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By the advice of a friend I began taking Ayer's Pills. In a short time I was free from pain, my food digested properly, the sores on my body commenced healing, and, in less than one month, I was cured.—Samuel D. White, Atlanta, Ga.

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The Dreadful Disease Defied.
GENTS:—I have used your Mink's Lintment successfully in a severe case of crump in my family, and I consider it a remedy no household can afford to be without.

J. F. CUNNINGHAM.
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It is an invaluable Hair Restorer and cleans the Scalp of all Dandruff.

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4000 Yards wide do., " 1.10
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Selected Literature.

EPITAPH ON WIGGINS.
His name is Wiggins, as it rhymes with Springs, and the Milesian Higgins and such like fry;
He could beat an Ogechee nigger in scientific 'sugger' on the social status of a quadrilateral life.

In solar science he could bid defiance to Sir Humphrey Davy or Guy Lussac;
He could form conjunctions or other functions without conjunctions with Mars and Venus, that would beat Melina's and other planets in the solar track.

His stock commercial was Hind and Herschel, Humboldt, Strabo, Kepler, Marini,
Astronomy, Biology, Demology, Cyclozoology, and the nebula in Sagittaria.

With well-planned fictions and shrewd restrictions he'd make predictions of wind and weather, and his guesses turned out as accurate as a dressmaking as a so-called prophet.

Now, he'd telluric and gal sulphuric, and those usuric read earth and rock,
So, Wiggins trying his prophesying, his long tongue lying, sets women crying and strong men flying to avoid the shock.

But this seismologist, this Perkiniteologist has no apology for his foolish prank,
His egregious blunder is a sine-days' wonder. He may go to thunder, the Canadian crank,
Paul Fry, in Strenuous Areas.

NOT WHAT, OR WHERE, BUT HOW.
"Please put on your thinking-cap," said my benefactor this evening, auntie, said Aleck with a cheerful smile.
"Very well, Aleck, what is it?"
Placid-faced Widow Grey spoke kindly, but without raising her eyes from the skein of yarn she was carefully placing upon the smooth arms of the old swif.
The handsome lad hung his worn cap upon a nail behind the door, held his fingers a moment over the glowing cooking-stove, patted the white cat asleep on a cushion in the warmest corner, then took the bit of paper upon which his aged friend was about to wind the soft, smooth yarn, he said coaxingly,
"Please, auntie, I like to make the arms of the old swif fly round. They seem to be ever reaching for something, but are fulfilling their mission all the while."
The widow was used to the lad's matter-of-course way when he ran in of an evening, of making a pleasure of sharing whatever work engaged her attention, so she said only—
"Wind it close, remember, Aleck, or it will not knit even."
"All right, auntie, now for the business," and as the old lady settled down in her rocking-chair and took up her knitting-work, he went on—
"Mr. Hyde, at the supper-table to-night gave me notice to quit. He wishes to take a younger boy, one who will eat less and wear smaller clothes," and Aleck laughed, looking down at the bottom of his jacket sleeves half way to his elbows, and then at his trouser legs half way to his knees.
"I am not surprised, my child," replied Mrs. Grey, deliberately. "You have done well in staying as long as you could in the home your father found for you before he died. There are always two good reasons, if one is looking for them, to do good or to do evil, to help others and to help ourselves."
A sharp rap at the outer door cut short the old lady's wise speech, and Equire Eaton, a short, stout, broad-shouldered man, blundered in.
"I was passing, and called to see if my socks were done," he said, declining with a bow, and wave of his hand, the splint-bottomed arm-chair Aleck moved forward.
"I am off for Washington in the morning instead of at night to-morrow, as I expected, and all the last things have to be done up this evening."
"I am just tooting them off, sir," said Mrs. Grey. "The white yarn only came up an hour ago, and Aleck is winding it for me."
"Yes, sir," replied the lad respectfully; "and one of mine, when a little fellow, was learn to knit. My mother taught me to knit a white stocking the winter before she died. So when yarn enough is wound I can pick up the stitches for Auntie Grey and help her about tooting them off. When they are finished, sir, I will take them to your house, and if you are all in bed I will leave the package in the porch, at the side door. Will that do, sir?"
"Good," said thequire, looking pleased now. "It will do very well, indeed," and dropping a bank-note into the widow's lap he bustled away with her fervent "God bless you!" ringing in his ears and warning his heart all the way to town.
It was eleven o'clock before Aleck, after a busy evening, followed by a brisk walk in the frost air, opened the gate leading through a deep yard, to thequire's handsome dwelling. That gentleman himself opened the side door as Aleck went lightly up the steps of the porch.
"All ahead but me," he said. "Come in and I will pay you for your trouble."
"You may pay auntie Grey for that, sir."
"Come in," repeated thequire, with something more than mere politeness in his voice, and the lad obeyed. A gust of wind from the open door-way sent the papers on the library table flying like a flock of sea-gulls to all parts of the room. Aleck removed his cap and mittens, and picking up the papers returned them to

the table. As thequire put a letter that he had been writing into its envelope he watched the lad out of a corner of his eye.
"Going to school this winter?" he asked.
"I suppose not, sir. I am looking for something to do."
"What do you want?"
"I cannot be over particular, sir. It don't matter so much what or where the work is, as what I make of it," he replied, unconsciously repeating Mrs. Grey's words.
"I will give you work, then, and we will see what you make of it. This call to Washington is very unexpected to me as you perhaps know. My wife and daughters are to go with me. I have had time for very few arrangements. The housekeeper and her husband are to be left in charge, but they are getting old. You may come here and stay and go to the high school, and do for your clothes and board whatever you see needs to be done."
"What shall you expect me to do, sir?" asked Aleck, looking puzzled.
"I see, sir," said Aleck. "I will be on hand in the morning bright and early. Good-night, sir."
Thequire chuckled to himself as the door closed. "I've given him a chance, and if he's the boy I take him to be he will make the most of it. I shouldn't have thought of it, though, if I hadn't liked the way he was winding that yarn. He had little idea that every time the long arms of that swif went wheeling around they were reaching out into his future."
"It's a queer bargain," said Aleck aloud to the cutting north wind as he went past the hill, "but it is a good place to practice the present." "Not what, or where, but how."
"You can keep an eye on him," said Squire Eaton to Margaret, the housekeeper, next morning. "I'd hardly think he is the kind of a lad to turn out like Percy Stiles; and mind, now, that he never hears Percy's story."
Margaret nodded; and as the master went out, John, her husband said—
"Wasn't he a queer one? Thequire has never had anything to do with boys since then; and yet he dotes on boys."
"I know it," said Margaret; "just to think how much he set by Master Percy and what a chance the lad threw away. Do you remember how thequire looked at first, when he really believed there was a burglar in the house, and he said: 'You are a hero, Percy. You have saved our lives and our property?'"
"I remember," said John; "but that was nothing to the scene after the matter had been investigated, and he was convinced that Percy was the rogue, as well as the hero, when he called us all into the library and sent for the poor lad. He came thinking he was to receive a reward for his bravery. It is just like a picture in my mind even now. Thequire rising from his chair with that white, stern face. Percy with the exultant air and look of expectation changing to that of a culprit. Do you remember how his voice sounded when he said: 'All the boys I ever read about did something very brave and dangerous to win for themselves fame, and gifts and friends, and I wanted to be a hero?'"
"Yes," said Margaret. "I remember it, and thequire's reply: 'The honest boy who does his simple duty and makes the best of every day is the hero that the world needs; but I think this lad is made of a different kind of stuff.'"
"He's made a busy winter of it, sir," said the old housekeeper, when, one April day, thequire arrived home unexpectedly and asked for Aleck. "He's not been away one evening nor missed a day at school the whole term. He's made the hinges of the gates, the latches of the barn-doors, and the fastenings of the blinds. He's petted the dogs, cats and birds, watered and trained the plants and cheered up the time for John and me as blithely as if we had been his own grandparents. He has not failed one morning of running up to Wilbur Grey's before school time to see how she's getting on, and he has never meddled with anything nor been in mischief."
"And he has written me a letter every Saturday," said thequire, "giving a concise account of all the happenings here." Going into the library and looking about he added: "He has filed all my periodicals and kept everything ready for me to look over as easily as if I had been gone only for a week."
"Well, Aleck, what have you made of your work?" he said, as the lad came in flushed with pleasure at seeing him.
"I have had a profitable winter at school, sir. I have read a good deal of history, I have learned a great many things of John and Margaret, and I can not tell you, sir, how happy I have been. I am afraid I have done very little to pay for all these privileges, and Aleck's voice trembled.
"I have found a boy that I can trust, and that pays me," said thequire, and his voice grew a little husky. "Now we will make a new bargain."
All that was years ago. Aleck is

Squire Eaton's law-partner now, a successful man, and, better than that, a good man. He is fond of helping young people; he likes to have them improve their time, and he often says: "It is not so much consequence what or where your work is, as what you make of it."

OUR DAILY BREAD.
Heavy and sour bread or biscuit has a vast influence through the digestive organs upon the measure of health we enjoy. How important to our present happiness and future usefulness the nature of our meals and a sound constitution are, we can only realize when we have lost them, and when it is too late to repair the damage. And yet, notwithstanding these facts, thousands of persons daily jeopardize not only their health, but their lives, and the health and lives of others, by using articles in the preparation of their food the purity and healthfulness of which they know nothing. Perhaps a few cents may have been saved, or it may have been more convenient to obtain the article used, and had knowledge taken the responsibility and possibly will never know the mischief that has been wrought. Paternallus may have spells of headache, Johnny may have lost his appetite, Susie may look pale; if so, the true cause is rarely suspected. The weather, the lack of outdoor air, or some other cause, is given, and the unwholesome, poisonous system of adulterated flour goes on. Next to the flour, which should be made of good, sound wheat and not ground too fine, the yeast or baking powder, which furnishes the rising properties, is of the greatest importance, and of the two we prefer baking powder, because it is pure, and it is pure, and it is perfectly fitted, tested and adapted to each other, that the action is mild and permanent, and is continued during the whole time of baking, and no residue of poisonous ingredients remains to undermine the health. The Royal Baking Powder will be found sweet and wholesome.

The Royal is made from pure grape acid, and it is the action of this acid upon highly carbonized bicarbonate of soda that generates the gas allowed to rise. After ingredients are so pure and so perfectly fitted, tested and adapted to each other, that the action is mild and permanent, and is continued during the whole time of baking, and no residue of poisonous ingredients remains to undermine the health. The Royal Baking Powder will be found sweet and wholesome.

WHAT TO TEACH GIRLS.
(Mother's Magazine.)
Give your girls a thorough education. Teach them to cook and prepare the food of the household. Teach them to wash, to iron and darn stockings, to sew on buttons and make their own dresses.—Teach them to make bread and that a good kitchen lessens the doctor's account. Teach them that he only lays up money whose expenses are less than his income, and that all grow poor who have to spend more money than they receive. Teach them that a calico dress paid for fits better than a silk one unpaid for. Teach them that a full, healthy face displays a greater trust than fifty cosmetic beauties. Teach them to purchase, and see that the account corresponds with the purchase. Teach them good, common sense, self-help and industry. Teach them that an honest mechanic in his working dress is a better object of esteem than a dozen haughty, finely dressed idlers. Teach them their gardening and the pleasures of nature. Teach them, if you can afford it, music, painting, etc., but to consider them as secondary objects only. Teach them that the happiness of matrimony depends neither on external appearance nor on wealth, but upon a manly character.

THE SPANKPHONE.
This useful instrument consists of an arm provided with a universal joint for facility in use, the arm bearing a flexible series of elastic radial attachments. It is not the invention of either Prof. Graham Bell or Mr. Edison, and being unpatented, no royalty is chargeable for its use. It was originally devised and adopted by Mr. Adam Primus, shortly after his becoming a careworn emigrant. Its construction may be remembered by such of us as are of riper years, and who in warmer climates than this were brought up under the spreading palm. The test of its efficiency in application is a certain readiness, as also a loudness of response easily identified at a distance not exceeding 100 yards. An undesired neglect has fallen this really valuable domestic implement and the consequences among the rising generation are profoundly regrettable. Its general re-introduction in households would again instill discipline and promote respect for parents. Its ministries are those of chastisement.—Grip.

General Intelligence.
NEWS CONDENSED.
Two earthquake shocks are reported from Savannah. No damage done.
An apple tree in York, Annapolis Valley is said to have borne this season twenty-six barrels of apples.
A fire at Salisbury, Md., Oct. 17th, swept away the whole business part of the town, and destroyed \$1,500,000 worth of property. Many people are homeless.
ADELPHI, Oct. 21.—An immense exodus of men towards Wankaringa, in South Australia, is in progress in consequence of the discovery of alluvial gold there.
It is estimated that over 200 persons were drowned by the floods at Sabine Pass, Johnson's bayou and Taylor's bayou. Eighty-five corpses have been recovered.
LONDON, Oct. 24.—Gladstone, while felling a tree at Hawarden on Saturday, stirred up a nest of wasps, which attacked him severely. His face was terribly swelled from the effect of the stings.
DUBLIN, October 18.—May Anderson has subscribed \$2,000 for the benefit of the sufferers from the Charleston earthquake. The sum represents the net proceeds of her performance during the past week.
New rails are being laid on the Intercolonial between Winkfield and Trenton. The old rails are being utilized for branch roads. As the men are working on the track laying new rails all the time, the train hands have to look sharp to look out in order to prevent accidents.
While two soldiers were loading a shell for a 12-inch mortar last Thursday afternoon, at Sandy Hook, for the purpose of testing its fragility, the shell exploded, blowing one man to pieces and injuring the other so badly that he died in a few hours.
John T. Jones, who was generally supposed to be a tramp, and who worked about different mines, offered twenty-five cents a ton for a bill of refuse at the Anthon's Hematic Mines. The rock named out on the loaded freight train Jones \$100,000. Other piles have netted him about \$400,000.
A Quebec paper, L'Evenement, reports the extraordinary case of Mrs. Francis Boulanger, of Nainokhan, on the North Shore, who recently gave birth to four children. Last year the same prolific woman gave birth to triplets and the year before that again to twins, or a total of nine children, all living, in the short space of two years and a few months.
DETROIT, Oct. 24.—A passenger train on the Detroit, Grand Haven and Milwaukee railroad, consisting of a baggage car, two coaches and a sleeper, ran into an open switch at Royal Oak, about eight miles from here, late last night, and collided with a heavily loaded freight train. Engineer Augustus O'Dell of the passenger train, and his fireman, Thomas Barrett, and three other trainmen were probably fatally injured.
The recent gale caused almost total destruction of the crops of all kinds from Point a la Heche to Port Edouard on the Mississippi river. A schooner lumberladen was driven on the levee and left high and dry. Two unknown luggers shared the same fate. What few oranges were on the trees were blown off. The damage between Point a la Heche and Port Edouard in rice gardens, the loss in cattle, poultry, horses, etc., is estimated at \$200,000. No loss of life is reported.
The effects of the recent storm on the south and west coast of Great Britain were terrible. A Norwegian bark foundered off Tintagel, and her entire crew, consisting of 14 persons, perished. Ten bodies have been washed ashore on the Glamorgan coast. Reports have been received from all parts of the kingdom, telling of the disastrous effects of the hurricane. The British ship Malaya was wrecked in the Bristol Channel and 30 persons were drowned. The shore is strewn with wreckage.
Remorse is current that a terrible state of confusion and alarm exists in the Crax's household, owing to hallucination of imaginary dangers to which the Crax is subject. It is said that on seeing an adjacent walking rapidly towards him, recently, the Crax seized a revolver and shot the adjacent dead. Other accounts say the adjacent made an attempt to kill the Crax and the latter fired in self defence.

Washington Letter.
(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, Oct. 25, 1886.
The Congressional elections, though not two weeks distant, seem to arouse very little general interest here. Owing to the civil service law the committee have been able to do very little from Washington. In past campaigns the committee headquarters here received almost daily reports from the closely-contested districts and it was the custom for hard-pressed candidates to rush to Washington for money to help them out. This year neither committee had any money to distribute, and, as a result, the committee have been almost ignored. The democratic committee confined its labors almost entirely to getting out and selling a campaign text-book. It had a good sale, and now then, in ordering copies some candidate or executive committee would add a brief report as to the state of affairs in his district. The republican committee has sent out some documents giving information as to questions at issue. But it has been pretty well demonstrated that unless national committees can furnish money the congressional candidates take very little account of them. So far as reports have been received at democratic headquarters they have been favorable to the party. At the headquarters it is claimed that the indications at present point to continued democratic ascendancy in the lower House. At republican headquarters there is an apparent feeling of hope that the democratic majority may be overcome. The democrats will lose several districts in Ohio, and perhaps one or two in Indiana, but they have such a large majority in the present House that they do not believe it can be overcome, unless the apparent apathy shall prevail to a much greater extent in democratic than in republican ranks.
Acting Secretary Fairchild has made a decision in regard to the dutiable value of so-called combination guns, which are described as double guns, one barrel being rifled for shooting balls and the other smooth and designed for the use of shot. The importer claimed that as the rifle barrel is the component of chief value, the gun is dutiable at the rate of 25 per cent ad valorem, under the tariff provision for "muskets, rifles, and other fire arms and specially provided for." The acting secretary does not, however, concur in this view. He holds that the guns are undoubtedly sporting guns, and therefore are dutiable at 35 per cent ad valorem, under the tariff provision for "all sporting breech-loading shot-guns."
Secretary Manning's health is believed to be improving under the pressure of his official duties. He comes to the Treasury department every day and works steadily,