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switch had a wiry, discouraging look Across the way was a cooper shop with a good many shavings outside gustine. One had blown across and lay just in front of him. It was an inspiration He picked it up and, solemnly entering the schoolroom, meekly handed it to Miss Horr. Perhaps Miss Horr's sense of humor prompted forgiveness, but discipline must be maintained. "Samuel Langborne Clemens," she said (he had never heard it all strung together in that ominous way), "I am ashamed of you! Jimmy Dunlap, go bring in a switch for Sammy." And Jimmy Dunlap went, and the switch was of a sort to give the little boy an immediate and permanent distaste for school. He informed his mother when he went home at noon that he did not care for school; that he had no desire to be a great man; that he preferred to be a pirate or an Indian and scalp or drown such people as Miss Horr. Young Sam conceived the notion that a pirate's life would be joyous and, with a couple of pals, cruised the Mis sissippi. Some of their expeditions were innocent enough. They often cruised up to Turtle island, about two miles above Hannibal, and spent the day feasting. You could have loaded a car with turtles and their eggs up there and there were quantities of mussels and plenty of fish. Fishing and swimming were their chief pastimes, with general marauding for adventure. Where the railroad bridge now ends on the Missonit side was their favorite swimming hole -that and along Bear creek, a secluded, limpid water with special interests of its own. Sometimes at evening they swam across to Glasscock's island, the rendezvous of Tom Sawyer's "Black Avengers" and the biding place of Huck and Nigger Jim. Once, though this was considerably later, when he was sixteen. Sam Clemens swam across to the Illinois side and then turned and swam back again without landphone. ing, a distance of at least two miles as he had to go. He was seized with a cramp on the return trip. His legs became useless, and he was obliged to

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THE REMEDY.

At this season of the year man's afflicted with a score of grievous ills, and he's frequently addicted to the use of costly pills ; or he buys some bottle liquor made of barks and buds and leaves and it makes him all the sicker till his soul within him grieves. There's a cure for human creatures, there's balm to heal them all; let them sit upon the bleachers, sit and watch the boys play ball. Pity him who whines and sneezes over every little ill; if we brood o'er our diseases, they will grow until they kill let our ailments be forgotten while we scratch for fun and fame, and they'll find their job so rotten they will often jump the game. No one thinks about his liver, no one thinks about his gall, while he makes the welkin quiver, looking at a game of ball. Uncle Henry was complaining of the aches that racked his form; rheumatism in him reigning, made his language blue and warm; and he blew himself for potions till he stood without a cent; and soaked himself in oceans and ill-smelling liniment. Then he went to see a battle 'twixt the Pirates and the Blues, and he made his welkin rattle with his cockadoodledoos. Now there's not a better feller underneath the spangled frame ; every day he whips a peeler after witnessing the game.-Walt Mason.

Do not whine at your lack of oppor-tunity. There are opportunities for everyone who is able to convince the orld by his industry that he is worthy of success

having only regular desires.-St. An-

time.

The Wood Pile Philosopher. Mr. Erastus Johnson, the only colored man in Wobrook-in-the-Hills, has thought out many of the secrets of easing the toil that he knows best and is ever ready to impart them to others. "When they comes to me fer advice." he said to one of the campers, "I alwus tell 'em it depends on what their perfession is. If they've arrived at the dignity o' sawin' wood I alwus tell 'em to saw the biggest fust. If they, asks why, an' they mostly does, I say, 'So's you'll only have the little sticks when you gets tuckered out.'

"An' I tell ye now." concluded Erastus graciously, quite as if the camper had asked for "pointers" on a back yard job, "it's jes' the same with pilin'. Put the big sticks to the bottom. It's mighty bilious exercise a liftin' of 'em to the top."-Youth's Companion.

## When Butter Was Scarce.

Butter, which is almost indispensable nowadays, was almost unknown to the ancients. Herodotus is the earliest writer to mention it. The Spartane used butter, but as an ointment, and Plutarch tells how the wife of Deiotorous once received a visit from a Spartan lady whose presence was intolerable because she was smeared with butter. The Greeks learned of butter from the Scythians, and the Germans showed the Romans how it was made. The Romans, however, did not use it for food, but for anointing their bodies. -St. Louis Globe-Democrat,

Right In His Line. "Why don't you have a sponge to moisten your stamps?" queried the man from across the street who had dropped in to use the lawyer's tele-"Good idea," answered the disciple

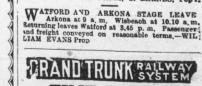
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