A MATTER OF FAITH.

Many of the Clergy in Michigan Endorse the Little Conquerer.

Our religious opinions are, as a whole, a matter of faith. Whatever denomination or sect we follow we pin our faith on the words and teachings of our pastor. His sincerity is never doubted; that he thoroughly believes his adopted creed is unquestioned. The opinions of the clergy on any subject carry well-deserved weight with all classes of people. Many reverend gentlemen in Michigan are testifying for the little conqueror. Their praise is not given lightly and only after personal experience. Gratitude and a desire to promote the welfare of the public brings forth such testimony as follows:

The Rev. F. A. Smith, of 829 First street, Kalamazoo, Mich., says: "When I procured Doan's Kidney Pills I was, at the time, and had been considerably troubled with my kidneys. Backache was quite pronounced, being especially severe when I sat or stood in a stooping position for any length of time. Other symptoms usually attending disordered kidneys plainly indicated what caused the difficulty. Doan's Kidney Pills corrected the annoyance in a very short time and I have not noticed, up to date, any indication of a recurrence. As I took no other medicine there can be no doubt but Doan's Kidney Pills were the direct means of curing me. I am most favorably impressed with them."

Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name Doan's and take no substitute.

Some men are so miserly that they will squeeze a silver dollar until the eagle gets cramps in the stomach.

The sinner is on his way to God as soon as he turns his back on sin.

A lazy man does his hardest work in looking for an easy place.

A bath with COSMO BUTTERMILK SOAP, exquisitely scented, is soothing and beneficial. Sold everywhere.

You can often tell how much God has to do with a church by the way the people sing.

The merry-hearted have a fortune that thieves cannot steal.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.

Guaranteed tobacco habit cure. Removes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. $1. All druggists.

Ask, how will this act read when the Books are opened?

"A baby in the house is a well-spring of pleasure."

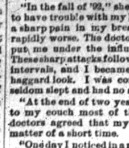
A FATALITY AVOIDED.

(From the Democrat, Goshen, Ind.)

When neuralgia is accompanied by a dull, heavy pain near the heart, frequently becoming intense, it generally terminates fatally. Mrs. Nancy Flynn, who lives near Goshen, Indiana, survived such an attack and her advice is worth heeding.

"In the fall of '92," she said, "I began to to have trouble with my heart. There was a sharp pain in my breast which became rapidly worse. The doctor was puzzled and put me under the influence of opiates. Thesedoctors attacks followed one another at intervals, and I became weak and had a haggard look. I was constantly in pain, seldom slept and had no appetite.

"At the end of two years I was confined to my room most of the time and the doctors agreed that my death was only a matter of a short time.



A Serious Time.

"One day I noticed in a newspaper an item about a woman having been cured of neuralgia of the heart by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and I concluded to try them.

"When I had finished one box I noticed an improvement in my condition, and when I had taken twelve boxes I was completely cured. Those pills have done for you what we could not do," said one of my physicians, "they have saved your life."

"That was two years ago and my heart has not troubled me since. I believe I owe my life to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and I take pleasure in telling others about them."

Among the many forms of neuralgia are headache, nervousness, paralysis, apoplexy and locomotor ataxia. Some of these have been considered incurable until Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People were formulated. Today thousands testify to having been cured of such diseases by these pills.

Doctors frequently prescribe them and all druggists sell them.

The only condition upon which some people are willing to work is that they may do it in the front window.

Beauty is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic cleans your blood and keeps it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin today to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

It is not our failures that ruin us, but our fear and tardiness in making new beginnings after failure.

We Pay Expenses

and liberal commission to refund the cash for all goods not giving the utmost satisfaction. Long terms of credit. First-class scheme. Salesmen wanted. No bond required. Sales made from photographs. We guarantee $50.00 per month on mail orders. Address with stamp, Brenard Mfg. Co., Iowa City, Iowa.

You cannot tell by the size of the tree how the apples will taste.

AN OLD BULLY.

People who live in fear of his attacks.

How to avoid him or beat him off.

If biliousness isn't the bully of the body then what is? When one's biliousness gets the upper hand you don't dare say your stomach is your own. Don't you dare eat that dish says biliousness, or you'll see what I'll do." You take the dare and you do see or rather feel, the weight of the bully's revenge. Your head aches, not a regular ache, but an open and shut ache. Your eyes ache, not with a dull, tired ache, but with an aggressive ache, as if they were being bored by a gimlet. The stomach trembles with nausea. "The whole head is sick and the whole heart is faint." There are scores of hundreds of people who live so under the dominion of this bully biliousness that they don't dare eat or drink without his permission. There's no sort of such slavery. Dr. J. C. Ayer's Pills effectually cure biliousness.

"For fifteen years I have used Dr. J. C. Ayer's Pills, and find them very effective in all kinds of bilious complaints. They are mild in operation and easy to take. I prefer them to any other pill, and have yet to see the case where they have failed to cure."—A. SWANSON, Texarkana, Ark.

"I have used Dr. J. C. Ayer's Pills in cases of biliousness and general disorders of the stomach and bowels and have found them to be always reliable. They are less liable to gripe than other purgatives, and although mild in action, they are thorough in operation. They are the best family physic that can be had."—PETER J. DUFFY, Newport, Texas.

"Having used Dr. J. C. Ayer's Pills for years and thoroughly tested them, both as a preventive and cure for biliousness, I can truthfully say that I believe them to be the best medicine for the purpose and to do all that is claimed for them."—JNO. E. KOLB, Shark, Ark.

Biliousness is in general but a symptom of a more sudden disorder, constipation. Constipation is the root of almost all physical evils, and Dr. J. C. Ayer's Pills cure almost all these physical evils by going to the root. They cure constipation, and the consequent malaises, biliousness, heartburn, palpitation, shortness of breath, sleeplessness, nervous irritability, bad breath, coated tongue, and a score of other miserable maladies that have their origin in constipation. Dr. Ayer's Pills are the best and safest remedy for all diseases of the liver, stomach and bowels.

For a book on Curebook and read the story of cures told by those cured. Free. Address the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

A Brave Coward.

By Robert Louis Stevenson.

CHAPTER V.—(Continued.)

"Miss Huddlestone——" I was beginning to interrupt him when he, in turn, cut in brutally:

"You hold your tongue," says he; "I am speaking to that girl."

"That girl, as you call her, is my wife," said I, and my wife only leaned a little nearer, so that I knew she had affirmed my words.

"Your what?" he cried. "You lie!" "Northmour," I said, "we all know you have a bad temper, and I am the last man to be irritated by words. For all that I propose that you speak lower, for I am convinced that we are not alone."

He looked round him, and it was plain my remark had in some degree sobered his passion. "What do you mean?" he asked.

I only said one word. "Italians."

He swore a round oath and looked at us from one to the other.

"Mr. Cassilis knows all that I know," said my wife.

"What I want to know," he broke out, "is where the devil Mr. Cassilis comes from, and what the devil Mr. Cassilis is doing here. You say you are married; that I do not believe. If you are Graden, you lose your claim to divorce you; four minutes and a half, Cassilis, I keep my private cemetery for my friends."

"It took somewhat longer," said I, "for that Italian."

He looked at me for a moment half daunted, and then, almost civilly, asked me to tell my story. "You have too much the advantage of me, Cassilis," he added. I complied, of course, and he listened, with several ejaculations, while I told him how I had come to Graden; that it was I whom he had tried to murder on the night of the landing; and what I had subsequently seen and heard of the Italians.

"Well," said he, when I had done, "it is here at last; there is no mistake about that, and what, may I ask, do you propose to do?"

"I propose to stay with you and lend a hand," said I.

"You are a brave man," he returned, with a peculiar intonation.

"I am not afraid," said I.

"And so," he continued, "I am to understand that you two are married?" And you stand up to it before my face, Miss Huddlestone?"

"We are not yet married," said Clara, "but we shall be as soon as we can."

"Bravo!" cried Northmour. "And the bargain? D—— it, you're not a fool, young woman; I may call a spade with you. How about the bargain? You know as well as I do what your father's life depends upon. I have only to put my hands under my coat-tails and walk away, and his throat would be cut before the evening."

"Yes, Mr. Northmour," returned Clara, with great spirit; "but that is what you will never do. You made a bargain that was unworthy of a gentleman; but you are a gentleman for all that, and you will never desert a man whom you have begun to help."

"Aha!" said he, "you think I will give my yacht for nothing? You think I will risk my life and liberty for love of the old gentleman; and then, I suppose, be best man at the wedding, to wind up? Well," he added, with an odd smile, "perhaps you are not altogether wrong. But ask Cassilis here. He knows me. Am I a man to trust? Am I safe and scrupulous? Am I kind?"

"I know you talk a great deal, and sometimes, I think, very foolishly," replied Clara, "but I know you are a gentleman, and I am not in the least afraid."

"She's a trump!" cried Northmour. "But she's not yet Mrs. Cassilis. I say no more. The present is not for me."

Then my wife surprised me.

"I leave you here," she said, suddenly. "My husband has been too long alone. But remember this: you are to be friends, for you are both good friends to me."

"See here, Northmour," said I; "we are all in a tight place, are we not?"

"I believe you, my boy," he answered, looking me in the eye, and with great emphasis. "We have all hell upon us, that's the truth. You may believe me or not, but I'm afraid of my life."

"Tell me one thing," said I. "What are these Italians? What do they want with Mr. Huddlestone?"

"Don't you know?" he cried. "The black old scamp had Carbonari funds on a deposit—two hundred and eighty thousand; and, of course, he gambled it away in stocks. There was to have been a revolution in Italy, Montenero, or Parma, but the revolution is off, and the whole wasps' nest is after Huddlestone. We shall all be lucky if we can save our skins."

"The Carbonari!" I exclaimed; "God help him, indeed!"

"And now let us go directly to the fort," said Northmour, and he began to lead the way through the rain.

CHAPTER VI.

We were admitted to the pavilion by Clara, and I was surprised by the completeness and security of the defenses. A barricade of great strength, and yet easy to manage, supported the door against any violence from without; and the shutters of the dining-room, into which I was led directly, and which was feebly illuminated by a lamp, were even more elaborately fortified. The panels were strengthened by bars and cross bars; and these, in their turn, were kept in position by a system of braces and struts, some abutting on the floor, some on the roof, and others, in fine, against the opposite wall of the apartment.

Northmour produced some cold meat, to which I eagerly set myself, and a bottle of good Burgundy, by which, wet as I was, I did not scruple to profit. I have always been an extreme temperance man on principle; but it is useless to push principle to excess, and on this occasion I believe that I finished three-quarters of the bottle. As I ate, I still continued to admire the preparations for defense.

"We could stand a siege," I said at length.

"Ye—es," drawled Northmour; "a very little one, per—haps. It is not so much the strength of the pavilion I misdoubt; it is the double danger that kills me. If we get to shooting, I did as the country is, some one is sure to hear it, and then—why, then, it's the same thing, only different, as they say, caged by law, or killed by Carbonari. There's the choice. It is a devilish bad thing to have the law against you in this world, and so I tell the old gentleman up stairs. He is quite of my way of thinking."

"Speaking of that," said I, "what kind of person is he?"

"Oh, he?" cried the other; "he's a rancid fellow as far as he goes. should like to have his neck wrung tomorrow by all the devils in Italy. I am not built for affairs of love. You take me? I made a bargain for Missy's hand and I mean to have it, too."

"That, by the way," said I, "I understand. But how will Mr. Huddlestone take my intrusion?"

"Leave that to Clara," returned Northmour.

I could have struck him in the face for this coarse familiarity; but I respected the truce, as I am bound to say, did Northmour, and so long as the danger continued not a cloud arose in our relation. I bear him this testimony with the most unfeigned satisfaction; nor am I without pride when I look back upon my own behavior. For surely no two men were ever left in a position so invidious and irritating.

As soon as I had done eating we proceeded to inspect the lower floor. Window by window we tried the different supports, now and then making an inconsiderable change; and the strokes of the hammer sounded with startling loudness through the house. I proposed, I remember, to make loopholes; but he told me they were already made in the windows of the upper story.

It was an anxious business, this inspection, and left me down-hearted. There were two doors and five windows to protect and counting Clara, only four of us to defend them against an unknown number of foes. I communicated my doubts to Northmour, who assured me with unmoved composure that he entirely shared them.

"Before morning," said he, "we shall all be butchered and buried in Graden Bloe. For me that is written."

I could not help shuddering at the mention of the quicksand, but reminded Northmour that our enemies had spared me in the wood.

"Do not flatter yourself," said he. "Then you were not in the same boat with the old gentleman; now you are. It's the floe for all of us, mark my words."

I trembled for Clara, and just then her dear voice was heard calling us to come upstairs. Northmour showed me the way, and, when he had reached the landing, knocked at the door of what used to be called "My Uncle's Bedroom," as the founder of the pavilion had designed it especially for himself.

"Come in, Northmour; come in, dear Mr. Cassilis," said a voice from within.

Pushing open the door, Northmour admitted me before him into the apartment. As I came in I could see the daughter slipping out by the side door into the study, which had been prepared as her bedroom. In the bed, which was drawn back against the wall, instead of standing, as I had last seen it, boldly across the window, sat Bernard Huddlestone, the defaulting banker. Little as I had seen of him by the shifting light of the lantern on the links, I had no difficulty in recognizing him for the same.

He had a long and sallow countenance accentuated by a long beard and side whiskers. His broken nose and high cheek-bones gave him somewhat the air of a Kalmuck, and his light eyes shone with the excitement of a high fever. He wore a skull-cap of black silk; a huge Bible lay open before him on the bed, with a pair of gold spectacles in the place, and a pile of other books lay on the stand by his side. The green curtains lent a cadaverous shade to his cheek, and, as he sat propped on pillows, his great stature was painfully hunched, and his head protruded till it overhung his knees. I believe if he had not died otherwise, he must have fallen a victim to consumption in the course of but a very few weeks.

He held out to me a hand, long, thin and disagreeably hairy.

"Come in, come in, Mr. Cassilis," said he. "Another protector—ahem!—another protector. Always welcome as a friend of my daughter's, Mr. Cassilis. How they have rained about me, my daughter's friends! May God in heaven bless and reward them for it!"

I gave him my hand, of course, because I could not help it, but the sympathy I had been prepared to feel for Clara's father was immediately soured by his appearance and the wheedling, unreal tones in which he spoke.

"Cassilis is a good man," said Northmour, "seven ten."

"So I hear," cried Mr. Huddlestone eagerly; "so my girl tells me. Ah, Mr. Cassilis, my sin has found me out, you see! I am very low, very low! but I hope equally penitent. We must all come to the throne of grace at last, Mr. Cassilis. For my part, I come late indeed, but with unfeigned humility, I trust."

"Fiddle-de-dee!" said Northmour roughly.

"No, no, dear Northmour!" cried the banker. "You must not say that; you must not try to shake me. You forget, my dear, good boy, you forget I may be called this very night before my Maker."

His excitement was pitiful to behold, and I felt myself growing indignant with Northmour, whose infidel opinions I well knew and heartily derided, as he continued to taunt the poor sinner out of his humor of repentance.

"Pooh, my dear Huddlestone!" said he. "You do yourself injustice. You are a man of the world inside and out, and were up to all kinds of mischief before I was born. Your conscience is tanned like South American leather—only you forget to tan your liver, and that, if you will believe me, is the seat of the annoyance."

"Rogue! rogue! bad boy!" said Mr. Huddlestone, shaking his finger. "I am no rogue, and you know it. Yet I always hated a precisian; but I never lost hold of something better through it all. I have been a bad boy, Mr. Cassilis; I do not seek to deny that; but it was after my wife's death, and you know, with a widower, it's a new thing. Sinful—I won't say so, but there is a gradation, we shall hope. And talking of that—— Hark!" he broke out suddenly, his hand raised with interest and terror. "Only the rain, bless God!" he added, after a pause, and with indescribable relief.

For some seconds he lay back among the pillows like a man near to fainting; then he gathered himself together, and, in somewhat tremulous tones, began once more to thank me for the share I was prepared to take in his defense.

"One question, sir," said I, when he had paused. "Is it true that you have money with you?"

He seemed annoyed at the question, but admitted with reluctance that he had a little.

"Well," I continued, "it is their money they are after, is it not? Why not give it up to them?"

"Ah!" replied he, shaking his head, "I have tried that already, Mr. Cassilis; and alas! that it should be so, but it is blood they want!"

"Horrible alone, that's a little less than fair," said Northmour. "You should mention that what you offered them was upward of two hundred thousand short. The deficit is worth a reference; it is for what they call a cool sum, Frank. Then, you see, the fellows reason in their clear Italian way: and it seems to them, as indeed it seems to me, that they may just as well have both while they are about it—money and blood together, by George, and no more trouble for the extra pleasure."

(To be continued.).

PRIDE OF THE LITTLE FINGER.

It Can Point Back to Your Grandfather's Station in Life.

The fact that the hand looks shapelier and more graceful when the middle and third fingers are slightly curved in and away from the index and little finger is shown by the models in the glove store windows, and while it is affectation to hold the hands in such a position, yet this exercise, to make the pose natural, should be practiced," writes Katharine Eggleston Junkermann in the course of an article on "Physical Culture for Girls" in the Woman's Home Companion, which discusses how to secure pretty hands and to retain a natural grace of motion. "Some one has said somewhere that the number of cultured generations back of an individual may be judged by the degree of curve in the little finger. Observation will prove this more or less true. When one sees a person holding a glass or cup with the little finger thrust out and curved until it resembles a hook, a little investigation will almost invariably show that the desire for culture has only just awakened in that particular family, and in its newness is somewhat overstepping the mark. Affectation is a sign of lack of breeding. Some of the old painters understood hands to perfection. Long, rounded hands, with slightly curved fingers and gently bent wrists, are characteristic of the women whose beauty they have made memorable. Sometimes, perhaps, beautiful hands were those of some other model than the picture one; but the painters knew that beautiful hands were as necessary as beautiful faces in order to make a harmonious picture. The people of almost every other nation have more graceful hands than we have; and those who use their hands most freely when conversing are by far the most graceful. The hands which make no superfluous movements, which appear to obey readily and easily their owner's will, whose movements are free, rhythmic and gentle, are the really graceful ones."

QUEEN ROSE.

As a Rule Her Truest Interpreters in Art Are the Women Painters.

About the last literary work completed by the late Cora Stuart Wheeler was a beautiful tribute to "Some Court Painters to Queen Rose," published in the Woman's Home Companion, in which she says: "As a rule women make the best flower painters. The men who excel in this branch of art are comparatively few, even when we consider the small number of artists of both sexes who have attained reputation in the picturing of flowers. The reason is not difficult to see. The average woman has a fondness for flowers which brings her into the closest sympathy with them, and enables her to appreciate and understand them as men seldom do. In the interpretation of certain subtle phases of floral life her sensitive temperament and that particularly sympathetic feeling that she is apt to bring to her labor of love especially qualify her for engaging in this department of picture making. In point of technical ability some marvelously clever work has been done by artists of the gentler sex in the reproduction of flowers and in the treatment of difficult subjects."

Naming Ships for the Navy.

The naming of vessels of the United States navy is regulated by law. Vessels of the first-class are required to be named after states, those of the second after rivers, those of the third after the principal cities and towns, and those of the fourth as the president may direct.

Solidified Petroleum as Fuel.

A Californian, by a special process, has succeeded in solidifying petroleum into a black, solid mass, which burns like coal, with less smoke, and throws out thrice the heat. It can be cast in bricks, is clean and gives out little petroleum odor.

Executive ability is the faculty of getting some one to do your work.

WAR REVENUE TAXES

PRINCIPAL ARTICLES WITH TARIFF ON EACH.

Already the Money Derived Is Sufficient to Pay the Daily Expenses of Our Army and Navy—The People Generally Glad to Pay.

The new war revenue bill is already in effect and from Maine to Mexico the people through direct taxes are paying the expenses of the war with Spain. The Secretary of the Treasury gives the following dates when the various provisions of the new revenue law went into effect:

July 1—Adhesive stamp taxes.

July 1—All special taxes.

Aug. 12—Adulterated flour tax.

June 14—All other provisions of the law.

The following is a list of the articles on which taxes must be paid: Beer, banks, deposits, checks, certificates of debt, bills of exchange, bills of lading, receipts, drafts, brokers, amusements, billiard tables, bowling alleys, canes, cigars, cigarettes, insurance policies, leases, custom house manifests, mortgages, foreign passage tickets, proxies, powers of attorney, protests of notes, etc., warehouse receipts, perfumes, chewing gum, wines, petroleum and sugar refineries, patent and parlor car seats, sleeping car berths, inheritances and legacies, sales and transactions, telephone messages, telegrams, indemnifying bonds, certificates of stock, certificates of damage, charter parties, contracts and brokers' notes, conveyances of sale, custom house entries and withdrawals, mixed flour, use of.

The following list gives the principal articles of consumption with the tax that shall be paid by each. The revenue raised from this source will approximate $1-500,000 a day:

Beer and Ale	**$5 a barrel**
Cigars	**12c a pound**
Cigarettes	**$1 per 1,000**
Cigarettes	**$3.66 per 1,000**
Bank checks	**2c stamp**
Manifests of express package	**1c stamp**
Long-distance telephone call	**1c**
Telegraph message	**1c**
Indemnifying bond	**50c**
Life-insurance policy, for each $100	**10c**
Benefit Society Insurance—40 per cent. of first week's premium.	
Fire Insurance—One-half of 1 per cent. on each dollar insured.	
Lease One year, 25c; 3 years, 50c; over 3 years, $1.	
Mortgage—Under $1,500, 25c; for each $500 over $1,500, 25c.	
Passage to Foreign Countries—Not exceeding $30, $1; not exceeding $60, $3, over $60, $5.	
Patent Medicine—For each 5c value, one-eighth of 1 per cent.	
Perfumery—For each 5c value, one-eighth of 1 per cent.	
Wine	**1c a pint**
Oil and Sugar Refiners are taxed one-fourth of 1 per cent. on gross receipts exceeding $250,000.	
Mixed Flour	**4c a barrel**
Playing Cards	**10c a pound**

The additional tax on all fermented liquors stored in warehouses and already stamped is to be assessed and collected. Brewers are allowed 5 per cent discount on stamps purchased. Other taxes that went into effect with the signing of the bill are an additional tax of 6 cents a pound on tobacco and snuff, an additional 40 cents a thousand on cigars and cigarettes weighing more than three pounds to the thousand and an additional 50 cents a thousand on cigarettes weighing not more than three pounds to the thousand. A one ounce package of smoking tobacco, and one and two-thirds ounce, two and one-half ounce and three and one-third ounce packages of tobacco and snuff are authorized in lieu of two, three and four ounce packages. Dealers having a stock on hand in excess of 1,000 pounds of tobacco, 20,000 cigars or 40,000 cigarettes, stamps affixed subsequent to April 14 at the old rate, must make returns to collectors within thirty days. The assessment of a tax equal to one-half the difference between the tax already paid at the time of return and the tax at the new and the new rate. The excess on hand only is to be returned, and the tax will be assessed on the basis on which it was paid to collectors after notice. No additional stamps are to be affixed to such stock on hand. Upon gross receipts of persons, firms, companies and corporations engaged in refining petroleum and sugar, or owning or controlling any process for transporting oil or other products in excess of $250,000, a tax of one-quarter of 1 cent annually is imposed, to take effect July 1. Returns are to be made monthly. An import tax of 10 cents a pound is imposed upon tea, which takes effect immediately.

The following special taxes take effect on and after July 1: Bankers, graduated; 50; brokers, graduated, minimum, $20; commercial brokers, $20; custom-house brokers, $10; proprietors of theaters, $100; proprietors of circuses, $100; proprietors of shows for money, $10; proprietors of bowling alleys and billiard rooms, for each alley or table, $5; manufacturers of leaf tobacco, graduated, minimum, $6; dealers in tobacco whose sales exceed 50,000 pounds, $12; manufacturers of tobacco, graduated, minimum, $6; manufacturers of cigars, graduated, minimum, $6; manufacturers and peddlers of cigars, $12. The last tax is not imposed until sixty days after the passage of the act, which would make it effective Aug. 12, 1898. All persons engaged in the business on that date are required to make returns before the end of August and pay the amount so reckoned from Aug. 1, 1898, to the first day of July following.

Wall Street Hit Hard.

It will delight the hearts of many persons to know that the "cigarette fends" must contribute very largely to the tax. On the 3,000,000,000 cigarettes which they annually consume the tax will amount to about $3,000,000 more than now. Already the dealers are announcing their new price lists. Packages of six cigarettes of the standard cheap brands will be sold for the same price as packages of ten are now being sold for. Men of money who hold seats on the exchanges will have to pay their share toward helping Uncle Sam win his fight against Spain also. The tax on the transactions of the New York stock exchange alone will amount to $2,000,000 a year and the other exchanges will pay in proportion. Probably $5,000,000 will be raised in that way in that city alone. The government will get about $2,000,000 more from the people on Manhattan Island alone, through the doubling of the inheritance tax, which ranges from 1 per cent on what you inherit from your grandfather to 5 per cent on the fortune left you by your wife's uncle's brother's aunt or other distant relative.

Then there is the tax on the big corporations and trusts to be collected, but they say they will not pay it, and will theft the matter in the courts. An attempt to embarrass Uncle Sam in war time is a serious matter. The people will better go slow and pay their way. The people generally, however, seem quite willing to help Uncle Sam to settle matters.

The tax stamp of eighty cents on every $1,000 of life insurance is expected to draw $10,000,000 a year from the life insurance companies, but the fire and marine insurance companies will not contribute more than $15,000,000 a year.

Every vessel of over 600 tons entering or clearing from any port will have to pay a tax of $5, and this with graduated charges on the merchandise carried will yield about $175,000 a year.

Landlords will have to give up something, too, unless they add to the rents of their flats and houses the fifty cents a year which each one must keep in the form of a stamp to make it valid. On a $1,000 mortgage a twenty-five cent stamp must be placed, and another stamp of the same amount must be affixed for each additional $500. On the basis of last year's mortgages on Manhattan Island the average tax on a mortgage will be $6.75, and the total amount raised will be $105,384.75 in New York city alone.

The telegraph and telephone companies will pay about $50,000,000 a year through having to pay a one-cent stamp on every message, the number of telegraph messages sent last year being about 600,000,000 and the number of paid telephone mes-

THE ILLS OF WOMEN

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Mrs. MARY BOLLINGER, 1101 Madianna St., Chicago, Ill., to Mrs. Pinkham:

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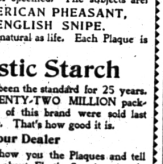

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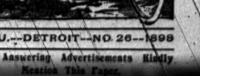
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