TIMELY TOPICS.

Cottonwood and silver poplar trees absorb a great deal of moisture, both by roots and leaves, and are regarded as anti-malarial agents. The park at Washington covering the Potomac flats will have many of these trees for these reasons. The great objection to the silver poplar is its sprouting qualities, which make a wilderness of brush of a grass plat in a few years' time.

In an address to young men, Dr. W. Pratt, of London, says that married life is by far the most healthy. In 1,000 married men of 25 to 30 years of age there are six deaths; 1,000 bachelors furnish 10 deaths, and 1,000 widowers 22 deaths. In young married men before 20 years the figures are unfavorable, being 50 per 1,000. In unmarried men under 20 the rate is but 7 per 1,000. If girls marry before 20 a like mortality befalls them. Married people from 18 to 20 die as fast as people from 60 to 70. After 21 marriage should be contracted as soon as practicable.

The sword which has been sent by our government to the governor of Yakutsk was designed by Lieutenant Scheutze, of the United States navy, who has sailed for Russia with the present. It has a blade of the finest steel, with a scabbard and hilt of beaten gold. On the former are engravings of dog and reindeer sleds and the Jeannette. It is inscribed: "Presented by the President of the United States to Major-general Georguy Fedorovitch Tchernaieff, governor of Yakutsk, East Siberia, for eminent services rendered to the survivors of the Arctic exploring steamer Jeannette and the search parties." It is valued at $500.

The Arabs have been closely observing the British manner of fighting in the Soudan, and as their experience has been considerable, they have been able to form definite opinions. One sheik writes to another that "the Inglesi have, after all, a good plan of fighting. They stand still, wait for us, and then they fire; thus we lose a great many. But when one Inglees is killed or wounded another takes him out of the way on his back and another man takes his place. Thus, in battle you do not see huge piles of dead mixed with wounded among the the Inglesi, as it is with us, and the ground is not obstructed with the dead."

Horrible cruelty to animals is common in Naples. Old horses, young kids and lambs, ill dogs, cats and rats, are skinned alive, because the skin when removed from the living creature is considered more supple and sells for a somewhat higher price. Dogs are seized by legalized municipal dog-stealers twice a day; are thrust pell mell into a court; kept two days without food, and then half stunned with a stick, and while living flayed from head to tail. Horses in the knackers' yards there are allowed to drop from hunger, as being less trouble than killing them, and when utterly exhausted are nailed on planks and flayed.

The royal Bengal tiger, with his glistening eyes, smooth hide and supple proportions, is quoted at $2,000, and two form a full supply. Pretty, but vicious, panthers are sold for from $100 to $200, and leopards are about twice as costly—say $300 for a spotted variety. The wildcat, as a concentration of wickedness, is highly prized, but $25 will buy one. Any price from $10 to $100 has been paid, according to the rarity of the variety and its size. The giraffe is the most valuable animal exhibited. Little ones, from five to ten feet high, are estimated to be worth from $2,500 to $5,000. Large ones bring $10,000, and those from sixteen to twenty feet cost from $15,000 to $25,000.

Some years ago, when the excavations of Pompeii were beginning, a party of Americans found, in what had been the pantry of a house, many jars of preserved figs. One was opened, and they were found to be fresh and good. Investigation showed that the figs had been put into the jars in a heated state, an aperture being left for the steam to escape, and then sealed with wax. The hint was taken, and soon after fruit canning was introduced here, the process being identical with that in vogue in Pompeii twenty centuries ago. There are many ladies among us who can tomatoes and peaches for domestic use and do not realize that they are indebted for the art to the people of Pompeii.

The *Journal of Inebriety* thinks that the cumulative action of alcohol on the brain centres exists to a greater extent than is generally supposed. Many men who drink regularly through the day and seem no worse for it, become intoxicated late at night, although they have not used spirits during the evening. "It appears," says the editor, "that alcohol, like bromide, may remain in the system to some extent without producing any marked action, and then suddenly, from some unknown cause, burst into great activity, producing profound intoxication." The reasons for this do not seem to be definitely understood, though they are thought to be of a combined physiological and psychological nature, and partly due to climate conditions.

In the year 1792 there were only 264 postoffices in the United States, and so light were the duties of postmaster general regarded that President Washington was opposed to giving him a seat in the cabinet. Now there are nearly 50,000 postoffices, and the annual revenues have swelled from $25,000 to $45,000,000. Ninety years ago the department looked with unconcealed disfavor on the project of admitting newspapers to the mails, and not until the introduction of railroads did the opposition entirely relax. Nowadays hundreds of tons of printed matter are handled and transported daily. When Thomas Jefferson and Timothy Pickering endeavored to expedite the service between New York and Washington so as to attain a speed of 100 miles in twenty-four hours they came into collision with a State rights pretension which temporarily defeated the enterprise, for New Jersey insisted on exacting her "stage and tavern" tax of $400 from the Federal mail coaches.

From a careful analysis of over 3,500 special crop reports from its subscribers, practical farmers, in every State and Territory in the Union, the *Rural New Yorker* concludes that the winter wheat crop will amount to 210,000,000 bushels, and the spring wheat crop 155,000,000 bushels, making an aggregate crop of 366,000,000, a falling off of 147,000,000 bushels from last year's crop. Oats will be the largest crop ever harvested; rye and barley fair crops. The corn area is larger than ever before, and the outlook is good for an average yield per acre. There will be an average crop of potatoes, and there is a considerable increase in the acreage of tobacco. The cotton prospects are highly promising, despite the injury from insects in Texas and other places. There will be a fair crop of apples for an "off year." Many trees are dying, especially in the West. Peaches are a failure in northern latitudes, and there is a poor out-look for pears. There will be fair crops in New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland.

Comparative Consumption of Liquor.

To one who deplores the extent of the drinking habits in this country, it will be comforting, and perhaps a little surprising, to learn that this is one of the most temperate countries in the world. The London *Times* has lately compiled a table showing the average yearly consumption, per head of population, in some of the principal countries of the civilized world, of liquors containing alcohol, with the following result:

	Spirits, Litres.	Wine, Litres.	Beer, Litres.
Canada	3.08	0.29	8.51
Norway	3.90	1.00	15.30
United States	4.79	2.64	31.30
Great Britain and Ireland	5.37	2.09	143.92
Austria-Hungary	5.66	22.40	28.10
France	7.28	119.20	21.65
Russia	8.08	Unkn'n	4.41
Sweden	8.14	0.36	11.00
German Zollverein	8.60	6.00	65.00
Belgium	9.20	8.70	169.20
Switzerland	15.30	55.00	37.50
Netherlands	9.87	2.57	27.00
Denmark	18.99	1.00	33.33

The litre holds a little over a quart of our liquid measure. One strange thing shown by the table is that while the average inhabitant of the United States drinks about five quarts of spirits—mostly whisky—a year, he drinks less than three quarts of wine. Compared with most other countries, however, we make a good showing in the consumption of spirits, only Canada and Norway consuming less. In Canada a prohibitory law is in force in some of the provinces.

The tremendous consumption of spirits in Denmark and Switzerland is the most remarkable fact revealed by the figures in the table. When the Swiss capacity for wine is also noted, and the fact that, beside all this, they drink more beer than Americans, their bibulous propensities certainly stand unrivaled.

France is, of course, the great consumer of wine, no other country even approaching her. The Swiss drink nearly half as much as the French, and the inhabitants of Austria-Hungary one-fifth as much. Other nations are nowhere in comparison.

It will be noted, perhaps with some surprise, that the English consumption of beer more than doubles that of the Germans, and that the Belgians exceed both. The last-named burghers, indeed, average almost a gallon a week for every man, woman, and child in the country, while the English are content with something less than a pint a day. In this country we drink less beer than Belgians, English, Germans, Swiss, or Danes, but more than Austrians, Dutch, French, Norwegians, Swedes, Russians, or Canadians.—*New York Mail and Express.*

Not a Poetical Plant.

On most English peaty patches there grows a little reddish-leaved, odd looking plant known as sundew. It is but an inconspicuous small weed, and yet literary and scientific honors have been heaped upon its head to an extent almost unknown in the case of almost any other member of the British floral commonwealth. Mr. Swinburne has addressed an ode to it, and Mr. Darwin has written a learned book about it. Its portrait has been sketched by innumerable artists and its biography narrated by innumerable authors. And all this attention has been showered upon it not because it is beautiful, or good, or modest, or retiring, but simply and solely because it is atrocious and deliberately wicked. Like the late Mr. Peace and the heroes of the Newgate calendar, it owes its vogue entirely to its murderous propensities. Sundew, in fact, is the best known and most easily accessible of the carnivorous and insectivorous plants. The leaf of the sundew is round and flat, and is covered by a number of small red glands, which act as the attractive advertisement to the misguided midges. Their knobby ends are covered with a glutinous secretion which glistens like honey in the sunlight, and so gains for the plant its common English name. But the moment a hapless fly, attracted by hopes of meat or nectar, settles quietly in its midst, on hospitable thoughts intent, the viscid liquid holds him tight immediately, and clogs his legs and wings, so that he is snared exactly as a peregrine is snared with bird lime. Then the leaf with all its "redlipped mouths" (I will own up that the expression is Mr. Swinburne's, ubi supra) closes over him s'owly but surely, and crushes him by folding its edgas inward gradually toward the center. The fly often lingers long with ineffectual struggles, while the cruel, crawling leaf pours forth a digestive fluid—a vegetable gastric juice as it were—and dissolves him alive piecemeal in its hundred clutching suckers. I have seen this mute tragedy enacted a thousand times over on the bogs and moorlands; and though I often try to release the fresh flies from their ghastly living but inanimate prison, it is impossible to go around all the plants on a whole common, like a philodipterous Howard, ameliorating the condition of the victims of misplaced confidence in the good intentions of the treacherous sundew.—*London Cornhill.*

The Land of the Afghans.

The land of the Afghans is of quadrangular shape, bounded on the west and east by Persia and India, and on the north and south by Turkestan and Beluchistan. Of the whole area, extending to about 270,000 square miles, about four-fifths are rocky, mountainous and desert. By the labor of centuries, where circumstances favor, there are parts of the northern provinces rendered so fertile that two harvests are annually reaped. The produce includes wheat (the staple food of the people), barley, peas, beans, rice, maize, tobacco, sugar cane and cotton. The chief exports are wool, horses, silk, fruit, etc. The chief avenues of communications between Afghanistan and India are the Khyber, the Gomul and the Bolan Passes. The people—of Iranic race—are characterized as bold, hardy and warlike, fond of freedom and resolute in maintaining it; but of a restless, turbulent temper and much given to plunder. The chief towns are Kabul, Kandahar, Herat and Ghazni. Most of the houses, even in the capital, are of a very humble character, built of undried bricks.

The Frying-Pan the Enemy of Religion

The Rev. Sam Jones has been stirring things up pretty lively in Dixie, but as a theorist he isn't a marker to a Baptist minister in North Carolina, who has come to the front with the assertion that the frying-pan has prevented the conversion of the world. He is evidently a student of hygiene, for he says the sinner's conscience can best be reached through his stomach, and that the grease and odor of the frying-pan produce a sort of dyspepsia that is decidedly unfavorable to religious reflection and rather more productive of profanity.—*Baltimore Record.*

Premature Burials.

"The world would be horrified," said a well known undertaker the other day, "if it knew the number of bodies that are buried before life is extinct. Once in a while one of these cases comes to light, but no steps are taken to prevent its recurrence. Something that happened to me about twelve years ago has worried me ever since. I was sent for one day to take charge of the body of a man in —— street. The man was a tailor, and had fallen over while sitting on his bench sewing. He was a big, fleshy man, about forty years of age, and weighed about 250 pounds. The body was warm and the limbs were limp. I did not believe the man was dead, and said so. His friends told me that a physician had pronounced him dead. I was ordered to put the body on ice at once, but I delayed this operation, on one pretext or another, for nearly two days. During this time the body lay on the bench in the little shop. Finally, I could delay no longer. The limbs were still as limber as when I first examined the body. I prepared the body for burial, and the next day it was buried. I do not believe that man was dead when the earth was shoveled in on his coffin. If the same thing were to happen again I would let somebody else do the burying.

"About the same time a young woman living up town was supposed to have died very suddenly. A physician was called in. He said she was dead. An old woman who was present thought otherwise and insisted upon it that she was in a trance. The body was buried. A few weeks later the old woman determined to satisfy herself about it, and bribed the grave-diggers to disinter the coffin. The lid was removed and a horrible sight was seen. The young woman had come to life and had made a terrible struggle for liberty. Her hair was torn out, and her face was frightfully scratched. She had turned over on her face.

"A person is generally believed to be dead if there is no action of the heart or pulse. A vein should be opened. If blood flows the person is not dead. This operation would take about thirty seconds, but it is not often resorted to. Supposing the person is suffering only from a temporary suspension of animation. Before he can recover the use of his faculties an undertaker comes in and he is put into an ice-box, where whatever life there may have been in him is frozen out. The board of health should take hold of this matter and devise some means of ascertaining beyond all doubt that life is extinct before the body is buried. I have thought of a good many different means. A receiving vault could be built in every cemetery, where bodies could be placed until decomposition had begun, when they could be buried."—*Philadelphia North American.*

The Lord, the Lady and the Dude.

The writer of "Hit and Miss Chat" in the New York *Times* relates the following story about Lord Randolph Churchill, whose wife is an American lady:

Lord Randolph Churchill, so conspicuous just now in the affairs of the English government, recalls a good story to be heard at New York clubs. Lady Churchill, who was one of the brightest girls ever reared in New York, was one of the attractive features at a recent charity ball in London. Her husband, hot-headed but generous, was one of the fashionable throng. While Lady Churchill was executing some brilliant dash on the piano keys a tall young fellow, with bangs, eye glass and all the rest of dudedom's paraphernalia, stood near Lord Churchill. In a feminine lisp the tall young man remarked for his lordship's ears: "Deuced fine music, you know; but it lacks the weal soul, it lacks the weal soul!" Churchill gave him a half-contemptuous glance. The tall young man still dispensed his lisp. He had nothing original to say, but his criticisms made up for what they lacked in that direction by silly personality. He was in delightful ignorance of the identity of his listener, and seemed amazed by the spirit of a low phrase that finally flew into his ears sounding very like this: "For a shilling I'd wallop the life out of you here on the spot." A soothing panacea to wounded feelings came to the tall young man on the following day, when a card unexpectedly invited him to the Churchill drawing room. He wasn't long in responding. Neither was he long in departing. He got no further than the hall. A burly young man met him there. It was the same gentleman whom he had favored with his lispings last night—Lord Randolph Churchill. Then out floated Lady Churchill. "This fellow's come to apologize to you." Thus the lord to the lady. "Down on your knees!" Thus the lord to the caller. And down on the rugs fell the perfumed creature. He was very abject. He even consented to be kicked. I haven't much pride in chronicling the fact that this youth is a New Yorker.

Trunks With False Bottoms.

"You would be surprised at the number of orders we fill for trunks with false bottoms," said a trunk manufacturer.

"For thieves, eh?"

"Sometimes, yes, but more frequently for high-toned people. A man came to me one day with an oil-painting of a beautiful woman, and asked me to have the painting built into the bottom of a trunk. Naturally I was curious, and, as he was talkative, I soon found out that the painting was of his first wife, and that his new wife was awfully jealous. 'I don't like to burn up the old picture, you see,' he said, 'as she is not dead, and it's a sign of mighty bad luck to burn up a picture of a living person. I suspect if she was dead my present wife wouldn't care.' Well, I built the picture into the trunk, sent it home to him, and I suppose everything is lovely, and the new wife thinks the picture has been destroyed. A woman came once and wanted a trunk with a false bottom arranged, so that she could get at it easily. We generally make the openings to false bottoms from the under side, but she wanted this through the upper side of the bottom. I asked her how deep she wanted the false bottom, and she said, absently, 'Oh, big enough to hold a package of letters and a photograph.' Now, that was a definite order, wasn't it?"—*San Francisco Chronicle.*

A New Device.

A stranger stepped into the Stafford house office yesterday, and, calling the bell-boy, said: "I'm going to send a prize dog on a long trip through Canada. Go to the kitchen and tell the girls to fix up some nice pieces of bread and meat to put in the box; so he can have something to eat. "I'll make it all right with you." The boy hastened to the culinary department and presently returned with a plate full of sliced bread and juicy meat. "That's all right," said the stranger, taking the plate, but I want some mustard on the meat. Go get the mustard cup." The boy returned to the kitchen; the stranger passed quietly out of the door with his dog dinner, and has not been seen since 'Twas a new free lunch racket—only this and nothing more.—*Buffalo Courier.*

Her Spending Money.

A young girl once complained to her aunt that her father did not give her any pocket-money. The aunt was a kind-hearted woman, and thinking to make her niece happy, she presented her with a ten-dollar bill. The young lady was delighted, of course, and profuse in her thanks. Shortly after she went on a walk, and upon her return proudly exhibited to her aunt a handsome purse and a gold mounted drawing pencil. She did not actually need either of these articles, but they were pretty and took her fancy. The cost of them were seven dollars. The pencil was lost before many days, and as the remaining three dollars were frittered away, there was little use for the purse. The good aunt was at no loss to see why the father withheld pocket-money from his daughter, and thereafter she herself found some other use for her ten-dollar bills. It should be added that this young lady called herself an economical girl. When she had no spending money she could get along bravely without many things which her soul craved. Yet our readers can judge for themselves, from the incident above related, whether she had the true idea of economy or not. Thrift and economy are greatly advocated as desirable virtues. But these do not mean simply going without what is needed. Economy is to get the most possible out of a dollar; not to waste it and then be driven to practice self-denial. There is a great difference even among very young people in this regard. Give two girls or boys a dollar, and often you will discover when the cash is spent that one girl has an equivalent to show for it. She has her full money's worth of something desirable. This is economy. The other can hardly tell where the money is gone. It has been so foolishly expended that she might almost as well have lighted the fire with it. It is not difficult to acquire habits of true economy, but the practice of it should begin with small sums—the dimes and quarters—and childhood is the time to take the first lesson.

Lime Water.

The housekeeper should never be without a bottle of lime water. To have it always ready and in good order, with little expense, place in a tall quart bottle any kind a gill or so of good lime just slacked with water. Then fill the bottle with rain or other pure water, and allow it to stand quietly, well corked. The lime will settle, leaving clear lime water at the top. Pour this off gently, as wanted, adding more water as needed. Lime water, even when closely corked, often deteriorates; the carbonic acid in the air unites with the lime and settles as an insoluble carbonate on the sides of the bottle, which is nearly impossible to remove. This will spoil the bottle for any other use. Therefore select one from the storeroom which is not valued, but which has a good tight cover. A wide mouth-bottle is preferable. The lime should be removed and fresh put in once a year or so, unless kept very tightly corked. A pint of cold water dissolves less than ten grains of lime, and warm water still less. The uses lime water may be put to are innumerable. If good milk disagrees with a child or grown person, three or four tablespoonfuls of lime water added to a pint of it will usually help digestion and prevent flatulence; it also counteracts pain from wind in the stomach caused by eating acid fauits. Over-eating of candies and other sweets will sometimes cause acidity, for which this is a sovereign remedy. A tablespoonful for a child of two years old to a gill or more for an adult is an ordinary dose, while considerable will have no bad results; in fact, it is a simple anti-acid and slightly tonic. A small quantity put into the tooth-mug with the water for cleaning the teeth will harden the gums and prevent soft decay, which is a serious evil which many desire to avert. For burns and scalds, to two parts of linseed oil add one part of lime water, and apply with soft linen.

The Safest Palace.

Four men were discussing which part of a car was the safest to ride in. They finally agreed to leave it to the conductor. "Middle of middle car, right hand side," said the personage when asked. The rapidity with which he spoke and the mechanical manner in which he made the reply led one of them to halt him as he was passing on and asked him to explain himself. "Why," said he, "everybody asks me that question, and I am so used to answering it that I've got it down to the fewest words possible. I shouldn't wonder if you were to ask me when I am asleep if I would answer it without waking up. The middle car of the train is the safest, because it is the furtherest removed from a collision either in front or behind. Even if the engine plunged into an open drawbridge, it might not take more than a car or two with it. Couplings would be likely to break, you know. Always sit in the middle car, because when cars telescope they are apt not to telescope many feet. As you cannot tell which end will telescope, take to the middle. Whatever car you go in, sit on the right hand side of the car, which is to say the side farthest from the other track, because it sometimes happens that a freight projects too far beyond a flat car and has been known to rip the windows out of passing trains."

Exasperating Acquiescence.

"Try to avoid debating with people," says Mr. Spurgeon. The reverend is correct. Nothing in all this irritating old world will make the other man hold his head so completely and get him so howling mad as for you to keep perfectly quiet just when you know he is getting the better of you, and look at him with an exasperating smile of conscious superiority and pity. But you must look out that he doesn't brain you with a table leg.

A Sad Death.

In Philadelphia recently at a coroner's inquest over the body of a child, the jury returned a verdict that death was caused by the administration of a patent cough syrup, containing morphia. Dr. Sam'l K. Cox, of Washington, states that not one cough medicine in ten is free from this objection. After careful analyses and practical tests he endorses Red Star Cough Cure as being purely vegetable, absolutely free from opiates, poisons and narcotics. He regards it as a most happy and valuable discovery.

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"Crossest Man in Alabama."

"De crossest man in Alabama lives dar," said the driver as we approached a wayside home, near Selma, Ala., to ask accommodations for the night. At supper, and after it, "mine host" scowled at every one, found fault with everything earthly, and I was wondering if he would not growl if the heavenly halo didn't fit him, when incidental mention being made of the comet of 1882, he said: "I didn't like its form; its tail should have been fan-shaped!"

But, next morning, he appeared half-offended at our offering pay for his hospitality! My companion, however, made him accept as a present a sample from his case of goods.

Six weeks later I drew up at the same house. The planter stepped lithely from the porch, and greeted me cordially. I could scarcely believe that this clear-complexioned, bright-eyed, animated fellow, and the morose being of a few weeks back, were the same. He inquired after my companion of the former visit and regretted he was not with me. "Yes," said his wife, "we are both much indebted to him."

"How?" I asked, in surprise.

"For this wonderful change in my husband. Your friend when leaving, handed him a bottle of Warner's safe cure. He took it, and two other bottles, and now"—— "And now," he broke in, "from an ill-feeling, growling old bear, I am healthy and so cheerful my wife declares she has fallen in love with me again!"

It has made over again a thousand love matches, and keeps sweet the tempers of the family circle everywhere. — *Copyrighted. Used by permission of American Rural Home.*

Distress and Damnation.

A young country dentist was recently favored with a commission to make and fit a complete set of teeth for the Anglican bishop of the diocese in which he resided. The dentist was very anxious about the result of his labor, and watched his lordship examining himself and his new teeth in the pier glass. His chagrin may be imagined when we heard the bishop give expression to language ending with that fearful word "damnation." He ventured to suggest that his lordship might feel them rather uncomfortable at first, but in a little time he would get used to them. Without appearing to notice the dentist, his lordship exclaimed, with vehemence,—

"Without doubt he shall perish everlastingly."

"But, indeed, my lord, if you will but have patience," pleaded the dentist. "In a week's time or so—"

"What do you mean?" inquired the prelate, turning round with an apostolic smile. "Why should I have patience? The teeth fit me beautifully; it is the first time I have found myself able to pronounce the Athanasian creed with distinctness for these twenty years."

The Poor Little Ones.

We often see children with red eruptions on face and hands, rough, scaly skin, and often sores on the head. These things indicate a depraved condition of the blood. In the growing period, children have need of pure blood by which to build up strong and healthy bodies. If Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery" is given, the blood is purged of its bad elements, and the child's development will be healthy, and as it should be. Scrofulous affections, rickets, fever sores, hip joint disease, or other grave maladies and suffering, are sure to result from neglect and lack of proper attention to such cases.

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Lem McClendon has been in the employ of the Chess-Carley Company for some years, and I know the above statements to be true. W. B. CROSBY, Manager Chess-Carley Co., Atlanta Division. Atlanta, Ga., April 18, 1885.

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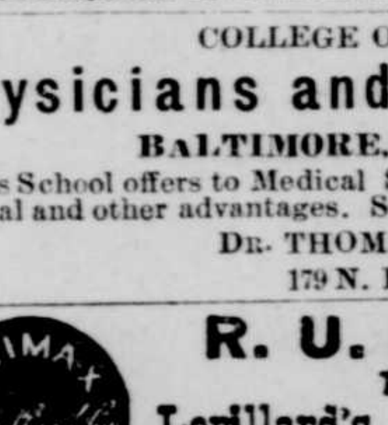
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