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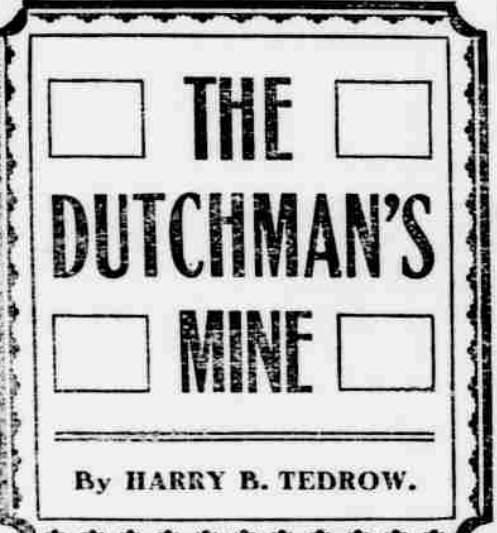
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Ren The Kidneys Are Weakened by Over-Work. Healthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood...



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MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

What is Transpiring in North Carolina and Other States.

At a recent meeting of the North Carolina Press Association it was decided to hold the next annual convention at Hendersonville June 23 and 24th, 1909.

In Turkey there are two factions lined up against each other, each faction fighting with all its strength and power and influence to accomplish the end that is its cherished hope.

The growing demand for the income tax, as proposed in the bill introduced by Senator Bailey, is thoroughly alarming the Republican leaders in the Senate.

Beginning June 8th and continuing through the 10th, the Confederate Reunion is to be held at Memphis, Memphis will give the glad hand to all the Confederate veterans...

A comparison of the exports of the United States to Japan with the imports of Japan to the United States gives the following interesting figures:

Our exports to Japan for 1908 were \$3,224,781, as compared with \$41,068,508 for 1907. The imports from Japan to the United States for 1908 were \$63,918,330, as compared with \$71,753,379 for 1907.

The Florida Senate last week passed by a vote of 24 to 7 the Hiburn bill for submission of State-wide prohibition to the voters of the State.

William J. Bryan has accepted the invitation tendered him by the Florida Legislature to address that body sometime within the near future.

Don't let the baby suffer from colic, sore or any itching of the skin. Don's Ointment gives instant relief, cures quickly.

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BUTTER-MAKING ADVICE.

Practical Suggestion from a Woman Who Is Experienced Hand.

Mrs. A. Joseph, a woman farmer, has written a very interesting article on butter making. She writes as follows:

When butter is high, why should we buy it when it can be made at home with very little expense and trouble?

With two good cows one can have all the milk and cream needed for the table and cooking and at the same time make enough butter for a family of six, seven or eight.

Never keep a cow that gives less than 200 pounds of butter fat per year, as it will take about 150 pounds of butter fat to keep her, and you want some profit.

Alfalfa, meal and middlings are by far the best and cheapest food, and of course she should have hay food also.

Do not keep a cow in a dark barn or shed that does not admit the sunlight. Put windows in it that will let in the light and sunshine to every corner.

The milk should be kept clean, and after straining (if one has no separator) should be poured into ordinary milk cans and kept in a cool, dry place.

Some claim that if the milk is warmed slightly before straining the cream will rise more quickly. It is also remarkable that if the pantry, milk house or wherever the milk is kept is light the cream will rise better and be a richer color.

When the cream becomes thick enough skim it carefully and see that no milk is mixed with it. Set it in a large crock to sour.

If one has no churn a very inexpensive way of churning is the following:

Place the cream in a cool milk crock. Then with a very heavy wire eggbeater beat the cream with long, quick strokes—just the stroke you would use in beating eggs.

Do not stir around, as it spoils the grain of the butter. Continue beating until the cream becomes thick and forms into little grains.

Remove the beater and stir the cream with a small-sized butter paddle until all the grains are gathered together.

Save the buttermilk, as it can be used for a good many things if one has no pigs to enjoy it.

Drain the butter well, press in several places with the paddle and place under a faucet of cold water, or pour the water over it, repeating several times and letting water out as possible each time.

When it is thoroughly drained wash the paddles in cold water and sprinkle with salt. The butter should also be sprinkled with salt, about a tablespoonful to each pound of butter.

Mix the salt in thoroughly with the paddles, place it on a cool plate or mold into whatever shape is desired. Wooden butter molds are good and small stamps can be bought for a small sum, but one can form the butter nicely with the paddles.

Mulching Potatoes. Seven years' experience at the Nebraska experiment station indicates that mulching is a fairly satisfactory way of growing potatoes on a small scale, although the method is preferable only when the mulching material can be obtained very cheaply.

Words to Freeze the Soul.

"Your son has consumption. His case is hopeless." These appalling words were spoken to Geo. E. Blevens, a leading merchant in Springfield, N.C., by two expert doctors—one a lung specialist. Then was shown the wonderful power of Dr. King's New Discovery.

An old lady, traveling for the first time in a large city, saw a glaring sign on the front of a high building, which read, "The Smith Manufacturing Company."

As she repeated it aloud slowly she remarked to her nephew: "Laws 'a' mercy! Well, I've heard tell of Smith's all my life, but I never knew before where they made 'em!" London Tit-Bits.

This terrible calamity often happens because a careless boatman ignores the river's warnings—growing ripples and faster current. Nature's warnings are kind. That dull pain or ache in the back warns you the kidneys need attention if you would escape fatal maladies—Dropsy, Diabetes or Bright's disease. Take Electric Bitters at once and see backache fly and all your best feelings return.

Correspondent—Do you know, Senator, that the crack in the liberty bell has extended several inches lately? Pessimistic Statesman—No, I hadn't heard that. But I know there's a hole in the Constitution big enough to drive an elephant through.

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In this respect Laughing canyon is a fortunate exception. Lying somewhat apart from the region of the early settlements, it escaped molestation for years after the other regions had been tramped over and prospected.

By what, or from what particular circumstance the canyon received its name has long since been forgotten. Some trace it to Indian legends, and say that a once mighty White Chief, who murdered his faithful squaw and through remorse became insane and killed himself, is here doomed to haunt forever the scene of his crime.

This version seems the best, for no one from Sunlight creek down professes ever to have heard the ghostly laugh, while only to enter the canyon is to realize the foundation for the other theory. The very air is charged with mischief. The waters laugh and shout as they race among the rocks they have worn so smooth. The great overhanging boulders are scattered into wrinkled folds of old men and ancient dames, who nod to the grin, wink, and smile at you as you pass beneath them.

No one remembers trouble in Laughing canyon. The spirit of jollity seizes the traveler as soon as he passes Smiling Gate, where the canyon really begins.

Even the mules that draw down the heavy wagon loads of ore to the mills at Boulder prick up their ears and become mischievous when Laughing canyon is reached.

Among the first to visit this charmed place were three men who were prospectors, of course, and with pick and shovel made a vigorous exploration of the surrounding country in search of the rich lead which had been struck at Sunlight before they arrived.

"Friend," said Phineas, in an honest, confidential tone, placing his hand upon the visitor's shoulder, "you are in search of a gold mine. See these two big bines that grow side an side across the canyon there?"

"Six feet behind that 'n on the left you'll find it. That's the place to dig." "Alright. I was obliged," and the Dutchman, who had kept his pick and shovel on his shoulder, started off.

"Walt, friend," said Phineas. "There's no use hurrying. Stay 'n eat with us; it's purty near dinner time."

"I cannot," answered the Dutchman, picking his way down the red path. "I pe in a hurry."

When he had disappeared the three miners went into convulsions. Their pent-up laughter broke forth in screams and howls. They rolled upon the ground. They pounded it with their fists. They shook and kicked, and in fact, acted like madmen. The performance was repeated the following day, when they beheld a pile of fresh-turned earth beneath the left foot of the two tall pines and saw with every reappearance of a cap from behind great boulders come crashing

"How—how much?" he asked. "Twenty-five thousand cash, net 15 per cent. royalty."

That is the history of the discovery of the wonderful Katrina mine of Laughing canyon. Millions of dollars have been taken from the shafts and tunnels that honeycomb the ground to a depth of a thousand feet beneath where once stood the two tall pines.

How do you? said Tom, the youngest of the miners. The Dutchman, without altering his grave countenance, nodded to each of the three men separately.

"Which way?" asked Sam, after a few moments of oppressive silence in which the traveler seemed bereft of speech. To any one but a tenderfoot the question would have been needless. Pilgrims of the early west always volunteered such information.

The miners looked each other in the eyes for an instant. Then each turned as if to perform trivial duty. In reality, it was to prevent an almost irrepressible explosion of laughter. The strain was terrible. They grew red in the face, and a snort from one would have sent them all howling. Several minutes passed before they dared look at each other.

This was the opportunity for old Phineas. He was the arch foker of the three. With face as grave as an ancient monk, this unnatural specimen of ripened age could play pranks and practical jokes with an earnestness that disarmed the victim of all suspicion. When the case was particularly choice, Phineas was given perfect freedom with it, and he never disappointed his generous partners. Sam and Tom then awaited with a half-formed laugh in their throats for Phineas to answer the Dutchman's query.

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There's some one at the Dutchman's," said Tom one day in the early autumn.

The yellow and scarlet leaves had begun falling from the quaking aspen and sumac, making bare the mountain slopes. The field-glass was brought out, but nothing more than the presence of a stranger at the little cabin across the canyon was ascertained.

Two weeks passed, when one morning the Dutchman again stood before them. There were the same ruddy cheeks, the same cropped hair, and the same serious, blue eyes, although in the latter a certain twinkle might have been observed which had not been there before.

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