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Weak and unhealthy kidneys are responsible for much sickness and suffering, therefore, if kidney trouble is permitted to continue, serious results are most likely to follow. Your other organs may need attention, but your kidneys most, because they do most and should have attention first. Therefore, when you feel a weak or out of order, at how quickly your entire system will fail when every organ will go to ruin.

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THE TRUTH BOLDLY DECLARED.

No Newspaper Can Succeed Without Adequate Support.

In discussing the usefulness as well as the character of the newspaper, which of course is dependent upon the support it receives whether it shall be what it ought to be or not. The Wilmington Star drives the truth home with sledge-hammer blows in the following:

"A newspaper publisher makes just as good a newspaper as his receipts from supscriptions and advertisements will warrant him in making. It is always a publisher's ambition to get out a creditable sheet, but he cannot do it on wind, and hot air certainly won't take the place of money to pay expenses.

"The better a newspaper is supported, the better paper it will be. It represents just the amount of public spirit there is in town, and sometimes it represents a good deal more.

"Many a knocker of a newspaper couldn't get out a weekly sheet if one were turned over to him, but sometimes friendly critics make good suggestions which publishers appreciate and profit by. It is the citizen who wants to help you to build up that is a welcome kicker, but the fellow with the grouch and free advice that hasn't got anything in it and who doesn't show up any long green to pay for getting out the paper, is the individual that the publisher places on his list of undesirable citizens.

"Sometimes it is a good idea to knock the knockers so they can see themselves as others see them. The man who subscribes and advertises in his home paper helps himself, helps his town, and helps the paper The knocker should at least contribute something to a paper,s assets before he under takes to knock or else he is doing business without a license."—Cleveland Star.

Dangers of Railroad Surveyors.

Sometimes the work of these parties become intense and dramatic. The "chief," lowered into a deep and rocky river canon, is making rough notes and sketches, following the character of the rock formation and dreaming—dreaming the great dreams that all great engineers, great architects, great creators must dream perforce. He is dreaming of the day when a year or two hence the rail-road's paths all have crouded itself into this impasse, and when the folks who dine luxurious in the showy cars will fret because of the curve that spills their soup, and never know of the man who was slipped down over a 600-foot cliff so that the rail-road might find its way.

It is then that the work of the surveying party began to have its thrills. Perhaps to put that line through the canon the party will have to descend the river in canoes. If the river be too rough then there is the alternative of being lowered over the cliff-sides. Talk of your dangers of Alpine climbing! The engineers who plan and build railroads through any mountainous country miss not a single one of them. Everywhere the line must find a foothold. That is the problem that must be solved. Sometimes the men who follow the "chief" in the deep river canons, the men with heavy instruments to carry and to operate—transits, levels and the like—must have lines of lives strung together for their precarious foothold as they work. Sometimes that foothold is lost, the rope that lowers the engineer down off the cliff-side snaps. The folks riding months later in the cheerful cars do not think of the graves that are dug beside the railroad's path.

It is all new and wonderful, blazing this path for civilization, sometimes it is even accidental. An engineer, baffled to find a crossing over the Rockies for a transcontinental route, saw an eagle disappear through a cleft in the hills that his eye had not before detected. He followed the course of the eagle, and to-day the rails of the transcontinental reach through that cleft and the time table shows it as Eagle Pass. —Outing Magazine.

Old Gentleman—How old are you, my little man?

Newsboy—Nearly ten.

Old Gentleman—And how long have you been selling newspapers?

Newsboy—Oh, ever since I was a kid.—Kansas City Journal.

Hives, eczema, itch or salt rheum sets you crazy. Can't bear the touch of your clothing. Doan's Ointment cures the most obstinate cases. Why suffer? All druggists sell it.

The First Sleeping Car.

The first real sleeping car was built in 1864. It was called the "Pioneer," and the builder further designated it by the letter "A," not dreaming that he would soon exhaust the letters of the alphabet. The "Pioneer" was built in a Chicago and Alton shop and cost the almost fabulous sum of $18,000. That was reckless extravagance in a year when the best of railroad coaches could be built at a cost not exceeding $4,500.

But the "Pioneer" was blazing a new path in luxury. Without it was radiant in paint and varnish, in gay stripes and lettering; it was a giant compared with its fellows, for it was a foot wider and two feet and a half higher than any car ever built before. It had the hinged berths that are the distinctive feature of the American sleeping car today, and the porter and the passengers no longer had to drag the bedding from closets at the far end of the car.

The "Pioneer" was not only wider and higher than other passenger cars, but it was also wider and high-than the clearances of station platforms and overhead bridges. But when the news came of the death of President Lincoln, the fame of Pullman's "Pioneer" was already widespread, and it was suggested that the new car should be the funeral coach of the martyred president. Lincoln, the fame of Pullman's "Pioneer" was already widespread, and it was suggested that the new car should be the funeral coach of the martyred president. This involved cutting wider clearances all the way from Washington by the way of Philadelphia, New York, and Albany, to Springfield, Ill., and gangs of men worked night and day to make the need changes.—From "Comfort While You Travel," by Edward Hungerford, in Outing.

The Future of The Automobile.

As a vehicle of modern travel the possibilities of the automobile seem to be absolutely unlimited, and to realize what the next ten years may witness in the elevation of this wonderfnl motor engine, it is only necessary to review what the past ten years have revealed.

In 1898 there were only 25 plants engaged in the manufacture of auto cars.

Today there are 223.

The aggregate capital invested in this industry in 1898 was only $2,000,000,

Today it is $20,000,000.

Ten years ago there were only 1,200 automobiles in the entire country from Main to California; but at the present time there are 160.000—which is said to be twice the number in use on the continent of Europe.

There are 70,000 registered cars in New York State alone.

It is said that the value of this year's output of machines will not fall short of $130,000,000.

Within the past three years the use of the automobile in making long trips across the country has become quite general.

The sentiment which is rapidly crystalizing in favor of good roads is due largly to the demand which the automobile has created for improved highways; and if the patronage of the iron horse is not reduced in time by this modern innovation it will be due to the increased impetus which it imparts to travel among all classes—Atlanta Georgian.

Gam's Dry Humor.

When the gallant Welch captain, David Gam, was sent forward by Henry V. to reconnoiter the French army before the battle of Agincourt he found that the enemy outnumbered the English by about five to one. His report to the king is historic;

"There are enough to be killed, enough to be taken prisoners and enough to run away."

This quaint forecast of the result of the battle at once spread through the camp, and doubtless every yeoman archer of the vailant company felt an inch taller. We know that it was almost literally justified by the event. Poor Gam's dry humor was equaled by his courage. He was killed while in the act of saving the life of his prince.—London Star.

A Scalded Boy's Shrieks

horrified his grandmother, Mrs. Maria Tayfor, of Nebo, Ky., who writes that when all thought he would die, Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured him. Infallible for burns, scalds. cuts, corns, wounds, bruises. Cures fever-sores, boils, skin eruptions, chilblains, chapped hands. Soon routs piles. 25c at E. T. Whitehead Company's.

SMALL FARMS OF PORTUGAL.

How They Came to Be Divided Into Dimutive Portions.

The Portuguese are an extremly conservative people. Every man follows rigidly the methods employed by his father and forefathers. In very many parts of the country the old woden ploughs are still used.

When a man dies, instead of one of the heirs taking the whole property and paying the remaining heirs for their parts, the whole property is divided into as many parts as there are heirs. More than this, each separate part of the property is thus divided.

Thus, if a property consist of ten acres of pasture land, eighty of vineyard and ten of grain land, and there were ten heirs, each heir would receive one acre each of grain and pasture land and eight acres of vineyard. This process has been going on for a very long time, so that now in the most fertile part of Portugal the land is divided into incredibly small portions.

The immediate result of this is barely sufficient at best to sustain its owners. South of the river Tagus on the other hand, there are enormous tracts of excellent land lying unused, but it has been found impossible to induce the farmers of the north to move into this region and take up large holdings.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Some Short Business Sermons.

It is said that Syrus never paid a man his first week's wages without putting into his pay envelope a little card upon which appeared these rules:

1. Don't lie—it wastes my time and yours. I'm sure to catch you in the end—and that's the wrong end.

2. Watch your work, not the clock. A long day's work makes a long day short, and a day's short work makes my face long.

3. Give me more than I expect, and I'll pay you more than you expect. I can't afford to increase your pay if you don't increase my profits.

4. You owe so much to yourself that you can't honestly affort to owe anybody else. Keep out of debt or keep out of my shops.

5. Dishonesty is never an accident. Good men, like good women, can't see temptation when they meet it.

6. Mind your own business, and in time you'll have a business to mind.

7. Don't do anything here which hurts your self-respect. The employee who is willing to steal for me is capable of stealing from me.

8. It's none of my business what you do at night, but if dissipation affects what you do next day, and you do half as much as I demand, you'll last half as long as you expect.

9. Don't tell me what I'd like to hear, but what I ought to hear. I don't want a valet to vanity, but I need one for my dollary.

10. Don't kick if I kick—if you're worth while correcting, you're worth while keeping. I don't waste time cutting specks out of rotten apples.

Eating in Olden Days.

Even at so late a period as the Restoration, 1660, it was the custom for the guests to take their own knives and forks to an English banquet. Pepys records that he did this when he went to the Lord Mayor's feasts in the Guildhall. In the previous reign the lord chamberlain had found it necessary to issue regulations for the benefit of the officers invited to dine at the royal table. They were required to wear clean boots, not to be half drunk on their arrival, not to drink more than one goblet to every two dishes, not to throw the bones under the table, or lick their fingers.

The Staurts undoubtedly did much to refine English table manners, for it was one of the points admired in Mary Queen of Scots that the customs she introduced from France made her court and royal banquets more exquisite and genteel than those of her rival, Queen Elizabeth. As forks came into use, the old-time importance of the table napkin began to wane. From being a necessity it became a luxury, on the fastidious use of which etiquette has at various times placed strange values.—London Chronicle.

Lame back comes on suddenly and is extremely painful. It is caused by rheumatism of the muscles. Quick relief is afforded by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. Sold by E. T. Whitehead Company.

His Unlucky Day.

"I tell you what it is," said an old synic—"I am firmly convinced that every man has his particular days for good and bad luck. Monday is my unlucky day. I have been watching it for twenty years, and nothing can shake me in this belief. I never begin any enterprise, no matter how trival, or start on any journey on that day. Therefore I make Monday an off day and do nothing but potter round the house. Even in these little affairs everything goes wrong.

"Take the record of last Monday, a fair average, and be convinced; Smashed finger while nailing board on fence. Fell down cellar stairs with coal scuttle. Fell over wheelbarrow while carrying stepladder. Sat down on chair where children had been sucking taffee. Got swindled by peddler. Got thumb pinched in gate. Dropped something iron on foot. Baby got out in yard and was butted by strange goat. Tax man called. While eating supper square yard of ceiling fell on dining table. Went to bed to escape further disaster. Had nightmare. Thought I was falling from top of Eiffel tower. Fell out of bed and broke arm. Looked at clock and saw it liked fifteen minutes of midnight. Lay still till clock struck 12. Was afraid if I moved before Tuesday was ushered in would have broken back. "Yes, indeed," concluded the man, "Monday is my unlucky day, and I approach in with feeling akin to terror."—London Tit-Bits.

Not Undisputed.

The case before the court was one involving the ownership of a tract of land and the attorney for one of the parties to the suit was cross-examining a witness.

"Now, Mr. Grimshaw," he said, "the property on which you live was originally apart of the 20 acres in dispute, was it not?"

"Yes sir."

"And your title is based on the original to that land, I presume?"

"Yes sir."

"How long have you resided there?"

"Over 21 years."

"Have you had—now, mark me—have you had 21 years' undisputed possession of that property?"

The witness hesitated a moment.

"Remember Mr. Grimshaw," said the lawyer, raising his voice, "that you are under oath. Have you had 21 years, undisputed possession of that property?"

"It has been disputed once," answered the witness, "I found a nest of bumblebees in my back yard one day last summer."

In the general laugh that followed this answer the lawyer subsided.—Youths. Companion.

Let the Town Clerkship ALone.

No greater opportunity is offered to the young man who is willing to work than is offered in Southern agriculture to the man who will learn how to do ordinary farm task as they should be done.

The boy who trains himself along these lines has the feather in his hands; and the farm boys of the South should be turning by the thousand to the agricultural high schools, the winter short courses in the agriculture colleges, the corn contests—to everything, in fact, which will help to make them really proficient in either the science or the practice of agrictlture. The farm boy who will train himself can get good wages or a good salary in working for other men, and can thereby accumulate enough to buy land himself and so become a still more definite factor in the agriculture progress of his section.

Let the town clerkship alone, farmer boy; there are much bigger opportunities—more money and vastly more independence and satisfaction—on the farm.—Raleigh (N. C.) Progressive Farmer.

Home a Type of Heaven.

The sweetest type of heaven is home; nay, heaven is the home for whose acquisition we are to strive most strongly. Home in one form or other is a great object in life. It stands at the end of every day's labor and becons us to its bosom, and life would be cheerless and meaningless did we not discern across the river that divides us from the life beyond the mansion prepared for us. —Holland.

Don't use harsh physics. The reaction weakens the bowels, leads to chronic constiyation. Get Doan's Regulets. They operate easily, tone the stomach, cure constigation.

AN OLD PORTRAIT OF CLAY.

Valuable and Interesting Find by a Henderson Man.

Capt. O. R. Smith, of Henderson, recently made a "find" of an old picture which he prizes very highly for several reasons. It is an oil portrait of Henry Clay, painted in 1845, by A. Gilbert and represents the great statesman and orator wearing the home-made silk vest which was presented to him when he visited Raleigh and spoke in advocacy of "home protection" for infant industries, as the tariff was then called. This silk was raised from the cocoon to the cloth here in Granvil e county, N. C., principally by the women, some of whom are still living. Isabella and Eliza Harris, daughters of Ivey Harris, were among those whose names are recalled as having a part in the affair. That was in the days of the multocrous mania and everybody was anxious to contribute something to so great and grand a cause that would enrich them all in so short a time. So great was this get-rich-quick scheme in raising silk, that mulberry sprouts sold for $1.00 a bud to raise leaves to feed silk worms, Capt. Smith informs us.

The silk out of which this vest was made would bring one hundred dollar a yard today, and a woman's dress made out of it would stand alone, so stiff and thick was the material.—Henderson Gold Leal.

An Industrious Hen.

The "industrious hen" belonging to Mr. John W. Joiner, of this place, of which we made mention a few days ago, has now for the fourth time come off her nest with another "gang" of chickens, sixteen in number. This hen has hatched since last spring, in all 58 chickens, and if she is succesful with the latest arrivals as with the others, she will have raised them all. A hen like this one is worth having around the house. —Wilkesboro Patriot.

The Newspaper Instinct.

"I wish, John," said the editor's wife, "that you'd try not to be so absentminded when we are dining out."

"Eh? What have I done now?"

"Why, when the hostess asked you if you'd have some more pudding you replied that owing to the tremendous pressure on your space you were compelled to decline."—Tit-Bits.

The old, old story, told times without number, and repeated over and over again for the last 36 years, but it is always a welcome story to those in search of health. There is nothing in the world that cures coughs and colds as quickly as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Sold by E. T. Whitehead Company.

Little five-year-old Elmer received a dime for taking a dose of castor oil. The next day her big brother Fred asked her to pick up a basket of cobs.

"How much will you give me?" she asked.

"A nickel," replied her brother.

"Humph!" said Elmer, "I can make more than that taking castor oil."—The Delineator

Young Girls are Victims

of headache, as well as older women, but all get quick relief and prompt cure from Dr. King's New Life Pills, the world's best remedy for sick and nervous headaches. They make pure blood, and strong nerves, and build up your health. Try them. 25c at E. Whitehead Company's.

A GREAT STATE OCCASION.

President Taft's Visit to Wilmington Promises to be One of the Greatest Events in the History of North Carolina.

A long list of attractions have been arranged by the people of Wilmington to entertain President Taft and the thousand of visitors who will join in welcoming him on the occa- of his visit to this city on Tuesday, Nov. 9. The city will be gaily decorated and brilliantly lighted, and the parade of National and State Troops, with numerous brass bands, promises to be within itself a great event.

The marine parade on the Cape Fear River to and from Fort Caswell and Fort Fisher, to accompany the revenue Cutter Seminole with Mr. Taft and his party aboard, will be composed of a convoy of a flotilla of four torpedo boats and numerous excursion steamers said to be adequate to carry all who wish to join the merry and happy throng on this gala occasion.

Electric cars will make fast and frequent trips to the ocean.

An added attraction at this particular season will be the opportunity to see the ocean steamers loading cotton for Liverpool.

Hotel and boarding house facilities will be augmented by accomodations in many private homes. Accommodations can be secured in advance by addressing Hotel Commitee Taft Celebration.

The President will be accompanied by several eminent Statesmen and other prominent citizens, including a numbr of leading correspondents, reporters and photographers from the metropolitan newspapers and illustrated publications. These and many other attractive features, together with the best of all the public reception to and speech by Mr. Taft will be a history making ephoc in Wilmington, which extends a cordial welcome to all to come and have their names enrolled as a visitor and spectator in this historical event, of which future generations will read with interest and pride.

The Atlantic Coast Line will run three special trains on November, 9th, the day Presidental party will be in Wilmington, namely; from Florence, Sanford and Newbern the regular trains in one or more sections being designed to accomodate the visitors from Rocky Mount, Goldsboro etc. She special trains will all return in the evening after the President leaves for Richmond.

The Coast Line will place round trip tickets on sale at low rates from about 150 stations to Wilmington and return, to be sold November, 8th, and 9th, good to return up to and including November, 10th. They will also put on an exceedingly low rate for Military Companies.

Can't look well, eat well or feel well with impure blood feeding your body. Keep the blood pure with Burdock Blood Bitters. Eat simply, take exercise, keep clean, and you will have long life.

Merchant (to young man who he knows has come after his daughter) —I must tell you frankly that I have lost heavily lately.

Young Man Then you won't want to lose your daughter also, I am sure. —Fliegende Blatter.

Makes blood and muscle faster than any other remedy. Gives health, strength and vitality. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea towers above all other remedies for making sick people well, and well people "weller." Take it to-night. E. T. Whitehead Co.