Tender Flesh.

The more tender the flesh, the blacker the bruise. The sooner you use St. Jacobs Oil, the quicker will be the cure of any bruise, and any bruise will disappear promptly under the treatment of the great remedy.

Hall Caine believes that in literature, journalism, art and the drama the gentler sex stands on a level with the sterner.

Beauty Is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day 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.

When Mme. Sarah Bernhardt is taking a holiday she spends most of her time in shooting, fishing, boating and 'cycling.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligation made by their firm.

WEST & TRUAX, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio.

WALDING, KINNAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price, 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Francois Coppee, the French poet and dramatist, is a bachelor, and devoted to his pet cats.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.

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

Senator Morrill denies the report that he intends to oppose the ratification of the peace treaty.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reducing inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c. a bottle.

Col. W. J. Bryan has accepted an invitation to speak at a banquet to be given in Washington by the Virginia Democratic Association on Washington's Birthday, February 22.

To Cure A Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

The Czar Nicholas II. has the reputation of being the most liberal of sovereigns, particularly in regard to tips, and it is stated that when on a visit his smallest "pourboire" to the domestics is never less than $5.

To Cure Constipation Forever.

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

Lieutenant Hobson is visiting his parents, at Greensboro, Ala.

Rheumatism

Is caused by acid in the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla neutralizes this acid and cures the aches and pains. Do not suffer any longer when a remedy is at hand. Take the great medicine which has cured so many others, and you may confidently expect it will give you the relief you so much desire.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is America's Greatest Medicine. Price $1. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Hood's Pills cure sick headache. 25c.

RECENT INVENTIONS.

A Texan has patented a billiard cue which is chambered at the end and filled with chalk, to be discharged through small opening to the face of the cue as each shot is made.

In a new British bicycle saddle a metallic ring, supported by braces, is strung with straps or other flexible material to form a flat seat which springs with the weight of the rider.

To ascertain the size of finger rings a new measuring device has a flat base on which the finger is placed, with graduated bars to surround the finger and indicate the size of ring needed.

In an improved footrest for bootblacking stands clamps are provided for the sole and heel portions, which can be adjusted to fit any foot and clamped in place by a lever at the side of the base.

[...] handy hitching post has a spring [...] inserted in the top, on which is [...] a cord with a snap hook at the [...]er end for attachment to the bridle, [...] spring pulling the rope into the [...] when not in use.

[...] a new jack-screw for raising [...] bodies the spiral ribs inside the [...]e are replaced by a series of steel [...] which mesh in the grooves on [...]hreaded shaft and decrease the [...]ction as the shaft is turned.

Grooming Horses by Electricity.

The electric current is now applied to operating horse-grooming machinery, less than three minutes being sufficient for going over an animal. Horse-clippers can also be operated by electric power at high speed.

The Hindoos consider their dead as sacred, and do not allow them to be handled by alien hands, the nearest male relative—son, father or brother—preparing the body for burial, and if there be none of these relatives, a son is adopted by the family for the purpose.

THEY WANT TO TELL

These Grateful Women Who Have Been Helped by Mrs. Pinkham.

Women who have suffered severely and been relieved of their ills by Mrs. Pinkham's advice and medicine are constantly urging publication of their statements for the benefit of other women. Here are two such letters:

Mrs. LIZZIE BEVERLY, 258 Merrimac St., Lowell, Mass., writes:

"It affords me great pleasure to tell all suffering women of the benefit I have received from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I can hardly find words to express my gratitude for what she has done for me. My trouble was ulceration of the womb. I was under the doctor's care. Upon examination he found fifteen very large ulcers, but he failed to do me good. I took several bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, also used the Sanative Wash, and am cured. Mrs. Pinkham's medicine saved my life, and I would recommend it to all suffering women."

Mrs. AMOS TROMBLEAY, Ellenburgh Ctr., N. Y., writes:

"I took cold at the time my baby was born, causing me to have milk legs, and was sick in bed for eight weeks. Doctors did me no good. I surely thought I would die. I was also troubled with falling of the wom[...] I could not eat, had faint spell[...] often as ten times a day. One [...] lady came to see me and told m[...] benefit she had derived fro[...] Lydia E. Pinkham's medici[...] [...]sed [...] to try it. I did [...] [...]y half a bottle [...]t in a chair. [...]es I could d[...] [...]perfect [...]

REV. DR. TALMAGE.

THE EMINENT DIVINE'S SUNDAY DISCOURSE.

Subject: "Architects of Fate"—Young Men Are the Molders of Their Own Destiny, and They Are Admonished to Build on the Right Foundation.

TEXT: "Run, speak to this young man."—Zechariah ii., 4.

There was no snow on the beard of the prophet of my text and no crows' feet had left their mark near his eyes. Zechariah was a young man, and in a day dream he saw and heard two angels talking about the rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem. One of these angels desires that young Zechariah should be well informed about the rebuilding of that city, its circumference and the height of its walls, and he says to the other angel, "Run, speak to this young man." Do not walk, but run, for the message is urgent and imminent. So every young man needs to have immediate advice about the dimensions, the height and the circumference of that which, under God, He is to build—namely, His own character and destiny. No slow or laggard pace will do. A little further on, and counsel will be of no advantage. Swift footed must be the practical and important suggestions, or they might as well never be made at all. Run at the pace of five miles the hour, and speak to that young man. Run, before this year of 1898 is ended. Run, before this century is closed. Run, before his character is inexorably decided for two worlds, this world and the next. How many of us have found out by long and bitter experience things that we ought to have been told before we were twenty-five years of age. Now I propose to tell you some things which, if you will seriously and prayerfully observe, will make you master of the situation in which you are now placed and master of every situation in which you ever will be placed. And in order that my subject may be climacteric, begin on the outside edge of that advice, which will be more and more important as the subject unfolds.

Now, if you would be master of the situation, do not expend money before you get it. How many young men irretrievably mortgage their future because of resources that are quite sure to be theirs. Have the money either in your hand, or in a safety deposit, or in a bank, or in a United States bond before you make purchases, or go into expensive enterprises, or hitch a spanking team to a glittering turnout, or contract for the building of a mansion on the Potomac or the Hudson. Do not depend on an inheritance from your father or uncle. The old man may live on a good deal longer than you expect, and the day of your enforced payment may come before the day of his decease. You cannot depend upon rheumatism or heart failure or senility to do its work. Longevity is so wonderfully improved that you cannot depend upon people dying when you think they ought to. They live to be septuagenarians, or octogenarians, or nonagenarians, or even centenarians, and meanwhile their heirs go into bankruptcy, or, tempted to forgery, or misappropriation of trust funds, or watering of railroad or mining stock, go into the penitentiary. Neither had you better spread yourself out because of the fifteen or twenty per cent. you expect from an investment. Most of the fifteen or twenty per cent. investments are apt to pay nothing save the privilege of being assessed to meet the obligations of the company in the affairs of which you get involved. Better get 3½ per cent. from a government bond than be promised fifteen per cent. from a dividend which will never be declared, or paid only once or twice, so as to tempt you deeper in before the grand smash up, and you receive, instead of a payment of dividends, a letter from the president and secretary of the company saying that they are very sorry.

Do not say you have no chance, but remember Isaac Newton, the greatest astronomer of his day, once peddling cabbages in the street, and Martin Luther singing on the public square for any pennies that he might pick up, and John Bunyan mending kettles, and the late Judge Bradley, of the United States Supreme Court, who was the son of a charcoal burner, and Turner, the painter, who was the son of a barber, and Lord Clive, who saved India to England, shipped by his father to Madras as a useless boy whom he wanted to get rid of, and Prideaux, the world renowned scholar and theologian, scouring pots and pans to work his way through college, and the mother of the late William E. Dodge, the philanthropist and magnificent man, keeping a thread and needle store, and Peter Cooper, who worked on small wages in a glue factory, living to give $500,000 for the founding of an institute that has already educated thousands of the poor sons and daughters of America, and Bowditch, the scientist, beginning his useful learning and affluent career by reading the books that had been driven ashore from a shipwreck at Salem. There is, young man, a great financial or literary or moral or religious success awaiting you if you only know how to go up and take it. Then take it or get ready to take it. The mightier the opposition the grander the triumph when you have conquered.

Again, if you would master the situation, when angry do not utter a word or write a letter, but before you speak a word or write a word sing a verse of some hymn in a tune arranged in minor key and having no staccato passages. If very angry, sing two verses. If in a positive rage, sing three verses. First of all, the unhealthiest thing on earth is to get mad. It jangles the nerves, enlarges the spleen and sets the heart into a wild thumping. Many a man and many a woman has in time of such mental and physical agitation dropped dead. Not only that, but it makes enemies out of friends, and makes enemies more virulent, and anger is partial or consummate suicide. Great attorneys, understanding this, have often won their cause by willfully throwing the opposing counsel into a rage. There is one man you must manage or one woman you must control in order to please God and make life a success, and that is yourself.

The hardest realm that you will ever have to govern is the realm between your scalp and heel. The most dangerous cargo a ship can carry is dynamite, and the most perilous thing in one's nature is an explosive temper. If your nature is hopelessly irascible and tempestuous, then dramatize placidity. If the ship is on fire and you cannot extinguish the flames, at any rate keep down the hatches. When at some injustice inflicted upon you or some insult offered or some wrong done, the best thing for you to say is to say nothing, and the best thing for you to write is to write nothing. If the meanness done you is unbearable or you must express yourself or die, then I commend a plan that I have once or twice successfully adopted. Take a sheet of paper. Date it at your home or office. Then put the wrongdoer's name at the head of the letter page, without any prefix of "Colonel" or suffix of "D. D.," and begin with no term of courtesy, but a bold and abrupt "Sir." Then follow it with a statement of the wrong he has done you and of the indignation you have felt. Put into it the strongest terms of execration you can employ without being profane. Sign your name to the red hot epistle. Fold it. Envelop it. Direct it plainly to the man who has done you wrong. Carry the letter a week, or two weeks if need be, and then destroy it. In God's name destroy it. I like what Abraham Lincoln said to one of his cabinet officers. That cabinet officer had been belied and misrepresented until in a fury he wrote a letter of arraignment to his enemy, and in tersest possible phraseology told him what he thought of him. The cabinet officer read it to Mr. Lincoln and asked him how he liked it. Mr. Lincoln replied: "It is splendid for sarcasm and scorn. I never heard anything more complete in that direction. But do you think you can afford to send it?" That calm and wise and Christian interrogation of the president stopped the letter, and it was never sent. Young man, before you get far on in life unless you are an exception among men, you will be wronged, you will be misinterpreted, you will be outraged. All your sense of justice will be in conflagration. Let me know how you meet that first great offense, and I will tell you whether your life is to be [...]ph or a failure. You see, [...] time means so [...] self control [...] see res[...] own [...]

[...]out, "That has not been my experience, and I think just the opposite." Well, my brother, I am sorry for your afflictive circumstances, and that you had an unfortunate ancestry, and that you have kept such bad company and had such discouraging environment. I notice that after a man has been making a violent tirade against his fellow men he is on his way down, and if he live long enough he will be asking you for a quarter of a dollar to get a drink or a night's lodging. Behave yourself well, oh, young man, and you will find life a pleasant thing to live and the world full of friends and God's benediction everywhere about you.

Again, if you would be master of the situation, expect nothing from good luck, or haphazard, or gaming adventures. In this time, when it is estimated that gambling exchanges money to the amount of $80,000,000 a day, this remark may be useful. There come times in many a man's life when he hopes to get something for which he does not give an equivalent, and there are fifty kinds of gambling. Stand aloof from all of them. Understand that the gambling spirit is a disease, and the more successful you are the more certain you are to go right on to your own ruin. Having made his thousands, why does not the gambler stop and make a safe investment of what he has gained and spend the rest of his life in quiet or less hazardous style of occupation? The reason is he cannot stop. Nothing but death ever cures a confirmed gambler.

Dr. Keeley's gold cure rescues the drunkard, and there are antitobacco preparations that will arrest the victim of nicotine, and religion can save any one except a gambler. The fact is he is irresponsible. Having got the habit in him he is no more responsible for keeping on than a man falling from the roof of a four-story house can stop at the window of the second story. Here and there you may find an instance where a gambler has been reported or reports himself as being converted, but in that case the man was not fully under the heel of the passion. The real gambler is a through passenger to death and perdition. The only use in referring to him is in the way of prevention. He began by taking chances on a bookcase or a sewing machine at a church fair and ended by getting a few pennies for his last valuable in a pawnbroker's shop. The only man who gambles successfully is the man who loses so fearfully at the start that he is disgusted and quits. Let him win at the start and win again, and it means farewell to home and heaven. Most merciless of all habits! Horace Walpole says that a man dropped down at the door of a clubhouse in London and was carried in, and the gamblers began to bet whether he was dead or not, and when it was proposed to bleed him for his recovery the gamblers objected that it would affect the fairness of the bet. What noble men they must have been! But more and more ladies are becoming gamblers. They bet at the races and have prizes in social groups which are nothing but the stakes of gambling. A good way for a lady to get into the gamester's habit is by beginning with "progressive euchre." That opens the door in a fashionable way. In one of our great cities invitations were sent out for such a meeting at the card tables. The guests entered and sat down and began. After awhile the excitement ran high, and the lady who was the hostess fainted and fell under the table. The guests arose, but some one said: "Don't touch the bell! Let us finish the game. She would have done so herself and would wish us if she spoke." The game went on for thirty minutes longer, and then a physician was called. After examination of the case it was found that the lady had been dead twenty minutes. As the guests lift their hands in surprise I exclaim in regard to them, What delicate and refined and angelic womanhood!

Young man, seek only elevating and improving companionship. Do not let the last scion of a noble family, a fellow with a big name, but bad habits, for he drinks and swears and is dissolute, take your arm to walk down the street or spend an evening with you, either at your room or his room. Remember that sin is the most expensive thing in God's universe. I have read that Sir Brasil, the knight, tired out with the chase, had a falcon on his wrist, as they did in days of falconry, when with hawks or falcons they went forth to bring down partridges or grouse or pigeons, and being very thirsty came to a stream struggling from a rock, and, releasing the falcon from his wrist, he took the bugle which he carried, and, stopping the mouthpiece of his bugle with a tuft of moss, he put this extemporized cup under the water which came down drop by drop from the rock until the cup was full, and then lifted it to drink, when the falcon he had released with sudden swoop dashed the cup from his hand. By the same process he filled the cup again and was about to drink when the falcon by another swoop dashed down the cup. Enraged at this insolence and violence of the bird, he cried, "I will wring thy neck if thou doest that again." But, having filled the cup a third time and trying to drink a third time, the falcon dashed it down. Then Sir Brasil with his fist struck the bird, which fluttered and looked lovingly and reproachfully at him and dropped dead. Then Sir Brasil, looking up to the top of the rock whence dripped the water, saw a great green serpent coiled fold above fold, the venom from his mouth dropping into that from which Sir Brasil had filled his cup. Then exclaimed the knight, "What a kind thing it was for the falcon to dash down that poisoned cup, and what a sad thing that I killed him, and what a narrow escape I had!" So now there are no more certainly waters that refresh than waters that poison. This moment there are thousands of young men, unwittingly and not knowing what they do, taking into their bugle cup of earthly joy that which is deadly because it drips from the jaws of that old serpent, the devil, and the dove of God's spirit in kindly warning dashes down the cup, but again it is filled and again dashed down and again filled and again dashed down. Why not turn away and slake your thirst at the clear, bright, perennial fountain that breaks from the Rock of Ages, a fountain so wide and so deep that all the inhabitants of earth and all the armies of heaven may stoop down and fill their chalices?

In Logere, France, there are herds of goats and cows which seldom drink. Yet they produce the milk from which Roquefort cheese is made.

MARKETS.

BALTIMORE.

GRAIN ETC.		
FLOUR—Balto. Best Pat. $	@	4 55
High Grade Extra		4 05
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	71¼	71¾
CORN—No. 2 White	36½	39¼
Oats—Southern & Penn	30½	31¼
RYE—No. 2	57½	59½
HAY—Choice Timothy	10 50	11 00
Good to Prime	10 00	10 50
STRAW—Rye in car lds	8 00	8 50
Wheat Blocks	5 50	6 00
Oat Blocks	7 50	8 00
CANNED GOODS.		
TOMATOES—Stnd. No. 3. $	@	75
No. 2		55
PEAS—Standards	1 25	2 00
Seconds		70
CORN—Dry Pack		70
Moist		60
HIDES.		
CITY STEERS $	9½ @	10
City Cows	9¼	9¾
POTATOES AND VEGETABLES.		
POTATOES—Burbanks $	40 @	45
ONIONS	50	55
PROVISIONS.		
HOGS PRODUCTS—shls. $	6 @	6½
Clear ribsides	6¾	7
Hams	9¼	9¾
Mess Pork, per bar		11 00
LARD—Crude		4
Best refined		6¼
BUTTER.		
BUTTER—Fine Crmy $	22 @	23
Under Fine	21	22
Creamery Rolls	22	23
CHEESE.		
CHEESE—N. Y. Fancy $	10¾ @	11
[...] Y. Flats	11	11¼
[...]heese	5½	7½
EGGS.		
[...] $	21 @	[...]
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AGRICULTURAL.

Handling Poultry.

My experience in chicken growing has demonstrated that a flock of good laying hens will pay all expenses and produce not less than one dollar each every year.

The flock consists principally of Leghorns and Plymouth Rocks, most of the former being non-sitters, while the latter are excellent brooders. During the past season the non-sitting Leghorns have averaged one hundred eggs each in four months. The sitters have raised about ten chicks each, by doubling up the broods at hatching time and giving one hen the chicks from two nests. When the molting season is over the old hens and pullets will begin to lay and continue during the winter and spring when eggs are most desirable and have the greatest value. Fifteen dozen eggs each may be expected annually from the Leghorns, and I have some that lay eighteen dozen in twelve months. I am adding the black Minorcas, when the chicken yard will be complete except probably a few of the larger varieties for table use. The eggs of these fowls are not so salable in some of the older Eastern cities because small and white, but Western miners, who consume most of our eggs, are not so particular.

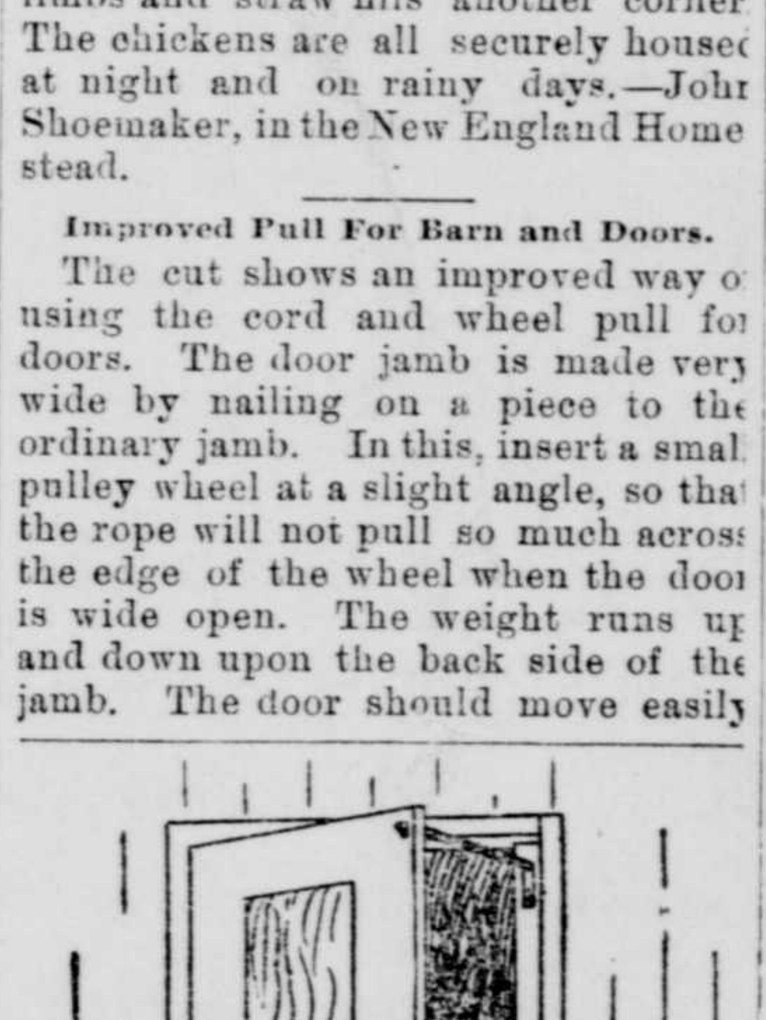
The chicken coops are made beneath a Western hay [...], which is built by setting posts [...] feet apart, placing stringers on top and laying poles across, upon which the hay is stacked. The entire shed or corral is enclosed by boarding up and down with slabs, and is divided into five sections, occupying the space of twenty feet square for each coop or pen. All the roosts are in the center coop and are made of small, green oak poles reaching up to within two feet of the roof, which is eight feet from the ground. Instead of having a single slant with poles nailed on every two feet, I have the roosts in the shape of a wide hay rack or double feed stall, slanting both ways, with poles every two feet, and some between the top notches. In this way I get all the young chicks to their perches long before the mothers leave them, and give plenty of room for all to roost on the top poles.

For a flock of fifty old hens and three months' chicks I feed three quarts of grain or six quarts of bran and milk a day, dividing the ration into two, and giving one feed at [...] o'clock in the morning, the other at [...] in the afternoon. This proportion is increased or diminished according to the number of flocks, but the feed is always given with perfect regularity. The fowls have an unlimited range but occupy about five acres, which consists of an oak grove, alfalfa patch and stubble field. Fresh water is given once a day, but the troughs or ditches are never empty except in cleaning.

Laying hens and young chicks should not be kept in the same pen if eggs are wanted. I have a brooding pen sixty feet square, fenced with lath and wire combination, and connected with the yards by a runway of about twenty feet. An old straw stack stands in the center, a pond of fresh water, fed by a trough, occupies one corner, while a tight shed covered with limbs and straw fills another corner. The chickens are all securely housed at night and on rainy days.—John Shoemaker, in the New England Homestead.

Improved Pull For Barn and Doors.

The cut shows an improved way of using the cord and wheel pull for doors. The door jamb is made very wide by nailing on a piece to the ordinary jamb. In this, insert a small pulley wheel at a slight angle, so that the rope will not pull so much across the edge of the wheel when the door is wide open. The weight runs up and down upon the back side of the jamb. The door should move easily



A DEVICE FOR CLOSING DOORS.

so that as light a weight as possible may be used. Then the door will open easily, and yet pull to with great promptness. With all inside barn and stable doors fixed in this way, much trouble, and often loss, will be avoided by cattle and other animals getting into forbidden quarters, because of doors carelessly left open.

Bloated Cattle.

Bloating in cattle comes from a variety of causes, and in some breeds it appears to develop more easily than in others. Cows taken from winter food and turned loose upon a good pasture field are apt to bloat. In changing cattle from one kind of feed to another bloating is almost sure to develop, unless the change is made very gradual. Bloating does not necessarily mean indigestion, as many supposed to be the case a few years ago, but this disease may sometimes accompany it. It is more generally an indication that the bulk of the food taken into the stomach has fermented, and this destroys the gastric juices, and causes the rapid formation of gas.

The true remedy is a preventive one. Be careful in changing the food of the animals, and never let them eat too much of any one thing. But if for some reason they show signs of bloating a dose of colchicum, which is the active principle of the saffron root, can be given safely. This should be given in the dilute form, and in small doses. This will correct the acidity of the stomach, and in the early stages of bloating cure the disease without any discomfort to the animals. From three to five drops of the liquid colchicum in the animal's water will [...]ce. The dose can be repeated if [...]st does not perform the work [...]orily. It must be remem[...] [...]dministering this medicine [...] given in [...]

HOUSEHOLD MATTERS.

Frames For the Nursery Pictures.

To make attractive nursery picture frames, take two lengths of picture moulding each about three feet long, and tack them to the wall a foot apart, the lowest being about three feet from the ground. Before nailing place three small blocks behind the upper one to obtain sufficient space between it and the wall to slip in glass behind it. If desired a piece of the moulding may be fitted at each end. This makes a permanent frame in which the pictures may be changed as often as is desired. Being low they are within easy view of the children. Mouldings may be obtained at from nine cents per foot upward.—Ladies' Home Journal.

To Select an Oriental Rug.

In buying an oriental rug one can discriminate between the imitation and genuine, not by the color or pattern, which may be copied, but by a careful examination to see if each stitch is knotted. If the stitch is knotted and it is impossible to pull it out, the rug is genuine Turkish, whether the warp is cotton or wool, but if one can pull the stitch out it is imitation, no matter how closely color and pattern follow the original. The manner of testing the quality of the rug is as follows: A live coal is dropped on the rug and allowed to burn a little. When it is removed a yellowish mark will be left. If this can be brushed off with the fingers, leaving the original colors unaltered, it is a sure proof of the genuineness of the rug. It is necessary, however, for one to be a connoisseur in order to be able to discriminate between the qualities of rugs of various countries, and to understand the age of the rug from the intensity of luster. Some of the rugs which find their way here have been damaged, but so skilfully restored that to the eye of the uninitiated they seem in perfect condition. Many of these have been "cropped" to remove signs of wear, which reduces not only the richness and depth of the pile, but affects the durability of the rug as well. Damaged spots are also frequently touched up with water colors and a fine brush, a deception easily discovered if the colors are wiped over with a soft cloth somewhat moistened.—Godey's Magazine.

Fashions in Dining Tables.

Some of the New York girls have "struck" so to speak, on the question of the conventional and old-fashioned ways of having their dinner and luncheon tables set. They say they are tired to death of the everlasting round and square tables, which are so hard to arrange in an original way. So they have started the fashion of shaped tables, and at one or two functions lately they have been most successful. The luncheon and dinner tables for young people's parties will all be shaped this winter according to the hostess's wishes, and the girls are beginning to have the shapes made to correspond with the style of entertainment they are to give. For instance:

A dinner was given the other evening by a young girl to one of her friends who has been studying for some years in Paris to be an artist. Her success has far exceeded all anticipation, and she returns to open a studio in which will hang some pictures which have been most highly spoken of by the best men in the profession. The dinner table at the dinner given in her honor was in the shape of an easel, and the thumb-hole was the place where the flowers were put. The menu cards were cardboard easels, with brushes and all painted on them, and the dinner favors were artists' caps made of light-colored silks filled with bonbons. This may sound very complicated, but it is not so in reality. All this artist's friend had to do was to go to a local carpenter and furnish a design with proper dimensions; then to get him to cut out of plain pine wood about two inches thick an easel just the size required. This was placed on top of any ordinary round or square table, and the shaped board was complete.—Harper's Bazar.

Recipes.

Steamed Fig Pudding—Mix together two cups finely grated graham bread crumbs with half a cup of sweet cream. Add one cup finely chopped fresh figs, one-fourth cup sugar and sweet milk to make into a stiff batter. Steam two and one-half hours.

Red Cabbage Salad—Let lie in cold water to freshen and make brittle. Shave as thin as may be; pile in crystal dish. Well sweetened vinegar is a favorite dressing. A beautiful dish is made of red cabbage and celery. Chop both fine, and cover with cooked cream dressing. Garnish with rings of egg white.

Scalloped Beans—Stewed white beans, seasoned with salt, butter and cream, may be prepared as a scallop like oysters or tomatoes. But a good and quick way is to crumble stale bread into a little hot butter. When heated, pour in a pint bowl of cold beans, cover and cook slowly. Children are always fond of this dish.

Almond Cake—Two cups of sugar, one spoonful butter, two tablespoons ground almonds, two eggs, one cup milk, three cups flour, a pinch of salt, one teaspoon baking powder. Mix the sugar, butter and ground nuts well together, beat in the egg, then add the milk. Sieve the flour, salt and baking powder together and mix in with the other ingredients and bake in a hot oven.

Brussels Sprouts Sauted in Butter—Clean and wash in cold water one quart of Brussels sprouts. Place them in a saucepan, cover with boiling water, and add half teaspoonful sugar and boil ten minutes. Drain and rinse off with cold water. Melt one tablespoonful butter in a saucepan, add the sprouts, one even teaspoonful salt and a quarter even teaspoonful white pepper. Cover and cook till done, about ten minutes. Then serve.

Lady Fingers—Two eggs, one cupful of sugar, one-half of a cupful of butter, beaten to a cream; four tablespoonfuls of sweet milk, two tablespoonfuls of baking powder. Enough flour to stir stiff with a spoon should be added. Flavor with lemon or vanila. Flour your moulding-board, take a small piece of dough, roll with your hands pieces as large as your fingers, cut off in four-inch lengths, and put closely on buttered lady-fingered tins. Bake in a quick oven.

A Moonless Month.

February, 1866, was in one way the most wonderful month in the world's history. It had no full moon. January had two full moons, and so had [...] but February had none. This [...]le state of things had never [...]fore since the era we as[...]ation.

[...] man who ever lived [...]e dwarf Bebe, born in [...] He was just twenty [...] eight pounds in weight [...]own.

BAHAMA SPONGES.

How They Are Sighted and Brought Up from the Water.

The sponges of commerce and the dried specimens of other species are not the actual animal, but merely their skeletons, or frame-work. That which constitutes their vital parts is removed in preparing them for market. Sponges do not have the power of motion possessed by most animals; they are nearly always attached to submerged objects. Since it is impossible for them to go in search of food, they can grow only in places where there is plenty of food such as they require. They are more active in fresh than in still water, and die in a short time if exposed to the air. The surface of a living sponge is covered with minute pores, through which water is imbibed, carrying with it both the air and the organic particles necessary for the support of life. Sponges are distributed through all seas, and are classified, chiefly, according to the structure of the skeleton. The Mediterranean and the Red sea are the sponging-grounds of the old world; the grounds of the new world are the Bahamas, southern and western Florida, and parts of the West Indies. The best sponge of commerce is found in the Mediterranean, and is known as Turkey, or Smyrna, sponge. It is obtained by divers, who go clad in armor when diving. Sponges are usually obtained by fishing for them. When a sponge vessel arrives at the fishing grounds in the Bahamas it is anchored, and the crew immediately get ready for work. The sponge fisher's outfit consists of a small boat called a "dingey," a long hook, and a water glass. The sponge hook is a three-pronged iron fork attached to the end of a long pole; the water glass is simply a wooden water bucket with a bottom of common window glass. To use it, the glass bottom is thrust into the water, the fisherman puts the ball around his neck, and then buries his head deep in the bucket to exclude the light. There are always two men to each dingey, one to act as "sculler," and the other as "hooker." While the sculler propels the dingey along very slowly the hooker, in a kneeling position, keeps his head in the water glass, looking down in the water. When a good sponge is sighted the hooker gives a signal and the dingey stops. Together the sculler and hooker thrust the sponge hook down through the water and run it under the sponge, the roots are thus pulled loose from the rocks, and soon the game is in the dingey. Thus the work goes on until a boatload is obtained, and then they are taken ashore and placed in crawls to be cured. The crawls are built by sticking pieces of brush or stakes into the sand just out of the water or where it is very shallow. They remain in the crawls while undergoing maceration, and the refuse is carried away in the ebb and flow of the tide. Usually they are left in the crawls for a week; then the fishermen remove them and give them a beating for the purpose of removing all chance impurities. After the beating they are thoroughly cleansed and are ready for market.—Philadelphia Press.

South American Pickpockets.

Practice makes perfect even in wrong-doing and in the use of what seem to be very awkward means. A writer in the Boston Transcript says: The Gauchos, or dwellers, on the extensive plains of Buenos Ayres, are marvelously dexterous with both hands and feet. Many of them have acquired, through long practice, such skill in using their toes instead of fingers that they can fling the lasso and even pick pockets with them. Some time ago a Frenchman, who was fishing in one of the rivers of Buenos Ayres, was warned to be on his guard against the light fingered natives. He forthwith kept a vigilant watch upon his companions, but, nevertheless, one day when his attention was closely riveted on his float, a wily Gaucho drew near and delicately inserting his foot, extracted the Frenchman's hooks and other valuable from his pocket.

Appearances Deceitful.

"I struck a new one the other day," said the man who is about to move, "when I went to see a house of which a faithful Irishman was custodian. 'Too small, too small,' I said as soon as I saw the place.

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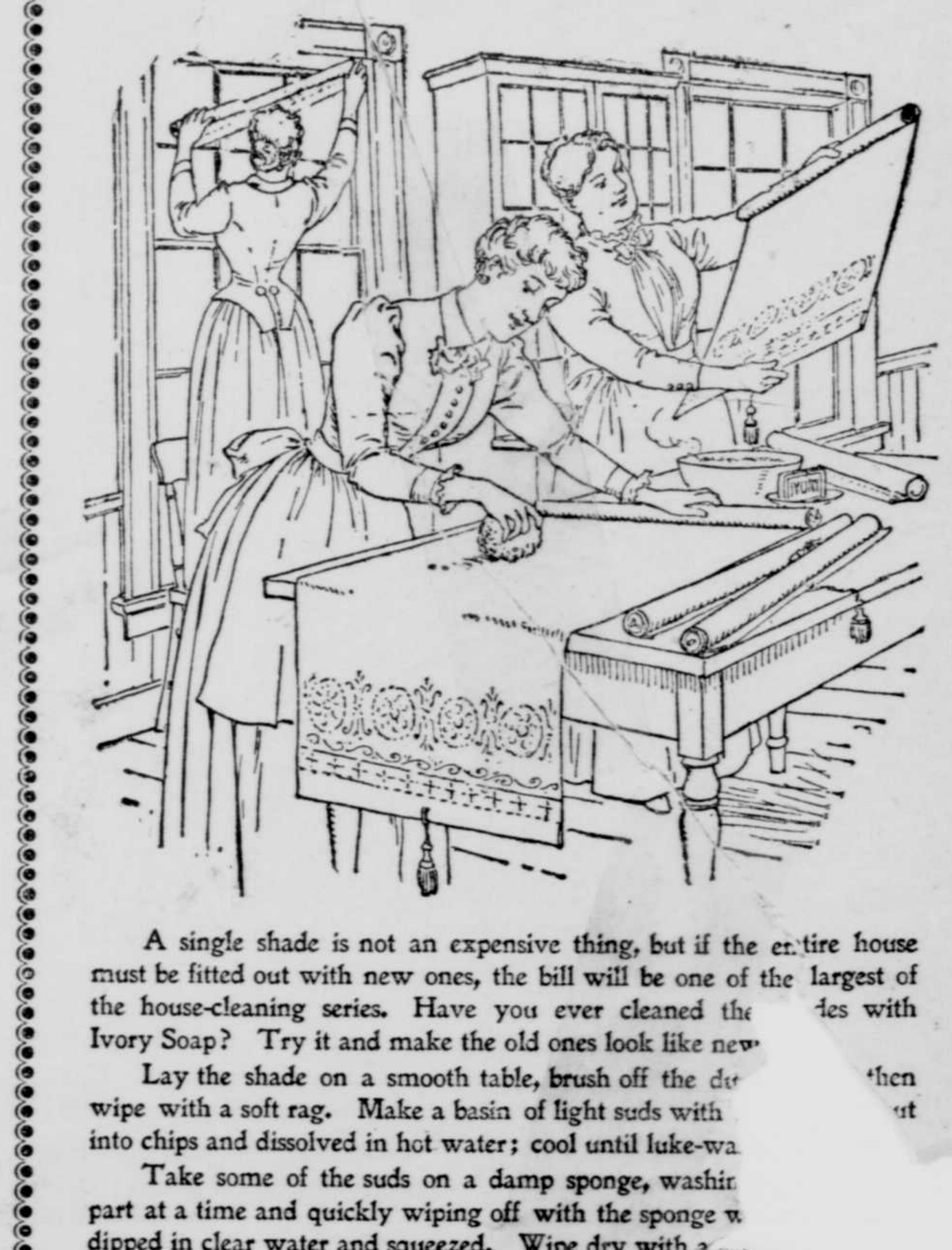
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Don't start house-cleaning without plenty of Ivory Soap.

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A PLETHORA OF JACK RABBITS

Solid Train Loads of Them on Western Railways.

From the Topeka Capital: Solid trains of jack rabbits will be a novelty in the traffic of Western railroads during the coming winter. The trains will be made up entirely of refrigerator cars, each of which will contain 6,000 jack rabbits, thoroughly frozen before being loaded for shipment. The freight charges from Idaho to the Mississippi river will be six cents each, or $360 for the car, which is considered a very high tariff, even for refrigerator car service but as the jacks will bring $1.25 to $1.50 per dozen it is said there will be a good margin for both shippers and commission men. The extraordinary rush of this meat is due to the fact that the state of Idaho is now overrun by countless numbers of jack rabbits, which are multiplying so rapidly that the total destruction of crops in that section is threatened. In the hope of affording some relief the state legislature passed a law offering a bounty of two cents on each jack rabbit scalp brought in, and the result is that the obnoxious bunnies are being slaughtered in great numbers. A prominent merchant of Pocatello conceived the idea of encouraging the extermination of the pests and shipping the carcasses to Eastern game dealers to be sold. He has concluded arrangements with a St. Louis man for disposing of the game.

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DIET AS A CAUSE OF SUICIDE.

Physician Thinks He Has Discovered the Reason of Self-Destruction.

Dr. Haig is of opinion that suicide may be traced to error in diet, the error being the eating of meat, the drinking of beer and of tea, and the smoking of tobacco. His facts all fall comfortably into their places in support of his hypothesis. Are there not more suicides among men than among women, and do not men consume more meat, more beer and more tobacco than the women? Again, suicide is more common in England than in Scotland, not apparently because the Scotch are a more canny race, but because the English eat more meat and drink more beer, while the Scotch eat less meat and drink whisky instead of beer. After maintaining that suicide was less common among the Scotch, it was perhaps hardly polite, when addressing a Scotch audience, to go on to say that suicide increased with civilization. But the fact was explained on the ground of more injurious diet, that of civilized man being more productive of uric acid and thus of suicide than that which prevails where civilization is less advanced. Uric acid is, in fact, at the bottom of all this, and, according to Dr. Haig, the incidence of suicide allies with the daily, annual and life fluctuations of uric acid in the blood, being commonest when uric acid is most abundant. We have no doubt that errors of diet are responsible for much, and, among other things, for a certain number of suicides, nay, we would go further and admit that unsuitable diet, derangement of the proper relation between nutrition and waste, and the consequent loading of the tissues and the blood with abnormal products of metabolism, have much to do with that ill temper and discontent which lead men to lay their hands violently, often upon their neighbors, and sometimes on themselves. All this may be taken for granted, but it is at present far from proved that the peccant material is in all cases the same, and still further are we from being agreed that uric acid is the origin of the evil.

Helplessness should not be encouraged. The best of all charity is that by which idle hands are given something to do.

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