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Diarrhea is a disease characterized by an
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in a very liquid state, and sometimes contain-
ing a large quantity of bile. Besides the vari-
ous purgative medicines, unadvised or indi-
gestible food, or vegetables, acid fruits, oily
or purid substances frequently cause Diarr-
hea. Physicians distinguish various kinds of
Diarrhea, as (crampy) when the forces pass
off ordinary quality; "bilious" when the bile is
more abundant than natural; "mucosa" when
the excrements contain a quantity of mucus;
"serous" in which they are almost entirely
liquid and watery; and "dysenteric" when the
food passes through the body in an almost un-
altered state. There are frequently, also
nausea and vomiting, a bitter taste in the
mouth, a furred and yellow tongue, dry and
harsh skin, a full or hollow countenance, and
if speedily checked, great emaciation. This is
one of those diseases by means of which na-
ture strives to get rid of impurities, and re-
store the system to its natural condition.
Hence, when it is not very violent, and the
patient is strong, it is best to let it take its
course for a short time, and by taking only
two wine glasses full of the Bitters for the
first ten hours. For violent cases five wine
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should be taken not to stop it too suddenly.
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AT McHENRY.

Three Oxen to be Roasted Whole.

A Joint Meeting of the Old Settlers
of McHenry and Lake Counties, will be
held at McHenry Village,

On Thursday, Oct. 14th, '75.

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Gage, A. B. Coon, McHenry County;
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Wm. Avery, Marengo; S. Van Curen,
Woodstock; Capt. Beckley, Nunda;
H. Barrett, Wauconda.

Superintendent of Arrangements—
Chas. B. Curtis.
Chaplain—Rev. Joel Wheeler.

Tables will be spread on the Public
Square, three Oxen will be roasted
whole, and ample provided for all who
may attend.

Bands of Music will be on the ground
to help enliven the occasion, and bring
to mind the "Days of Auld Lang Syne."

Old Settlers and their friends, far
and near, are invited to come out and
help celebrate this Re-Union.

Aside from the Roast Oxen it is
expected that everybody will bring
their Basket of Provisions and Dishes.

In the evening a Grand Social
Party will be given at the Riverside
House, where all who wish can "trip
the light fantastic toe" after the best
of music.

An Affectionate Brother.

A couple of enterprising men, doing
the clothing business, in Atlanta, are in-
terviewed by a customer in search of a
coat. The senior member of the firm
handles the new comer, and soon finds
"a first-class fit."

In answer to the price, the response is
"Eighteen dollars."

"Well, sir, I like your coat very much,
but I don't like the price."

"Well, mine friend, ze price is nothing
so you like ze coat. We will let you
take em at fifteen dollars."

The customer still complained of the
price, saying that fifteen dollars was
too much. This was too heavy for the
dealer, so, taking the customer to the
extreme end of the store, and drawing
him into a dark corner, he whispered
into his ear; "Mine friend, I let you have
zat coat for twelve dollars and a half."

"Well, sir," said the customer, "I
like the coat very much and am satisfied
with the price, yet I would like to
know why this mysterious performance."

"Vell, my friend, you see dot little
man dare, he was mine brodder. He
got ze heart disease, and so help me
gracious, if he was to hear me tell you I
take twelve dollars and a half for that
coat, he drop dead mit his tracks."

A resident of Detroit, who had
a thrifty cherry tree in his yard, bor-
rowed a stone dog and placed the in-
position at the foot of the tree, so as
to scare away any bad boy who might
want a feast of cherries after dark. He
was flattering himself that he had a
dead sure thing on the boys, when the
other morning he went out to find the
legs and tail of his image broken off,
and the body sticking in the ground
labeled, "This ere dorg feels sick,"
So did the citizen,

"Deceased leaves a wife and five
children." That's the way some of the
newspapers talk about a man when he
is dead and powerless to hurl back in-
to their teeth the opprobrious epithet.
It is bad enough to be dead, but what
is that compared to the humiliation of
being called "deceased" without the
power to rise up, Phoenix-like, with a
double-barrel shot gun and avenge the
insult?

A man in Michigan cut a large
piece out of his leg the other day under
the impression that he had been bitten
by rattlesnake, and then discovered that
he had merely been stung by a bee. A
beaver feeling maroon making the dis-
covery never was raised in the State.

THE RED MAN IMPROVING.

A poor Indian whose "untutored
mind" used to swap States for New En-
gland rum and jack knives, has been
comparably enlightened of late years
on the subject of bargain making. His
improvement is indicated in the advices
from Crow Butte, concerning the ne-
gotiations for the purchase, by his pale
faceted brother, of the Black Hills. Spot-
ted Bull, Sitting Bull, Red Cloud,
Swope Rock, Two Strike and other
chiefs have informed the United States
Commissioners that the Hills can be
had for six million dollars in cash, and
that if the white man won't pay that
sum he must "clear out," or get scalped.

The uncommercial red man will be
induced to part with his heritage for a
smaller price is about as certain as that
he will be swindled by agents out of 90
percent of the price stipulated; but the
fact that he has got the length of
demanding millions is encouraging,
and suggestive of a fine though latent
capacity in him for civilization. So
long as he continued to part with the
hunting grounds of his fathers for shoddy
baskets and adulterated fire water his
ultimate disappearance in the setting
sun seemed inevitable, and was in-
evitable had the practice been contin-
ued, he endowed with the spirit of the
Caucasian land speculators there is hard-
ly anything to brighten or predict of his
future. Should the present negotia-
tions turn out at all happily the whites
of the frontier will be menaced no
more by the tomahawk and the arrow,
but be sure to the emolument of the
untutored denizens of the forests by
announcements of magnificent lots and
fine water privileges to be obtained
for next to nothing, in Bull Town, Red
Cloud Park, Spotted Tail Valley, Two
Strike Plateau, and Afraid of his Horse
Meadows.

A Sensational Story About Alaska.

The Treasury Department has re-
ceived from the Collector of Sitka,
Alaska, a copy of a report made by an
experienced miner who has made an
extensive examination of Alaska with
a view to ascertain its mineral resources
in which he states that he has discov-
ered deposits of greater richness than
any known to exist in America, and
probably in the world. The Collector
certifies to the character and scientific
ability of the miner making the report.

In a letter written subsequently this
officer reports that a large number of
British subjects, hearing of the discov-
ery, have gone to the locality and
located there, and have applied to the
British Government to be incorporated
as a town, claiming to be on British
soil, while the United States officials
claim that they are a considerable dis-
tance within our lines. The question
of territory has been submitted to the
State Department, and it is possible
that an interesting and exciting inter-
national question may be raised should
these mines prove to be rich as reported.

Those who were disposed to make light
of Mr. Seward's speculation in real-
estate may yet be forced to admit the
wisdom of the purchase of Alaska.

The Mighty Mississippi.

Many will remember with what force
of logic loyal orators during the civil
war held up the Mississippi river as an
indissoluble bond between the North
and South, interposing an internal
barrier to the aims of disunionists.

Jefferson Davis, who delivered an agri-
cultural address in Missouri the other
day has become of the same opinion.
He said: "I have said we of the Mis-
sissippi valley are peculiar in many
respects. We are one. Whatever the
devices of man may do, whatever the
passion of men may do, whatever
statecraft and local policy may do to
keep you divided, I say still the people
of the Mississippi valley are one, held
together by that great artery which
extends from the frozen regions of the
North to the perennial flowers of the
South, and with which no other means
of intercommunication can ever success-
fully compete. They may build rail-
roads—and railroads are necessary as
feeders for the river—but still that
grand old river of ours can answer:

"The roads may come,
The roads may go,
But I flow on forever."

So we are to have no more treason
from him, unless he should conclude to
take the whole of the Mississippi valley
out of the Union.—Troy Times.

An exchange says: "Thiers has
taken to sleeping on an iron bedstead
to make him look soldierly and famous.
And it is a good way to become famous,
too. Who would have heard of Pro-
crustes if it hadn't been for his iron
bedstead, or of Damians, if he hadn't
given the poet a chance to ring in that
harmonious line—
"Luke's iron crown and Dumien's bed of steel?"

Bucklin & Stevens near the Depot are
now receiving their Fall and Winter
Goods, which will be full in every line
called for by the community and at
prices to suit.

Crops of the Country.

From a correspondent with peculiar
advantages for ascertaining the condi-
tion of crops throughout the country,
the Troy Times learns something what
the harvest is likely to be. California
will have about two-thirds of a wheat
crop, and perhaps about one-fourth of
the usual supply of fruit. Nevada,
Idaho and Montana, owing to the late
appearance of the grasshoppers, are
reaping larger crops than some of their
suffering neighbors. Utah, for the first
time in six years, was unvisited by the
grasshoppers, and accordingly reports
excellent crops. In Colorado wheat is
short—about enough, however, to sup-
ply the inhabitants. The locusts swept
the State in the Spring, and put every-
thing back. The wheat, barley and
oat crop in Kansas and Nebraska are
uncommonly large. Iowa, Minnesota
and Wisconsin will probably excel any
other three States in the abundance of
their harvests. The corn crop of Iowa
is immense. Minnesota is expecting a
yield 32,000,000 bushels of wheat,
which will make her the banner State
for this cereal. Although the chinch
bug has infested Wisconsin to some ex-
tent, the injuries to crops are not very
extensive, and the State will turn out
of her soil about her usual amount of
productions. Fruit is scarce in Mich-
igan, but the other crops are reported
as fair. The floods in Missouri, Ken-
tucky, Illinois and Ohio proved a great
draw back. Crops over large areas
were swept to ruin, but where the fields
were untouched bountiful harvests are
being secured. In the Middle States
wheat is almost of the average yield.
The remaining crops are satisfactory.
The peach production is less than in
most any former season. In New En-
gland the old time reports are for-
warded. The crops are generally good
and no deficiency is announced. The
cotton crop of the South is large; corn
is perhaps below the average in its
yield, owing to the protracted drouth
in the early summer. From the gen-
eral tone of the communication, we
may regard the harvest of 1875 as all
sufficient to supply our needs and meet
the large demands upon us from for-
eign markets.

What General Taylor Really Said at
Buena Vista.

At the banquet of the Veterans of
the Mexican war, held on Tuesday
evening, Hon. L. B. Mizner of Solano,
in the course of an eloquent address,
took occasion to correct an egregious
fabrication which had passed into his-
tory, attributing to the hero of Buena
Vista the slang admonition, "A little
more grape, Captain Bragg." Such
language was unworthy of the man,
and the historic moment when the re-
sult of the most desperate and memo-
rable battle of the war was wavering in
the balance, and nothing, said Mr.
Mizner, would have been more foreign
to the character of General Taylor in
his manner in trying emergencies than
such an exclamation. "Holding the
position of an interpreter on the staff
of General Taylor," said the speaker,
"I was seated on my horse immediately
near him when Captain Bragg dashed
hurriedly up, saluted the General and
reported: 'General, I shall have to fall
back with my battery or lose it.' Sev-
eral of his guns had already been dis-
mounted, a large portion of his horses
killed, and about thirty of his men
were prostrate on the heath. On re-
ceiving the report General Taylor
turned on his horse surveyed the sit-
uation for a few seconds—he required
no field glass, for the scene of conflict
was not far removed—and the reply
was, 'Captain Bragg, it is better to
lose a battery than a battle.' This was
the interview on which was based the
famous slang phrase that was never
uttered by the General to whom it was
imputed. Captain Bragg returned to
his battery with renewed determina-
tion, and by the efforts of that gallant
officer and his brave command the tide
of battle was turned, and the greatest
victory of the war was won."

Butler's Extraordinary Views.

Gen. B. F. Butler has been express-
ing to a reporter of the Boston Jour-
nal some more of his extraordinary
views on finance. He said he should
take no part in the Massachusetts cam-
paign this fall because of his disagree-
ment with the Republican party on the
money question. He was conscientiously
in favor of paper currency—1, because it
is more convenient; 2d, because it
costs nothing, and if a man lose a 25
cent scrip he alone is the loser, whereas
if it be gold, the government loses also;
3d, because it cannot be exported and
thus bring about financial panics.

"What is the use," said that profound
financier, "of a currency you can melt
up into pint cups and yard-sticks and
export out of the country, leaving us
here liable at any and every moment
to a financial crisis, to suspensions,
failures, and the like? Let us have
our coin made of material not worth
exporting." What would the General
have it made of, brass or horn?

OUR SPRINGFIELD LETTER.

SPRINGFIELD, Sept. 27th, 1875.
EDITOR PLAINDEALER:—The Sangamon
County Fair, which opened Mon-
day Sept. 20th, and closed Friday the
24th, proved to be a grand success from
beginning to end. The weather, which
was quite cold and gloomy on Monday
and Tuesday, brightened up towards
the latter part of the week, bringing
out a vast crowd of people on the two
last days of the Fair. The Chicago &
Alton as well as the Toledo, Wabash &
Western Railroads ran crowded trains,
every half an hour to the Fair Grounds,
which are situated about two miles
north of the city; while by far the
largest portion of our citizens went out
by carriage or wagon. This large at-
tendance may partly be attributed to
the excellent weather, being neither too
cold nor too warm, but mainly to the
fact, that each of our Sangamon County
Fairs is an improvement on the one of
the preceding year. Those who have
attended the State Fair at Ottawa, say
that in some departments, our Fair beat
the State Fair. But I don't intend to
give a detailed report of our Fair, as it
would probably be of little interest to
your readers, especially as one Fair is as
a general thing very much like the other.
But some features, peculiar to our
own Fair may be worth mentioning.
Among these was the parade of the
Governor's Guard's or the G. O.'s as they
are jestingly called here. This excel-
lent company is made up of some of
our most respectable young men. Turn-
ing in full parade uniform, (which
is one of the handsomest ever gotten
up), and headed by their splendid drum
corps, they make quite a martial ap-
pearance. They took the first prize in
drilling, at the Re-Union of the Grand
Army of the Republic, at Chicago last
May, consisting of a beautiful banner.
They displayed their skill in handling
arms at the Fair Grounds, before a vast
crowd of people on Friday last, this be-
ing the closing ceremony of our Fair.

The latest sensation! A lady base
ball match! Such were the advertis-
ments spread all over town some two
weeks ago. But they failed in creating
much excitement. Every respectable
citizen stayed at home. You are right
in saying that Springfield is not proud
of these lady base ballists. We let St.
Louis have the (rather doubtful) honor
of being their home.

Local politics are reviving a little, as
the election draws nearer, but not much
enthusiasm is displayed on either side.
The republicans nominated a Mr. Can-
trall for County Treasurer, while Mr.
Nuckols is the democratic candidate
for the same office. The latter will
probably be elected, for to be nomi-
nated by the democratic convention of
Sangamon County is nearly equal to
being elected.

A fire alarm telegraph has been much
talked about lately. That we need it
had enough everybody admits, but as
the city is overdebted, some think we
can get along without it for a time
yet.

For the past few weeks our commu-
nity has constantly been kept at un-
easiness by a multitude of tramps which
swarm into the city from all sides. As
many as ten burglars were reported one
single night. The majority of these
unhappy individuals seem to have
chosen their degrading vocation, for
want of employment rather than out of
inclination. They are neither bold nor
dangerous. In nine cases out of ten,
they prefer sneaking into the house
from the back way, and stealing what-
ever comes handy, to a bold robbery.
Our night police force, consisting of
eight men, is insufficient to protect
every citizen against such a large gang
of tramps. But still they are making
strenuous efforts to clear the city of
this corrupt element, and as but little
mischief has been done last week, it
seems that they have, at least partially
been successful.

A Dutch Victory.

A crowd of young chaps about town
were in one of the popular beer saloons
yesterday, where they met a jolly old
German, who often goes thoroughly
soaked in beer and maudlin funny.

"Hello, Kaiserlicher, have you heard
the news?" said one.

"Nein; vas ish dat?"

"The Water Works are busted!"

"Vel, dot's bad mit dem tombrasse
beeples don't id, poy's?" [Laughter all
round.]

"Yes, and the rolling mills gone up!"
said another of the boys.

"Vell, chut don't get skeered about
that; it's so heffy dat it goom don again
eh?" [A great peal of laughter.]

"And—and—the ice machine has op-
ploded!" cried a third.