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Almost everyone knows of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy, because of its remarkable health restoring properties. Swamp-Root fulfills almost every wish in overcoming rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to urinate and scalding pain in passing it, the effects following use of liquor, wine, beer, and overcomes that unpleasant habit of being compelled to go often during the night.

Swamp-Root is not recommended for children but if you have kidney, liver or bladder trouble, it will be found just what you need. It has been thoroughly tested in private practice, and has been so successful that a special arrangement has been made by which all copies of this paper, who have not already tried it, may have a sample bottle sent free by mail, also a book telling about Swamp-Root, and how to use it.

Swamp-Root is sold by all druggists. Don't make any mistake in remembering the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

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COTTON FUTURE CONTRACTS VOID.

The Law of North Carolina Permits no Recovery in Such Cases.

Edgerton vs. Edgerton, Johnston County, No Error. Walker, J.

Judge Walker writes the opinion in the case of Edgerton V. Edgerton which arose as to the right to recover under a contract about cotton. A contract was made between the two parties to this suit for 100 bales of cotton weighing 45,000 pounds, whereby the defendant agreed to sell to the plaintiffs this amount of cotton, delivery to be made in September, October, November and December of this year. The contract was in writing and was signed on the 9th of June, 1910, and the contract specified a price of ten and one-tenth cents per pound. In addition to terms, there was a stipulation that if either party failed to perform the contract then he should forfeit and pay to the other the sum of \$500. The defendant refused to carry out the contract and when sued for the sum of \$500 alleged that this was a gambling contract, that it was not intended that any cotton should be actually delivered, although so stated in the contract but that the contract should be discharged by the payment of the amount gained by the one or lost by the other, to be determined by the rise or fall of the market price of cotton, the maximum amount to be paid not to exceed five hundred dollars.

Judge Walker in the opinion for the court states that the sole question involved in the case is whether it is a gambling contract and void, or whether it is a valid contract under which there may be a recovery. The opinion states that the form of the contract is not conclusive in determining its validity, when it is assailed as being founded upon an illegal consideration and as having been made in contravention of public policy. If under the guise of a contract of sale, the real intent of the parties is merely to speculate in the rise or fall of the price and the property is not to be delivered, but only money is to be paid by the party who loses in the venture, it is a gambling contract and void. The true test of the validity of a contract for future delivery, is whether it can be settled only in money and in no other way, or whether the party selling can tender and compel acceptance of the particular commodity sold or the party buying can compel the delivery of the commodity purchased. The essential inquiry in every case is as to the necessary effect of the contract and the real intention of the parties.

The question as to whether the parties actually intended to deliver the cotton or were merely betting on the price of cotton and clothing their bet with a written contract was submitted to the jury and they found that there was no intent on either side to actually sell or buy cotton. The court therefore held that this was essentially a contract of wager and is void without regard to the amount of the stake, or whether the amount is certain or uncertain. There can be no recovery for failure to carry out such a contract.

"With your kind assistance," said the young man in the parlor scene, "I will now do my great transformation act."

"So be it," murmured the dear girl. Whereupon the gas was lowered and the big leather rocker was transformed into a spoonholder.—Newark Star.

Nature makes the cures after all.

Now and then she gets into a tight place and needs helping out.

Things get started in the wrong direction.

Something is needed to check disease and start the system in the right direction toward health.

Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil with hypophosphites can do just this.

It strengthens the nerves, feeds famished tissues, and makes rich blood.

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A GREAT ADDRESS.

Hon. Claude Kitchin at Rockingham Last Friday.

As handsome as a picture, with a clear, clarion voice, Congressman Claude Kitchin of the second district talked Democracy at the courthouse here Friday morning. The hall was comfortably filled. Mr. Kitchin was introduced by Hon. W. S. Thomas, chairman. The Rockingham band furnished the "lively airs" for the "love feast."

Congressman Kitchin termed his remarks a talk rather than a speech. He is one of the State's strong men and he preaches Democratic doctrine from the ground up. His speech consisted largely in a forcible discussion of State issues and he compared the records of the two parties in such a manner as to make the Republican brothers want to go away back and sit down. Their record with the Confederate soldiers, the schools, the asylums, the penitentiary and wherever they had touched was exposed in all its rotten awkwardness.

The Democracy's care of the commonwealth and its attendant blessings was forcible presented. He told of the coming triumphs of the party in the nation—how the people were coming into their own and made Democratic hearts throb as coming events are casting their shadows before them.

Republicans are on the run everywhere. Don't let's let them take root in North Carolina. Republicanism is a sinking ship. Let her sink.—Rockingham Post.

Conveniently Absent Minded.

A subscriber to The Scottish Chief had his feelings hurt by reading some editorial remarks on Mr. McLeod, and forthwith gave the editor a piece of his mind, including: "Do me a favor by stopping your paper at once. For I would not allow it in my fowl house any more." If any man wants to call his own home a fowl one, it's none of the editor's business. What is his business, however, is indicated by the three suggestions to the writer that "if he had thought to have sent the \$1.80 he owes the Chief, his letter would have had a better ring." But these people who get mad and stop their paper are generally conveniently absent minded.—Charlotte Chronicle.

Democratic Textbook.

Judging by the number of requests that have reached Democratic headquarters for the Democratic textbook for 1910, this publication has found great favor with Democratic workers. Authorities have pronounced the book to be the best work on the tariff now in print. Those who desire a copy of the textbook should write immediately, before the supply is exhausted, write to Mr. F. F. Garrett, treasurer National Democratic Congressional Committee, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Church—Whew! how it's raining. Lend me your umbrella, dear, I've got to run over to the vestry meeting.

Mrs. Church—But why not that umbrella you've been carrying all the week?

Mr. Church—What! to the vestry meeting? Why, that's where I got it.

Mrs. Lushington—A miracle!—London Sketch.

THE EVENT OF THE SEASON.

Coburn's Greater Minstrels Will Fill a Spare Date Friday, Oct. 21.

Without doubt the largest Theatrical Company ever seen in Scotland Neck will appear for one performance, Friday, Oct. 21st at Madry's Opera House.

The reason for such a large and expensive company appearing in such a small town is that they wish to fill a few dates into Fayetteville for fair week and Southern cities.

The same performance as given at Raleigh and Northern cities will be given upon the Madry stage.

The Raleigh Evening Times, in criticizing, has the following to say: "Big applause from a little audience greeted Coburn's Greater Minstrels at the Academy of Music last evening and the greater part of the applause was well merited. It was a clever performance."

"The balcony was well filled on both sides, but down stairs only a handful of the regulars were present. However, this small crowd was a most enthusiastic one, and the efforts of the singers, dancers, comedians, etc., were received with prolonged applause in every case where the act was deserving of the applause. Owing to the fact that for some inexplicable reason the house did not provide its patrons with programs, the names of the artists are not known to the writer, but it can be said that the soloists, yodlers, quartette and comic songsters, were exceptionally good, and their work heartily applauded."

"The second part of the performance, including the novelties and spectacular acts, was on a par with the first part and all in all, it can be said without any fear of contradiction that Coburn's Greater Minstrels pleased its Raleigh patrons and that a much larger house was deserved."

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Here Are Facts We Want You to Prove at Our Risk.

Marvelous as it may seem, Rexall "93" Hair Tonic has grown hair on heads that were once bald. Of course, in none of these cases were the hair roots dead, nor had the scalp taken on a glazed, shiny appearance.

Rexall "93" Hair Tonic works scientifically, destroying the germs which are usually responsible for baldness. It penetrates to the roots of the hair, stimulating and nourishing them. It is a most pleasant toilet necessity, is delicately perfumed, and will not gum or permanently stain the hair.

We want you to get a bottle of Rexall "93" Hair Tonic and use it as directed. If it does not relieve scalp irritation, remove dandruff, prevent the hair from falling out and promote an increased growth of hair, and in every way give entire satisfaction, simply come back and tell us, and without question or formality we will hand back to you every penny you paid us for it. Two sizes, 50c. and \$1.00. Sold only at our store—The Rexall Store, E. T. Whitehead Company.

Mr. Lushington—This here paper calls Murgton a strong old o' temperance. w'y, comin' 'ome from work ter day I passed fourteen public work houses. wot d'yer call that?

Mrs. Lushington—A miracle!—London Sketch.

MORNING TWILIGHT.

An early thrush acclaim the light,
The wide, low billowing day,
O'er dew and grasses chill with night,
Upeasts its foam of gray.

Now end the darkness and its dreams,
The broken moon is low;
Like petal-drifts on glassing streams,
We watch her sink and go.

And like a dryad to her tree
The morning star hath sped—
Vanished ere one had thought to see
The path whereon she fled.

Hark low, as here we stand, the wards
Of woodlands newly green,
The pine's innumerable chords
Are touched by hands unseen!

Hearing, the forest seems forlorn
And all the air a sigh
Of things that seek a vaster morn,
And find it not, and die.

O tranquil hour! the haggard noon
Shall make a ghost of thee,
Soon to be memory's, and soon
Not e'en of memory.
—George Sterling, in Harper's Magazine.

Brains Not Needed.

The following anecdote was related by Manager Lavelle, of St. Patrick's Cathedral:

"A farmer had come to New York from the country to have a look at its sights. One night he got home very late and a burglar stopped him in Central Park and put a pistol to his head, saying at the time:

"Give me your money or I'll blow your brains out." To which the farmer replied:

"You may blow my brains out if you wish, but I certainly shall not give you my money, because from what I have seen so far you can very well live in New York without brains but certainly not without money."

—New York Press.

Good Way to Use Hyomei for Catarrh.

Besides breathing through the inhaler a few times a day, many catarrh sufferers write that they find inhaling HYOMEI (pronounce it high-o-me) from a bowl of steaming water each night before retiring a great aid in curing stubborn cases.

Try it; it's very simple; gives quick relief and makes you breathe easier. Fill a bowl half full of boiling water; pour into the water a teaspoonful of HYOMEI, cover head and bowl with a towel, and breathe through nose and mouth the pleasant, medicated, antiseptic and healing vapor that arises.

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You can get a bottle of HYOMEI at druggists everywhere or at E. T. Whitehead Company's for only 50 cents. Ask for extra bottle HYOMEI inhaler.

But bear in mind that a HYOMEI outfit which includes inhaler and bottle of HYOMEI costs \$1.00.

But, as stated before, if you already own an inhaler, a bottle of HYOMEI costs but 50 cents.

HYOMEI is guaranteed by E. T. Whitehead Company and druggists everywhere to cure catarrh, sore throat, coughs, colds, asthma and croup, or money back. Try it on that generous basis.

Stomach dosing never cured catarrh, and never will, HYOMEI directly reaches the inflamed membrane, kills the germs and soothes and heals the inflammation. Write for free trial bottle of HYOMEI to Booth's Hyomei Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

A Poor Weak Woman

As she is termed, will endure bravely and patiently agonies which a strong man would give way under. The fact is women are more patient than they ought to be under such troubles.

Every woman ought to know that she may obtain the most experienced medical advice free of charge and in absolute confidence and privacy by writing to the World's Dispensary Medical Association, R. V. Pierce, M. D., President, Buffalo, N. Y. Dr. Pierce has been chief consulting physician of the Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y., for many years and has had a wider practical experience in the treatment of women's diseases than any other physician in this country. His medicines are world-famous for their astonishing efficacy.

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