

MRS. KIESO SICK SEVEN MONTHS

Restored to Health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Aurora, Ill.—"For seven long months I suffered from a female trouble, with severe pains in my back and sides until I became so weak I could hardly walk from chair to chair, and got so nervous I would jump at the slightest noise. I was entirely unfit to do my housework, I was giving up hope of ever being well, when my sister asked me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I took six bottles and today I am a healthy woman able to do my own housework. I wish every suffering woman would try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and find out for themselves how good it is."—Mrs. CARL A. KIESO, 596 North Ave., Aurora, Ill.

The great number of unsolicited testimonials on file at the Pinkham Laboratory, many of which are from time to time published by permission, are proof of the value of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, in the treatment of female ills. Every ailing woman in the United States is cordially invited to write to the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential), Lynn, Mass., for special advice. It is free, will bring you health and may save your life.

Often a woman is so inconsistent that after making up her mind as to her age she's unable to stick to it.

Only One "BROMO QUININE" to get the genuine, call for full name LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of B. W. GIBBS. Cures a Cold in One Day. 25c.

A Hint. "Oh, I just love animals; don't you?" gurgled the sweet young thing. "Sure. Let's have a Welsh rabbit," said the accommodating youth.—Town Topics.

ACTRESS TELLS SECRET. A well known actress gives the following recipe for gray hair: To half pint of water add 1 oz. Bay Rum, a small box of Barbo Compound, and 1/2 oz. of glycerine. Any druggist can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. Full directions for making and use come in each box of Barbo Compound. It will gradually darken streaked, faded gray hair, and make it soft and glossy. It will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy, and does not rub off. Adv.

Needed Provender. That rolling stone among authors, Hurry de Windt, tells the following good story of his adventures on the Yukon:

One day he and a "partner" he had picked up in Dawson were going on a trip in midwinter. The cold was, of course, intense.

Just as they were on the point of starting, his companion dumped a number of hard, sharp-pointed articles in the sleigh, pitching them rather unceremoniously on top of a sack of oatmeal.

"Look here," protested De Windt, "don't put those tent pegs on the oatmeal. They'll poke their points through the bag and there'll be a leak."

"These ain't tent pegs," explained the other, rather scornfully; "they're beefsteaks."

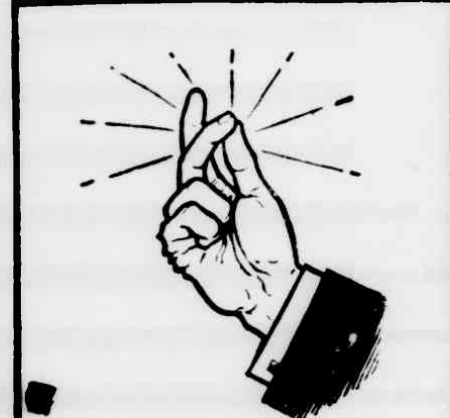
And so they were, cut and ready for use on the line of march.

Sense of Justice. "That parrot I bought uses violent language."

"Lady," replied the dealer, "I won't deny that he does swear some. But you must give him credit for the fact that he doesn't drink nor gamble."

Disciple of Jefferson. She—Why have you never married? He—I am opposed to entangling alliances.—Boston Evening Transcript.

There is a Catholic daily newspaper published in Tientsin, China.



You Can Snap Your Fingers

at the ill effects of caffeine when you change from coffee to

POSTUM

"There's a Reason"

U.S. WILL NOT ENTER INTO DISCUSSION

SO LONG AS GERMANY CONTINUES HER RUTHLESS U-BOAT WARFARE.

BLUNT REPLY TO PROPOSAL

Is Made by Lansing at President's Direction.—Renewal of German Pledge Prerequisite to Any Diplomatic Discussion.

Washington.—The United States has flatly rejected Germany's offer to discuss differences between the two nations while the ruthless submarine campaign is in progress.

In a note today to the Swiss minister, who on Saturday presented orally the German proposal, Secretary Lansing said the United States "does not feel that it can enter into any discussion with the German government concerning the policy of submarine warfare against neutrals which it is now pursuing, unless and until the German government renews its assurances of the 4th of May (the Sussex note) and acts upon the assurances."

The state department's announcement follows:

"In view of the appearance in the newspapers of February 11 of a report that Germany was initiating negotiations with the United States in regard to submarine warfare, the Department of State makes the following statement:

"A suggestion was made orally to the Department of State late Saturday afternoon by the Minister of Switzerland that the German Government is willing to negotiate with the United States, provided that the commercial blockade against England would not be interfered with. At the request of the Secretary of State, this suggestion was made in writing and presented to him by the Swiss minister Sunday night.

"The communication is as follows: 'The Swiss government has been requested by the German government to say that the latter is now, as before, willing to negotiate, formally or informally, with the United States, provided that the commercial blockade against England will not be broken thereby.'

(Signed) "P. RITTER."

Lansing's Reply. This memorandum was given immediate consideration and the following reply was dispatched:

"My dear Mr. Minister: 'I am requested by the president to say to you, in acknowledging the memorandum which you were kind enough to send to me on the 11th instant, that the Government of the United States would gladly discuss with the German Government any questions it might propose for discussion were it to withdraw its proclamation of the 31st of January, in which, suddenly and without previous intimation of any kind, it cancelled the assurances which it had given this government on the 4th of May last; but that it does not feel that it can enter into any discussion with the German Government concerning the policy of submarine warfare against neutrals which it is now pursuing unless and until the German government renews its assurances of the 4th of May and acts upon the assurances.'

MEXICAN FIRST CHIEF WOULD BE DOVE OF PEACE

Washington.—Revolution swept Mexico's de facto government has entered the lists of international peace-makers. With an identical note to all neutrals, it proposed a joint effort to end the European war, to be followed, in the event of failure, by the cutting off of all exports of munitions and supplies to belligerents.

The communication was handed to the state department by R. P. de Negri, charge of the Carranza embassy here. It was received with expressions of mingled amusement and gravity in official quarters.

CHINESE DON'T WANT TO RETURN TO JUAREZ

Columbus, N. M.—Five hundred Chinese refugees from Mexico protested against the contemplated plan of deporting them to Juarez. Leaders said Villa was expected to attack Juarez and that all Chinese would be executed if he captured the town. The protest has been forwarded to Chinese minister at Washington. Immigration officials said arrangements have been made at El Paso to give asylum to Chinese if the Mexican town is attacked.

GERMAN SAILORS AT HONOLULU RELEASED

Honolulu.—Sailors from various German ships, which took refuge in Hawaiian waters, were released from detention by immigration officials, acting, under orders from Secretary of Labor Wilson. Simultaneously charges against officers and men for alleged destruction of machinery and otherwise were dismissed at the request of the United States district attorney.

SYROP OF FIGS FOR A CHILD'S BOWELS

It is cruel to force nauseating, harsh physic into a sick child.

Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "dose" mother insisted on—castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them, how you fought against taking them.

With our children it's different. Mothers who cling to the old form of physic simply don't realize what they do. The children's revolt is well-founded. Their tender little "insides" are injured by them.

If your child's stomach, liver and bowels need cleansing, give only delicious "California Syrup of Figs." Its action is positive, but gentle. Millions of mothers keep this harmless "fruit laxative" handy; they know children love to take it; that it never fails to clean the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach, and that a teaspoonful given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on each bottle. Adv.

Picked the Right Spot. "I see where a rich man has built a lake and flower garden on top of an apartment house." "That would be just the place for a truck garden." "Why?" "I don't see how the neighbor's chickens could ever get up there."

CUTICURA KILLS DANDRUFF

The Cause of Dry, Thin and Falling Hair and Does It Quickly—Trial Free.

Anoint spots of dandruff, itching and irritation with Cuticura Ointment. Follow at once by a hot shampoo with Cuticura Soap, if a man, and next morning if a woman. When Dandruff goes the hair comes. Use Cuticura Soap daily for the toilet.

Free sample each by mail with Book, Address: Postcard, Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

His Double Duty.

Jones walked up the street the other evening with a box of chocolates under one arm and a big package of meat under the other.

"Hallo, Jones!" said Johnson, "you housekeeping? I didn't know you were married."

"I'm not yet."

"What are you doing with those chocolates and that meat, then?"

"Going to see my girl."

"Do you have to furnish the family with meat already?"

"Oh, no; the sweets are for the girl and the meat is for the dog. I have to square both."

BILIOUS, HEADACHY, SICK "CASCARETS"

Gently cleanse your liver and sluggish bowels while you sleep.

Get a 10-cent box. Sick headache, biliousness, dizziness, coated tongue, foul taste and foul breath—always trace them to torpid liver; delayed, fermenting food in the bowels or sour, gassy stomach.

Poisonous matter clogged in the intestines, instead of being cast out of the system is re-absorbed into the blood. When this poison reaches the delicate brain tissue it causes congestion and that dull, throbbing, sickening headache.

Cascarets immediately cleanse the stomach, remove the sour, undigested food and foul gases, take the excess bile from the liver and carry out all the constipated waste matter and poisons in the bowels.

A Cascaret to-night will surely straighten you out by morning. They work while you sleep—a 10-cent box from your druggist means your head clear, stomach sweet and your liver and bowels regular for months. Adv.

Odd Troubles.

"There is one thing queer about splurging on a limited income."

"What's that?"

"The more you live in a society round the harder you find it to make ends meet."

MOTHER'S JOY SALVE

for Colds, Croup, Pneumonia and Asthma; GOOSE GREASE LINIMENT for Neuralgia, Rheumatism and Sprains. For sale by all Druggists. GOOSE GREASE COMPANY, MFR'S., Greensboro, N. C.—Adv.

Suitable Kinds.

"What measure would you select for a line of light poems?"

"Why not try a gas meter?"

If you suspect that your child has Worms, a single dose of Dr. Peery's "Dead Shot" will settle the question. Its action upon the Stomach and Bowels is beneficial in either case. No second dose or after purgative necessary. Adv.

Grammatically Sure.

"Can this actor make a situation tense?"

"Certainly, if he's in the mood."

WILSON DECIDES COURSE TO PURSUE

DETERMINES MOVE IN EVENT GERMANY MAKES USE OF FORCE NECESSARY.

PROTECT AMERICAN RIGHTS

If President Goes Before Congress it Will Not Be to Declare War, But to Protect American Rights.

Washington.—The course to be taken by the United States if Germany compels the use of force to safeguard American rights, has been determined. It was learned authoritatively after the Cabinet meeting that in the event President Wilson goes before Congress again, it will not be to ask for a declaration of war, but to follow literally the words of the address in which he announced the break of diplomatic relations, and request authority to use means deemed necessary to protect American seamen and people.

The President, it was said, is as anxious as ever to avoid war with Germany, but also is as determined as ever that American citizens and ships shall be free to travel the high seas unmolested. His next step, if taken, will be to enforce that right, and even then the issue of war or peace will be with Germany. Any hostile action will have to come in the form of an interference with an American right.

Details of the Government's plans are not discussed. It is known, however, that conveying and arming of merchant ships are being considered.

No new development came to indicate that the overt act by Germany regarded as inevitable was nearer at hand. Fewer reports of ships sunk came in, and none told officially of the loss of American life. Further information received about George Washington, the negro freeman lost on the Turino indicated that he probably was a British subject.

Practically every member took to the Cabinet information about the activities of his department in connection with the general precautions being taken. Questions discussed included proposed emergency legislation, steps for protecting property, mail problems precipitated by the failure of ships to sail from American ports for Europe, economic issues and the Army and Navy preparation.

After the meeting, it was authoritatively stated that nothing had yet happened to change the course pursued by the Government since the break in relations with Germany.

The effect of the tying up of ships in American harbors because of fear that they will be sunk if they pass through the war zone is one of the questions being given careful consideration. The enforced idleness of the merchant fleet is a subject of growing exasperation.

RED CROSS PREPARED TO CARE FOR ARMY OF MILION.

According to Reports to Washington Headquarters — Chapters Are Ready For Field Service.

Washington.—An expert hospital force sufficient to care for an army of a million men, could be mobilized by the Red Cross within a few days after an outbreak of hostilities, in the belief of officials at headquarters of the society here.

Since this call was issued February 3 instructing Red Cross chapters throughout the country to place themselves on a footing for field work, many encouraging reports have been returned to headquarters, together with a great force of personal offers of service. Elliot Wadsworth, acting chairman, estimated that the force which could be mobilized immediately in case of war would include:

Twenty-six completely equipped army and navy base hospital units, with a total personnel of 1,250 nurses a-lis.

A hospital base reserve of 415 nurses and 525 nurses' aids.

A corps of expert instructors in surgical dressings, totalling about 120.

Thirty-two partially complete navy detachments of 20 nurses each.

One hundred and fifteen local emergency detachments.

"With the customary assignment of 10 patients to each nurse," he added, "we could thus take care of 50,000 sick and wounded at once. In the earlier stages of war, the proportion of sick and wounded is about five per cent. In other words, we are prepared today to give expert nursing service to an army of 1,000,000 men.

"No National emergency has ever found the Red Cross better prepared than it is today."

INCREASED RATE ON SECOND CLASS MAIL.

Washington.—An immediate increase from one to one and a half cents a pound in the postage rate on newspapers and periodicals for this year, is provided in the postoffice appropriation bill ordered reported to the Senate by the postoffice committee. The Senate committee also recommended an amendment rescheduling after July 1, 1917, the rate on drop letters to one cent an ounce in cities and on rural routes.

Political Pull Danger That May Lurk in Compulsory Military Service Plan

By DR. W. O. THOMPSON
President of Ohio State University

It is a grave question, in my mind, whether in a democracy like ours compulsory military service is wholly desirable. In my opinion, the whole thing is largely theoretical. At any rate, there is no reason why we should jump into such a situation. There is plenty of time to study it.

I believe there must be some change made in our military system. I am heartily in favor of military training, not for the sake of militarism, but for the sake of good citizenship, and I am convinced that military training makes for good citizenship. If I did not believe that, I certainly would not favor military training in the land-grant colleges. Anything that will make better citizens improves our national defense. The good citizen is nearly always prepared.

It is popularly supposed that Germany extends compulsory military training to all classes of boys, but as a matter of fact Germany does not go down to the elementary school. The Swiss system is a better system. One great trouble with compulsory service in this country would be political pull. I do not believe in any system that makes it possible through political pull to exempt any class of citizens.

Excessively Polite.

"Mary, how tall is a giant?" asked Henry. "Oh, I don't know," said the nurse; "about as tall as a house." "And how tall is a house?" "How should I know? Don't ask so many questions. I have no idea how tall a house is." "Excuse me, Mary," said Henry with dignity, "I forgot that you were too poor to know anything about houses."

YES! LIFT A CORN OFF WITHOUT PAIN!

Cincinnati man tells how to dry up a corn or callus so it lifts off with fingers.

You corn-pestered men and women need suffer no longer. Wear the shoes that nearly killed you before, says this Cincinnati authority, because a few drops of freezezone applied directly on a tender, aching corn or callus, stops soreness at once and soon the corn or hardened callus loosens so it can be lifted off, root and all, without pain.

A small bottle of freezezone costs very little at any drug store, but will positively take off every hard or soft corn or callus. This should be tried, as it is inexpensive and is said not to irritate the surrounding skin.

If your druggist hasn't any freezezone tell him to get a small bottle for you from his wholesale drug house.—adv.

Lived in One Room 82 Years.

Croydon, England, has lost by death Croydun, England, has lost by death a trader who, in an interesting way carried on the trading traditions of the past. He was Robert Brain, who died at eighty-five years old in a room over the little old-fashioned shop in which he had lived for 82 years. Mr. Brain was reputed to be the largest individual ratepayer in the borough, paying the corporation about £800 a year.—London Chronicle.

Druggists' Experience With Kidney Medicine

We are very much satisfied with the demand we have for Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root. We have been carrying it for eight years and have never heard of a dissatisfied customer; they all speak very favorably regarding the merits of the preparation and judging from the sale we have on it it must be a splendid medicine for the troubles for which it is so highly recommended.

Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You

Send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample size bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling about the kidneys and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention this paper. Regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores.—Adv.

A Logical Conclusion.

"Did you really call this gentleman an old fool last night?" said the judge severely.

"The prisoner tried hard to collect his thoughts."

"The more I look at him the more likely it seems that I did," he replied.

Important to Mothers

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, that famous old remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Fletcher* In Use for Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

Old Man Maguire says a woman always takes the cork out of a bottle by pushing it in.

Granulated Eyelids, Sties, Inflamed Eyes relieved over night by Roman Eye Balsam. One trial proves its merit. Adv.

Love my laugh at locksmiths, but it never giggles at plumbers.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Groves'

The Old Standard Groves' Tasteless Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 10 cents

Shoes with aluminum soles have been invented for persons working in water or damp places.



Farmer—"Them city folks want to know if there's a bath in the home. What'll I tell 'em?" His Wife—"Tell 'em if they need a bath, they'd better take it before they come."

Take a bath of course, and every three hours while awake take a dose of Boschee's German Syrup

It will quiet your cough, soothe the inflammation of a sore throat and lungs, stop the irritation in the bronchial tubes, insure a good night's rest, free and easy expectoration in the morning. That old time-tested remedy which for more than half a century has brought relief and comfort to countless thousands all over the civilized world. 25c and 75c at druggists and dealers everywhere.

Stops Neuralgia Pains

Why suffer from excruciating neuralgia pains when an application of Yager's Liniment will give quick relief?

This liniment is good too, for rheumatism, sciatica, headache, pain in chest or side, sprains, cuts and bruises. The large 25-cent bottle of Yager's Liniment contains four times as much as the usual bottle of liniment sold at that price. At all dealers.

YAGER'S LINIMENT

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will find Tutt's Pills the most general restorative ever offered the suffering invalid.

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