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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, APR. 15.

Is there no society for the protection of early robins?

Fortunately the Kaw river is minding its own business.

Would it not be a shame if spring were merely flour-flushing?

Kisses may now be sent by wire, but it is more satisfactory to go yourself.

Let us hope spring has a hatpin and will use it if winter tries to linger in her lap this year.

Yellow astronomy flourishes best when there are a few comets around for it to practice on.

Newport has bought 12 flying machines. At last this country is to have real "upper circles."

As the comet is too far away to register a denial why not blame it for all the freak weather this spring?

Japan is trying to make up its mind whether or not to assimilate Korea, though it has done so already.

One feature of the sane Fourth will be a big parade. Parades have never been known to explode prematurely.

A New York man is busy trying to breed a tailless cat. We suppose he is busy at it because he has nothing else to do.

It would be a mean move against the vegetarians if the Chicago packers were to corner the string beans and mushrooms.

Chicago claims a seven-year-old child who is an expert in biology. We hope Boston will quit boasting about her 11-year-old prodigy.

One man got pricked with a sword point in a French duel. When will French duelists play safe and use only violin bows and opera hats?

What a relief it will be to certain manufacturers when they have convinced the world that oleomargarine is superior to the cow's best!

Being the divorced wife of a New York millionaire is a much more lucrative position than some others in which the duties are more exacting.

A Chicago firm bought $60,000 worth of postage stamps all at once and did not get a cent off for cash. Uncle Sam takes care of the small consumer.

General Gordon did not stay very long in the United States senate, but he had a bully time while he was there, and others enjoyed it just as much as he did.

Countless hordes in China are likely to become hysterical at the approach of the comet. The starry visitor should allay their fears by assuming the form of a plate of chop suey.

Some of the fashionable women of London are reported to have quit smoking cigarettes and taken to pipes. We fear this will increase the demand among Englishmen for American wives.

That child of three years who sat on the Supreme court bench did not render any decisions. Her wisdom might have been all right, but she did not know enough big words to meet the requirements.

A poets' union is talked of. However, union rates in poetry would not disturb the business world, nor would a poetry strike shake financial centers to their base. In fact, the cruel suggestion is hinted that the cessation of such industry might be hailed as a relief.

A Gotham judge has decided that the pillow where a woman puts her money and jewels for safekeeping is legally as much of a safe-deposit vault as any in the land. There are some long-established feminine customs with which even the law dare not interfere.

An important tip to the people is given by the biologist who points out that the ornithological nuisance generally known as the English sparrow frequently masquerades in the restaurants as the reed-bird. Even a diet of near-reed-bird might help along the strike against the beef barons.

Paris may suffer, but it cannot be permanently discouraged. The eve of Lent found the gay French capital overwhelmed by floods, and the usual Mardi Gras festivities were cut out. But that was several weeks ago, and meanwhile the waters of the Seine have subsided, and Paris is itself again. So the city has plunged into the observances of Mi-Careme, or mid-Lent, with more than the usual zest. Evidently the Paris idea is that it is better to meet misfortune with a merry heart than with a desponding spirit.

London, with 40,000 children in the hunger line, needs to try something more far-reaching than reform of the house of lords for its present troubles.

The organization is reported in New York of a combination of bakers "to reduce the price of bread." This recalls the stock formula in the heyday of trust organization, ten years ago. Perhaps this promise may be kept better than those of the 1900 vintage; but the majority of the public will remain in a Missouri frame of mind.

At last a husband sues for divorce on the plea that his wife has a mania for moving from one place to another. Variety is the spice of life, but this deponent sayeth that the price of spice is, like the other necessities of living, very high just now.

Halley's comet has been found to carry poison in its tails. As the earth may pass through the tail, another conspiracy against this planet is thus revealed, but whether it is due to the Black Hand or to the wicked trusts the wisecracks have not yet decided.

PRESIDENT TAFT ON THE OFFENSIVE

He Will Aggressively Defend His Administration Before the People.

LIVELY SPEECHES EXPECTED

Washington Wants Exposition Marking Opening of Panama Canal—Annual Appropriation for Improvement of Inland Waterways is Probable.

Washington.—President Taft has been told bluntly by his advisers that it is time that he took the offensive against the critics of his administration. The president has been told further that he has made too many speeches which are simply explanatory of his acts and that they should have had more hammer blows in them directed at the heads of his enemies in and out of the party. It seems now to be Mr. Taft's final intention "vigorously to defend his administration" before the people.

Apparently it has seemed to the advisers of the president—his cabinet officers as well as his non-official friends—that the administration's belief has been simply that all it was necessary for it to do was to reaffirm in a general way that the so-called Roosevelt policies were to be put into effect by the aid of congress. There has been more anxiety lately among speaking on the part of Republicans who fear the results of the next elections. They have told the president that the people have had his word time and again that the Roosevelt policies are to be carried out, but that he has not met in the way that he should the charges made by the Insurgents to the effect that while the measures before congress have the appearance of progress an analysis shows that in reality they are reactionary.

It can now be said on sufficient authority that when the president goes to his own home town, Cincinnati, early in May, and to St. Louis two days later, he will make some speeches which will be far in advance in the matter of aggressiveness of anything that he has delivered himself of before. It is virtually assured that Mr. Taft will challenge his enemies within the party to prove that any act of his has been counter to the pledges of progression which he made to the people prior to his nomination.

President's Error Pointed Out.

Republicans who see the president frequently and who are neither members of congress nor of the cabinet are telling him with a directness that friendship makes possible that he made a mistake when he was formulating his legislation in not calling into conference more of the Insurgents. The attacks that are now being made on the interstate commerce bill, the president's friends say, could have been averted if prior to the introduction of the bill several Insurgents from both houses had been called into conference and had been asked to point out what they considered the weak points in the bill from the Progressive Republican standpoint.

When the president had the interstate commerce amendments under consideration it is perfectly true that he did send for Senator Cummins, but now it is said that the Insurgent senator and the president met each other in a spirit of something like antagonism and that a proper kind of conference was impossible. It is now said by some outspoken Republicans that if Mr. Taft had not taken it for granted that because Senator Cummins was in opposition all other Insurgents would be in opposition, the railroad bill already would have passed both houses and have had the presidential signature affixed.

Washington Wants Exposition.

Washington, as the capital of the Union, thinks that it should be chosen as the site of a great exposition, in its nature largely representative of the commercial interests of the country, to mark the time of the opening of the Panama canal. New Orleans, which is at the water gateway to the gulf, also thinks it should be chosen for exposition honors, and a like feeling and desire exists in San Francisco and in San Diego. It is possible that there may be several expositions, but the chances are that one only will be held. The Washington business interests are hard at work in the endeavor to secure recognition of the claims of the city on the Potomac.

From the moment that the army engineers took charge of the work on the isthmus no one has doubted that the canal would be finished on time. The national administration "experimented" for some time with civilian engineers and finally came to the conclusion that the men who must be called upon to carry the work through to completion were men who when ordered to the job would stay "put."

It makes no difference to the army officer whether or not he is surrounded by friends such little chance, for he is expected to stay at his post and do his duty, and the whole history of the army shows that the American soldier obeys orders, and does his work according to the best ability that in him lies.

Work is Being Pushed.

Unless some calamity for which nature is responsible shall overtake the work on the isthmus, the Panama canal will be opened for traffic by the year 1915, and possibly earlier. The latest report from the isthmus is contained in the Canal Record, which shows the work is going on with the same spirit and the same rapid pace that have marked the digging operations since Col. George W. Goethals and Lieut. Cols. David Du B. Gaillard and William L. Sibert were ordered south to take charge nearly three years ago.

Chance for Water Ways.

It seems to have been finally determined by congress that an annual river and harbor bill is necessary to so improve the inland water ways that eventually they may be in condition to act as proper auxiliaries to the railroads in carrying the rapidly increasing commerce between the states of the Union. If an annual appropriation bill for the water ways is made, the water improvement measures will no longer be looked on as the public buildings bill always has been looked on, as a "pork barrel measure."

The term "pork barrel" was first applied to the public buildings bill by a man who was not a member of congress, but the name caught and today there are few senators and representatives who, speaking privately about appropriations for public buildings do not use the expression as though it were one not only of current but of perfectly proper use. In the past appropriations for rivers and harbors largely have been extremely local in their nature, and for this reason it always has seemed to congress to be necessary that every member who had any kind of a sheet of water in his district should be given recognition in the bill.

Public Building Methods.

The same conditions held in regard to public buildings measures. If a representative in congress succeeded in getting from the government an appropriation for a new federal court house, a custom house, or a postoffice, it stood as stock in trade for him when he sought re-election. It is perfectly true that there are towns in the United States which have public buildings entirely too big and too costly for the volume of business transacted within their walls. It is also perfectly true that in the past appropriations have been made for the improvement of harbors which seldom float a ship, and for the improvement of parts of rivers where the whistle of a steamboat seldom is heard.

In order to escape concerted strength of opposition to public buildings and rivers and harbors measures, it has been the custom in the past for the majority in congress to give just about as much recognition in these appropriation bills to the requests of minority members as to the requests of the majority members. This appears to be a perfectly fair proposition on its face, but frequently concessions were made to the minority simply to offset concessions made to the majority, concessions which the public service did not justify making at all.

Learned Much From Europe.

Not long ago the congressional committee which was appointed to study the waterways subject, returned from Europe. It had acquired many new views on the subject of internal commerce.

It was the agitation on behalf of the deep water ways from the lakes to the gulf that was responsible for the appointment of the congressional commission. This agitation was started on a campaign for a 14-foot channel from the lakes down through the state of Illinois, and thence down the Mississippi to the gulf. Theodore E. Burton of Ohio, now the United States senator elected to succeed Joseph B. Foraker, was one of the men who believed that the Mississippi valley overestimated the value of the 14-foot channel down the river. For a long time Mr. Burton was chairman of the house committee on rivers and harbors and he exercised a tremendous influence. He was able to check the tide of demand for great appropriations, and for bond issues on behalf of internal improvement in the state. Michigan is far behind other states in geological research, and plans are being mapped out for an examination of all unexplored areas. The topographical map of the lower peninsula is also to be carried forward.

After Non-Resident Dealers.

The auditor-general's office received word that 40 non-resident liquor dealers in Grand Rapids have refused to take out the required non-resident license. Auditor Fuller referred the matter to Atty.-Gen. Bird, who, in turn, notified the prosecutor of Kent county to enforce the law. This license represents an income of $22,800.

William Vincent Lange, 83, a resident of Saginaw since 1853, and a merchant tailor for many years, is dead. Eight sons survive.

By the death of Mrs. Ruth Adams, 77, Lapeer loses one of her best citizens. An illness of five months resulted fatally. She was known as one of the most eccentric characters in the town and very wealthy. Her hobby was beautifying the city, and dozens of maple trees were placed around her property. She had lived in Lapeer 35 years, and leaves a son.

The village of Richville, six miles west of Vassar, is to have a bank. Early & Co. have let the contract to erect a suitable building. Peter Pardee, manager of the Bank of Reese, will have charge of the new institution.

Once more the dogs of Hillsdale will be muzzled and shut up at home or else the marshal will send them to dog heaven. The council thinks it would be as cheap to buy up the dogs and kill them off as to pay the bills of all the people who have to go to Ann Arbor for the Pasteur treatment.

Burning soot in a chimney in the Holland U. B. A. home at Grand Rapids, nearly created a panic among the aged inmates. The fire was first discovered by Ole Bakker, an old man. Seeing the smoke coming through a chimney hole in his room he sprang out of bed and gave the alarm. The fire did no damage.

TEN HORSES CARS COLLIDE

SAGINAW AND FLINT CARS IN REAR-END COLLISION.

WRECK NEAR BRIDGEPORT HURLS THE PASSENGERS THROUGH WINDOWS.

Motorman Failed to See Signal Lights on the Car Ahead Until It Was Too Late.

Ten persons were injured, none fatally, late Sunday night when two Saginaw and Flint traction cars collided between Bridgeport and the so-called Halfway house at Saginaw end of the line.

Both cars were bound for Flint and were crowded with passengers, most of them being Flint people returning home from Saginaw. The cars were run in two sections closely following, owing to the heavy traffic, and the first car stopped on signal at the Halfway house plank road, four miles out from Saginaw. It was standing there when the second car, said to have been operated by a new motorman, came along at a rapid rate.

When the motorman saw a collision was about to occur he tried to apply the brakes, but either from nervousness or their failure to work, they had little effect on the car's speed, and it crashed into the car ahead, smashing both vestibules and hurling passengers in all directions. Some were shot through doors and others into windows. There were between 80 and 100 persons on the two cars and it is considered miraculous nobody was killed. Most of the injuries were from cuts and bruises.

Looks Like Large Fruit Crop.

If the present weather continues and with no frosts and snowstorms, the Berrien county fruit belt is going to produce this season one of the greatest crops of fruit that the industry of agriculture has ever known. It will also be the earliest fruit that this section of Michigan has ever known.

Among the hundreds of agriculturists in the fruit belt of this region none, even among the veteran members of the industry, can remember when the blossoms have been out so early. "Blossom Sunday" is always celebrated in Berrien county the first Sabbath of May. So far as the blossoms are concerned, it might as well be celebrated now, for the trees are laden with blooms. Vegetation is a month advanced, and if the weather continues warm the first fruit, such as strawberries, sour cherries and early apples, will be on the market a month or six weeks before their regular schedule. The prediction is made that Michigan strawberries will be for sale by May 1, for the first time in 40 years.

Only one freeze has been experienced since the buds opened, and that was not severe. In order to protect their fruit farmers in some portions of the county are covering their trees at night, while others, following the innovation of Indiana farmers, keep fires going throughout the night to hold the temperature about the orchards.

Ingham to Stay "Dry."

By the opinion given by Deputy Attorney-General Harry Trace, Ingham county will remain "dry" for two years at least, he says.

"The local option law requires that the local option ballot be prepared by the township board, and under the constitution, which states plainly that the circuit judge, primary ballot shall be prepared by the committee of the county, it is impossible, in some cases at least, to place the questions on the same ballot.

"The department advised the printing of the ballots on separate sheets, not only in Ingham county, but in several others. The supreme court has held time and again that a citizen cannot be deprived of his vote on a mere technicality, and for that reason the recent election in Ingham county cannot be declared invalid."

State Will Explore for Salt Deposits.

A thorough exploration of Michigan for salt deposits is to be made by the Michigan geological survey, it is announced. This is the result of recommendations by the board of scientific advisers to the geological survey as well as for other geological exploration. It is stated by members of the board that despite the great wealth of mineral produced in the state Michigan is far behind other states in geological research, and plans are being mapped out for an examination of all unexplored areas. The topographical map of the lower peninsula is also to be carried forward.

Tramp as Connoisseurs.

The press agent who applied for a job in the news department of a big railroad offered to tell in a dozen words that that road traveled the most direct route, maintained the best schedule, made the fewest stops and kept up the best roadbed of any road in the United States. The president told him to go ahead, and the press agent wrote:

"We carry more tramps annually than any other road in the world."

"That tells everything," he said. "The real hobo can give an engineer points on the condition of the different roads. He wants to travel long distances in quick time, and when he picks out a certain road to travel over the public may make up its mind that everything on that road is kept right up to the notch and that it will make no mistake in traveling over the same road."

The president admitted the wisdom of the argument, but he refused to make it the dominant theme in his new advertisements.

Ireland's highest apple product does not exceed 20,000 barrels per annum.

The Berlin Policewoman Kept Busy.

The Berlin policewoman, Fraulein Margaret Dittmer, appointed just a year and a half ago, has found the position not alluring thus far. During her first year of service she had 604 cases to deal with. Much of Fraulein Dittmer's work corresponds to that of the woman probation officer in American cities. Youthful delinquents, waifs and deserted children are placed in her charge. She deals with them as she thinks fit, sometimes placing them in institutions, sometimes—in the case of delinquents—restoring them to their parents and afterward visiting them frequently. Among Fraulein Dittmer's charges last year were 165 boys and girls who had run away from their homes in the provinces to Berlin. The majority had come because they "wanted to see the kaiser's palace."

Characteristic.

"Our waiter has quite a distinguished air. I wonder if he boasts of a family tree?"

"If he does, it is probably a palm tree."

BRIEF NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MAN

MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK TOLD IN CONDENSED FORM.

ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

Complete Review of Happenings of Greatest Interest from All Parts of the Globe—Latest Home and Foreign Items.

PERSONAL.

John D. Rockefeller, Sr., subscribed half the amount of a building fund of $324,000, which was raised at the Fifth Avenue Baptist church in New York in just 28 minutes.

Rt. Rev. Bishop William Croswell Doane, head of the Albany (N. Y.) Episcopal diocese, fainted while administering communion at Troy, N. Y., and was severely cut about his head, which struck the stone floor of the chancel in his fall.

New York friends of Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, wife of Harry K. Thaw, assert that Mrs. Thaw will leave for Paris, France, next Thursday to study sculpture.

William Blaikie, who, previous to the Civil war, aided in the escape of 1,200 negroes by the "underground railroad," is dead at Utica, N. Y., at the age of eighty-three.

Weary of publicity, Jere F. Lillis, who was attacked with a knife in Kansas City a few weeks ago, J. P. Crdahy, a wealthy packer, left Galveston for New York, whence he will sail for Europe.

Mrs. Edward H. Harriman has begun the erection at Arden, N. Y., of one of the costliest stables in the United States, the plans including a garage and a hospital accommodating six horses.

Thomas F. Walsh, the Colorado millionaire, died in his beautiful residence in Washington of heart failure.

Jacob H. Schiff of New York and Judge Mayer Sulzberger of Philadelphia, in a White House call, urged President Taft to appoint Louis Marshall of New York to succeed the late Justice Brewer on the Supreme bench.

GENERAL NEWS.

Mrs. Jeannette Florence Stern, a stenographer in the employ of the Eclipse Coal company of Indianapolis, has given to the police startling information which has already resulted in the arrest of six men said to be involved in the most gigantic coal graft scheme in the history of Indiana. Six big coal companies are concerned in the alleged scheme.

That the word of Louis R. Glavis, chief Wendish of Secretary Ballinger, is utterly devoid of veracity was the blunt statement of Andrew Christensen, Glavis' successor, who testified before the investigating committee of congress. Christensen was thereupon put down as a perjurer by Attorney Brandeis, who was rebuked for his methods of examining the witness.

Both Secretary of State Knox and Secretary MacVeagh denied emphatically, unequivocally and heartily the printed stories that they intend to resign in the near future; or so far as they can see now at any time.

The rivers and harbors bill, carrying all the appropriations for Illinois improvements and the deep waterway as it passed the house, was finally approved by the senate commerce committee.

Holding forth the promise of self-sustenance in another year, Postmaster General Hitchcock issued a statement showing tremendous reductions in the expenses of the post office department and the lowering of the deficit by nearly $12,000,000.

Unwilling at this time to render decisions in the dissolution suits against the Standard Oil company and the so-called "tobacco trust," the supreme court of the United States ordered a reargument of these cases. This postpones the final disposition of the application of the Sherman anti-trust law to these corporations for weeks and probably until after next October. The present term will end about June 1.

Dr. Elliott Alden of Pasadena, Cal., in an operation on an insane woman in Los Angeles, removed from her stomach a table knife nine inches long. The woman will recover.

Dr. William R. Miller and Mrs. Lucy Sayler were found guilty of manslaughter at Waseka, Ill., for the killing of John Byron Sayler of Crescent City, Ill., last summer. John Grunden, the woman's father, was acquitted. The penitentiary term of Miller was fixed at 12 years and that of the woman at three.

Gifford Pinchot, former forester of the United States department of agriculture, whose quarrel with the president has been looked forward to with great interest, spent the entire day with Mr. Roosevelt at Porto Maurizio, Italy, but what passed between them is a secret.

Henry Wagner, a billiard table manufacturer, has told the New York police a story of how, to obtain $10,000, confidence men intrigued him with $100,000, hired a private car from Baltimore to Jacksonville, Fla., and impersonated successfully a party of millionaires.

Governor Hughes sent a special message to the New York legislature recommending "an immediate, impartial, thorough and unsparing investigation into legislative practices and procedure and into the use of corrupt or improper means for the promotion or defeat of legislation."

Because she had spurned his advances Michael Hasselbar of Manchester, N. H., wrapped two adders in a sock and sent them to Miss Rose Cabana by her chum, Miss Alice Stuart. Police secured the snakes before Miss Cabana saw the package and Hasselbar was arrested.

Two battleships of the first class were authorized by the house. The entire naval construction plan of the navy department and President Taft went through with a majority of 81. The outcome of the fight on the battleships was a victory over opponents of a greater navy.

MICHIGAN ITEMS.

June 4 has been definitely fixed for the unveiling of the Custer monument, the date being changed from June 9 to suit the convenience of President Taft.

At the final meeting of the old common council last night an ordinance was adopted limiting the number of saloons in Pontiac to ten and fixing the annual license at $1,000.

The annual convention of the State Association of School Superintendents and School Boards will be held in Lansing, April 21 and 22. It will be the thirty-seventh annual gathering of the association.

The Women's hospital board of trustees of Saginaw, at a meeting Saturday afternoon, decided to erect a new building at a cost of $25,000. Fifty beds will be furnished. A children's ward will be added.

Sheriff Parkhurst has received a report from the state chemist to the effect that a soft drink which has been sold in Flint lately, known as "Hop Cream," contains a trifle over 3 per cent alcohol and therefore cannot legally be sold.

Dennis Clancy, a graduate of Hillsdale college and the University of Michigan, formerly connected with West Bay City schools and now principal at Alpena, has been selected over a large field for principal of the Hillsdale high school.

Shall Albion college students vote in city elections? This is a question which is agitating Albion politicians following the election of Monday. On the settlement of the question may depend the complexion of the next municipal administration.

The expected struggle between the Lake Shore railroad and the village of Quincy over the act of the company in placing a fence in the center of one of the streets came to an end when the company agreed to remove the fence. The street will be saved as a highway.

Mrs. George Pringle, of Port Huron, wife of Capt. Pringle, who was serving time in Jackson for slaying George McKinnon, has started suit for $10,000 damages against Chas. Streit, a saloonkeeper, and bondsmen, Mark Hopkins and Peter Roberts. She says they sold her husband liquor when he was intoxicated, and were therefore responsible for his actions.

Lying in a pool of blood on the floor of his cell at the Jackson prison, the body of Edward Williams, colored, a life convict from Wayne county, was found by a night guard. His throat was cut from ear to ear with a large jackknife, made from a file and sharpened to a razor edge, lay on the floor near by. He had evidently cut his throat while lying on his cot and fallen to the floor.

The North Eastern Michigan Development bureau is working wonders for the farming lands of Tuscola county. During the past year Register of Deeds Howell has recorded transfers of 104 pieces of property that entail the consideration of $150,000. Tuscola county is having a boom. Taxes on its real estate this spring and $300,000 in transfers have been recorded in the last two months.

The funeral of Wilson Gierke, held Sunday, was one of the largest ever held in Grayling. The Citikens' band of Grayling headed the cortege and 200 engineers, firemen and trainmen, the D. A. O. P. of which he was a member, and many other residents of Grayling attended the services. Gierke was the fireman who lost his life on the Michigan Central railroad locomotive which blew up last week.

The Shiawassee County Medical society, which includes practically every physician in the county, at its meeting in Owosso discussed the advisability of doing away with prescriptions after May 1 which contain alcohol or whisky. One man said that he believed the druggists would not take out the regular $25 license if the proposed resolution is carried.

Work was started Wednesday at Monroe cutting away the curbing and pavements to make way for the Cadieux monument, which is to be dedicated in June. Plans for the stand from which President Taft will speak have also been drawn up.

Labor Commissioner Fletcher says that Capt. Dorin Elliott, recently appointed by him as inspector of boats on inland lakes and streams, is having his troubles in enforcing the law in regard to the proper running of private launches. He has discovered that out of the 10,000 launches many of them do not carry lights and many of them have not furnished the necessary license.

Pickpockets were busy in Flint Saturday night. Four complaints of thefts totaling $129 reached the police and sheriff's office. All the thefts were committed at the city railroad stations.

A Minister's Indigestion

Rev. Fletcher of Tennessee Suggests a Remedy Based on Personal Experience—You Can Get It Free.

There is nothing that is so much sought after as a remedy for stomach trouble. Dyspepsia you will find in every home. We have Rev. A. J. Fletcher, a leading Methodist minister of Paris, Tenn., who says he suffered from dyspepsia for many years. He says:

"I have tried many patent remedies but Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin has done me more good than anything else I have ever taken."

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin has been sold in drug stores for twenty years at a price not exceeding 50 cents per fl. oz. bottle. It is especially adapted to the ailments of men, children, women and old folks. The quality is always the same, and the best results from its use are guaranteed. If you have never used Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, address for a free trial bottle, which will be cheerfully sent to your home prepaid. If there is any stomach ailment you have, want, or anything about your condition you don't understand, write to Dr. Caldwell, 501 Caldwell Bldg., Monticello, Ill.

SOMETIMES.

Enthusiastic Pastor—Ah! no, my dear young lady, it is not in self-sacrifice that is pleasing to heaven.

The Dear Young Lady (coyly)—Well, I took in $10 at a dollar a kiss, at the church fair.

WASTED A FORTUNE ON SKIN TROUBLE

"I began to have an itching over my whole body about seven years ago and this settled in my limb, from the knee to the toes. I went to see a great many physicians, a matter which cost me a fortune, and after I noticed that I did not get any relief that way, I went for three years to the hospital. But they were unable to help me there. I used all the medicines that I could see but became worse and worse. I had an inflammation which made me almost crazy with pain. I always had to get foot to my friends they would get really frightened. I did not know what to do. I was so sick and had become so nervous that I positively lost all hope.

"I had seen the advertisement of the Cuticura Remedies a great many times, but could not make up my mind to buy them, for I had already used so many medicines. Finally I did decide to use the Cuticura Remedies and I tell you that I was never so pleased as when I noticed that, after having used two sets of Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment and Cuticura Pills, the entire inflammation had gone. I was completely cured. I should be only too glad if people who read about my case would come to me and find out the truth. I would only recommend them to use Cuticura. Mrs. Bertha Sachs, 1021 Second Ave., New York, N. Y., Aug. 20, 1909."

Mrs. Bertha Sachs is my sister-in-law and I know well how she suffered and was cured by Cuticura Remedies after many other treatments failed. Morris Sachs, 221 E. 85th St., New York, N. Y., Secretary of Deutsch-Ostrower Tatverein, Member Hebrew Benevolent Society, etc.

A Small Loaf.

A half-famished fellow in the southern states tells of a baker (whose loaves had been growing "small by degrees and beautifully less") who, when going his rounds to serve his customers, stopped at the door of one and knocked, when the lady within exclaimed, "Why, there's no one!" Was answered: "The baker." "What do you want?" "To leave your bread." "Well, you needn't make such a fuss about it; put it through the keyhole."

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure by local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.
Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Or Else Burn.

Andrew Carnegie, apropos of his pagram about the disgrace of dying rich, said at a dinner in Washington:

"Why should any one die rich? There are opportunities to burn money as for the man who'd like to take his money with him, why, even if he managed to do so, it would only melt."

There is no problem of increased cost of food if you eat more

Quaker Oats

An ideal food; delicious; appetizing; strengthening.

Compared with other foods Quaker Oats costs almost nothing and yet it builds the best.