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Thacher Medicine Co. CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

The Good of Books. Harry Van Dyne, in Harper's Magazine, I want books not to pass the time...

The fact before mentioned, that no rain had fallen for months before the battle, and that none fell for months after...

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HERB W. EDWARDS INJURED. Herb W. Edwards, of Des Moines, Iowa, got a fall on an icy walk last winter, spraining his wrist and bruising his knees...

He—Has he a college education? She—Oh, yes; he plays football, golf, and he's a crackjack at tennis.—Yonkers Statesman.

A RUNAWAY BICYCLE. Terminated with an ugly cut on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. It developed a stubborn ulcer involving it to doctors and remedies for four years...

"Some people insist on referring to flats as 'apartments.'" "It's wrong," answered the discontented man. "They are compartments."—Washington Star.

THE EXACT THING REQUIRED FOR CONSTIPATION. "As a certain purgative and blood purifier Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets seem to be the exact thing required, strong enough for the most robust, yet mild enough and safe for children and without that terrible griping so common to most purgatives..."

"I was taken severely sick with kidney trouble. I tried all sorts of medicines, none of which relieved me. One day I saw an ad. of your Electric Bitters and determined to try that. After taking a few doses I felt relieved, and soon thereafter I was entirely cured, and have not been sick a day since."

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CANNON BRING RAIN

HEAVY DOWNPOUR OFTEN THE RESULT OF BATTLE.

The Fact Has Been Noted in Many of the World's Historic Conflicts—Notable Instances. Ever since hostilities in the far east have reached the stage where the great guns and heavy ordnance play a leading part in the game...

The war and navy departments at Washington are close observers of events at the front, and among other points which attract their particular attention is that of the weather conditions accompanying the operations of the two forces...

The battle of Buena Vista, Mexico, according to records in the war department, took place on February 22 and 23, 1847. This was in the dry season in that country; there had been no rain for several months before the battle...

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The battle of Contreras was fought on August 19, 1847, at a season when rains were very frequent. "The battle raged furiously, and for more than three hours the entire force was under a heavy fire. Night at length put an end to the conflict, and a cold rain soon afterward began to fall in torrents."

The battle of Churubusco was fought the next day, which was bright and clear. The day after it rained heavily. The battle of Molino del Rey, fought on September 8, 1847, was also followed in the afternoon and evening by a hard rain...

In the civil war the occurrence of the phenomenon under discussion was frequent. The battle of Big Bethel was mentioned as an early instance. This battle, fought in eastern Virginia on June 10, 1861, was soon followed by a copious rain. Incessant rains attended Gen. McClellan's campaign in western Virginia in July, 1861...

The following engagements, which took place in that part of the country later in the same year, were also each followed quickly by rain: Battle of Carnifax Ferry, August 10, 1861; battle of Cheat Mountain, September 13 and 14, 1861; battle of Green Brier, October 3, 1861; battle of Allegheny Summit, December 12, 1861. None of these is classed as great battles, but the firing was apparently sufficient to bring rain. The first battle of Bull Run was fought on July 21, 1861. The day was bright and clear all through, but the next day was one of drenching rain.

No Germs at North Pole. A Russian medical man proposes to establish a sanatorium for consumptives in the polar regions. He has observed that the members of exploration parties returning from the polar regions are always in perfect health owing to the purity of the air and complete absence of all harmful microbes. In the polar regions bronchitis, laryngitis, influenza and other contagious diseases are unknown.

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EARTH'S REAL BOHEMIANS.

Boomers of the World's Highways Who Have Neither Home Nor Country.

A race of people known in Europe as the Romanichels, are the real Bohemians of the earth. In their pride of race they sometimes simply call themselves Roma, meaning the Men. In this country we call them gypsies, says Medical Talk for the Home. For centuries they have passed along the roads of every nation, in their rolling houses. They roam from place to place, have no fixed habitation or native country. The Bohemian is born in a wagon, at any place along the road, in any country through which they happen to be passing. His life is spent on the Fortin. He has no home, no country. He dies as he was born, any place, any country.

The Bohemian has jealously preserved his own language, and scorns the customs of every country. Independence and liberty, in the open air, is the life for him. His cart is his only house, and in this he eats and drinks, smokes, plays his music, rests and sleeps. In his cart the children are born, the sick are nursed, and finally in the same cart the Bohemian dies.

The Romanichels are not bandits nor brigands. They will not steal or plunder unless pushed to the last extreme by hunger. They depend largely on charity, but also follow certain trades which are suitable to their indolence and independence, that of horse-trader being foremost. They are following a remunerative profession, as throughout all Europe they are supposed to be able to predict without failure the future, and to be able to read the hand and the skies.

They are a happy, indolent, contented, roving race of people. They ignore all the customs and proprieties of civilized life, and go their own sweet way from place to place, year in and year out. When any of their number is sick, no physician is called. They do their own doctoring. They have a wide knowledge of the different herbs that are curative of certain diseases, and they make use only of these simple remedies. They do not contaminate or abuse their bodies by taking all sorts of coal-tar preparations and mineral drugs. Vegetable doctors are they, pure and simple.

So near to nature do they live that there is little sickness among them. Even the women in childbirth do not need a physician. What to the civilized woman is a dreary period of intense suffering is a matter of but little moment to the gypsy woman. When her child is born, if the tribe is on the march, she may be delayed a few hours by the way-side, but within a day or two at most, with her newborn babe cradled on her back, she proceeds on the journey with the rest of the family.

A WOMAN PAYING TELLER.

One Whose Skill in Counting Money Has Gained for Her a Good Position.

A woman paying teller is the novelty that has been introduced in a Milwaukee bank. The woman is young, pretty and expert. In her new position she is exceeding wonderfully, affirms a correspondent. "This woman," said the cashier of the bank, "was hired by me because by actual test she proved that she could count money faster than any man I know. She counted \$1,000, in a mixed packet of silver and notes, in five minutes. It took our best man teller six minutes to count a similar packet."

"Our woman paying teller here learned to count in the treasury department, and she learned well. "Often, for a joke, she has a counting contest with one of the men. In not one of these contests has she yet been beaten."

WHEN YOU HAVE A BAD COLD

You want a remedy that will not only give quick relief but effect a permanent cure. You want a remedy that will relieve the lungs and keep expectation easy. You want a remedy that will counteract any tendency toward pneumonia. You want a remedy that is pleasant and safe to take.

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THE PASS WAS LIMITED.

What a Heartless Joker Caused an Illinois Man to Go Through at the World's Fair.

A world's fair commissioner, once considered of good character, is boasting of the champion dirty trick of the year. He was in Kansas City lately and told about it at every opportunity, says the Star. "Just as I was going through a pass gate into the grounds one day last week," he said, "a man behind me said, 'Say, my friend, I see you're using a pass.' 'Yes,' I said, 'I've got a concession on the Pass.' 'Well, I've got a pass, too—I'm a member of the Illinois legislature—and I don't know just what it calls for.' 'Calls for?' I said, half jokingly. 'It calls for everything—admission, food, drink, shave, balloon rides—anything.' 'I wasn't sure it was only for the gate,' he said, as he went into a barber shop concession. I decided I needed a shave, too, and before I sat down I gave the barber 50 cents, telling him it was for me and my friend. I was putting on my collar when he arose from the chair and drew out his pocketbook containing his pass. 'That's all right,' said my barber. 'All paid for.' 'Now, that's mighty nice of these people,' he said, putting his pocketbook back. 'I s'posed a pass was good for meals, all right, but wouldn't-a-thought it would get you a shave. Might as well have had my hair cut. Fingering a 'pass' I saw him do after that was to go into one of the highest-priced restaurants on the grounds. I waited nearly an hour before I heard notes from the inside. Then I went away; I didn't want him to see me. The manager of the cafe told me about it that afternoon. The man from Illinois had ordered \$3.10 worth of food, had eaten it, and, showing his pass, started to go out. 'Get his coat, all right,' the restaurant man said. 'I'll see him in a few minutes, and he'll be here with me. I wonder what was going on in his head?'

HE HAD TO SHINE THEM.

Sprinkling Cart Driver Had His Little Joke, But It Was Turned On Him. "It was in the early days in Montana, when cow punchers with high-heeled boots, big sombreros, and a regular arsenal of six shooters were plentiful," said the veteran traveling man as he cooked his foot up on his knee and took a puff at a black cigar. "Something went wrong with the engine of the train I was on, and I found myself in a small frontier town, with several hours to spare and nothing in particular to do. I started out to see the town. As I walked down the main street a cowboy dressed in his Sunday best and a shine on his high top boots that would have put a plate glass mirror out of business came sauntering down the street. As he started over a crossing the only sprinkling cart the town could boast of came along. The driver eyed the boots and with a sly smile pulled the string just in time to drench the boots from top to bottom and completely spoil the shine. "Quick as a flash the cow puncher pulled his 'forty-five' from his holster and ordered the driver to crawl down from his perch. Calling a bootblack, he made the driver get on his knees, take the shining outfit, and shine both boots from the soles to the tips. The driver didn't seem to fancy performing the menial service, but the minute that rear volvier didn't look good to the practical joker, and he got busy in a hurry. When the job was finished the cowboy made the driver pay the bootblack 50 cents for the blacking he had used. Showing his gun back into his holster, the cowboy sauntered leisurely down the street, a satisfied smile playing on his countenance. The driver mounted his seat and drove away, a sadder but wiser man."

HE WAS ONLY A PRISONER

But the Caller Ascribed to Him the Dignity of the Sheriff's Assistant.

The primitive way in which legal punishment is administered in some localities had a funny illustration not long since, when I visited a country town within a comparatively short distance of Boston. As I had a little time on my hands, relates the Saunterer in the Budget, I thought I would inspect the jail, and so knocked at the portals of that place of iron bars for admittance. My summons was not immediately answered, and I began to think that all the inmates of the institution were asleep, but finally a door opened and a head was thrust out, with the query: "What yer want?" "I'd like to see the sheriff, please," was the answer.

"Not in, gone down to the wharf. Won't I do as well?" "Yes, I suppose you will, for I only want to look over this building, as I am gathering some prison statistics."

"Come along, then," said the man, as he let me pass in. It did not take long to see all that was to be seen in the gloomy building, and when I had completed my investigation, I said to my guide: "I suppose you are the sheriff's assistant." "Guess again," was the reply. "That would be only a waste of time. What are you, anyway?" "Well," drawled the man in temporary charge of affairs, "I'm only a prisoner."

HOW WE CATCH A COLD.

A cold is sometimes contracted while remaining inactive for a while in an uncomfortable room, or a cold draft, or by falling to sleep under like conditions. But most colds are caught by sleeping too cold at night. Deep sleep causes sluggish circulation which renders the system susceptible to change of temperature. To prevent a cold sleep under a plenty of cover. To cure the cold use Eysdale's Bitters. It lessens the duration of a cold and prevents Pneumonia, Bronchitis and Consumption.

Advertisement for Eysdale's Bitters, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing its effectiveness for various ailments.

LOYALTY OF THE JAPANESE

First Duty of the Subjects of the Mikado Is Always to Their Emperor.

When we consider Japanese patriotism, we must never lose sight of its great concomitant, loyalty to the emperor. These two passions are so closely united in the breast of an ordinary Japanese, that he can hardly conceive of one without the other. Says Nobushige Amenomori, in Atlantic. When a Japanese says: "I love my country," the great or even the greater part of his idea of his "country" is taken up in importance by the emperor and the imperial family. His duty to his country, as conceived by him, includes, first of all, duty to his emperor. Moreover, to him his country does not mean simply a group of islands with about 50,000,000 of people living on them. His forefathers and descendants are also taken into account. To him the past, present and future generations are commingled into one. . . . And the ancestors he loves and reveres were all loyal to their emperors in their days; so that he feels that he must be loyal to his emperor, as they were to theirs, if he means to prove himself worthy of their race. This is a sentiment born with him. It is owing to this deep-rooted feeling in the people that, although several daimyos fought with one another during the sixteenth century for the aggrandizement of their powers, yet none of them dared to aim at the imperial throne. They obtained their ranks and titles from the emperor then reigning. The hereditary loyalty of the people to the emperor, with whose ancestors are associated their own forefathers, is too stubborn a sentiment to be trifled with and no intelligent shogun attempted to disregard it.

In many other countries kings and emperors have to keep their pomp in order to uphold their authority. Not so in Japan. The lower the imperial pomp dwindles down, the warmer and deeper is the popular sympathy. The people cannot bear seeing the chief of their race in wretchedness. They will eventually rise up for him.

Spring Flexible Disc Harrow

Among the members of the fashionable Metropolitan club in Washington are two young physicians who are great personal friends but extreme professional rivals. During a recent conversation between the two considerable chaffing had been indulged in with respect to the respective merits of allopathy and homeopathy. "Well, sir," declared the allopath, "ten of my patients have recovered during the last two weeks."

"Indeed!" exclaimed the homeopath. Then, after a moment's pause, he added wickedly: "I had understood that you were spending more of your time at the club than usual!"—N. Y. Herald.

OUR PRICES MUST BE RIGHT.

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The SHORT-LINE and the quickest time between Charlotte, Wilmington, Raleigh and Durham—and Columbia, Savannah, Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Tampa and Havana, Memphis and St. Louis; is also the Short-Line to Eastern Cities. Richmond, Norfolk, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Boston.

THE SEABOARD'S Passenger service is unequalled for luxury and comfort, equipped with Vestibule Day Coaches, Pullman's Latest Diningroom Sleeping Cars and Cafe Dining Cars on all Trains. Double Daily Service to World's Fair. ST. LOUIS, MO., AND RETURN—VIA—Atlanta, Chattanooga and Nashville—or—Richmond, Cincinnati and Indianapolis.

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Advertisement for Norfolk Farm Supply Co., featuring a portrait of a man and text describing their products and services, including farm implements and supplies.

Advertisement for The Scotland Neck Bank, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing their banking services and interest rates.

Advertisement for Seaboard Air Line Railway, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing their train services, routes, and ticket prices.

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