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THE PEOPLE'S GREATEST TAX.

The full amount of the annual waste due by fire in this country, is seen by the estimate that $150,000,000 has been the average loss during recent years.

In round figures this is one per cent of the taxable property in this country.

And further this annual fire tax means that the people once every ten years pay a sum equal to their national debt.

This tax for protection against fire comes high, yet it is paid voluntarily, quite different from other taxes, which have to be dragged from the people by the tax collectors.

The flimsy character of the buildings in the United States makes the fire tax higher in this country than in any other civilized nation.

The French people have the lowest fire losses of any country, it amounting to six cents on the $100.

In England it is nine cents on each $100. loss.

In the different States in this country the loss varies, as the character of buildings change.

In New York it is fifty eight cents; in Massachusetts sixty cents; In Texas $1.10; in Arkansas, $1.31 on the $100.

The range in this country is a notable one, but from the six cents in France to the $1.31 in Arkansas, the vastly increased rate of loss shows how different must be the buildings and the sum of the proportionate total losses.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucos lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and it is tube restored to its normal condition hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucos surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Sold by all Druggists.

Hall's Family Pills are the best

An Ex-King of Spain Dead.

Epinay, France, April 17.—Don Francisco D'Assisi, ex-King of Spain, is dead He was expelled in 1868.

The Finest Fabric

made by human skill is coarse compared with the lining of the bowels. When this tender membrane is irritated we have griping pains, diarrhoea and cholera morbus. Whatever be the cause of the trouble, take Perry Davis' Painkiller according to the directions with each bottle. Travelers in all climates carry Painkiller in their gripsacks. Large bottles 25 and 50 cents.

A Necessary Consequence.

She—I suppose it is hard to eliminate flattery from portrait painting?

The Artist—Yes. We'd have to eliminate a good many of the sitters.—Puck.

If troubled by a weak digestion, loss of appetite or constipation, try a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Every box warranted. For Sale by F S Duffy & Co.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

Digests what you eat.

This preparation contains all of the digestants and digests all kinds of food. It gives instant relief and never fails to cure. It allows you to eat all the food you want. The most sensitive stomachs can take it. By its use many thousands of dyspeptics have been cured after everything else failed. It prevents formation of gas on the stomach, relieving all distress after eating, making unnecessary. Pleasant to take.

...'s help

but do you good

F. S. DUFFY & CO.

What Dumont Will Do.

Washington, April 17.—Santos Dumont confirmed the statement today, published yesterday, that he would circle the Liberty Statue in his flying machine in July or August. He said, "I am pleased with the sixty thousand dollar prize offered and will sign an agreement to return to St. Louis if certain conditions are fulfilled."

A Testimonial From Old England.

"I consider Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the best in the world for bronchitis" says Mr. William Savory, of Warrington, England. "It has saved my wife's life, she having been a martyr to bronchitis for over six years, being most of the time confined to her bed. She is now quite well." Sold by F. S. Duffy & Co.

Despondent, Commits Suicide.

New York, April 17.—Chas. Stockenstein, a wealthy manufacturing tailor of Williamsburg, and his nine year old daughter Emma, were found dead today, suffocated by gas in their flat on Stockholm street. The father's grief over the death of his wife made him mad and despondent.

The Best Remedy For Rheumatism.

QUICK RELIEF FROM PAIN.

All who used Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism are delighted with the quick relief from pain which it affords. When speaking of this Mr. D. N. Sipes, of Troy, Ohio, says: "Some time ago I had a severe attack of rheumatism in my arm and shoulder. I tried numerous remedies but got no relief until I was recommended by Messrs. Geo. F. Parsons & Co., druggists of this place, to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. They recommended it so highly that I bought a bottle. I was soon relieved of all pain. I have since recommended this liniment to many of my friends, who agree with me that it is the best remedy for muscular rheumatism in the market." For sale by F. S. Duffy & Co.

Cuba's Exports Increase.

Washington, April 17.—The Insular Division of the war department has prepared for publication an exact regular monthly bulletin showing in comparative form the commerce of Cuba for the calendar years 1901 and 1900. The exports increased 22 per cent while there is a slight decrease in imports.

Men Will Be Boys.

In the excitement of a lively exercise like boat-racing or ball-playing, they will strain their muscles and go home limping and sore. Then they are glad they have Perry Davis' Painkiller on hand to soothe the quivering nerves; to penetrate the muscles with warmth and healing power. It has relieved the pain of two generations of Americans. Large bottles 25 and 50 cents.

Queen Wilhelmina Very Ill.

Amsterdam, April 17.—Queen Wilhelmina passed a bad night. The fever is still raging and does not abate. Complications threaten to set in. Grave anxiety is felt concerning the young Queen.

Wants To Help Others.

"I had stomach troubles all my life," says Edw. Mehler, proprietor of the Union Bottling Works, Erie, Pa., "and tried all kinds of remedies, went to several doctors and spent considerable money trying to get a moment' peace Finally I read of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and have been taking it to my great satisfaction. I never found its equal for stomach trouble and gladly recommend it in hope that I may help other sufferers." Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cures all stomach troubles. You don't have to diet. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat. F. S. Duffy.

Life and Property Loss.

Winsted, Conn., April 17—One woman dead and a fireman mortally hurt is the result of a fire in Lilley Block, Torrington, early today. The loss is heavy.

Wields a Sharp Ax.

Millions marvel at the multitude of maladies cut off by Dr. King's New Life Pills—the most distressing too. Stomach Liver and Bowel troubles—Dyspepsia Loss of Appetite, Jaundice, Biliousness, Fever, Malaria, all fall before these wonder workers. 25c at C D Bradham's drug store.

Kaiser's Yacht Reaches Glasgow.

London, April 17.—The Kaiser's yacht Meteor Third, towed up the Atlantic to Scotia passed Ramicoint this morning.

A Nearly Fatal Runaway

Started a horrible ulcer on his leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin, Grove, Ill., which defied doctors and all remedies for four years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him. Just as good for Boils, Burns, Bruises, Cuts, Corns, Scalds, Skin Eruptions and Piles. 25c at C. D. Bradham's drug store.

Not His Match.

Some years ago a steamer launched at Colombo to coal, and a Moorman went aboard and asked Sir William Gregory to buy a cutaway for 5,000 rupees. It was worth 10,000 rupees, but the Moorman's father was in jail, and he wanted to bail him out. Gregory listened to the old story and then offered the grizzly dealer a cheque for 1,000 rupees. The Moorman went off seemingly offended, but presently returned and offered the gem for 4,000 rupees. "Take it, Gregory," repeated the Moorman. As the hour drew near the Moorman came back at regular intervals, each time with other cash offers, 3,000, 2,000, 1,000, then 500, 250, 100, and so on—till finally, as the steamer got ready to start, he handed over the [illegible] had lost his money.

PAINE'S CELERY COMPOUND

Permanently Cures All The Varied Forms of Rheumatism.

It Purifies the Blood and Removes Every Trace of Poisonous Acid.

The Great Medicine Has Cured More Rheumatic Sufferers Than All Other Combined Remedies.

Sufferers from the varied forms of rheumatism—articular, muscular, inflammatory, lumbago, and gout, should bear in mind that there is a morbid principle in the blood when rheumatism is present. This morbid principle is uric acid, which circulates with the blood and acts upon the joints and muscles, causing the pains and agonies of rheumatism. Paine's Celery Compound is the only scientific remedy for the permanent banishment of every form of rheumatism. If your joints are painful; if the knees, wrists, elbows, or ankles are swollen, a few bottles of Paine's Celery Compound will soon remove all your troubles and pains. If you have inflammatory or sciatic rheumatism accompanied with fever, acute, darting pains in the sciatic nerve from the hip down the leg, Paine's Celery Compound taken at once will soon drive out the disease, and make you strong and active.

At this particular time, when rheumatism frequently lays the foundation for other incurable and grave trouble, we specially urge the honest use of at least one bottle of Dr. Phelps' life giving medicine, Paine's Celery Compound. No case is too complicated or difficult for this king of medicines. Thousands of happy and grateful men and women sing its praises and continually recommend it. It is the only medicine that can rescue people from agony and death after physicians pronounce them incurable. Mrs. Louisa Rix, Wesley, Iowa, says:—

"Some time ago my husband was taken down with inflammatory rheumatism, so that he was unable to get out of bed alone or to dress himself. We employed good doctors and used many kinds of medicines, but with no relief. We finally sent for a bottle of Paine's Celery Compound, and before he had finished it, he was able to be at work. Another bottle entirely cured him."

Save Money by dyeing your faded garments with Diamond Dyes. 10 cents.

Rheumatism.

If you suffer from rheumatism, buy a little flowers of sulphur and sprinkle it well into the feet of a pair of stockings, which you must wear at night. The sulphur is quickly absorbed into the system through the feet, and, as every one knows, sulphur is the remedy for rheumatism.

YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TAKING

When you take Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic, because the formula is plainly printed on every bottle showing that it is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price 50c.

She Drew the Line.

He—Won't yo' make up dat quarrel, Miss Black, an' 'low me to escoht yo' home? Yo's too good a chu'ch membah not to fo'gib dem what has offended yo'.

She—I fo'gib dem, Mistah Johnson, but I dont' 'low dem to escoht me home.—Judge.

The Best Blood Purifier.

The blood is constantly being purified by the lungs, liver and kidneys. Keep these organs in a healthy condition and the bowels regular and you will have no need of a blood purifier. For this purpose there is nothing equal to Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, one dose of them will do you more good than a dollar bottle of the best blood purifier. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at F. S. Duffy & Co's. drug store.

Her Hope.

He—When we get better acquainted, I shall call you by your first name.

She—All right. And I hope our acquaintance will reach the point where my friends can call me by your last name.—Chicago News.

There are people who never give money, any milk until after they skim it, and then they want credit for cream.

Shot in His Left Leg.

For all kinds of sores, burns, bruises, or other wounds DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is a sure cure. Skin diseases yield quick at once. Never fails in cases of piles. Cooling and healing. None genuine but DeWitt's. Beware of counterfeits. "I suffered for many years from a sore caused by a gun shot wound, in my left leg," says A. S. Fuller, English, Ind. "It would not heal and gave me much trouble. I used all kinds of remedies to no purpose until I tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A few boxes completely cured me." F. S. Duffy.

Odd Colors.

The dressmakers of the reign of Louis XV. announced that, among other costly goods, they had for sale and friend's color, dog's belly, scratched face, rat color, fading flower, dying monkey, gladsome widow, lost time, dead alive, sick Spaniard, mortal sin, common [illegible] sneeze.

Caught a Dreadful Cold.

Madam Hooks, manager for T. B. Thompson, a large importer of fine millinery at 1628 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, says: "During the late severe weather I caught a dreadful cold which kept me awake at night and made me unfit to attend my work during the day. One of my milliners was taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a severe cold at that time, which seemed to relieve her so quickly that I bought some for myself. It acted like magic and I felt improved at once. I am now entirely well and feel pleased to recommend such a medicine." For sale by F. S. Duffy & Co.

WOMAN AND FASHION

Canvas Gown.

The sketch shows a smart gown of tan canvas, with the long skirt very full and flowing, the fullness at the waist set in box plaits alternating with clusters of small tucks, and is trimmed at the foot with bands of tan taffeta. The bodice has a deep celature of the

SMART TAN CANVAS GOWN.

taffeta and a quaintly plaited bolero of canvas, decorated with fancy buttons and a lace collar. A cravat of lace encircles the neck and falls over the full vest of white chiffon. The sleeve has a lower fitted portion of lace finished at the hand with a great lace frill, while the loose upper sleeve is of canvas with a wide turned up cuff of the same enriched with lace.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Becoming to Stout Women.

In her dress the stout woman must exercise the greatest care. A reserved taste and a knowledge of the fitness of things will carry her over the pitfalls of color and large hats. The extreme of fashion must be avoided. Bright colors, plaids and, in fact, anything pronounced either in color or in style must be set aside. Stripes, if they be very narrow; black and some shades of gray are generally becoming to fat women. Fancy neck dressing and fussy belts should be avoided like the plague.

A Picture Hat.

A charming picture hat of white chiffon has a crown of silvery green velvet leaves encircled by a wide soft scarf of pompadour chine ribbon tied in a bow at the back, the fringed ends falling on the hair. The brim is draped with dead white Irish needlework—crochet—which falls over the edge and is caught up in front by an ornament of pearls—three strings of these milky gems, which are caught up on the brim from either side of the pearl cabochon.

Pretty Serge Dress.

The illustration is of a dress of dark blue serge for little girl from six to eight years old. The blouse is made with tiny tucks at the top and has a large sailor collar of white lace edged

FOR YOUNG GIRL.

with black velvet ribbon, as is also the girdle, the latter knotted on the left side.

The plaited plastron is of white silk. The sleeves are made with two puffs, each tucked at the top.

The skirt, plaited over the hips, is trimmed at the bottom with rows of velvet ribbon in graduated widths.—Costume Elegant.

Lovely Stockings.

Stockings are now dreams of loveliness, and the pure silk ones with lace insertings are most appealing. Plain black silks are so fine that they look much like a cobweb, inlaid with brussels point lace, finished at the instep with an elaborate vine effect. On some ankles are embroidered, but this can be ordered in colors to suit one's fancy. Lace effects in hose are always good style, and these are on the counters at all seasons of the year.

The Great Dismal Swamp

Of Virginia is a breeding ground of Malaria germs. So is low, wet or marshy ground everywhere. These germs cause weakness, chills fever, aches in the bones and muscles, and may induce dangerous maladies. But Electric Bitters never fail to destroy them and cure malarial troubles. They will surely prevent typhoid. "We tried many remedies for Malaria and Bowel and Liver troubles," writes John Charlton, of Fayville, O., "but never found anything to compare to Electric Bitters." Try them. Only 50c. C. D. Bradham guarantees satisfaction.

SICK AND AILING WOMEN

Should Write to Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., for Advice—It is Absolutely Free and Has Restored Thousands of Women to Health.

All Letters Are Sacredly Confidential and No Names Are Published Without Special Permission of the Writer—All Letters Are Received, Opened and Answered by Women Only—During the Last 20 Years Mrs. Pinkham Has Gained a Greater Knowledge Regarding Female Ills Than Any Other Person, and is Consequently Better Qualified to Advise and Guide Sick Women.

LYDIA E. PINKHAM,
Discoverer of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Mrs. Pinkham's Standing Invitation.

In addressing Mrs. Pinkham you are confiding your private ills to a woman—a woman whose experience in treating woman's diseases is greater than that of any living physician—male or female.

You can talk freely to a woman when it is revolting to relate your private troubles to a man—besides a man does not understand—simply because he is a man.

Many women suffer in silence and drift along from bad to worse, knowing full well that they ought to have immediate assistance, but a natural modesty impels them to shrink from exposing themselves to the questions and probably examinations of even their family physician. It is unnecessary. Without money or price you can consult a woman whose knowledge from actual experience is greater than any local physician. The following invitation is freely offered; accept it in the same spirit.

Women suffering from any form of female weakness are invited to promptly communicate with Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass. All letters are received, opened, read and answered by women only. A woman can freely talk of her private illness to a woman; thus has been established the eternal confidence between Mrs. Pinkham and the women of America which has never been broken. Out of the vast volume of experience which she has to draw from, it is more than possible that she has gained the very knowledge that will help your case. She asks nothing in return except your good-will, and her advice has relieved thousands. Surely any woman, rich or poor, is very foolish if she does not take advantage of this generous offer.

Four Letters Showing the Result of Mrs. Pinkham's Advice.—Thousands More of the Same Kind Are on File in Her Office at Lynn, Mass.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have been for some years a great sufferer and thought I would write and explain my case to you as you had helped so many others. Menstruation is irregular and very painful. I have suffered with painful periods for ten years but the pains grow worse as I grow older.

"I suffer most with my back, lower part of abdomen and left side. I have been flowing all the month and a part of August, not constantly, but will stop for two or three days and then begin again.

"The doctor says I have misplacement of the womb. I have bearing-down pains when passing urine, and my abdomen is very badly swollen and sore. Please advise me at your earliest convenience."—MRS. A. V. SCOTT, 21 Page St., Kingston, Pa. (Sept. 30, 1900.)

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—When I wrote to you asking advice no one could describe my suffering. The doctors said I could not be relieved unless I had an operation performed, but thanks to you and your medicine I got along without having the dreaded operation. I have taken ten bottles of your medicine and am once more well and happy. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is a fine medicine and a God-send to suffering women. I trust my letter may be the means of bringing many of my suffering sisters to accept your kind aid."—MRS. A. V. SCOTT, 21 Page St., Kingston, Pa. (Jan. 30, 1901.)

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Some time ago I wrote you that my regular physician had made an examination and told me I was afflicted with a tumor in my womb. I had backache, headache, bearing-down pains, and very profuse menstruation. My limbs would ache so I could not sleep, and I was very weak and nervous. I was bloated from my head to my feet. After receiving your letter I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Blood Purifier, and followed all the rest of your advice as near as I could, and the tumor was expelled in pieces, and I regained my natural size. I continued taking your Vegetable Compound for a while longer and felt like a new woman. I cannot thank you enough for your kind advice, and what your medicine did for me. It certainly saved my life."—MRS. PERLEY B. WILLIS, Vershire, Vt.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—One year ago I read a letter in a paper telling how much good one woman had derived from Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I had been sick all winter and was nearly discouraged, as the medicine the doctor gave me did me no good. I had kidney complaint, leucorrhœa, itching, bearing-down feeling, and painful menstruation. I wrote to you describing my trouble and soon received an answer telling me what to do. I followed your instructions, and have taken nine bottles of Vegetable Compound, and used one package of Sanative Wash, and one box of Liver Pills. I am well now, do not have those sick spells at the monthly period, but can work all day, and that I never could do until I began taking the Compound. I cannot praise the Compound too highly. I do hope every suffering woman will learn of your remedies and be cured, as I have been. I wish all success to the Compound; it has done wonders for me and I am so thankful."—MRS. GERTE KELLOGG, Berlin Heights, Ohio.

LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND.

Has restored more women to health than any other medicine the druggists have ever sold—It outsells all other medicines for female ills two to one—Therefore it must be unequalled. Accept no substitute.

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