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TAX PAYER IS ENTITLED TO INFORMATION.

The smallness of the vote cast for the new board of aldermen on last Tuesday, at the city polls, cannot be used as a comparison to prove the interest the tax payer has in his municipal affairs.

The primary contest some weeks ago determined the nomination of the aldermen, at the same time practically elected the nominees, Tuesday's election being merely the legal vote.

With the new city officials elected, and only waiting to be sworn in and enter upon their municipal duties, it would appear time for a public municipal accounting of the various city properties, an accounting which should not be simply a perfunctory one at a board meeting, but an accounting to that somewhat important personage, the Tax payer.

If the present city administration quietly dissolves through time limitation, is the Tax payer to look to the incoming administration, and hold it responsible for the outgoing administration's sins of omission and commission?

Granting that the new board of Aldermen and Mayor, are willing to accept whatever burden of obligation such a precedure might give them, yet this does not absolve the present administration from making a public accounting of its stewardship to the Taxpayer.

Twenty or thirty thousand dollars, or whatever sum it may be in taxes collected, and their expenditure, together with various city properties, are not matters of light concern to the Taxpayer.

There is much to be learned of the administration and conduct of these matters, and very soon, a few days, and there will be a change of city administration, and an accounting can be passed.

For the Taxpayer to ask for a public accounting of this city's affairs of those who have had these affairs in charge, appears reasonable and rational. The Taxpayer is surely entitled to full information on this matter.

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 mucous 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 this 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 mucous services.

We will give One Hundred Dollar 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 Druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Launched on His Literary Career.

"I understand your son has decided to go in for literature."

"Yes, and he's made a splendid start already."

"You don't say."

"Yes; he went to an auction this morning and bought a secondhand writing desk for only $4.98."—Catholic Standard and Times.

An Inviting Field.

"They say there's an island in the Pacific with 000 inhabitants where drunkenness, crime, jails, police and courts are unknown."

"Is that so? It's a wonder somebody hasn't started in to civilize it."—Brooklyn Life.

The Wastes of the Body.

Every seven days the blood, muscles and bones of a man of average size loses two pounds of wornout tissue. This waste cannot be replenished and the health and strength kept up without perfect digestion. When the stomach and digestive organs fail to perform their functions, the strength lets down, health gives way, and disease sets up. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure enables the stomach and digestive organs to digest and assimilate all of the wholesome food that may be eaten into the kind of blood that rebuilds the tissues and protects the health and strength of the mind and body. Kodol cures Indigestion! Dyspepsia and all stomach troubles. It is an ideal spring tonic. Sold by F S Duffy.

YESTERDAY'S MARKETS.

Cotton, Grain, Provisions and Stocks. Range in Prices. Receipts and Shipments.

The following are the market quotations, received by private wire to J. E. Latham & Co. New Bern, N. C.

Chicago, May 6.

WHEAT:—	Open	High.	Low.	Close
May.....	78½			78½
July.....	73			73⅝
Sept.....	70½			70½
CORN:—				
May.....	44½			44⅝
July.....	45			44⅝
Sept.....	44⅝			44½
Oats:—				
May.....	33⅝			34½
July.....	32			31⅞
Sept.....	29⅝			29½
Pork—.....				
May.....	1850			1860
July.....	1705			1712
Sept.....	1662			1672
Lard.....				
May.....	895			902
July.....	907			912
Sept.....	910			917
Ribs:—				
May.....	937			930
July.....	930			935
Sept.....				

New York, May 6.

STOCKS:—	Open.	Close
Amr. Sugar.....	127	127
Union Pacific...	91⅝	91½
Mo. Pacific.....	111½	111⅝
So. Pacific	56½	56½
Manhattan.....	142⅝	142
Great Western..	23	23⅝
Money.....	2½	2½
Amr. Copper....	64½	65½
Texas Pacific....	36⅝	36⅝
Wabash pf.....	47⅝	48⅝
Erie, 1st.....	68½	68½
Colorado So.....	25	25
Anaconda Cop..		
Southern Ry....	31½	31½
Southern Ry pf..	92½	92½
Louisville&Nash	119	119
Brooklyn R.T..	67½	66⅝
Penn. R R.....	135	135½
Atchison.....	81	81½
St. Paul.....	162½	162½
Erie.....	35⅝	35⅝
Atchison pf.....	99	98
U. S. Steel.....	35⅝	35⅝
Reading.....	56⅝	56⅝
People Gas.....	104⅝	104½
C. & O.....	45½	45½
B. & O.....	93⅝	93½
M. & W.....	72½	72½
Tenn. Coal, Iron.	64⅝	64⅝
N.Y Central.....	131½	132
Rock Island.....	44⅞	45⅝
Western Union..	85½	85⅝
Ontario Western	30	30
A. C.....		
Metropolitan....	134½	134⅝
Coal, Fuel, Iron..	64⅝	64½
Va. C Chemical.	63½	63½
Canadian Pacific	133	132⅝
C. & A.....		
Amr. Otton Oil.	42½	42½
U. S. Steel pf...	84½	85
Ill Central.....	138½	138½
Republic Steel...	19⅝	19⅝
Am. Ice.	9½	10
Del.& Hudson...	179	179½
A. L.....		
U. S.Leather....	14	14½
Amr Car Found.	40	40½
U S.Leather pf..		
Pac Mid.....	33½	33½

New York, May 6.

COTTON;—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
May.....	10.69	10.77	10.69	10.76
June	10.07	10.08	10.07	10.08
July.....	10.01	10.08	10.01	10.07
Aug.....	9.67	9.73	9.67	9.71
Sept.....	9.00	9.01	8.95	8.99
Oct.....	8.79	8.72	8.68	8.69
Nov.....	8.63	8.63	8.60	8.61
Dec.....	8.63	8.64	8.61	8.62
Jan.....	8.63	8.64	8.62	8.63

Liverpool

Liverpool cotton market closed today.

Mid. 5.54
Sales 10 000
Receipts 4000

	Open	Close.
May	5.35	5.36
May-June	5.35	5.36
June-July	5.35	5.36
July-Aug	5.35	5.35
Aug-Sep	5.24	5.25
Sept-Oct	4.90	4.89
Oct-Nov	4.71	4.70
Nov-Dec	4.64	4.63
Dec-Jan		

Total ports estimated today 11,000 vs 9,503 last year.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow.

Galveston 4,000 to 4,200 against 3,969 last year.

New Orleans 2,400 to 2,500 against 3,059 last year,

Houston 3,000 to 3,800 against 1048 last year.

PORT RECEIPTS.

		Same week last year.
Last week	82 00	60,000
This week.		
Sat.	9000	13000
Mon.	9000	8000
Tues.	14000	13000
Wed.	11000	11000
Thurs.		11000
Fri.		11000
		67000

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Better Than Years of Doctoring

PAINE'S CELERY COMPOUND.

Best Authorities in Medicine Declare it the Only True Spring Remedy.

The sleeplessness, nervous prostration, weakness, general debility, functional irregularities and despondency from which thousands of women, young and old, suffer, can be quickly removed by proper feeding the nerves and replacing the unhealthy blood by a fresher and more highly vitalized fluid. The happy change from ill-health and misery, to true womanhood and happiness, can only be effected by the use of Paine's Celery Compound.

The present spring demand for Paine's Celery Compound, woman's friend and life giver, is enormous in every State of the Union. This fact alone, amply proves that the great Compound possess virtues and powers unknown to other remedies. Dear wife and mother, do not procrastinate; listen today to the voice of reason, and the pleadings and testimony of the thousands of your sex who have been made well and strong. Mrs. Jennie Harris, Marlow, Indian Ter, joyfully writes about the medicine that makes women well; she says:—

"I have used one bottle of Paine's Celery Compound, and am satisfied that one bottle of this medicine has done me more real good than any other medicine that I have ever taken. I had rheumatism of long standing, kidney disease and female troubles, but since taking Paine's Celery Compound I feel altogether a different person. I have used lots of other medicines, but never received any benefit until I used Paine's Celery Compound."

FIRST OCCURRENCES.

Envelopes were first used in 1839.

The first steel pen was made in 1830.

Postoffices were first established in 1464.

The first lucifer match was made in 1829.

Kerosene was first used for lighting in 1826.

The first steamboat plied the Hudson in 1807.

The first balloon ascension was made in 1783.

Omnibuses first appeared in New York in 1830.

The first locomotive was run in this country in 1829.

The first watches were made at Nuremberg in 1477.

The first English newspaper was published in 1588.

Pins were first manufactured in this country soon after the war of 1812.

The first complete sewing machine was patented by Elias Howe, Jr., in 1846.

The first Union flag was unfurled on Jan. 1, 1776, over the camp at Cambridge.

The first newspaper printed in the United States was published in Boston on Sept. 25, 1790.

The Oldest Libraries.

The oldest libraries of which we have any certain knowledge are those brought to light by excavations among the ruins of the east. Among these are the Babylonish books inscribed on clay tablets, supposed to have been prepared for public instruction about 650 B. C. It is said by Aristotle that Strabo was the first known collector of books and manuscripts. This was about the year 330 B. C.

Our Common Woe.

"Beg pardon, sir," remarked the man who was hanging to strap No. 1, "but do you get off at the next corner?"

"I don't see that it is any of your business," replied his fussy neighbor.

"Well, no," admitted the mild gentleman, "but I was merely going to remark that I get off there and if you will be so kind as to lift I'd like to take that foot with me!"—Baltimore News.

The Artist.

Palette—De Auber is the most egotistical chap I ever met.

Brusher—How's that?

Palette—Why, every time he paints a landscape he imagines he flatters nature.—Chicago News.

Deceptive Bearing.

"To hear that young clerk talk you would think he owned the place."

"How's that?"

"Why, he never says a word against his employers."—Kansas City Journal.

Miss Alice M. Smith, of So. Minneapolis, Minn., tells how woman's monthly suffering is permanently relieved by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"I have never before given my endorsement for any medicine, but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has added so much to my life and happiness that I feel like making an exception in this case. For two years every month I would have two days of severe pain and could find no relief, but one day while visiting a friend I ran across Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound,—she had used it with the best results and advised me to try it. I found that it worked wonders with me; I now experience no pain, and only had to use a few bottles to bring about this wonderful change."—Miss ALICE M. SMITH, 804 Third Ave., South Minneapolis, Minn.—$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

Many women suffer silently and see their best gifts fade away. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound makes the entire female organism healthy.

FREE ADVICE TO WOMEN

Mrs. Pinkham will give every ailing woman expert advice entirely free. She has helped thousands. Address Lynn, Mass.

One Experience Enough.

"My man," said the parson as he came upon the tired looking farmer loiling under a tree, "why are you not plowing today?"

"Do it tomorrow," was the reply.

"But don't you know that you should not put off till tomorrow what you can do today?"

"I've heard so."

"And don't you think it good advice?"

"Nope."

"What makes you think so?"

"Oh, little expeerience I had."

"What kind of an experience?"

"Buildin' a shack."

"Did you keep putting it off until you finally failed to build it at all?"

"Nope; built it too soon."

"Too soon?"

"Yep. I wanted to wait till the next day, an' my wife wanted it built right away."

"And your wife had her way?"

"Yep; started to build it the very day we struck the country in the kivered wagon an' had it done by dark."

"And then?"

"Oh, in jist about a half hour after it was finished a cyclone come along an' blowed it off the face of the earth. If I'd a-waited till the next day, it 'ud been standin' yet an' I'd been $75 worth of lumber an' the nails ahead. S'long."—Indianapolis Sun.

Made Young Again.

One of Dr. King's New Life Pills each night for two weeks has put me in my 'teens' again" writes D H Turner, of Dempseytown, Pa. They're the best in the world for Liver, Stomach and Bowels. Purely vegetable. Never gripe. Only 25c at C D Bradham's drug store.

Children and Growth.

The year of greatest growth in boys is the seventeenth; in girls, the fourteenth. While girls reach full height in their fifteenth year, they acquire full weight at the age of twenty. Boys are stronger than girls from birth to the eleventh year; then girls become superior physically to the seventeenth year, when the tables are again turned and remain so. From November to April children grow very little and gain no weight; from April to July they gain in height, but lose in weight, and from July to November they increase greatly in weight, but not in height.

A Sprinting Match.

A long haired, long eared mule came ambling up Middle street yesterday afternoon at a rate of speed unusual to that much abused but respectable beast of burden, causing considerable commotion among the leisure ones on the street The animal was checked in his career near Pollock street by a long legged negro who proved to be the best sprinter. The mule appeared to be, and no doubt was surprised at his conduct.

The Passions and Health.

"The passions' effect on the health is not sufficiently regarded," says a physician in the Philadelphia Record. "The passion which is best for the health is avarice. It keeps one cool, encourages regular and industrious habits, leads to abstemiousness and makes against all excess. And hence the avaricious, the misers, live to a great age. The misers of history were all noted for their longevity. Rage is very bad for one. The passion causes an irregular, intermittent beating of the heart, and the intermittency in time may become chronic. Hatred creates fever. If we hate, we grow lean. This hot passion eats us like a flame. Fear is bad for the nerves, the heart and the brain, and therefore we should never permit ourselves to be afraid. But the strangest effects of all have been caused by the passion of grief. The medical books record cases where, coming suddenly in a violent shock, it has caused a loss of blood from the lungs in one person, paralysis of the tongue in another and a failure of sight or temporary blindness in a third."

"Three Sheets in the Wind."

"What was the origin of the phrase for drunkenness, 'three sheets in the wind?'" a landsman asked a sailor the other day. "Well," said the sailor, "I'll explain that matter to you. The two lower corners of a ship's sail are held taut by two ropes, one called a tack and another called a sheet. The tack is always kept very tight, but the sheet is loosened according to the wind, and the looser the sheet is the more freely the sail swings. If the sail is quite free, its sheet is said to be 'in the wind.' Now, suppose that all three of a ship's sails were quite free. They would then fly about very crazily, and the ship would wabble. The course of the ship would be a zigzag one, and the reason for this would be that she had 'three sheets in the wind.' That, I guess, is why a man, when he zigzags in his course, is said to be 'three sheets in the wind' also."—Philadelphia Record.

AT A HORSE AUCTION.

The Proceedings as Viewed From the Horse's Standpoint.

Skipper was a police horse and the pride of the mounted squad until he acquired a spavin. Then he was sent to a sales stable. His experiences there as told by Sewell Ford in "Horses Nine" were as follows:

Skipper was led into a big ring before a lot of men. A man on a box shouted out a number and began to talk very fast. Skipper gathered that he was talking about him. Skipper learned that he was still only six years old and that he had been owned as a saddle horse by a lady who was about to sail for Europe and was closing out her stable. This was news to Skipper.

The man talked very nicely about Skipper. He said he was kind, gentle, sound in wind and limb and was not only trained to the saddle, but would work either single or double. The man wanted to know how much the gentlemen were willing to pay for a bay gelding of this description.

Some one on the outer edge of the crowd said, "Ten dollars."

At this the man on the box grew quite indignant. He asked if the other man wouldn't like a silver mounted harness and a lap robe thrown in.

"Fifteen," said another man.

Somebody else said "Twenty," another man said "Twenty-five," and still another "Thirty." Then there was a hitch. The man on the box began to talk very fast indeed.

"Thutty, thutty, thutty, thutty! Do I hear the five? Thutty, thutty, thutty, thutty. Will you make it five?"

"Thirty-five," said a red faced man who had pushed his way to the front and was looking Skipper over sharply.

The man on the box said "Thutty-five!" a good many times and asked if he "heard forty." Evidently he did not, for he stopped and said very slowly and distinctly, looking expectantly around: "Are you all done? Thirty-five—once; thirty-five—twice; third—and last call—sold for $35!"

When Skipper heard this, he hung his head. When you have been a $250 blue ribboner and the pride of the force, it is sad to be "knocked down" for $35.

From a Cat Scratch

on the arm, to the worst sort of a burn, sore or boil, DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is a quick cure In buying Witch Hazel Salve, be particular to get DeWitts—this is the salve that heals without leaving a scar A specific for blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles. Sold by F S Duffy.

Gounod the Man.

Gounod was one of the most fascinating men I have ever met. His manner had a charm that was irresistible, and his kindly eyes, as soft and melting as a woman's, would light up with a smile now tender, now humorous, that fixed itself ineffaceably upon the memory. He could speak English fairly well, but preferred his own language, in which he was a brilliant conversationalist, and he could use to advantage a fund of keen, ready wit. He was at this time influenced by a recrudescence of that religious mysticism which had strongly characterized his youthful career, but his tone, though earnest and thoughtful when he was dwelling upon his art, could brighten up with the lightness and gayety of a true Parisian.—Hermann Klein in Century.

Solving a Mystery.

Little Tommy—Papa, what is a biped?

Papa—An animal with two legs. For instance, a man is a biped, my boy.

Little Tommy—Well, what's Uncle James? He's only got one leg.—Columbus Dispatch.

Better Than Detraction.

"There are worse things than egotism," says the Mannyunk philosopher. "It is better to talk yourself up than to run other people down."—Philadelphia Record.

Under some conditions a man can make more noise in the world by keeping his mouth shut than in any other way.—Chicago News.

SO DIFFERENT.

Lots of Claims Like This But so Different—Local Proof is What New Bern People Want.

There are a great many of them.
Every paper has its share.
Statements hard to believe, harder to prove.
Statements from far-away places.
What people say in Florida.
Public expression from California.
Oftimes good indorsement there,
But of little service here at home.
New Bern people want local proof.
The sayings of neighbors, friends and citizens.
Home indorsement counts.
It disarms the skeptic; is beyond dispute.
This is the backing that stands behind every box of Doan's Kidney Pills. Here is a case of it:

Charles F Harget, a car painter at the A & N C R R shops, residing at 47 Bern street, says: "I have found great relief by using Doan's Kidney Pills. My back has been hurting me for a long time, often so bad that I could not work. The kidney secretions were very dark and cloudy. Since using Doan's Kidney Pills the secretions have regained their natural color and I do not suffer from the pains in my back at all. I can advise all who are similarly troubled to what I was to go to Bradham's Pharmacy, procure Doan's Kidney Pills and give them a trial. They will not be disappointed in the results."

For sale by all dealers. Price, 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

HIGH PRICED COFFEE.

Yet the Hotel Steward Thought His Charge Was Moderate.

"So you think we charge too much for coffee, do you?" asked the steward of one of New York's fashionable hotels in response to a mild complaint from a guest. "You paid 35 cents for a small pot of coffee with cream, didn't you? You admit that there was nothing the matter with the coffee, but you say you didn't use all of the cream. Maybe you didn't, but some other guest might have wanted more than you did. The coffeepot, pitchers for hot milk and cream and the sugar bowl were of silver. Your cup and saucer were of the very best china. It costs something to make that coffee, and we have to get some return on our investment in the silverware and china. There are two cups of coffee in a small pot, and we would lose money if we sold it at 10 cents a cup.

"There is another thing you must consider—when you go into a high class cafe you are given a table by yourself. No matter how badly we are crowded no one is placed at the table with you. Suppose we sold coffee at popular prices. Don't you know that hundreds of people would be dropping into the cafe just for a cup of coffee in order to see the crowd? They would monopolize all the tables. Don't say a word, but one reason why we put up the price is to keep the coffee drinkers out, so that you may have a table when you want to sit down to champagne and terrapin."—New York Press.

Good Advice.

The most miserable beings in the world are those suffering from Dyspepsia and Liver complaint. More than seventy-five per cent of the people in the United States are afflicted with these two diseases and their effects, such as Sour Stomach, Sick Headache, Habitual Costiveness, Palpitation of the Heart, Heart-burn, Waterbrash, Gnawing and Burning Pains at the Pit of the Stomach, Yellow Skin, Coated Tongue and Disagreeable Taste in the Mouth, Coming up of Food after Eating, Low Spirits, etc. Go to your Druggist and get a bottle of August Flower for 25 or 75 cts. Two doses will relieve you. Try it. All druggists.

Slaughter House Byproducts.

Some of the uses of byproducts of slaughtered animals: The blood is used for the production of albumen, the bones for knife handles, toothbrush handles, chessmen, etc.; the horns for combs, backs of brushes, large buttons, etc.; the hoofs for buttons, ornaments and fertilizers. Neat's foot oil, extracted from the feet, has a high commercial value. The fat is used for glycerin and butterin. Gelatin, glue, pepsin and other articles are obtained from slaughtered cattle and sheep. The value of such articles made every year represents many millions of dollars.

A Little Early Riser

now and then, at bedtime will cure constipation, biliousness and liver troubles. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the famous little pills that cure by arousing the secretions, moving the bowels gently, yet effectually, and giving such tone and strength to the glands of the stomach and liver that the cause of the trouble is removed entirely, and if their use is continued for a few days, there will be no return of the complaint. Sold by F S Duffy.

Sex of Gems.

The Romans, following the Greek mineralogists, divided gems into males and females according to the depth or lightness of their color. These terms are thus alluded to by Theophrastus: "Both these (beryl, carbuncle, omphax, crystal and amethyst) and the sard are found on breaking open certain rocks, presenting certain differences, but agreeing in name with each other. For of the sard the transparent and blood red sort is called the female, while the less transparent and darker kind is termed the male, and the cyanus also is named one sort the male and the other the female, but the male is the deeper in color of the two." The cyanus, or cyanos, of the ancients is said, though probably incorrectly, by many modern mineralogists to be identical with our sapphire.

The Letter "M" in Mother.

It has been pointed out as a curious fact that the letter "M" in almost all known languages—English, French, Latin, Spanish, Greek, Hebrew, Chinese and the others—is to be found in the word which stands for mother or nurse. Perhaps this is owing to its representing a sound which exists in every spoken speech and has the same pronunciation in them all. It is also exceedingly easy to utter and is one of the first sounds that children make, and it therefore naturally enters into the appellation given to the nursing parent in the first cries of recognition and affection. There is no doubt at all that "ma" and the other baby names for mother originated directly from the child.

An Observing Child.

One man in New York had social aspirations which somewhat warped his admiration of his homespun father. The father actually sometimes relapses into the barbarism of eating with his knife. But the man has a little son whose eyes seek and find out the truth. The other day the little boy licked some mashed potatoes from his knife, and his mother chided him. "Sammy, dear," she said, "only stupid people eat with their knives." "How can you say that, mamma?" cried the child. "Grandpa eats with his knife. And he made all our money!"

Rheumatism Cured in a Day by Mystic Cure For Rheumatism.

"Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits. 75 cents and $1.

Sold by T. A. Henry, Druggist, New Bern.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure
Digests what you eat.

MERCURY

A POOR CRUTCH.

Experience is a dear teacher, as those who pin their faith to Mercury find out sooner or later. This powerful poison combined with Potash, is the treatment generally prescribed for Contagious Blood Poison, but failure and disappointment is the invariable result. These minerals drive in the sores and eruptions, and apparently the disease is gone and the patient believes the cure permanent, but soon learns better when the old symptoms return almost as soon as the treatment is left off. You must either keep the system saturated with mercury or endure the tortures of sore mouth, ulcerated throat and the mortification that one naturally feels when the body is covered with disgusting sores, rashes, copper-colored splotches and other aggravating symptoms of this vile disease.

Mercury and Potash are poor crutches, and their use eventually breaks down the constitution, ruins the digestion and cause the bones to decay.

SSS S. S. S., a guaranteed purely vegetable remedy, is the only antidote for Contagious Blood Poison. It destroys every atom of the deadly virus, overcomes the bad effects of the mercury and cleanses the blood and system so thoroughly that never after are any signs of the disease seen. Nor is the taint ever transmitted to others.

We will send free our book on Contagious Blood Poison, which is interesting and contains full directions for treating yourself at home. Medical advice or any special information desired given without charge.

THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.

Preferred Hogs to Land.

They tell a good one on a prominent real estate man of Waurika. Some time ago he carried a prospector over on Beaver creek to show him a certain claim. He told the man that it was an exceptionally fine claim, that the land did not overflow and that he would sell it to him for $4,000. The man looked around and discovered some red mud way up in a tree and asked the real estate man what caused that mud in the tree tops if the land did not overflow. The agent promptly replied that there was a kind of hog raised over in the Chickasaw country which used to range on the creek and that they rubbed the mud on the trees. The prospector took a look over the land, glanced up in the tree again and told the Waurika man that he wouldn't take the claim, but he would give him $4,000 for a couple of those hogs.—Kansas City Journal.

A Startling Test.

To save a life, Dr. T. G. Merritt, of No. Mehoopany, Pa., made a startling test resulting in a wonderful cure. He writes, "a patient was attacked with violent hemorrhages, caused by ulceration of the stomach. I had often found Electric Bitters excellent for acute stomach and liver troubles so I prescribed them. The patient gained from the first and has not had an attack in 14 months." Electric bitters are positively guaranteed for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Constipation and Kidney troubles. Try them Only 50c at C D Bradham's.

Rosemary.

In the south of Europe the rosemary has long had magic properties ascribed to it. The Spanish ladies used to wear it as an antidote against the evil eye, and the Portuguese called it the elfin plant and dedicated it to the fairies. The idea of the antidote may have been due to a confusion of the name with that of the Virgin; but, as a matter of fact, the rosmarinus is frequently mentioned by old Latin writers, including Horace and Ovid. The name came from the fondness of the plant for the seashore, where it often gets sprinkled with the "ros," or dew of the sea—that is to say, sea spray. Another cause of confusion perhaps was that the leaves of the plant somewhat resemble those of the juniper, which in mediæval times was held sacred to the Virgin Mary.—All the Year Round.

A Sure Thing.

It is said that nothing is sure except death and taxes, but that is not altogether true. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is a sure cure for all lung and throat troubles. Thousands can testify to that. Mrs. C. B. VanMetre of Shepherdtown, W. Va., says "I had a severe case of Bronchitis and for a year tried everything I heard of, but got no relief. One bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery then cured me absolutely." It's infallible for Croup, Whooping Cough, Grip, Pneumonia and Consumption. Try it. It's guaranteed by C. D Bradham, druggist. Trial bottles free. Reg. sizes 50c, $1.00.

A Religion That Grows.

The idea that Mohammedanism is "played out" would be a dangerous one for statesmen to bank upon. It isn't.

Mohammed began his career as a prophet more than 600 years later than the beginning of the Christian era. At present he has 170,000,000 disciples, more than one-third as many as there are Christians in the world.

Nine hundred years ago there were in India no Mohammedans. Now there are 50,000,000, and they are increasing in number constantly. They are by all odds the most energetic subjects in British India.

The western wave of Mohammedanism rolled up to the farthest corner of Spain, up to the walls of Vienna, and then began to recede, but the shrinking process was accompanied by expansion elsewhere. In Africa Mohammedanism is steadily proselyting. Russia in Europe has 3,000,000 followers of the prophet, more than there are in what is called "Turkey in Europe."

Asia, however, the realm of future growth, is the Mohammedan stronghold. To less than 4,000,000 native Christians there are 100,000,000 Mohammedans.—New York World.

The Duke's "Fifteen Clock."

An ingenious timekeeping arrangement exists today which was designed by that famous Duke of Bridgewater who laced South Lancashire with canals and died a hundred years ago. The duke was a great stickler for punctuality, and he was annoyed that the workmen on his estate at Worsley did not return to work after dinner as promptly as they left off when the clock struck 12. When he remonstrated, he was told that while the workmen always heard the clock strike 12, they often failed to hear the single stroke of 1. The Duke of Bridgewater quickly found a remedy for this difficulty. He had a clock made that would strike thirteen times an hour after noon, and that clock proclaims 1 o'clock with a baker's dozen of sonorous strokes to this day. The "thirteen clock" is one of the curiosities of Bridgewater Hall.—Westminster Gazette.

An Irish Duel.

The annals of the Emerald Isle bristle with incidents of dueling in which Irish humor, if not at all times Irish bravery, is conspicuous. On one occasion Sir Jonah Barrington fought a duel with a barrister named McNally. The latter had one leg shorter than the other and because it was his habit when in a hurry to take two thirteen steps with the short leg to bring up the space made by the long one he was nicknamed "One Pound Two." McNally could get no one of his friends to fit him, and so he challenged Barrington, who good naturedly endeavored to shoot in the Phœnix park.

The baronet hit his opponent in the braces, then called the "gallows," and feared he had killed him. When the result was made known, one of the seconds shouted, "Mac, you are the only rogue I ever knew who was saved by the gallows."

The X-Rays.

Recent experiments, by practical tests and examination with the aid of the X Rays, establish it as a fact that Catarrh of the Stomach is not a disease of itself, but that it results from repeated attacks of Indigestion. "How Can I Cure My Indigestion?" Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is curing thousands. It will cure cases of Indigestion and dyspepsia, and prevent or cure Catarrh of the Stomach. Kodol digests what you eat—makes the stomach sweet. Sold by F. S. Duffy.

Asking a Good Deal.

"How about the rent of this house of yours, Flitter? Doesn't the landlord ask a good deal for it?"

Flitter—Yes; he often asks five and six times a month for it.—New Yorker.

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Literary Property.

For some time past it has been less or some the [illegible] considered a good word, any sort of words being considered instead. With patriotic [illegible] the suggestion of poetry is held to be fated to success. It is probable that in another ten years some member of parliament will introduce a short bill making the production of any other sort of poem a criminal offense, and it is not impossible that the member of parliament will be a publisher.—Macmillan's Magazine.

Quick Arrest.

J. A. Gulledge of Verbena, Ala., was twice in the hospital from a severe case of piles causing 24 tumors. After doctors and all remedies failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve quickly arrested further inflammation and cured him. It conquers aches and kills pain. 25c at C D Bradham's, druggist.

Proof Positive.

Miss Charcoal—I tell yo', Miss Johnsing, dese heah patent medicine ads jes' don't no 'count at all. I've been usin' dis yere lily balm face bleach fo' a year now, an' it 'fected me none.—Exchange.

Not Settled.

Jones—Does he love her still?

Johnson—No; her father keeps him on the jump all the time.—Kansas City Independent.