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SERVANTS IN GERMANY.

The Whole Subject is Under the Control of the Police.

A group of bright women sat discussing their travels abroad. All had made something more than a tour of European hotels and all had observed something of interest to women outside of the beaten tracks.

"The methods by which they eliminate the 'servant girl question' in Germany," said one—the wife of a professor in an important American university—"are very interesting. They go at it with the thoroughness with which the German attacks everything, whether a rare species of beetle or the organization of the army."

"The whole subject is under the control of the police. They have every servant girl listed. If a housewife requires help in her kitchen, but is unable to pay much for it, by application to the proper authorities she can secure a young girl without experience. A contract is made for a year. The employer agrees to feed and clothe the girl and to teach certain specified things in house-keeping, but no wages are paid. At the end of the year the housewife can retain the girl by paying her small wages and agreeing to continue her education in housework to a certain specified extent."

"The things she is to teach are 'domesticated in the bond,' and she is expected to rigidly carry out her end of the agreement in consideration of the fact that she pays little or no wages. In this way, you see, the servant serves an apprenticeship. It is much superior, I think, to our way, in which we take ignorant girls, teach them everything they know, even to speak English, and pay them nearly or quite as much as a well trained servant."

"If you want a thoroughly competent servant in Germany, you can get one at a specified price. And you can examine the record of every girl at the police station. If she has ever been discharged, you will find the fact there, with the reasons therefor, and thus can tell her character at a glance without resort to the farcical letter of recommendation given by a former employer."

"As the system implies, every German woman is an absolutely competent housewife. She knows the business of running a house thoroughly. Young girls of good family after they leave school often go to some particular competent housewife, whom they pay to put the finishing touches upon their education in this respect. I knew one such woman who brought up three sons by means of taking boarders and of teaching young women of good families in the manner described."—*New York Times*.

QUEER ABODE FOR MAN.

A Stranger Who Lives in a Brush-Heap in Zero Weather.

The presence of a wild man of the woods has caused no little excitement in the village of Oella. For a week or more he made his rude home at Claggett's Crossing, just above Ellicott City, opposite Oella, on the Howard county side of the Patapsco falls. There he was found under a great pile of brush and leaves, having been followed to the place by persons who were anxious for his safety in the cold weather and who supposed that he was some wanderer who should be cared for. He was supplied with food and additional clothing, but refused any other shelter than what he had provided himself. He had occupied his abode for two or three days when discovered. He is about 40 years old and wears hair and whiskers at least half that age. He would only say he was from Pennsylvania. He would not even give his name, nor could he be induced to remove his hat. Tuesday morning he disappeared. Nobody saw him until he reached Hollifields, where he crossed the Patapsco over into Baltimore county, and it is said he has there resumed his defiance of the cold by the same manner of living.

In his burrow of leaves was a log, by the side of which he made a shelter of leaves held in a mat by the brush. It kept out the snow and cold, and held together in spite of the high wind which prevailed a day or two ago. Here he was as snug as a ground hog. It is said by those who discovered his quarters in the woods that he slept there two or three days and nights through, with nothing to worry him in the least, not far away is the place where the Baltimore jeweler, Israel Radetsky, was murdered last March, for which crime the two negroes—Frank Jones and John Johnson—were hung here last June.

Lumping It.

"My coffee is not quite sweet enough," remarked the new boarder.

"Well, if you don't like it you can lump it," retorted the cheerful idiot, pushing the loaf sugar his way.—*New York Times*.

Competition.

The Second Story Man—Well, Bill, how's business?
The Bank Burglar—Well, we're havin' a lot of competition from de fellers on de inside.—*Puck*.

Some men are like telescopes—you draw them out, see through them and then shut them up.

WONDERS PROMISED FOR 1903.

The present year promises to be quite as remarkable as its predecessor in a number of directions. Marconi has begun the necessary work for a transatlantic wireless line of telegraph. Winnipeg is to be the half-way station, and experts have gone beyond that point to lay out the balance of the route. When the coast of British Columbia is reached this wonderful necromancer will have the choice of several countries on the other side of the water, but he is likely to select Siberia as offering the fewest difficulties. When that point has been gained there will be no difficulties except those interposed by the Russian government, and the world will be practically girdled. At the present rate of progression this should occur long before the end of 1903. Each new venture is apt to be carried out more rapidly than its predecessor because of its increased experience and confidence.

But other wonders are promised for 1903. Santos-Dumont has just made public the information that he is building an airship in Paris to carry passengers. It is to hold twelve passengers and a crew of two, and he says that as soon as he can train enough aeronauts he will build more. He says the airship is an established institution, and that there will be plenty of them flying about in a short while—in fact, he compares them to automobiles. It will not do to laugh at this because not only he, but three or four more have successfully experimented with flying machines of that pattern.

The advocates of the aeroplane are not wise in asserting the impracticability of the Dumont machine. If they were able to show a single success by their own method, or if they could explain the latter consistently with the laws of science, there might be some palliation for their sweeping criticism, but to say something cannot be done when it has already been done dozens of times, is undignified. Professor Hill says he has made a wonderful discovery, but the public will continue to be skeptical about flying on kites until an object-lesson has been given.

In medicine it is believed that there will be during the year a realization of assets that the immense number of valuable experiments will be crystallized into principles which will be practically applied for the relief of disease and suffering.

THE DEMOCRATS WILL WIN IN 1904.

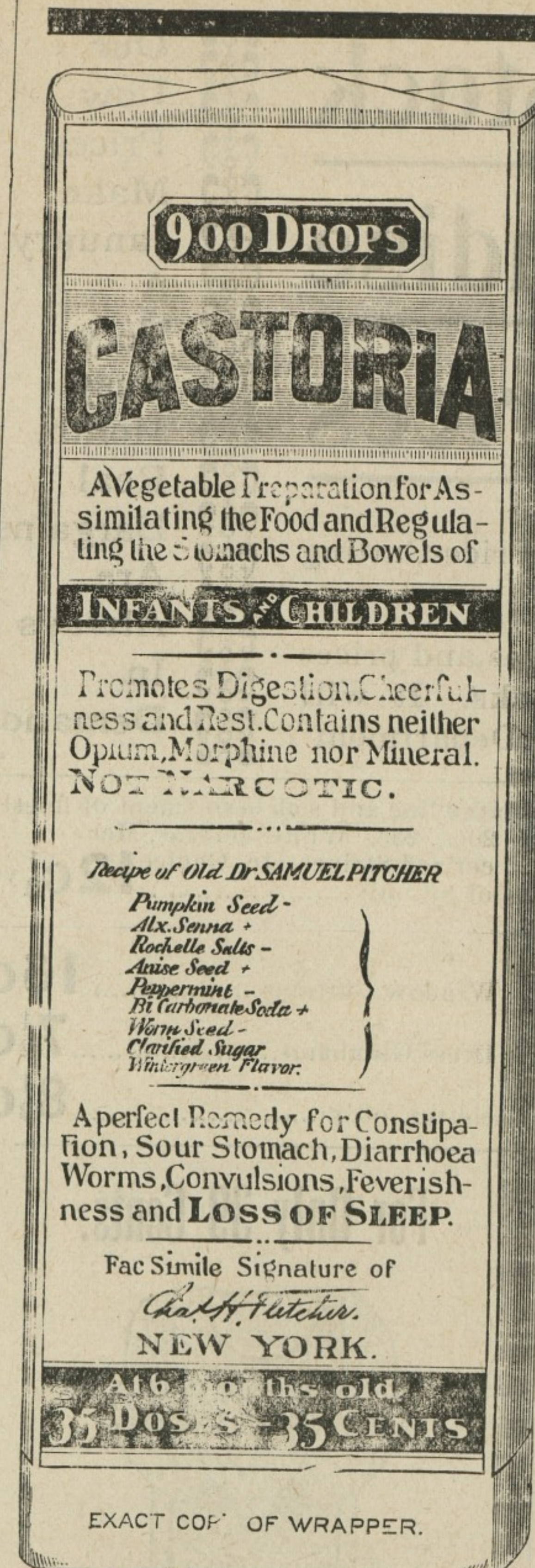
A Republican authority in New York says the 13 States composing the solid South of recent years will have 151 votes in the Electoral College of 1904. This leaves out Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia, which have been carried by the Republicans in most of the recent canvasses. A majority of the Electoral College in 1904 will be 239, the entire college, with the existing number of States, comprising 476 members. With New York's 36 electoral votes—and the narrowness of the Republican margin in New York in 1902 gives the Democrats a hope of winning that State in the coming election—they would have 190 votes, or only 49 short of the number required to choose a President. New Jersey, Connecticut and Indiana usually go with New York. Maryland is very far from being sure for the Republicans. The anti-Addicks Republicans made Delaware Democratic in 1902, and the unfortunate factional fight is not finished. The Democrats led in voting in Rhode Island in 1902. Nevada is likely to remain with the South a few years longer. These States, with New York and the solid South, would give the Democrats 242 votes in the Electoral College, or 3 more than enough to elect, so that they could lose either Delaware or Nevada, if they carried all the others, and still win. The situation stands thus:

	Electoral Votes.
South, excluding Delaware Maryland and West Virginia.....	151
New York.....	36
New Jersey.....	12
Connecticut.....	7
Indiana.....	15
Maryland.....	8
Delaware.....	3
Rhode Island.....	4
Nevada.....	3
Total.....	242
Necessary to a choice.....	239

Majority 3
Unquestionably the proposed alliance between the South and the East may have portentous consequences for the Republican party in 1904.

Babies Never Get Seaisick.

"Babies never get seasick. I have carried thousands of them in my time," said an American line steward, according to the *Philadelphia Record*, "and in rough weather I have seen their fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters feel over like soldiers before a cannon ball; but not so with the babies. Whether it be rough or smooth at sea, a baby is always an excellent sailor—rosy, jolly and with the appetite of a horse. Do you know the explanation of this singular fact? It is as simple as the fact is strange. Babies don't get seasick because they are accustomed to the rocking of the cradle. That movement is much like the rocking of a ship. A baby aboard ship, therefore, is merely a baby in an unusually big cradle, and there is nothing odd to him about the rocking, for it is what he has been accustomed to all his life."



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