The Kidney Cure Without a Failure

The Positive Cure That Revolutionizes Treatment of Kidney Diseases, Rheumatism and Bladder Trouble.

These statements are not exaggerated. There is no necessity in doing so, because every man and woman suffering from kidney or bladder troubles, or rheumatism can prove it within 24 hours by getting a free package of Dr. Derby's Kidney Pills at any drug store.

Dr. Derby's Kidney Pills are ahead of the times, the only kidney and bladder treatment that makes good its strongest statement. Get a free package at your druggist's and see if we have said a hundredth part of what these little wonder-workers do.

Now listen, sufferers, don't get excited. Just lay away all your present treatments for your kidneys, back or bladder. If you have pain in the back, profuse or scanty urination, colored or cloudy urine, rheumatism anywhere, diabetes, pain in the bladder or terrible Bright's disease, just get a 25c package of Dr. Derby's Kidney Pills at your druggist, and see the difference in yourself in 24 hours. If you think this is too good for you to believe, just ask your druggist for a free sample package and try it. Remember, Dr. Derby's Kidney Pills—25 and 50 cents. We will send them from the laboratory of Derby Medicine Co., Grand Rapids, Mich., if you wish. They are safe, guaranteed.

Frightful.

"They say she looked daggers at him?"

"Worse than that. She looked long hatpins."

He Got It.

"Won't you give me an order?" pleaded the too-persistent traveling salesman.

"Certainly. Get out!"

Different.

"It is the little things in this world that cause us the most trouble."

"Not in my business," replied the shoe clerk; "it's the big things, the owners of which want to put into little shoes."

Chinese Educational Puzzle.

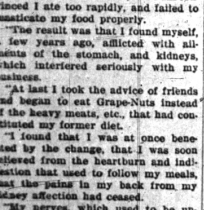
It is generally recognized that China has got to work at the wrong end of her education problem. . . . China has begun at the top, has tried to establish universities without preparing students for them, and all the lower rungs of the ladder are so badly constructed that it is almost impossible for the student to mount by them.—National Review, Shanghai.

Politician and Preacher.

A politician in a western state, long suspected of crookedness and noted for his shifty ways, was finally indicted and tried. The jury was out a long time, but eventually acquitted him. After the verdict was in and the politician was leaving the courtroom, a minister who had been in part responsible for the indictment and trial, approached the politician and said: "Well, my friend, you have escaped; but you had a close shave. I trust this will be a warning to you to lead a better life and deal more fairly with your fellow men."

"That may be," the politician replied. "That may be; but I ain't pledged to any one."—Saturday Evening Post.

ROUNDABOUT WAY.



Cook—My dog took first prize at the cat show.
Hook—How was that?
Cook—He took the cat.

FEED YOU MONEY
Feed Your Brain, and It Will Feed You Money and Fame.

"Ever since boyhood I have been especially fond of meats, and I am convinced I ate too rapidly, and failed to masticate my food properly.

"The result was that I found myself, a few years ago, afflicted with ailments of the stomach, and kidneys, which interfered seriously with my business.

"At last I took the advice of friends and began to eat Grape-Nuts instead of the heavy meats, etc., that had constituted my former diet.

"I found that I was at once benefited by the change, that I was soon relieved from the heartburn and indigestion that used to follow my meals, that the pains in my back from my kidney affection had ceased.

"My nerves, which used to be unsteady, and my brain, which was slow and lethargic from a heavy diet of meats and greasy foods, had, not in a moment, but gradually, and none the less surely, been restored to normal efficiency.

"Now every nerve is steady and my brain and thinking faculties are quicker and more acute than for years past.

"After my old style breakfasts I used to suffer during the forenoon from a feeling of weakness which hindered me seriously in my work, but since I began to use Grape-Nuts food I can work till dinner time with all ease and comfort." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

"There's a reason."

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

OVERRULES GRAND TRUNK DEMURRER

JUDGE McDONALD HOLDS STATE HAS RIGHT TO BRING LEGAL ACTION.

EFFORT TO RECOVER TAXES

Attorney for the Railroad States That He Would Naturally Appeal the Case to the Supreme Court.

Lansing.—In overruling the demurrer made last week by the Grand Trunk railroad Judge McDonald held that the state of Michigan has a legal right to bring action against the railroad in an effort to recover back taxes amounting to about $2,000,000.

All of the eight reasons contained in the demurrer, prepared by Harrison Geer of Detroit, chief counsel of the Grand Trunk, were overruled by Judge McDonald. The first reason, the one which is regarded as the most substantial, stated that the suit was not begun legally; that such action should be started by a bill of complaint, instead of information and petition. While the court did rule that the case should have been begun as contended by Mr. Geer, he stated that the label on the case had no effect on the subject matter.

Attorney Geer stated that he would naturally appeal the case to the supreme court.

Memorial Day Proclamation.

Governor Osborn issued the customary declaration and Memorial day proclamation. The proclamation in part:

"The custom of observing a day once a year for the purpose of especially paying tribute of memory to those who so bravely gave their lives that the nation might live and be a purer and better home for the oppressed of all lands, is one of the most commendable of our national life. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

"The legions that lie buried in mother earth, very many of them in unmarked graves, will never be forgotten. The sacrifice will be forever an inspiration to higher citizenship upon the part of those who live today and tomorrow, in order that we may so guide the state that it will be worthy of the hallowed dead who died for it.

"Then let us gather throughout all Michigan and strew flowers on land and water in honor of the heroes of the army and navy who are gone, but not forgotten, and let us consecrate ourselves anew to the service of God and our country."

Aviation Meet Sure of Success.

H. L. Connell, president of the Aeronautical society of the University of Michigan, assured David L. Herman, chairman of the executive committee of the aviation meet which will be held in Detroit next month, that the club would attend the meet in a body on June 30. Commencement at Ann Arbor comes on June 29, and there will be hundreds of students and alumni to come to Detroit the following day. Invitations will also be sent the student bodies of Michigan Agricultural college, Ohio State university, Western Reserve university, Purdue, Notre Dame, Case School of Applied Science and others, to attend the meet.

Edward Thompson of Ypsilanti, is heading a committee of business men of that city which is raising a purse of $6,000 for a flight from Detroit to Ypsilanti and return. Flights will be made to several other nearby points. It is expected that about $25,000 will be offered in prizes, and trials will be made for altitude, endurance and passenger-carrying records.

Railway Agents to Hurry Meeting.

Instead of taking two days for the annual meeting, the Association of Industrial and Agricultural agents of the railways finished with one day's session at the Hotel Cadillac in Detroit, hearing a number of addresses on topics of their trade and electing officers. In the morning the delegates were welcomed by Mayor Thompson and Milton A. McRae. President L. G. Snyder of the Michigan Agricultural college addressed them on the co-operation of the railroad and state agricultural departments.

John T. Toll of Philadelphia showed by figures that the tonnage in 10-years from 1901 has increased from 3,000,000 to 6,000,000. This is due to education, to modern methods and fertilization.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, D. E. Kling, of the Missouri Pacific at St. Louis; vice-president, E. J. Dowie, of the Lake Shore at Cleveland; secretary, Guy L. Stewart, of the Cotton Belt

Urge Taft to Attend.

A combined effort of the hundreds of alumni of the Michigan College of Mines is to be made to induce President Taft to attend the college reunion and quarter-century celebration at Houghton August 8 to 11. President F. W. McNall of the college left for Washington to personally tender the invitation. Three others already have accepted the invitation. They are George W. Perkins of New York, Governor Osborn and Dr. J. A. Holmes, head of the United States bureau of mines.

New Michigan Corporations.

The following companies have filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state: Snow Transit company, St. Ignace, $15,000; Auto City Brewing company, Hamtramck township of Wayne county, $100,000; Michigan Vacuum Cleaner company, Detroit, $8,000, principal stockholders L. C. Wilson, A. R. Wilson and John Fry; Schultenberg Manufacturing company, Detroit, $25,000, principal stockholders, Robert and Helen Schultenberg.

State Farmers Plan Revenge.

The Michigan state fair has been dragged into the Canadian reciprocity issue by the Wolverine farmers who are in Washington to fight the measure, and it is said that, should a delegation go from Washington to Detroit to fight for reciprocity, the farmers of the state will retaliate by avoiding the state fair in Detroit next September.

President Snyder of the Michigan Agricultural College declares his doubt of any very strong pro-reciprocity argument from Detroiters. Detroit needs the farmers, the college president insists, but the farmer can get along without Detroit, as other cities in Michigan can supply the farmer's needs. Other members of the farmer delegation take the same view, and they talk of reprisals against the Michigan metropolis if it takes what the farmers believe is a "selfish stand for its own supposed gain against the interests of the rural districts."

A Buffalo delegation of 100 is at Washington urging reciprocity and the Michigan grangers are raising the cry that the Bisons came at the brewers' instigation.

"It's a move to get free barley from Canada," is the talk. "The brewers want to get cheaper material."

N. P. Hull, master of the Michigan Grange, declares he has no knowledge of such a move in Detroit, but the point is made that Canadian reciprocity will put cereals in the free list. With the liquor interests versus the "drys" drawn into the reciprocity fight the contest is admitted here to take on new angles.

On the other side of the argument Senator Stone sprung a sensation while the Michigan farmers were before the senate committee, by asking that a subpoena be issued compelling the appearance of the law firm of Allen & Graham, of New York, and directing it to produce all the anti-reciprocity literature it has printed or written.

Mr. Hull declared the firm was employed by the grangers, and a stormy argument ensued. Stone remarked that if nothing was the matter there ought to be no objection to the lawyers coming and Hull said he not only had no objection, but would have the lawyers come without a subpoena.

Many Fraternal Orders to Meet.

Within the next six weeks many of the fraternal orders will hold their annual state conventions in various cities of Michigan. Lansing will entertain one of these and will also send her share of delegates to these convocations.

Important matters will be considered when the Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., meets in Port Huron, May 23 and 24. Lansing Lodge, No. 33, will be represented by Worshipful Master Andrew J. Patton, Edgar A. Gregg being alternate. Dr. W. T. Shaw and John H. Hawks also will attend the sessions. Capital Lodge, No. 66, will be represented by Worshipful Master Frank B. LeClear.

Lansing Lodge, No. 196, B. P. O. E., has not elected its four delegates to the state convention to be held at Traverse City, June 6, 7 and 8.

The state conclave of the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar of Michigan will be attended by the 60 members of Lansing Commandery, No. 25, who will probably be accompanied by their wives. The drill squad will appear in the parade on June 13 and will also participate in the exhibition drill the following day. The commandery will be accompanied by a band from this city.

State—Secretary W. H. Graham of the Fraternal Order of Eagles estimates that two-thirds of the membership of Lansing Aerie, No. 1639, will go to Pontiac on one of the days that the state convention meets there. Three delegates, Henry Russell, William A. Hoelzle, and John F. Dunnigan, have been elected to represent the Aerie while the convention is in session, June 20 to 23.

Another state convention is that of the A. U. V., which will be held at Detroit, June 13, 14 and 15. The Lansing organization will elect delegates to attend.

Officers Chosen by K. O. T. M.

The second quadrennial state convention of the Knights of the Maccabees of the World elected the following officers at Grand Rapids: Past commander, Charles H. Buell, Detroit; commander, Isaac Erb, Port Huron; lieutenant commander, James A. Wood, Flint; record keeper, M. O. White, Adrian; physician, Dr. R. E. Spinks, Detroit; chaplain, H. L. Holmes, Fenton; master-at-arms, James L. Lee, Benton Harbor; sergeant, William H. Graham, Lansing; first master of guard, E. A. Murphy, Ionia; second master of guard, Paul Anderson, Ludington; sentinel, William Allen, Grand Rapids; picket, W. L. Carpenter, Manistique.

There was a spirited contest for the position of the two representatives to attend the supreme tent meeting to be held in Cleveland in July. M. E. Glynn of Detroit and Charles F. Hext of Grand Rapids were elected.

State Treasurer After Peddlers.

State Treasurer Sleeper is starting out an employee of his department, J. C. Ryan, to check up the hawkers and and peddlers of the state and enforce the law requiring these itinerant business men to pay the license fee required by the state. It is believed that there are several hundred of them who have not complied with the law and prosecutions may be instituted in some cases. Mr. Ryan will devote three or four months to the work.

The law provides that peddlers shall pay a state license fee annually of $5 and if operating with one horse the fee is $20; with two horses it is $40. The present law exempts merchants who have been in business for one year from paying a peddler's tax for wagons they may operate in the county in which their store is located, or an adjoining county. Before this exemption went into effect the state received an income of as high as $15,000 a year from these fees; last year it amounted to $2,835. It is expected that the department will increase this fund considerable by this investigation.

PEACE AT LAST IN SIGHT IN MEXICO

THE REAL TEST OF GEN. MADERO'S STRENGTH COMES IN ATTEMPT TO STOP FIGHTING.

ONLY A FEW TROOPS KEPT PENDING FULFILLMENT OF TERMS.

Rebels in Southern California Have to Be Subdued by Former Comrades in Arms.

The real test of the strength of Francisco I. Madero, Jr., in the Mexican revolution is at hand. Whether he will be able to stop the fighting in the republic, now that he has brought about the signing of a peace agreement, is the grave question agitating his followers.

The rebel chieftain's father said: "It will take a long time to get the peace news abroad. When we send telegrams to insurrecto bands telling them to fight, they think the messenges are false orders sent by the Diaz government to trick them. Therefore they pay no attention to such messages and go on fighting as before.

"Not only that, but the whole republic is overrun with insurrectos. Rebellion has swept over the country like a flame and my son does not really know how great his army is."

The report, however, that General Figueroa, the rebel leader in Lower California, will refuse to accept the peace terms as signed is denied by Madero. He asserts that Figueroa will co-operate with the provisional government in every way and that his forces will disband as soon as the rebellion is ended and Diaz has left the presidency.

Country Like Normal.

Officially declared peace with more of the atmosphere of normal conditions, reigns in northern Mexico for the first time in six months. Messages are being flashed over all of the country announcing that a peace agreement signed Sunday night definitely ended hostilities.

Undisguised joy beamed in the face of Judge Carbojal, the federal peace envoy, as he prepared to depart from Juarez for Mexico City, his mission being accomplished after nearly four weeks of parleys. Francisco I. Madero, Jr., triumphant leader of the revolt, sat in his house in the outskirts of the town, content and happy, receiving scores of congratulatory telegrams on the success of the movement he initiated. He will now await the resignation of President Diaz, starting for Mexico City within a week, when it is expected to become an established fact.

Plot to Kill Gen. Madero.

Plans for the departure from Juarez to Mexico City of Provisional President Francisco I. Madero, Jr., received a setback when a member of the El Paso revolutionary junta received a telegram from the capital stating that persistent rumors were in circulation there of a plot to assassinate Madero upon his arrival.

Beyond this bare statement the message gave no details, but the matter was considered so serious by the insurrecto leaders as to result in postponing the trip of Madero until the reports are disproved or affairs in the capital are in a more settled condition

Every officer on the staff of the provisional president had donated six months salary as a fund for the widows and children of insurrecto soldiers killed during the revolution.

High Railway Fare to Stand.

Railways operating in Central Passenger association territory—including the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan—are permitted, by an order issued by the interstate commerce commission, to exact higher passenger fares for interstate than for intra-state business where state legislatures orstate commissions have established a two-cent a mile rate until May 1, 1912, by which time the railroads are to show why they need such a distinction. The commission was opposed to the request of the railroads, but decided to grant them time to prepare data in defense of it.

Church Opposed to Taking Utah's Gift

The Presbyterian general assembly went on record at Atlantic City as being opposed to the acceptance by the navy department of a silver service for the battleship Utah, which has engraved on the coffee tray an etching of Brigham Young, one of the founders of the Mormon religion, and a view of the Mormon temple at Salt Lake City in the background.

A woman's school bill governing employment of women and children in the District of Columbia, was introduced by Representative Berger of Wisconsin. Girls under 18, the bill provides, cannot be kept at work after 6 p. m.

Robert T. Lincoln resigned as president of the Pullman Co., Chicago, and was elected chairman of the board of directors. He was succeeded by John S. Runnels.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian premier, accompanied by Sir Frederick Borden, minister of militia, and L. P. Brodeur, minister of marine, has arrived in London to represent Canada at the approaching imperial conference.

Senator Cullom has been devoting the leisure moments of his eighty-second year to the preparation of a volume of reminiscences which will be published early next fall. The work will be illustrated and will cover the past 50 years of American history, with which the venerable Illinois senator has been identified in an active capacity.

Charles P. Taft, brother of the president, with Mrs. Taft and their daughter, sailed for England on the steamer Lapland to attend the coronation. They plan to leave London on their return July 28.

There is no absolute or fixed speed limit at which motor cars may be operated in Massachusetts, according to the supreme court, which rules that if a jury finds the rate of speed was reasonable and proper, having regard to traffic, use of the way and safety of the public, it should find for a defendant, no matter at what rate of speed he operated the machine.

$1,000 In Prizes!

To be distributed by the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC in its great prize voting contest, the Capital Prize to be an elegant

$400.00 OAKLAND PIANO

The Progressive Merchants of Birmingham Have Contributed the Following Valuable Prizes Printed Below, and Will Give the Eccentric Prize Vote Coupons

Rules and Regulations Governing Contest Are as Follows:

1. ANNOUNCEMENT—The Piano and Popular Ladies' Voting Contest will be conducted fairly and honestly on business principles, with justice and fairness to all concerned. With the above principles the contest will be an assured success.

2. PRIZES—The capital prize will be an Oakland Piano. Also other valuable prizes will be given to the amount of several hundred dollars, which are announced herewith.

3. CANDIDATES—Young ladies in this and adjoining towns are eligible to enter this contest, and the party receiving the largest number of votes shall receive the beautiful $400.00 Oakland Piano, and other premiums will be distributed in accordance with contestants' standing at the final count.

4. TIE IN VOTES—Should any of the contestants tie in votes, The Publisher's Music Company will award a prize similar in accordance with standing at the final count.

5. VOTES CLASSED—Votes will be issued in the following denominations:

New subscriptions, 600 votes	$1 00
Renewals, 500 votes for	1 00
Renewals, more than one year, 600 votes for	1 00
Back subscriptions, 400 votes for	1 00
Five-years new subscriptions, 5,000 votes	5 00
Ten-years new subscriptions, 12,500 votes	10 00

6. INSTRUCTIONS—Results as to standing of votes will be issued after 30 days. No votes will be accepted at less than regular price of paper concerned in this contest. No one connected with this paper will be allowed to become a candidate in this contest or work for contestant.

Votes after being taken cannot be transferred to another. Be sure you know whom you are going to vote for before coming to the ballot box, as the editor or any one will positively not give you any information on the subject. The keys to the government ballot box shall be in possession of the awarding committee during the contest.

For the first 30 days this paper will run a 25-vote coupon which can be voted free for any lady contestant.

Contest to run not less than 90 days. Closing of contest will be announced 25 days in advance of closing. The right to postpone date of closing is reserved if sufficient cause should occur.

The contest shall close on a day which will be announced later. Ten days prior to closing contest the judges will carefully lock or seal ballot box and take the same to the Bank, where the same will be kept in a place where the voting can be done during business hours and locked in a vault at night until close of contest, when the judges will take charge and count same and announce the yovng ladies winning in their turn.

The last 10 days all voting must be done in sealed box at Bank. Put your coupons in a sealed envelope, which will be furnished you and put same in ballot box. This will give every one a fair and square deal.

Birmingham Eccentric Piano Contest
Towel Bars, Soap Dishes, Bath Seats, etc. Value $10.00
Donated by
Wilkinson and Bassett
Plumbing, Heating and Sheet Metal Work
We give a 25-vote Coupon with each $1 cash purchase.
ASK FOR COUPON

Birmingham Eccentric Piano Contest
One Pair Ladies' Shoes Value $5.00
Donated by
V. Nixon
Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes, Gents' Furnishings
We give a 25-vote Coupon with each $1 cash purchase.
ASK FOR COUPON

Birmingham Eccentric Piano Contest
Electric Flat Iron Value $5.00
Donated by
HUSTON HARDWARE COMPANY
General Hardware
We give a 25-vote Coupon with each $1 cash purchase.
ASK FOR COUPON

Birmingham Eccentric Piano Contest
Chafing Dish Value $5.00
Donated by
W. H. HOGE & CO.
General Hardware
We give a 25-vote Coupon with each $1 cash purchase.
ASK FOR COUPON

Birmingham Eccentric Piano Contest
One Barrel Birmingham Flour Value $5.00
Donated by
COBB-STANLEY-HARRIS COMPANY
Groceries and Drugs
We give a 25-vote Coupon with each $1 cash purchase.
ASK FOR COUPON

Five $106.00 Piano due bills Value $500.00
Five $100.00 Piano Due Bills
Donated by the
Birm'gham Eccentric

Place your order with the Eccentric for your 1912 Calendars