EX-AUDITOR GENERAL STONE AND OTHERS.

Speak of the Benefit Received From the Use of Pink Pills for Pale People.

From the State Republican, Lansing, Mich.

We are very much pleased to give to our readers to-day the results of several interviews with citizens of Lansing as to the merits of the ever popular Pink Pills. When this preparation first became known to this part of the State it attracted immediate attention owing to the quaintness of the name—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. The name signified in a measure the purpose for which the pills were intended. Since their introduction probably no other medicine has equalled it in extent of sales. Why is this so? Is the popularity of Pink Pills due to the name? Yes and no. The individuality of the name doubtless hastened their introduction, but their fame is due only to their great merits. It was a surprise to your reporter to find so many people ready to talk for them; and if any reader will take trouble to inquire, he will be surprised to learn how many of his friends have taken and are taking the deservedly popular medicine. The first gentleman interviewed was the Ex-Auditor General of the State, Geo. W. Stone, Esq., of Lansing, who spoke as follows:

"I have used Williams' Pink Pills now for a period of about four years, beginning when I was Auditor General. Whenever I am nervous or run down, as I am occasionally, from business, worry and overwork, I have taken them and I have never been able to find anything so good, although I have tried everything, including strychnine, iron and quinine and other remedies."

The next person whom your reporter saw was Mrs. H. M. Rulison, of 728 High Street, Lansing.

"I took several boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills about three years ago. I felt much better after taking the first box and I think they did me a great deal of good."

The next was W. A. Dietz, of 535 Cedar Street, N. Lansing, who, as his many friends know, was a paralytic for ten years. His statement shows the value of Pink Pills in extreme nervous disorders:

"I have had paralysis for about ten years. I began to take Williams' Pink Pills about three months ago. I have tried nearly every remedy I could hear of, but these pills did me more good than anything else I ever tried. I noticed their good effects first because they removed the bloating which troubled me. I was very nervous. The slightest excitement or loud noise would cause great drops of sweat to stand out on my hands and face. This condition has also been greatly improved by the use of the pills."

Here follows an account of another cure of paralysis:

"I was taken with a stroke of paralysis one year ago last April, and for ten months was not able to walk down town, a distance of three quarters of a mile. About August 1, 1895, after having had doctors and having tried many remedies I began to take Williams' Pink Pills. When I had taken them for a time I began to improve and soon felt more like myself. Before I began to take the pills I could not articulate plainly and could not write my name. My feet and legs were as useless as a new born baby's. I am now able to speak, write and walk as well as ever. My strength is not entirely restored, but my general health is good and I am gaining rapidly. I have recommended the pills to several of my friends and they cannot say too much for the benefit they have derived from them."

DAVID T. NICHOLS,
712 Ionia Street.

The following interview was had with Mr. A. L. Landon, of 228 Larch Street, N. Lansing:

"I had pain in my back, accompanying kidney and urinary trouble. I began to take Williams' Pink Pills about a year ago and was relieved of my trouble, and I am satisfied that the pills did me more good than any other remedy I have taken."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are a specific for troubles peculiar to females, such as suppressions, irregularities and all forms of weakness. They build up the blood, and restore the glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks. In men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork or excesses of whatever nature. They are manufactured by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y., and are sold by all druggists at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50.

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They have no confidence in themselves, and only too often lose faith in their physicians.

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What are our faults to some are our virtues to others.

THE TREASURE OF FRANCHARD.

BY ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

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CHAPTER XIV.—(CONTINUED.)

"What a streak of luck for you, my good brother," he observed, when the table was over. "If you had gone to Paris, you would have played duck-and-drake with the whole consignment in three months. Your own would have followed; and you would have come to me in a procession like the last time. But I give you warning—Stasie may weep and Henri ratiocinate—it will not serve you twice. Your next collapse will be fatal. I thought I had told you so, Stasie? Hey? No sense?"

The Doctor winced and looked furtively at Jean-Marie; but the boy seemed apathetic.

"And then again," broke out Casimir, "what children you are—vicious children, my faith! How could you tell the value of this trash? It might have been worth nothing, or next door."

"Pardon me," said the Doctor. "You have your usual flow of spirits, I perceive, but even less than your usual deliberation. I am not entirely ignorant of these matters."

"Not entirely ignorant of anything ever I heard of," interrupted Casimir, bowing, and raising his glass with a sort of pert politeness.

"At least," resumed the Doctor, "I gave my mind to the subject—that you may be willing to believe—and I estimated that our capital would be doubled." And he described the nature of the find.

"My word of honor!" said Casimir, "I half believe you! But much would depend on the quality of the gold."

"The quality, my dear Casimir, was——" And the Doctor, in default of language, kissed his finger tips.

"I would not take your word for it, my good friend," retorted the man of business. "You are a man of very rosy views. But this robbery," he continued—"this robbery is an odd thing. Of course I pass over your nonsense about gangs and landscape-painters. For me, that is a dream. Who was in the house last night?"

"None but ourselves," replied the Doctor.

"And this young gentleman?" asked Casimir, jerking a nod in the direction of Jean-Marie.

"He too"—the Doctor bowed.

"Well; and, if it is a fair question, who is he?" pursued the brother-in-law.

"Jean-Marie," answered the Doctor, "combines the functions of a son and stable-boy. He began as the latter, but he rose rapidly to the more honorable rank in our affections. He is, I may say, the greatest comfort in our lives."

"Ha!" said Casimir. "And previous to becoming one of you?"

"Jean-Marie has lived a remarkable existence; his experience has been eminently formative," replied Desprez. "If I had to choose an education for my son, I should have chosen such another. Beginning life with mountebanks and thieves, passing onward to the society and friendship of philosophers, he may be said to have skimmed the volume of human life."

"Thieves?" repeated the brother-in-law, with a meditative air.

The Doctor could have bitten his tongue out. He foresaw what was coming, and prepared his mind for a vigorous defense.

"Did you ever steal yourself?" asked Casimir, turning suddenly on Jean-Marie, and for the first time employing a single eyeglass which hung round his neck.

"Yes, sir," replied the boy, with a deep blush.

CHAPTER XV.

CASIMIR turned to the others with pursed lips, and nodded to them meaningly. "Hey?" said he; "how is that?"

"Jean-Marie is a teller of the truth," returned the Doctor, throwing out his bust.

"He has never told a lie," added madame. "He is the best of boys."

"Never told a lie, has he not?" reflected Casimir. "Strange, very strange. Give me your attention, my young friend," he continued. "You knew about this treasure?"

"He helped to bring it home," interposed the Doctor.

"Desprez, I ask you nothing but to hold your tongue," returned Casimir. "I mean to question this stable-boy of yours; and if you are so certain of his innocence, you can afford to let him answer for himself. Now, sir," he resumed, pointing his eyeglass straight at Jean-Marie, "you knew it could be stolen with impunity? You knew you could not be prosecuted? Come! Did you or did you not?"

"I did," answered Jean-Marie, in a miserable whisper. He sat there changing color like a revolving pharos, twisting his fingers hysterically, swallowing air, the picture of guilt.

"You knew where it was put?" resumed the inquisitor.

"Yes," from Jean-Marie.

"You say you have been a thief before," continued Casimir. "Now, how am I to know that you are not one still? I suppose you could climb the green gate?"

"Yes," still lower, from the culprit.

"Well, then, it was you who stole these things. You know it, and you dare not deny it. Look me in the face! Raise your sneak's eyes, and answer!"

But in place of anything of that sort Jean-Marie broke into a dismal howl and fled from the arbor. Anastasie, as she pursued to capture and reassure the victim, found time to send one Parthian arrow—"Casimir, you are a brute!"

"My brother," said Desprez, with the greatest dignity, "you take upon yourself a license——"

"Desprez," interrupted Casimir, "for Heaven's sake be a man of the world. You telegraph me to leave my business and come down here on yours. I come, I ask the business, you say 'Find me this thief!' Well, I find him; I say 'There he is!' You need not like it, but you have no manner of right to take offense."

"Well," returned the Doctor, "I grant that; I will even thank you for your mistaken zeal. But your hypothesis was so extravagantly monstrous——"

"Look here," interrupted Casimir; "was it you or Stasie?"

"Certainly not," answered the Doctor.

"Very well; then it was the boy. Say no more about it," said the brother-in-law, and he produced his cigar-case.

"I will say this much more," returned Desprez: "if that boy came and told me so himself, I should not believe him; and if I did believe him, so implicit is my trust, I should conclude that he had acted for the best."

"Well, well," said Casimir, indulgently. "Have you a light? I must be going. And by the way, I wish you would let me sell your Turks for you. I always told you, it meant smash. I told you so again. Indeed, it was partly that that brought me down. You never acknowledge my letters—an unpardonable habit."

"My good brother," replied the Doctor blandly, "I have never denied your ability in business; but I can perceive your limitations."

"Egad, my friend, I can return the compliment," observed the man of business. "Your limitation is to be downright irrational."

"Observe the relative position," returned the Doctor with a smile. "It is your attitude to believe through thick and thin in one man's judgment—your own. I follow the same opinion, but critically and with open eyes. Which is the more irrational?—I leave it to yourself."

"Oh, my dear fellow!" cried Casimir, "stick to your Turks, stick to your stable-boy, go to the devil in general in your own way and be done with it. But don't ratiocinate with me—I cannot bear it. And so, ta-ta. I might as well have stayed away for any good I've done. Say good-bye from me to Stasie, and to the sullen hang-dog of a stable-boy, if you insist on it; I'm off."

And Casimir departed. The Doctor, that night, dissected his character before Anastasie. "One thing, my beautiful," he said, "he has learned one thing from his lifelong acquaintance with your husband: the word ratiocinate. It shines in his vocabulary, like a jewel in a muck-heap. And, even so, he continually misapplies it. For you must have observed he uses it as a sort of taunt, in the case of to ergotize, implying, as it were—the poor, dear fellow!—a vein of sophistry. As for his cruelty to Jean-Marie, it must be forgiven him—it is not his nature, it is the nature of his life. A man who deals with money, my dear, is a man lost."

With Jean-Marie the process of reconciliation had been somewhat slow. At first he was inconsolable, insisted on leaving the family, went from paroxysm to paroxysm of tears; and it was only after Anastasie had been closeted for an hour with him, alone, that she came forth, sought out the Doctor, and with tears in her eyes, acquainted that gentleman with what had passed.

"At first, my husband, he would hear of nothing," she said. "Imagine! if he had left us! what would the treasure be to that? Horrible treasure, it has brought all this about! At last, after he has sobbed his very heart out, he agrees to stay on a condition—we are not to mention this matter, this infamous suspicion, not even to mention the robbery. On that agreement only, the poor, cruel boy will consent to remain among his friends."

"But this inhibition," said the Doctor, "this embargo—it cannot possibly apply to me?"

"To all of us," Anastasie assured him.

"My cherished one," Desprez protested, "you must have misunderstood it. It cannot apply to me. He would naturally come to me."

"Henri," she said, "it does; I swear to you it does."

"This is a painful, a very painful circumstance," the Doctor said, looking a little back. "I cannot affect, Anastasie, to be anything but justly wounded. I feel this, I feel it, my wife, acutely."

"I knew you would," she said. "But if you had seen his distress! We must make allowances, we must sacrifice our feelings."

"I trust, my dear, you have never found me averse to sacrifices," returned the Doctor very stiffly.

"And you will let me go and tell him that you have agreed? It will be like your noble nature," she cried.

So it would, he perceived—it would be like his noble nature! Up jumped his spirits, triumphant at the thought. "Go, darling," he said nobly, "reassure him. The subject is buried; more—I make an effort, I have accustomed my will to these exertions—and it is forgotten."

A little after, but still with swollen eyes and looking mortally sheepish, Jean-Marie reappeared and went ostentatiously about his business. He was the only unhappy member of the party that sat down that night to supper. As for the Doctor, he was radiant. He thus sang the requiem of the treasure:

"This has been, on the whole, a most amusing episode," he said. "We are not a penny the worse—nay, we are immensely gainers. Our philosophy has been exercised; some of the turtle is still left—the most wholesome of delicacies; I have my staff, Anastasie has her new dress, Jean-Marie is the proud possessor of a fashionable kepi. Besides, we had a glass of Hermitage last night; the glow still suffuses my memory. I was growing positively niggardly. Let me take the hint: we had one bottle to celebrate the appearance of our visionary fortune; let us have a second to console us for its occultation. The third I hereby dedicate to Jean-Marie's wedding breakfast."

CHAPTER XVI.

THE Doctor's house has not yet received the compliment of a description, and it is now high time that the omission were supplied, for the house is itself an actor in the story, and one whose part is nearly at an end. Two stories in height, walls of a warm yellow, tiles of an ancient ruddy brown diversified with moss and lichen, it stood with one wall to the street in the angle of the Doctor's property. It was roomy, draughty, and inconvenient. The large rafters were here and there engraven with rude marks and patterns; the handrail of the stairs was carved in countrified arabesque; a stout timber pillar, which did duty to support the dining-room roof, bore mysterious characters on its darker side, runes, according to the Doctor; nor did he fail, when he ran over the legendary history of the house and its possessors, to dwell upon the Scandinavian scholar who had left them. Floors, doors, and rafters made a great variety of angles; every room had a particular inclination; the gable had tilted toward the garden, after the manner of a leaning tower, and one of the former proprietors had buttressed the building from that side with a great strut of wood, like the derrick of a crane. Altogether, it had many marks of ruin; it was a house for the rats to desert; and nothing but its excellent brightness—the window-glass polished and shining, the paint well scoured, the brasses radiant, the very prop all wreathed about with climbing flowers—nothing but its air of a well-tended, smiling veteran, sitting, crutch and all, in the sunny corner of a garden, marked it as a house for comfortable people to inhabit. In poor or idle management it would soon have hurried into the blackguard stages of decay. As it was, the whole family loved it, and the Doctor was never better inspired than when he narrated its imaginary story and drew the character of its successive masters, from the Hebrew merchant who had re-edified its walls after the sack of the town, and past the mysterious engraver of the runes, down to the long-headed, dirty-handed boor from whom he had himself acquired it at a ruinous expense. As for any alarm about its security, the idea had never presented itself. What had stood four centuries might well endure a little longer.

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CALIFORNIA HISTORY.

Only Accident Prevented It from Becoming Russian Territory.

Nothing perhaps but the accident of the establishment of the Hudson Bay Company and the Northwest Fur Company saved northern California from becoming a Russian province, says the San Francisco Chronicle. Virtus Bering closed a life of adventure by planting the Russian flag in Alaska in 1741. Four years later Sitka was founded. A quarter of a century elapsed before the Spaniards undertook their first northern advance from San Diego and Monterey. If the English fur hunters had not intervened between the two, Spaniards and Russians would have gravitated toward each other and in that case the chances are that the Golden Gate and the Sacramento would have been the dividing line between them. Until the close of the eighteenth century hunting and fishing on the Alaskan shores were conducted by individual enterprise. The fur seal and sea otter were hunted by Siberians, who sailed the stormy seas of the north in craft sewn together with thongs and calked with moss. They belonged to the primitive order of savages, among whom robbery, outrage and murder were the ordinary events of the day, and at whose hands the meek Aleut bent his neck to the knife as the inoffensive Peruvian had crouched before the countrymen of Pizarro a century before. In the last year of the eighteenth century order was established in Russian America. A company in which the members of the imperial family and the Muscovite nobility were shareholders, was founded on the plan of the British East India Company and the Hudson Bay Company. Exclusive rights of hunting and fishing were conferred upon it. Its jurisdiction within its territory was as broad as that of the czar himself. The Aleuts and their neighbors held their lives and property at its mercy. They were not only slaves but no slave code threw over them a semblance of protection. Over this corporation was sent Gen. Baranoff, whom Astor's agent, Hunt, described as a hyperborean veteran, overflowing with hospitality, who, if his guests did not drink raw rum and boiling punch as strong as sulphur, would insult them when he got drunk, which would be shortly after he sat down to the table. He served the company faithfully for thirty years, and then was thrown over to starve at the age of 72.

ARE WE MICROBES?

A Theory That Human Beings and All Life Are Aggregations of Them.

M. Paris, who succeeded to the seat of great Pasteur in the French academy, referred in his inaugural address to the interesting theory that human beings and all life are aggregations of microbes, says the New York Journal. "The microbes," he said, "were known before Pasteur but the part which they played in nature was not clearly discerned. They penetrate into the tissues of the human body and produce infectious disease; they people the air; they fill the water; they saturate the soil; they dwell in animals and plants; they develop us, serve our purposes and threaten us from all sides. Nay, they are, perhaps, ourselves. The life of superior beings appears to science as the result of myriads of these elementary existences. Their colonies, more and more populous and differentiated, compose all from the merest insect to the rose, the cedar, the eagle, the whale, the man, the immense and dazzling network in the meshes of which they ceaselessly circulate, destroy and yet renewed, ever since there has been produced and without doubt produced by them on this globe of ours the mysterious dawning of life. This, therefore, is what the study of microbes has revealed to amazed humanity."

How Cork Stoppers Are Made.

The cork oak is said to grow and even thrive in America, but the material obtained is of such an inferior quality that all attempts to raise it here have been abandoned in favor of the product from southern Europe, says an exchange. Spain and Portugal produce the best corks. The finest cork oak forests are found in the interior of these countries, those near the coast being liable to the attacks of a parasite which quickly destroys them. The trees are not barked until they are fifteen years old; after that they can undergo the spoliation every three years without detriment. A strong, healthy tree will yield its bark for 150 years. The season for stripping the trees is the summer, and the work gives employment to large numbers of men, who earn on an average about 60 cents a day. The process of manufacture is simple. It consists of boiling the bark in sheets to thicken and make it more elastic, after which the corks are stamped out of the sheets. All over southern Europe many articles such as coffins, kitchen pails, pillows, shoes, boots and drinking vessels are made from cork.

Very Small.

"Now, George," said Mr. Minos, pouring out a finger of whisky and handing it to the aged darky, "this is the finest stuff in the world. You have never tasted anything like it. It is 18 years old. What do you think of it?" After George had rolled it over his tongue and sucked it between his few remaining teeth, and swallowed it slowly and reflectively, lifting his eyes to heaven, he replied: "Mars John, it's pow-ful little fur its age."—New York Press.

The Italian colony in Chicago numbers about 30,000.

MICHIGAN'S LEGISLATORS.

The senators failed to get the joint resolution, to raise their salaries to $800 a session, through, but the vote was reconsidered and the resolution laid on the table to be taken up again later on. The bill to permit the practice of osteopathy was passed by the Senate as were the following measures: For the protection of sidepaths constructed for the use of bicyclists; providing a penalty for neglect to have the stars and stripes displayed outside or within public school buildings. Bills passed by the House: Restoring Fort Mackinac to the United States and authorizing the Mackinac Island State park commission to convey the fort site, which includes 400 feet of land around and contiguous to it; providing for plugging abandoned salt wells, exempting only those where fresh water is injected into the salt bed, and exempting all of Huron county; limiting the realty holdings of corporations formed from leasing and selling real estate to 400 acres; requiring administrators, executors and guardians to file accounts at least once a year; to prevent the adulteration of baking powders; authorizing board of supervisors to reduce the number of road commissioners to two.

The Senate refused to dictate to the U. S. congress what legislation it should consider, by killing Senator Bostwick's measure calling upon Michigan's delegation in congress to favor a law for the establishment of a postal savings bank system by the government. The following bills were passed, however: Limiting the liability of hotel keepers upon the baggage and valuables of guests; repealing the law allowing prison authorities to sell tickets of admission to their institutions; providing a penalty for the giving of false information to school census enumerators; for service upon corporations of a process issued from the circuit court; for the use of any thoroughly tested voting machine in elections of the state; for the bonding of the village of Yale for water works. The most of the business transacted in the House was in committee of the whole and the most important matter there considered was the oleomargarine bill, which was agreed to and which provides a penalty for the coloring of butter substitutes in imitation of butter. The House passed the following bills: Authorizing the use at elections of any thoroughly tested voting machines; authorizing Grand Rapids to bond for $300,000 for improving the navigation of Grand river; restricting the size of nets used for fishing in the Clinton river to 12 feet square.

With only 17 Senators present the upper house of the state legislature passed the following bills, but attempted very little other business: Attaching Isle Royale to the county of Keweenaw; amending the laws so that street cars need not come to a full stop before crossing steam railroad tracks where interlocking switches are used; providing that the lowest step of the railroad car platform must not be higher than 12 inches above the rails; authorizing Lake Linden to purchase property for a water works. The House passed the oleomargarine bill by a vote of 56 to 19, but an attempt will be made by its opponents to reconsider it. Other bills passed by the House: To prohibit children under 16 from being on the streets, parks or alleys in cities and incorporated villages after 8:30 o'clock at night; to prevent the introduction of San Jose scale or other injurious insects or infectious diseases of trees, vines or plants; authorizing the board of state auditors to investigate and settle any claims found to be due the county of Alpena against the state; to regulate and license the business of hawking and peddling goods, wares and merchandise in the several townships and villages of the state.

This is a specimen of the proceedings of a week-end session of the Senate. Twenty members present; Senator Loomis read the twenty-third Psalm and repeated the Lord's prayer; a resolution passed authorizing payment of a bill of $18.30 for mineral water used in the Senate during March; Senator Barnum given leave of absence for one week by a unanimous vote; adjourned for four days. The House accomplished something more than this, but there were many evidences of a feverish haste to get through the business on hand and get away. Bills passed by the House: Authorizing street railway companies to do a suburban express business and to carry the same through cities between 8 p. m. and 8 a. m. without permission of common councils, and to carry in the day time, under such regulations as common councils may prescribe; authorizing the governing bodies of religious societies to receive up to $30,000 by gift or request, when the same is to be invested and the income derived therefrom applied to the payment of the salaries of clergy, provided none of the money is loaned on real estate at more than half the value of the realty; prohibiting circuit judges or their law partners from practicing law in the state; giving state factory inspectors power to inspect elevators and requiring all factories to furnish proper wash rooms and dressing rooms for employes. Gov. Pingree sent in a message vetoing the Flint charter bill. He said that he had received petitions aggregating 1,600 names of electors of Flint asking him not to sign the bill and it seemed to him to show plainly the need of a home rule bill such as is embodied in the Lusk-Gordon bill now before the legislature.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

	Cattle	Sheep	Lambs	Hogs
New York—				
Best grades...	$4 50@5 20	$5 00	$6 35	$4 50
Lower grades..	2 50@4 25	4 00	5 00	4 30
Chicago—				
Best grades...	5 00@5 30	4 25	5 00	4 20
Lower grades..	2 50@4 50	3 50	4 50	4 05
Detroit—				
Best grades...	4 40@4 70	4 50	5 50	4 25
Lower grades..	2 25@4 00	3 50	4 00	4 15
Buffalo—				
Best grades...	4 50@4 90	4 60	6 00	4 30
Lower grades..	3 00@4 10	4 00	5 00	4 00
Cincinnati—				
Best grades...	4 50@4 65	4 25	5 25	4 15
Lower grades..	3 00@4 25	3 00	3 75	4 00
Cleveland—				
Best grades...	4 00@4 40	4 50	5 50	4 25
Lower grades..	2 00@3 80	3 50	4 00	4 15
Pittsburg—				
Best grades...	4 25@4 65	4 50	5 85	4 25
Lower grades..	2 25@3 90	3 00	4 85	4 10

GRAIN, ETC.

	Wheat, No. 2 red	Corn, No. 2 mix	Oats, No. 2 white
New York	80@81	29@29½	21@21½
Chicago	71@71¾	24@24¼	17@17¼
*Detroit	86@86½	24@24½	18@18½
Toledo	88@88½	24@24½	17@17½
Cincinnati	86@86½	25@25½	18@18½
Cleveland	86@86½	24@24½	19@19½
Pittsburg	89@89½	28@28½	22@22½
Buffalo	86@86½	27@27½	20@20½

*Detroit—No. 1 Timothy Hay, $9.50 per ton. Potatoes, new Bermudas, $2.25 per bu; old, 20c. Live Poultry, chickens, 8c per lb; turkeys, 11c; ducks, 10c. Eggs, fresh, 9c per doz. Butter, dairy, 16c per lb; creamery, 19c.

John Combs, treasurer of Jamestown, Ottawa county, had a pet goat which proved a costly one. Combs had placed about $400 in bills and $100 in coin in an iron pot under his house for safe keeping. The goat found the cache and ate the bills. His goatship was promptly slaughtered and the bills, badly chewed, were found in his stomach and were sent to Washington. The treasury officials redeemed $130.

Lieut. Peary is preparing plans for another Arctic expedition.

AN ACCIDENT.

Mr. Quintus Hummel, of 118 Michigan Ave., Detroit, tells a War Story of his own Experience, and the Result.

(From Detroit News.)

Our representative called at 118 Michigan Avenue, the residence of Mr. Quintus Hummel. Mr. Hummel is a veteran, of the late war, and received, in the campaign, an injury which has given him much pain and suffering since. He belonged to a Michigan cavalry regiment and his horse becoming frightened one day reared up, throwing him backward. In falling he struck his spine on a sharp stone, inflicting a deep cut over five inches long. The injury affected the kidneys. About two years ago the left kidney started to bleed, and has been doing so ever since. Mr. Hummel, in a few pointed sentences, gave our representative the following account:

"The accident of my 'war days' left me in bad shape; pain in my back and spine rendered me almost useless, and I was compelled to give up work entirely. I could not turn over in bed without assistance. I have spent hundreds of dollars in various ways trying to find relief. Physicians have told me my spine was honey-combed for 13 inches. I had given up in despair, never hoping for relief, when a friend told me about Doan's Kidney Pills, and they have done me a world of good. The pains have disappeared from my back, and the bleeding of my kidney has almost entirely stopped. I know I can never be entirely cured, as I would have to be 'a new man,' but Doan's Kidney Pills have done more to make me feel like 'a new man' than all the other things I have tried during past years. I have not had any recurrence of the pain or bleeding since taking them."

Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents, by mail, from Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name, Doan's, and take no other.

John Perry, a tramp, was caught while crossing the bridge of the C. P. & V. railroad at Batavia. To save his life he jumped to the water below, a distance of 75 feet. He was rescued without serious injuries.

A COUNTERFEITER CAUGHT.

The Police of Syracuse Make an Important Capture.

On Monday the 15th, Harold Marquisee, of Utica, N. Y., was arrested in Syracuse, N. Y., on a warrant sworn out by the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., charging him with forgery. On the 15th of December Marquisee visited a photo engraver in Syracuse, saying he was the representative of the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., and arranged for the making of a full set of plates for the direction sheets, labels, etc., of the famous Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. News of this reached the home office, and no time was lost in arranging for his arrest when he should return for the plates. He returned on the 15th and was accordingly arrested and is now in jail in Syracuse awaiting examination.

This arrest proves to be an important one. In addition to various plunder, such as medical books, typewriters, rugs, etc., found in Marquisee's trunk when arrested, the police also found counterfeit coin both in the trunk and on his person, and in a search of his apartments at Utica found a complete outfit for counterfeiting consisting of crucibles, bellows, nickel, lead, bismuth, antimony, a small blacksmith forge, a charcoal furnace, and several plaster of paris molds. The United States marshals want him just as soon as the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co. are through with him, and no doubt, he will be sentenced for a long period.

In selecting Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for his counterfeiting operations, he showed his knowledge of the proprietary medical business, for these pills are in such great demand that they are easily sold at any drug store in the United States. His scheme was to work the country druggists and sell his imitation at a discount of from 2 per cent to 5 per cent, explaining the reduced price by the fact that he had picked them up in small lots and at a discount from jobbers who were over-stocked. By working fast and making long jumps, he would have secured many hundreds of dollars in a short time. The proprietors of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are most fortunate to have caught the rogue before he had fairly started, and to have thus kept these spurious goods out of the market.

Let your ambition ever be to do all the good you can in order to make the world every day wiser and better.

Time is infinitely long, and each day is a vessel in which a great deal may be poured if we actually fill it up.

"I contracted a severe cold from wet and exposure. Bronchitis followed. Doctors failed to relieve me. Several of the members of my family had died of consumption, and I thought I was doomed. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup brought instant relief and perfect cure." M. Unger, Union Corner, Northumberland Co., Pa.

Secretary of State Sherman is confined to his house with a severe attack of lumbago.

Lane's Family Medicine

Moves the bowels each day. In order to be healthy this is necessary. Acts gently on the liver and kidneys. Cures sick headache. Price 25c and 50c.

Poverty.

Our American civilization is the wonder and the disappointment of the world. Our institutions are new, yet they exhibit the rust and stiffness of old age. Our natural resources are but slightly developed, and contain wealth enough to make the whole world rich; yet the cry of the industrious unemployed is heard in every city and town.—Rev. H. N. Gasson.

Skin and blood diseases, causing all sorts of dire disasters to human happiness, are easily and quickly cured by Burdock Blood Bitters, from a common pimple to the worst scrofulous sore.

Are you a sufferer from that terrible plague, Itching Piles? Doan's Ointment will bring you instant relief and permanent cure. Get it from your dealer.

The Chinese dress in white at funerals and in black at weddings, while old women always serve as bridesmaids.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or $1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Ad. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Adversity's sharpest sting comes from our own impatience.

Drugs at Cut-Rate Prices.

Send 2-cent stamp for postage and we will mail you our price list on everything in Drugs, Patent Medicines, Prescriptions, Rubber Goods, Wines and Liquors. PAUL V. FINCH & Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.

How many more of us sorrow for what we have not done than rejoice for what we have done.

"STAR TOBACCO."

As you chew tobacco for pleasure use Star. It is not only the best but the most lasting and, therefore, the cheapest.

It is easy to be happy in other people's happiness when we are feeling pretty good ourselves.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.

Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

It isn't every rich man who earns an honest living.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup

For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

Monongahela means river without islands.

FITS stopped free and permanently cured. No fits after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Free $2 trial bottle and treatise. Send to Dr. KLINE, 931 Arch st., Philadelphia, Pa.

Today's troubles alone never kill.

Coe's Cough Balsam

Is the oldest and best. It will break up a Cold quicker than anything else. It is always reliable. Try it.

Fat fowls are usually lazy.

Smoking Meat Without Fire.

It may sound absurd to make a statement about "smoking meat without a fire," for it is a well known saying that "where there is smoke there must be fire." The advance of science, however, has made this idea obsolete, and today with the use of Krausers' Liquid Extract of Smoke it is possible to quickly, economically and successfully smoke meat without a fire. This liquid extract is made by distilling the smoke from hickory wood and is absolutely harmless. In fact, meat smoked by this method has a genuine smoke flavor, remains moist and soft, and is not infested with insects. Every objection of the old method is overcome, every trouble ended and the unsightly and dangerous smoke house is a thing of the past. Krausers' Liquid Extract of Smoke long ago passed the age of experiment, and thousands are using it today with profit and satisfaction. By writing E. Krauser & Bro., Milton, Pa., those who are interested can secure free of charge instructive printed matter about methods of curing and smoking all kinds of meats.

Supt. Thos. Mooney, of the Union street railway, Saginaw, caught a burglar in his house at 3 a. m. and gave him a severe pounding. Then discovering the thief to be a young man he knew Mr. Mooney gave him a warning and let him go.

Wm. Offaer, a Manistee lumberman, committed suicide by shooting himself through the temple with a 32-caliber revolver while intoxicated.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten-fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, O., by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by druggists, price 75c per bottle.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Oddly enough, when a farmer thinks it is going to rain pitchforks in harvest time he redoubles his efforts to get his hay in.

THAT SPLENDID COFFEE.

Mr. Goodman, Williams County, Ill., writes us: "From one package Salzer's German Coffee Berry I grew 300 pounds of better coffee than I can buy in stores at 30 cents a pound."

A package of this and big seed catalogue is sent you by John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., upon receipt of 15 cents stamps and this notice. w.n.

Every sin has a dagger in its hand with which sooner or later it will strike, no matter how harmless it may look.

"If taken into the head by the nostrils two or three times a week, Thomas' Eclectric Oil will positively relieve the most offensive case of catarrh," says Rev. E. F. Crane, Dunkirk, N. Y.

It is the rawest recruit who believes himself the greatest commander.

Coughing Leads to Consumption.

Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist today and get a sample bottle free. Large bottles, 25 cents and 50 cents. Go at once; delays are dangerous.

He who speaks by authority does not have to be a loud talker.

To Cure Constipation Forever.

Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

A wise parent sometimes spoils the rod and spares the child.

Piso's Cure is the best medicine we ever used for all affections of throat and lungs.—Wm. O. Endsley, Vanburen, Ind., Feb. 10, 1900. Mrs. J. L. Northcott, Windsor, Ont., Canada.

If there were meat in words no man would starve.

Bob Ingersoll is neat but not godly.

Right off, to any, even the worst of

SPRAINS, apply

Hard rubbing is the sleight of hand. A prompt cure is The Magic.

Two Women Ph. D.'s.

Two American women, Miss Alice Luce of Maine and Miss Ida J. Hyde of Chicago, have conferred a benefit upon their sisters by opening another foreign university to them. They have recently received the degree of Ph. D., each magnum cum laude, from the University of Heidelberg.

While a street car was standing at Elm street and Bellefontaine avenue, Lima, Conductor Cherry and Motorman Cooper were held up by a man with a revolver, who took all their money and their watches.

"Tears, idle tears, I know not what they mean," wrote the poet Tennyson. Yet women always mean something. There are tears of melancholy, tears of joy, and of despair, and those saddest most pathetic tears of the nervous over-wrought woman who has been bearing up as bravely as she may under a daily burden of sickness, weakness and dragging, torturing pain.

No wonder women weep. The wonder is that they are not oftener in tears for all they have to bear and suffer; and the saddest thing about it is how little their sufferings are understood. Even the doctor, nine times in ten says: "Oh, a little nervousness, that's all" or "neuralgia," or "insomnia," or "dyspepsia." If he suspects the real cause he insists upon examinations and local treatment,—about the very worst thing possible to a nervous, overwrought woman.

There is no need of these repugnant methods. Any woman may insure health and strength in a womanly way by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It cures the weaknesses and diseases of the feminine organism absolutely and completely. It was devised for this special purpose by one of the most eminent and experienced physicians in this country; an expert specialist in women's diseases.

For nearly 30 years Dr. Pierce has been chief consulting physician of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y. Any woman may consult him by letter free of charge. Her letter will be answered not by a mere nurse or uneducated, unscientific person, but by the most competent medical authority anywhere obtainable.

All women should read Dr. Pierce's thousand-page illustrated book, "The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser." It contains more clear and comprehensive advice on medical subjects than any other book ever published. A paper-bound copy sent free for twenty-one one-cent stamps to pay the cost of mailing only. Or cloth-bound for thirty-one stamps.

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Vegetable Sicilian
HAIR RENEWER

Beautifies and restores Gray Hair to its original color and vitality; prevents baldness; cures itching and dandruff. A fine hair dressing.

R. P. Hall & Co., Props., Nashua, N. H. Sold by all Druggists.

Who opened that bottle of HIRES Rootbeer?

The popping of a cork from a bottle of Hires is a signal of good health and pleasure. A sound the old folks like to hear—the children can't resist it.

HIRES Rootbeer

is composed of the very ingredients the system requires. Aiding the digestion, soothing the nerves, purifying the blood. A temperance drink for temperance people.

Made only by The Charles E. Hires Co., Phila. A package makes 5 gallons. Sold everywhere.

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CANDY CATHARTIC Cascarets CURE CONSTIPATION

Regulate liver and bowels, cure sick headache, never sicken, weaken or gripe. Eat 'em like candy. 10c, 25c, 50c. All druggists. Samples free. Address STERLING REMEDY CO., Chicago or New York.

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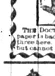

THE DOCTOR.—The layer of paper is bad enough, you have three here. Baby may recover but cannot thrive.

ALABASTINE.

IT WON'T RUB OFF.

Wall Paper is Unsanitary. KALSOMINE is TEMPORARY, ROTS, RUBS OFF AND SCALES.

ALABASTINE, a pure, permanent and artistic wall-coating, ready for the brush by mixing in cold water.

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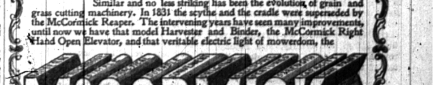
ELKHART CARRIAGE AND HARNESS MFG. CO., W. B. PRATT, Sec'y, ELKHART, IND.

This ad will appear but once this month.

The Electric Light of Mowerdom

The pine knot—the tallow candle—the oil lamp—gas—these are stages in the evolution of illumination, which today finds its highest exponent in the electric light.

Similar and no less striking has been the evolution of grain and grass cutting machinery. In 1831 the scythe and the cradle were superseded by the McCormick Reaper. The intervening years have seen many improvements, until now we have that model Harvester and Binder, the McCormick Right Hand Open Elevator, and that veritable electric light of mowerdom, the



New 4. It is not only the handsomest mower ever built, but it is, in every sense of the word, the best—and if your experience has taught you anything, it is that there's nothing cheaper than the best.

McCormick Harvesting Machine Company, Chicago.

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