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Mr. Jones is proud to acknowledge the great debt of gratitude he owes "Fruit-a-tives". He is glad to have his letter published in order that other sufferers may be induced to try these wonderful tablets made of fruit juices.

SARNIA, ONT., FEB. 5th. 1911

"I have been a sufferer for the past 25 years with Constipation, Indigestion and Catarrh of the Stomach. I tried many remedies and many doctors, but derived no benefit whatever. Finally, I read an advertisement for "Fruit-a-tives" I decided to give "Fruit-a-tives" a trial and they did exactly what was claimed for them. I have now taken them for some time and find they are the only remedy that does me good. I have recommended "Fruit-a-tives" to a great many of my friends, and I cannot praise these fruit tablets too highly"

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White Ribbon News.

Woman's Christian Temperance Union first organized in 1874.

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Regular Business Meeting last Friday in each month at 3.30 p. m., in Temperance Hall. Labrador Meeting at the homes of the members 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings in the month.

Little Kindnesses.

You gave on the way a pleasant smile
And thought no more about it;
It cheered a life that was sad the while,
That might have been wrecked without it;
And so for the smile and its fruitage fair,
You'll reap a crown sometime—somewhere.

You spoke one day a cheering word,
And passed to other duties;
It warmed a heart, a new promise stirred,
And painted a life with beauties.
And so for the word and its silent prayer,
You'll reap a palm sometime—somewhere.

You lent a hand to a fallen one,
A lift in kindness given;
It saved a soul when help was none,
And won a heart for heaven;
And so for the help you proffered there,
You'll reap a joy sometime—somewhere.

—Selected.

The following facts, taken from the official records of the State of Massachusetts, furnish an unanswerable argument against a license system:

37 per cent. more crime in license cities than in no-license cities.

135 per cent. more drunkenness in license cities.

80 per cent. more pauperism in license cities.

67 per cent. more growth in taxable property in no-license cities.

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20 per cent. less pupils in High Schools in license cities.

Workingmen earn $74.09 per year more in no-license cities.

20 per cent. less money for streets in license cities.

80 per cent. faster industrial growth in no-license cities.

Neglecting Our Gift.

It is the easiest thing in the world to do—to neglect the gift which God has given you. You are apt to say: 'I cannot write a perfect poem nor a noble book; therefore I will not comfort my absent and grieving friend with a sympathetic letter.' Yet your gift for writing consoling words is just what your friend needs. 'I cannot paint a beautiful picture nor carve a statue—the artistic soul is not mine. So I will slight the room when I dust it and put careless stitches in my little girl's dress where they will not show.' Do you not know that careful housekeeping is one of the greatest of the fine arts? 'I cannot sing or play any musical instrument. So I will not try to cultivate a gentle and musically cadenced voice—it isn't any use.' Ah, dear friend, that is your stumbling block. You have used four words that have done more harm than any others in the English language. 'It isn't any use!' But I tell you that it is of use. Your tender letter, your spotless home, your loving voice—how can you say that they may not be factors for good far beyond your knowing or understanding?

A Rumseller's Confession.

A man who had been rumselling for eleven years made this confession: 'I have sold liquor long enough for me to see the beginning and end of its effects. I have seen a man take his first glass of liquor in my place and afterwards fill the grave of a suicide. I have seen man after man, wealthy and educated, come into my saloon, who cannot now buy his dinner. I can recall twenty customers worth from $100,000 to $500,000 who are now without money, place or friends.'

And yet his statement, appalling as it is, is far from complete. He tells of men made drunkards and stripped of fortune. But what of the homes devasted, the hopes blasted, and the agonies of mothers, wives and children? No tongue can tell the awful things which result from the monstrous traffic.

Will the Christian men of Canada allow such a traffic to continue to have the sanction of law in this land?

Straight at It.

There is no use of our 'beating around the bush.' We might as well out with it first as last. We want you to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the next time you have a cough or cold. There is no reason so far as we can see why you should not do so. This preparation by its remarkable cures has gained a world wide reputation, and people everywhere speak of it in the highest terms of praise. For sale by all druggists.

Abstinence Commended.

I have tried both ways; I speak from experience. I am in good sprits, because I take no spirits; I am hale, because I take no ale; take no antidote in form of drinks. Thus, though in the first instance I sought the public good, I have found my own also since I became a total abstainer. I have these four reasons for continuing to be one:—(1) My health is stronger; (2) my head is clearer; (3) my heart is lighter; (4) my purse is heavier.—Dr. Thomas Guthrie.

PILES Do not suffer another day with Itching, Bleeding, or Protruding Piles. No surgical operation required. Dr. Chase's Ointment will relieve you at once and as certainly cure you. 60c. a box; all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto. Sample box free if you mention this paper and enclose 2c. stamp to pay postage.

The Pretty Girl.

The sweet girls simply will not learn that a man's love for beauty is the smallest and neanest thing about him, the thing of least significance. A pretty girl will be loved like a pretty picture and turned to the wall in time. She will be loved like a pond lily which withers into refuse If she is pretty and noble, pretty and shrewd, pretty and a good cook, she may hold longer. But a mere pretty woman is a decoration and not a person, and will be treated as such.

I consider MINARD'S LINIMENT the BEST Liniment in use.

I got my foot badly jammed lately. I bathed it well with MINARD'S LINIMENT, and it was as well as ever next day.

Yours very truly,
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David James Burrell tells the following story, but will not tell the name of the other minister.

'A great friend of mine—also in the ministry—who was preaching in a neighboring village, astonished the congregation by saying, 'I wish to return to New York by the first train, as I have a wife and five children there, and have never seen one of them.' This declaration excited the most painful curiosity among the good people, which was allayed however, when it became known that the 'one' which the clergyman had never seen was one that had been born since he had left home the day before.'

Eczema of the Head.

Mr. Peterson, South Bay, Ont., writes: 'For years I suffered a sort of eczema of the head. I tried four different doctors, giving each a fair trial, but the disease grew worse and spread to my arm. I got Dr. Chase's Ointment and it has entirely cured me. I give you my name because I want other sufferers to know about this splendid treatment.'

The beauty editor of the Holton Signal was asked by a girl who was not of much account around the house, what she could do to make her hands white. The beauty editor answered with wasted sarcasm that the best thing the young woman could do would be to soak her hands in dishwater three times a day. It never touched her. She went home and gravely asked her mother to save the dishwater after she got through washing the dishes.

In Dread of Croup.

Every mother dreads croup unless she knows about Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine. Given in frequent small doses at the first indication of trouble, this treatment loosens the cough and affords relief and comfort. Its use should be kept up until the child is entirely recovered.

A New York man was arrested and fined $25 for giving his horse a pint of whiskey. Evidently New York is more careful of its horses than its people.—National Advocate.

An Ottawa confectioner was last week fined $100 for selling brandy chocolates.

PAINT EYE-OPENER!

Other business questions you approach with eyes wide open. Don't break your rule when you paint or let a contract. Get *endurance* truths first.

Examine facts and figures as to *quality* and *quantity* of white lead in paint. For white lead is paint's first essential. You will find that only *one* paint firm in Canada corrodes and grinds its own white lead. And *that* white lead is the World's hundred-year-old standard. You will sense the *significance* then of the guaranteed formula of

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Must Feed the Soil.

Germany is a hundred per cent better in wheat and sixty per cent better in oats than the United States, and England is one hundred and thirty-five per cent better in oats than the United States. This is not due to any intrinsic superiority in the quality of land in the European countries but is due to a wise appreciation of the truth, forced upon the Europeans by patience that every crop despoils the soil and takes out of it some food element which must be returned to it if agriculture is to be successfully followed.

In this soil conservation a very important factor has been extensive consumption of Chilean nitrate which Europe has freely accepted, now taking over one million tons per annum on an acerage, outside of Russia, which is smaller than is under cultivation in the United States, which takes less than 300,000 tons per annum for agricultural purpose.

The discrepancy is still greater when it is considered that continued care in soil feeding by European farmers makes their need far less than here.

From the Viewpoint of Man.

Girls must not chew gum in public, wear large hats, be flippant, play bridge or attend suffrage meetings. They must have good domestic education, be able to sing, play the piano and must have worked long enough to know the value of a dollar. These were some of the requirements contained in answers to fifty letters sent to as many young men by Dr. H. N. Wilson, Pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, Minn. Dr. Wilson asked men to give their views of 'the ideal young woman from the viewpoint of the young man who is considering marriage.'

I suppose your wife was more than delighted at your rise of salary, wasn't she? asked Jones of Brown.

I haven't told her yet, but she will be when she knows it,' answered Brown.

How is it that you haven't told her?

Well, I thought I would enjoy myself for a couple of weeks first.

'Does your husband ever tell you you have poor taste?'

'Frequently.'

'And what reply do you make to him?'

'I think of what I married and say nothing.'

MOTHERHOOD SUGGESTIONS

Advice to Expectant Mothers

The experience of Motherhood is a trying one to most women and marks distinctly an epoch in their lives. Not one woman in a hundred is prepared or understands how to properly care for herself. Of course nearly every woman nowadays has medical treatment at such times, but many approach the experience with an organism unfitted for the trial of strength, and when it is over her system has received a shock from which it is hard to recover. Following right upon this comes the nervous strain of caring for the child, and a distinct change in the mother results.

There is nothing more charming than a happy and healthy mother of children, and indeed child-birth under the right conditions need be no hazard to health or beauty. The unexplainable thing is that, with all the evidence of shattered nerves and broken health resulting from an unprepared condition, and with ample time in which to prepare, women will persist in going blindly to the trial.

Every woman at this time should rely upon Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, a most valuable tonic and invigorator of the female organism.

In many homes once childless there are now children because of the fact that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound makes women normal, healthy and strong.

If you want special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Rheumatism Yields to Zam-Buk.

READ THIS LADY'S EXPERIENCE.

Just at this season many people find themselves suffering from aches and pains of rheumatism, sciatica, etc. For these Zam Buk is a sure cure.

Mrs. Mary Harman, Wheatley, Ont., writes: 'I had rheumatism very badly. It affected my right arm and leg, and was so bad that I could not put my hand to my head or behind me. I was quite helpless, could not do my work, and could not even dress myself, but had to be attended to like a child. The rheumatism in my leg was so bad that at times I could hardly walk.

'Naturally I tried various remedies, but they seemed to do me no good. A friend advised me to try Zam-Buk. I obtained some, and had it rubbed thoroughly into the affected muscles. Before the first box was used I was very much better. I could move around the house with ease, and dress myself, and needed very little personal attention. I continued with the treatment, rubbing Zam-Buk in thoroughly every day, and in a few week's time the rheumatism was driven completely out of my system. The cure was permanent too, and since that time I have never been troubled with rheumatism.'

It is just as good for skin injuries and diseases, eczema, scalp sores, eruptions, piles, cuts, burns, bruises, scalds, etc. All druggists and stores, 50c. box, or by mail from Zam Buk Co., Toronto, for price.

Synopsis of Canadian North-West Land Regulations.

ANY person who is the sole head of a family or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any agency, on certain conditions by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.

Duties—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section along side his homestead. Price $3.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside upon the homestead of pre-emption six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent) and cultivate fifty acres extra.

A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption may enter for a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price $3.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth $300.00.

W. W. COREY.

Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

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Cars of "Minudie" and Springhill constantly arriving. Prompt delivery and all coal well screened.
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We carry a full line of Harness Dressing, Axle Grease, Whips, etc.
Also Buckles, Straps, Rivets, Punches, You'll not find our prices too high.
Wm. Regan,
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A quantity of Drugs and Dressings. Also one new harness, bobbles and horse boots.
Apply to
MRS. BAVILL,
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STRANGE AFRICAN FOLK

Britain at War in Country Where People Take Wood Ash Baths

With the object of making peace between two strange African tribes about which little or nothing was previously known, Great Britain embarked upon a "little war" which may drag on for months—perhaps years.

The two tribes are the Anuaks and the Nuers, who live near the border line between Abyssinia and the Sudan and who have been quarrelling for years. The Nuers, it was explained by an official at the Colonial Office are entitled to British protection, but up to now, they have not needed it. In fact, so long as they fought the Anuaks with shield and spear against similar weapons, and this was so until quite recently, the Nuers easily beat their adversaries, but some time ago the Anuaks began to get hold of rifles and ammunition which had been discarded by the Abyssinian army, and learned how to use them.

Thus armed the Anuaks made a series of murderous raids on the Nuers, driving their old conquerors northward and carrying off their cattle and women. The British, as rulers of the Sudan, let the two tribes fight for a while, but as it began to look as if the Nuers would be wiped out altogether, an expedition, numbering 350 men with seven officers, was sent against the Anuaks. In a pitched battle, the native force was killed off practically to a man, but the British losses numbered 43, including three native and two white officers.

The advance on the Anuaks was made through the country of the Nuers, who are a strong, wiry race and wear very few clothes. At first sight of the strange thing about the Nuers is the fact that though they naturally are very dark brown in color they appear to be white.

This illusion is the result of about the strangest "baths" on record. In front of every hut is a pit filled with white wood ash, and in this every day first the men and then the women roll, covering themselves with a coating of white dust which acts as a protection against flies and other insects. On great occasions, the ash, by the addition of an evil-smelling sticky substance is made into a paste, with which the Nuers smear themselves—having then the appearance of being painted all over with white enamel. They also dye their hair red and wearing it sticking out straight behind, where it is kept in place with mud.

THE OLDEST NEWSPAPER

Suppressed After Fifteen Centuries of Publication in China

The "King-Bao," a Chinese journal recently "suppressed forever" by President Yuan-Shi-Kai, is without doubt the oldest newspaper in the world. In Chinese history and literature it has played an enviable and supreme part. For 1,500 years this publication has informed China of the important events in the known world and exercised a profound influence up on the growth of the Chinese community.

At a time in which Europe was plunged in darkness, without the faintest glimmering of the future development of book-and-newspaper printing, a Chinese discovered that type could be made out of an alloy of lead and silver, and accordingly founded about the year 400 A.D. the King-Bao, which appeared without interruption until a short time ago. Originally the paper was printed upon yellow silk pages which were bound together like a book and sent to the highest dignitaries in the kingdom. In time this news-sheet became famous throughout China. Probably the most fascinating and significant of all the incidents in the history of the paper was the action and fate of a twelfth century editor, who wrote an article demanding that the Government should turn its back on tradition and ceremony and should "send clever men to Europe, to learn there, to see and to hear." For this advice the editor was beheaded; and his head with ears torn off and the tongue plucked out, was exhibited as a warning to modernists in every town of North China.

MANY PRINCES IN FIELD

Balkan Royal Personages Take More Chances Than Others

The number of princes of Royal blood who took to the field at the outbreak of the Turko-Balkan war constitutes a record in modern history. It is quite in keeping with the mediaevalism which still lingers in the Balkans that this should be the case

Modern practice is against the presence of kings with their troops in war; too much depends on the chance bullet. In the Russo-Japanese conflict the Russian grand ducal personages engaged took a very minor part in the war.

England gave a prince of the blood to the South African War and a soldier's grave. The Duke of Connaught was in the Egyptian War and the late Duke of Cambridge did doughty deeds at Inkerman. But the tragedy of the prince imperial proved a deterrent to royal adventures of this kind. Governments shun such risks.

The Queen as Welsh Singer

The Mayor of Wrexham, in presiding at a luncheon to the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers, said he should never forget his visit to Cardiff on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the National Museum of Wales. What touched him most deeply was that the Queen sang most heartily in Welsh. She had a Welsh programme before her.

Another "Ancient Relic"

Another interesting "find" was made by a Swansea gentleman in the neighborhood of Bacon Hole, Gower, Wales. It consists of a bone containing a tooth, and is supposed to be a portion of the skull of a rhinoceros. The relic is supposed to be of considerable age.

Mail Contract.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until Noon, on Friday, the 23rd May, 1913, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Contract for four years, six times per week each way, between Kinsman's Corner and Waterville from 1st July next.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Offices of Kinsman's Corner, Waterville and Grafton and at the office of the Post Office Inspector, at Halifax.

G. C. ANDERSON,
Superintendant.
Post Office Department,
Mail Service Branch.
Ottawa, 7th April, 1913.

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GIN PILLS neutralize the acid condition of the urine, prevent the formation of uric acid in the blood and stone in the bladder and kidneys, keep the kidneys well and strong, and thus cure and ward off Rheumatic attacks. 50c a box, 6 for $2.50. Sample free if you write National Drug and Chemical Co. of Canada, Limited, Toronto. 145

WILD AND BARREN IS MONTENEGRO

The People are Most Hospitable and Very Honest—All Carry Arms

According to Mr. Harry de Windt, the noted English traveller and lecturer, Montenegro is such a chaos of mountains that half of it is as yet unexplored. "I have seldom," he says, "save in the Arctic, crossed a more wild and desolate country, although in the lowlands around Lake Scutari, and in the cases of Rieka and Podgoritza, which are delightful places in summer time, maize, barley, and even vines and orange trees flourish in profusion. But so sterile is inland Montenegro that many of the natives have never tasted anything but brackish rain water from crevices of rock."

Podgoritza, where the first of the fighting of the Turko-Balkan war took place, is the most thriving little town in the country, which it provides with wool, hides, and tobacco.

Ruined walls and towers show that it was once strongly fortified, for in olden times this was the scene of many a desparate conflict between Turk and Christian, and mosque and minaret still give the place an Oriental aspect.

Travel is not easy, and even short journeys on horseback are tiresome and fatiguing, for there are few high roads. But, oddly enough, there are no brigands, as in Greece or Albania, for the crime of theft in this primitive land is almost unknown, and even the poorest peasant will entertain you on the best he can produce without thought of pecuniary reward—an offer of which would grossly insult him.

You enter the meanest dwelling, to be told that all it contains is yours—and the owner means it. I once refused a dagger which I had admired, and would not accept as a gift, in a wayside hovel, and several hours later found the weapon cunningly concealed in my rugs. At the same time I have no doubt that the giver would have shot me without the slightest compunction had I in any way impugned his honor or veracity, for this, although a land of bloodshed, is also one of inflexible honesty and thruth.

The Afghans of Europe

Montenegrins are justly called the "Afghans of Europe," for they closely resemble those Asiatic fire-eaters. The men are a race of giants, who would probably regard an Englishman of moderate height as a dwarf. All wear the national dress—a tunic of coarse white serge, embroidered with black braid and baggy breeches with a kind of sandal secured with a network of string. Sheepskins are worn at all seasons, at any rate, by the peasantry, who also assume many layers of underclothing in winter, to gradually discard them with the advent of spring. Firearms and daggers are carried. And all, irrespective of rank, wear a black silk forage-cap with scarlet crown, which bears the initials of the ruler, and around it five semi-circles worked in gold thread, denoting the five centuries of Montenegro's self-gained independence.

The women are mostly plain, and their costume—a shapeless white skirt and bodice, secured by a leathern belt and worn under a long dark coat of masculine shape—does not enhance their appearance. Although Christians, the Montenegrins regard their wives from a very Oriental standpoint, and treat them as mere beasts of burden.

The Smallest Capital

Cettinje is the smallest capital in Europe, and in autumn the bleakest, with the exception, perhaps, of St. Petersburg, for it is not only piercingly cold, but very damp and windy. There are two broad, straggling, cobbled streets, with single-storied dwellings. The shops are very poor, although there are dark, malodorous dens occupied by gold and silversmiths, where genuine bargains can still be picked up in antique rings, filigree work, and women's heavy leather belts studded with gems (or glass), which are peculiar to this country. The principal square is in the centre of the town. King Nicholas is a tall, broad-shouldered man with stern, handsome features and piercing gray eyes—a stately figure, upright as a gun barrel, notwithstanding his years. Although a great tobacco-he generally consumes about 100 cigarettes a day—the King is very moderate in drink and diet, and can still flick a cigarette from a friend's lips with a duelling pistol at twelve paces.

TRANS-BALTIC MAILS BY AIR

Germany Makes Such a Proposal to Denmark

Germany has asked Denmark whether it is disposed to employ German airships in carrying the trans-Baltic mails, Denmark paying a small subsidy which will be devoted to building and maintaining an airship station at Aenagar, near Copenhagen. Germany contends that air mail service would be particularly advantageous in winter, when the ice often delays steamships.

Denmark acknowledged the receipt of the proposal and expressed the greatest interest in the scheme, but as yet has made no decision.

Overtired School Children

In his report on the medical inspection of school children in the Renfrewshire district of Scotland, Dr. Henry D. Hobb stated that the number of children who were really in a fit condition to do school work was far from formed a very small percentage. Cases of collapse from fatigue were more frequently met with among boys than among the girls. A considerable number of the children were found to be overtired.