, reading his tactics, when, in attempting to unross his legs, his foot struck against a goods box and a rattling sound attracted his attention. He lifted the box and there was found under it a tin keg filled with powder, enough to have scattered Captain Toole and his household and kitchen furniture over a greater part of the township. There was no trigger, wire or match connected with the keg, but all the same, Gray thinks it was put there for the purpose of sending him upon an aerial expedition, but by whom, or for what cause, is not known. Gray brought the keg to town and left it at the office of Esquire D. G. Maxwell. Some time ago Gray was alarmed at the quantity and quality of poison which his chickens had picked up in his yard, and this circumstance linked with that of finding the powder, makes him feel slightly envious of the Czar.—Charlotte Chronicle, Jan. 19.

Blowing out the Gas.

A big six-foot four-inch fellow arrived in the city on the train from Atlanta last Sunday evening, and went into one of our hotels like a cyclone from the Arabian desert. He said he was a member of the famous Jesse James gang, and wrote "Texas" all over the hotel register. He cavorted around for a time and finally made his way to his room, where he blew out the gas and got in bed. The hall boy detected the smell of escaping gas sometime afterwards, and upon making an investigation he found that it proceeded from the room of Mr. Jesse James, supporter. The room was entered and the noble Texan was found insensible and just about ready to land in his checks. By hard work his life was saved, and when he left town his feathers were drooping like those of a sick chicken.—Charlotte Chronicle.

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Some Simple Remedies.

For a sore throat cut slices of fat, boneless bacon, pepper thickly and tie around the throat with a flannel cloth. When stung by a bee or wasp, make a paste of common earth and water, put on the place at once and cover with a cloth. For a cold on the chest a flannel rag wrung out of boiling water and sprinkled with turpentine laid on the chest, gives the greater relief. When a lemon first begins to make its appearance, take a lemon, cut off one end, put the finger in and the longer it is kept there the better. For a cough boil one ounce of flaxseed in a pint of water, strain and add a little honey, one ounce of rock candy and the juice of three lemons; mix and boil well. Drink as hot as possible. Often after cooking a meal a person will feel tired and have no appetite. For this beat a raw egg until light, stir in a little milk and sugar and season with nutmeg. Drink half an hour before eating. For a burn or scald make a paste of common baking soda and water, apply at once and cover with a linnen cloth. When the skin is broken apply the white of an egg with a feather; this gives instant relief, as it keeps the air from the flesh. At the first signs of a runround take a cup of wood ashes, put in a pan with a quart of cold water, put the pan on the stove, put your finger in the pan, keep it there until the water begins to boil, or as long as it can be borne. Repeat once or twice if necessary.

A Wonderful Freak of Nature.

is sometimes exhibited in our public exhibitions. When we gaze upon some of the peculiar freaks of nature occasionally indulged in, our minds revert back to the creation of man, "who is so fearfully and wonderfully made." The mysteries of his nature have been unraveled by Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, and through his knowledge of those mysteries he has been able to prepare his "Golden Medical Discovery," which is a specific for all blood taints, poisons and humors, such as scrofula, pimples, blotches, eruptions, swellings, tumors, ulcers and kindred affections. By druggist.

Death of Six Women on One Farm.

In Paw Creek township, during the year 1887, six women died on the same plantation. No deaths occurred among the men, and the circumstances appeared so suspicious that the landlord undertook to investigate the matter. It occurred to him that the trouble might have been caused by the character of the water in the well, and accordingly he sent a quantity of water to the chemist for analysis. The water was duly analyzed, and the chemist reports that it contained more free ammonia than any water he had ever examined. The condition of the water is believed to have been due to the large amount of decayed vegetable matter in the vicinity of the well. Its peculiar and fatal effect upon the woman is accounted for from the fact that they had less exercise than the men. This is a point that should not be lost upon our people. Too much care cannot be exercised in the character of the water we drink.—Charlotte Chronicle.

Found in a Cotton Bale.

While Mr. Jim Northey was shipping cotton for Sanders & Orr yesterday, he found a small box concealed in the end of one of the bales. He drew out the box and opened it, and found that it contained six silver knives and six forks, all new. There was no mark on the silverware. It had probably been stolen and concealed in the cotton bales as a temporary hiding place. The owner of the silverware can secure it by calling on Sanders & Orr.—Charlotte Chronicle.

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