



Nervous Prostration

It is now a well established fact in medical science that nervousness is due to impure blood. Therefore the true way to cure nervousness is by purifying and enriching the blood. The great blood purifier is Hood's Sarsaparilla. Read this letter:

"For the last two years I have been a great sufferer with nervous prostration and palpitation of the heart. I was weak in my limbs and had smothered sensations. At last my physician advised me to try Hood's Sarsaparilla which I did, and I am happy to say that I am now strong and well. I am still using Hood's Sarsaparilla and would not be without it. I recommend it to all who are suffering with nervous prostration and palpitation of the heart." MRS. DALTON, 66 Allice St., Toronto, Ontario. Get Hood's, because

Hood's Sarsaparilla is the Only True Blood Purifier

Prominently in the public eye today. It is not what we say but what Hood's Sarsaparilla does that tells the story.

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"I have taken Ayer's Pills for many years, and always derived the best results from their use."

For Stomach and Liver troubles, and for the cure of headache caused by these derangements, Ayer's Pills cannot be equaled. They are easy to take, and

Are the Best all-round family medicine I have ever known. - Mrs. May Johnson, 308 Rider Ave., New York City.

AYER'S PILLS Highest Awards at World's Fair. Ayer's Sarsaparilla for the blood.

ST. THOMAS NEWS.

Early on Monday morning fire was discovered in the stairway east of K. B. McGregor's store, which leads to J. W. Crother's office. The fire was extinguished without difficulty, the damage to the building being about \$50. Mr. McGregor's stock was badly damaged by water.

The funeral of the late Rev. Dr. Schulte was held on Wednesday at the old Church of England cemetery. The following clergymen were present: His Lordship the Bishop of Huron, Rev. Canon Hill, W. Hinde, St. Thomas; S. E. G. Edelstein, Glanworth; J. W. J. Andrews, Aylmer, and M. G. Freeman, Tyroneville.

For Over Fifty Years

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used by millions of mothers for their children while teething. It distributed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with pain of teething teeth sent a cure and get a bottle of "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for Children Teething. It will relieve all the little sufferings immediately. Depend upon it, mothers, there is no mistake about it. It cures Diarrhoea, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, cures Wind Colic, softens the Gums, reduces inflammation, and gives tone and energy to the whole system. "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for children teething is pleasant to the taste and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Price, twenty-five cents a bottle. Sold by all druggists throughout the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup."

Bad Blood Between Them.

The ever-slaving farmer's wife, her delicate sister in the city, suffer more than they care to tell. The dark rings around the eyes, headaches, dizziness, palpitation or rheumatic twinges, broken a run-down system. The blood is poor and is a bar to enjoyment of life. Scott's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood, strengthens and vitalizes the system, and speedily restores the bloom of health to the cheeks. It cures when all others fail.

Look out for colds at this season. Keep yourself well and strong by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great tonic and blood purifier.

REAL MERIT is the characteristic of Hood's Sarsaparilla. It cures even the most stubborn cases of blood disease and is the only blood purifier.

RED HOT LANGUAGE.

of America's effective help for the Armenians might have been fulfilled, but now President Cleveland has created just that diversion upon which the Sultan has been counting all along.

Mr. Moncure D. Conway, the well-known author and journalist, in a lecture last evening, said he had no belief in the likelihood of war arising between Great Britain and the United States as a result of the Venezuelan dispute, still he felt it to be his duty to suggest that England appeal to the civilization of mankind by inviting the powers of Europe to arbitrate the question whether or not the United States had a right to intervene in the British Venezuelan dispute.

The Pall Mall Gazette to-day prints an article in reference to the relations between Great Britain and the United States, in which it says: "We are still friends of the Americans, and as the excitement ebbs, the tide of sense returns. It is for every English influence to spread calmer thoughts and build a golden bridge by which the former kindness may return."

The Westminster Gazette, under the caption "Thank Goodness for the Holidays," protests against the inflammatory opinions published by the press, which, it says, "are breeding bad blood between England and America, and making thoughts of war familiar to the most peaceably inclined. There is plenty of room," declares the Gazette, "for common sense to be exerted in England, as well as in the United States. It ought to be recognized that Americans have a warm attachment for the Monroe doctrine, and that there is a good deal of reason on their side."



He did it with his little hatchet.

UNCLE SAM'S DEFENCES.

General Miles Describes Them as in a Deplorable Condition.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 23.—Gen. Miles, commanding the army, has given out a statement by request in regard to the ability of the United States to defend itself in case of war. He said:

"I have just returned from an inspection of the harbors of the southern coast, and, like those of other sections of the country, I found them in an entirely defenceless condition. If war should break out at the present time, all we have in the south, or, in fact, anywhere else, with a few exceptions, would be a lot of obsolete guns on rotten carriages, which would fall over before they could be of any service. The country is in a deplorable condition for defence. There are only three modern high-powered guns in position in this country. Two of these are at the entrance to New York harbor and the third is at San Francisco.

"If Congress would make liberal appropriations, the coats can be placed in condition for defence in two years' time. The work would cost in the neighborhood of \$80,000,000.

"There are four ways by which the coast cities could be protected. The first is by floating batteries; this is by battleships and monitors. These are expensive, costing \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000 each, and are not so good for defensive purposes as other means. The second way is by land batteries, which could be built more quickly and would be more effective. The third way is by torpedoed and mining casemates.

"Without high-powered guns, however, it would be possible for an enemy to land a force and explode the mining casemates, thus obviating this danger for its fleet. In the case of torpedoed, they would have to be placed so low as not to be visible at low tide. Otherwise they could be destroyed by means of rapid-fire guns. At high tide it would be possible for the light-draft vessels to pass over them. The Japanese at Wei-Hai-Wei passed over the torpedoes, and Farragut pursued a similar method. An enemy could do the same in our harbors.

"Regarding the land forces, no difficulty could be experienced in getting a million men in a month. The small army we have could be in the nature of a nucleus for other troops. What we need, however, is not men, but coast fortifications. After we get the fortifications we could get the men to operate the guns."

"I would the United States be invaded by any foreign power, it is necessary to have a million men in a month."

be for him to place his ships off our coast and fire shell into our cities. This fire would drive millions of people from their homes and cause untold distress.

"But wouldn't we make an invasion of Canada? you ask. What would Canada be in exchange for New York? New York is worth a hundred Canadas. It is true that we would invade and capture Canada if we wanted to, but there would be no special advantage gained as a result. The wealth of 300 years is stored in Boston, New York and other great cities, and their loss would be very severe. We could not afford to lose them. They should be protected. In order to properly protect New York, 33 guns and 177 mortars are needed.

"On the Pacific Coast the same defenceless condition exists. Not a shovelful of dirt has been thrown up around Puget Sound for the protection of the cities on its shores. The British have a naval station at Esquimalt, and it could be used as a base against this country. While I was at Port Townsend I could hear every morning and evening the sunrise and sunset guns fired at that station."

The National Honor Smirched.

Boston, Dec. 23.—The Standard, in an editorial says: "With the aid of Senator Morgan and some of his clique, the proposal of the United States to submit any claim whatsoever to arbitration was all the elements of insincerity and humbug. The Behring Sea arbitration left a plain duty on the United States which even the President admits, but which has been ignored. Until we carry out the plain terms of an arbitration whose decision we have accepted, it is very much like hypocrisy to press the duty of arbitration on any one. Thanks to Senator Morgan and his brother jingoes, the national honor has been smirched."

COMMON SENSE RETURNING.

Reber Second Thought Getting in Its Work - Honey Markets Better

New York, Dec. 23.—Wall-street breathed freer to-day, and there was in consequence a decided gain in prices. The market received the first impulse from London, where American securities opened with gains extending from two per cent. in some instances. This market followed quickly, and in the initial trading sharp rises were recorded in the entire list. Buying orders on a large scale then made their appearance in the market and a steady appreciation in values followed.

The buying was stimulated by the action of the New York Clearing House Association, which decided at a meeting held at noon to issue a feature of loans if required. This means that no brokerage concern with anything like marketable collateral need pay fancy rates for money, and is of the greatest importance to the street.

Almost simultaneously with the official announcement of the clearing house action, there were heavy offerings of money by J. P. Morgan & Co., Flower & Co. and other prominent firms, and call loans, which had commanded as high as 75 per cent. on pledge of fancy stocks as collateral, dropped quickly to six per cent. on the regular dividend payers and finally fell to three per cent. A feature of the day's business was the picking up of stocks for cash. The fact that the settlement at the stock exchange clearing house passed through successfully and a belief that President Hiram will act promptly in the matter of replenishing the gold reserve in case Congress should delay both acted as a sustaining influence. Late in the day, the failure of H. L. Langhaar was announced, but this had no effect as it is generally believed that the liabilities of the concern are small. The improvement in prices ranged from one to nine per cent., and at the close the gain was well maintained.

More Favorable in London.

London, Dec. 23.—The operators on the exchange were inclined to-day to take a more favorable view of the situation than has prevailed since President Cleveland sent to Congress his message in regard to Venezuela. The movements generally were slightly upwards, but the dealings were chiefly bears. Despatches from New York reporting that the market there opened firmer assisted to strengthen the market for American railroad securities.

London, Dec. 23, 5 p.m.—American securities were briskly here to-day, perhaps, but with no material change. The fluctuations were violent. At the close they were at their lowest. The rush to sell bonds is still very great. The fact that the slump in prices is no political manoeuvre on this side cannot be too strongly emphasized, but the result of a genuine scare on the part of the English nation over the revelation of the heights reached by jingoism in America. Representatives of the financial houses here, both English and American, were interviewed to-day. All take the most serious view of the situation. It is feared that the appointment of the Venezuelan commission means that the matters must drag on for months, to the detriment of international trade. American credit and stored currency. President Cleveland's second message is regarded here as an insult to financial intelligence. All the Continental markets were demoralized.

RESOLUTION OF PROTEST.

But Chicago Workmen Decline to Pass on a Peace Proposal.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—A sensation was caused at the meeting of the Chicago Labor Congress yesterday by the introduction of a resolution condemning President Cleveland's Venezuela message and the Monroe doctrine. The resolution was as follows: "Resolved, that as we have no quarrel, no desire for the alleged glory of a bloody war, but instead we recognize the ties of brotherhood and the hope for a common uplifting of the wage workers of all countries we do, as members and representatives of the wage classes, most emphatically protest against the murderous designs of those who would thus destroy our fellow-workers, and we earnestly appeal to the workmen everywhere to make their co-ordination heard."

After a heated discussion the resolution was tabled by a two-thirds majority.

A Mother's Beautiful Child

Dragged Nearly to Death's Door by Severe Nervous Disease—Suffered Extreme Pain in the Head—Doctors Could Do Nothing—South American Nervine Called in at the Eleventh Hour and Restores to Health Little Annie Joy, of West Toronto Junction—The Great Remedy is Reducing the Death Rate of All Canadian Cities.



MISS ANNIE JOY, WEST TORONTO JUNCTION.

A bright little lad, or golden-haired girl, is the delight of your home. Whether you revel in riches, or know something of the privations of poverty, that child is all the world to you. It is no wonder that mother and father become anxious when sickness overtakes the little one.

The remedy, fathers and mothers, is near by. South American Nervine has been the means of giving back the bloom of youth to thousands of suffering little ones. It is not a medicine that buoys up the parents' hopes, only to have them in a short time dashed down again lower than ever. Whether with child or adult, it promptly gets at the seat of all disease, which is the nerve centres. From this fact it is peculiarly efficacious in the treatment of nervous diseases of man, woman or child.

A recent case is that as told by Mrs. M. A. Joy, of West Toronto Junction, whose little daughter Annie, aged 15 years, had been a sufferer from severe nervous depression for about two years. As with all mothers, no trouble and expense was spared in the effort to bring relief to the child. The little one suffered extreme pains in the head, so

distressing at times as to render her completely helpless, sapping all her strength. The best skill of the most skilled physicians was called into request, but little Annie steadily grew worse. Becoming more hopeless and discouraged as the weeks went by, Mrs. Joy decided on trying South American Nervine as almost a last resort. Employing her own words she said: "I determined to give it a trial, although I felt it was useless."

To-day it is all happiness around that home, for before one bottle of the medicine had been taken, the mother tells us Annie commenced to show decided signs of improvement. The child has taken three bottles and has practically regained her natural health and vigor. There is nothing surprising in the fact that Mrs. Joy cannot speak too highly of South American Nervine.

Much was at stake, but this wonderful discovery proved equal to the emergency, and so it does in every case. Thousands of letters on file from well-known citizens prove this. For nervous diseases of young or old, from whatever cause, it is an absolutely infallible cure.

He will take no Risks.

Shrewdness of a well-known City Merchant.

HE KNEW WHAT WAS GOOD FOR HIM.

In winter when Canadians spend a large portion of their time indoors and cannot have the same variety of fresh food as in summer and fall, indigestion and dyspepsia afflict a majority. "If anybody will tell me that dyspepsia in its advanced stages is perfectly curable," said a Toronto merchant, "I will take his word. Personally I run no risks. As soon as I feel a sense of weight in the stomach, after a meal, I know that my blood is sluggish in circulation. In my business I cannot take much exercise, and I fight the first sign of stomach troubles with Scott's Sarsaparilla. It has never failed me, and has saved me many a doctor's bill."

Scott's Sarsaparilla possesses medicinal properties superior to all other so-called sarsaparillas made. As a remedy for indigestion, rheumatism, pimples, scrofula and all blood diseases, physicians state that its equal was never known. Sold at \$1 per bottle, of all dealers.

JOHN BUCKE, Mary street, Hamilton. Had pains in the back and Rheumatism. Have taken one bottle of Kootenay Cure. Never had anything to do me so much good.

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