

**Activity in British Shipyards.**

Rarely have the shipyards of England shown such activity in the construction of war vessels as is visible there to-day. Nine huge battle ships, of the largest type in the world, being of 14,900 tons displacement and 13,000 horse-power, are now under construction or about to be laid down. They are the Jupiter, on the Clyde; the Mars, on the Mersey; the Majestic, Prince George, and Caesar, at Portsmouth; the Hannibal at Pembroke; the Magnificent, Illustrious, and Victorious, at Catham. To this list may be added the battle ship Renown of 12,350 tons and 10,000 horse-power, now in progress at Pembroke. Of the cruisers building two, the Powerful and Terrible, far surpassing their class anything ever before designed. They are of 14,200 tons displacement each, and have the enormous aggregate of 25,000 indicated horse-power each. Then come a class of cruisers of 5,600 tons displacement, and with 9,600 horse-power. They are the Venus, Diana, Dido, Isis, Juno, Doris, Minerva, Eclipse, and Talbot. Somewhat smaller, of 4,360 tons and 9,000 horse-power, are the Fox and the Flora. The four great torpedo-boat destroyers Havock, Hornet, Daring, and Decoy, of which the two former have already shown such extraordinary speed, are famous the world over. But these are only the pioneers of a great fleet of similar vessels. On the Clyde there are the Rocket, the Shark, the Surly, the Ferret, and the Zephyr; at Barrow, the Skate, the Starfish, and the Sturgeon; on the Mersey, the Ferret, the Lynx, the Banshee, and the Contest. All these are of about 200 tons and 4,000 horse-power, and the fit successors of the Hornet. But the list is not complete till we add from other private yards on the Tyne, the Thames, the Humber, the Wear, or at East Cowes twenty-three other torpedo-boat destroyers. Then of gun vessels we find building at Davenport the Hussar of 1,070 tons and 3,500 horse-power, and at Sheerness the Torch and the Alert of 960 tons and 1,400 horse-power. Some of the vessels here named may not yet be begun, but all are planned. Take in conjunction with this array the explanation made the other day by the Government that it does not wish to make known its full programme of new construction, but only such an installment of it as must immediately be carried into effect, and it will be seen what Great Britain is doing to keep up her naval supremacy.

**The Loss of the Horse.**

The rapid substitution of steam and electricity for flesh and blood in its relation to the use of horses is attracting considerable attention and eliciting much speculation as to where it will end. Not only is the change affecting the cities, but the farmers are beginning to apply the new motors and it is said that, already in the west much farm produce is being moved over to the roads by electric trolleys, while the electric passenger car for country roads is promised and the bicycle is crowding out the horse saddle. It is within the memory of many when rivers and harbors were dredged by horses, when these once useful animals unloaded all the ships in the harbor and when innumerable small industries employed horse-power windlasses to drive their machines. That there will yet be nothing left for horses to do but draw ordinary vehicles for family use or the sulky upon the race course is evident.

The loss of the horse as a companion is no trifling consideration. The influence of the higher order of domestic animals upon the general moral and æsthetic tone of society is not easily computed or fully recognized. The thought of eliminating the fat and pudgy equine from the domestic circle and substituting therefor soulless drivers of iron and steel is not a consoling one. It would, however, argue small faith in human nature to assume that men will part company with the noble horse, with his glossy coat and graceful step, because the electric carriage has become the leading fad. It will be the better for the animal in the end. He will be relieved of the more cruel and inhuman tasks to which he has been subjected; but his race will be transformed into one utilized for more humane purposes than pounding pavements in advance of street cars and tugging under cruel burdens and more cruel drivers. Whoever believes that labor saving machinery, run on principles of equity will ultimately humanize rather than brutalize industry will refuse to believe that similar devices will exterminate the noblest of all the inferior animals. On the contrary they will conspire to beautify and ennoble the splendid creature. Society will always refuse to be divorced from its dear and faithful companion.

**Decoration of the Home.**

The decoration of the home is a very laudable ambition on the part of women, but it is much to be feared that they err on the side of over-decoration. In one small room we often see congregated and crowded together every possible and impossible decoration. The walls and ceilings are covered with patterns. Patterns crawl over the chintzes and curtains, and the carpets are either mosaics, of imitation eastern coloring or else are covered over with sprawling arrangement of leaves and spotty flowers. The result of all this is that the eye becomes fatigued, and when really fine and noble design is placed in such a room it fails to produce its effect because of the undergrowth of unmeaning patterns that already cover every available point on the floor, side walls and ceilings. It is noticed in this connection that Americans might learn much from the Japanese in the art of leaving large spaces undecorated, so that the single good design should have proper advantage. This is applicable also to the furniture in rooms. Nothing can be in worse taste than crowding parlors and drawing rooms in such a way that visitors can hardly move, without disturbing articles of furniture.

As a rule sarcasm is a boisterous demand for liver medicine.

**A REMARKABLE CASE.**

**THE STRANGE EXPERIENCE OF WM. R. HALL, OF ALDERSHOT.**

He Was Thought to be at Death's Door, and the Medicines of a Continent had Failed—A Final Effort to Regain Health Was Made, and he is To-day Alive, Strong and in Good Health.

(From the Hamilton Herald.)

One of the most attractive places in the county of Wentworth, is the little village of Aldershot, situated on what is known as the Plains road, about five miles from the city of Hamilton. One of the best known residents of the village and surrounding country is Captain Hall, who has represented the Township of 'East Flamboro' in the Municipal Council for a number of years, and who with his family, is held in the highest esteem by all who know them. Recently a reporter of the Herald visited the home of Captain Hall for the purpose of investigating a story to the effect that one of the captain's sons had been restored to health in a wonderful manner after having suffered since boyhood from apoplectic fits. On arriving at his destination, the reporter found the genial captain, his wife, daughter and three sons constituted the family. Of the three stalwart young men it was impossible to pick out the one who had for so many years been such a sufferer, but the captain settled all doubts by referring me to "Will." William R. Hall, more familiarly known as Will, presented the appearance of a hearty young man about 30 years of age. His story is briefly related as follows: He had been a sufferer from fits from his sixth birthday, a childish fright being supposed to have been the original cause. For years he would fall down anywhere without being in the least able to help himself, the doctors from Hamilton and various distant points were in vain called in attendance. Medicines were procured from numerous sources in Canada, the United States and even from England, without avail. The boy became so utterly helpless that seven years ago he was compelled to keep his bed, and until a year ago was completely helpless. The fits sometimes came on him so severely that he would suffer from as many as fifteen in one day, and at such times it was so difficult for him to get his breath that his nurses had to wash him with liquor. At this time he was so low that the neighbors who dropped in to see him expected to hear of his death almost any moment. This continued until about a year ago, when the newspaper articles relating the wonderful cures by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills induced Mr. Hall to give them a trial, and to the great satisfaction of himself and his friends he began to mend not long after beginning their use, and in three or four months was sufficiently recovered to be able to go out of doors. He continued taking the pills, and for the past six months has been as strong and about as well as either of his brothers, and has attended to the stock and done his share of the work on his father's farm and fruit garden. Before Mr. Hall began taking the Pink Pills he was so thin and light that one of his brothers could carry him upstairs without the least difficulty, but he has since gained fifty pounds in weight. He has not taken any other medicine since he began taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and although a fit of a very mild nature occasionally comes on him now, he is so nearly cured that his father took great pleasure in giving the information here recorded. "It is over a month since I had a spell," said William as the reporter was leaving, "and even when I do have one now it is not nearly so hard as before I began to take the Pink Pills. The neighbors look surprised to see me drive over to Hamilton as I frequently do, for they all thought I would die long ago. I am pleased at the wonderful progress I have made, and am very glad my experience is to be published, as it may be of value to some one else."

Every statement in this article may be verified by a visit to the home of Captain Hall, ex-councillor of East Flamboro, who has resided on the Plains road for the past eighteen years, and whose word is as good as his bond among those who know him. The reporter also had a conversation with several of Captain Hall's neighbors, and the story of William Hall's recovery was verified to his full satisfaction. Such well verified cases as the above prove the wonderful efficacy of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in the treatment of all diseases of the nervous system, and stamp the remedy as unique in the annals of medicine. St. Vitus' dance, locomotor ataxia, partial paralysis, rheumatism, sciatica, chronic erysipelas, nervous headache, the after-effects of la grippe, and all diseases depending upon a depraved condition of the blood, speedily yield to a treatment with the great medicine. By restoring the blood to a healthy condition, and rebuilding the nerves they speedily drive out disease and leave the patient in the enjoyment of vigorous health. They are also a specific for the troubles peculiar to women, and soon bring the rosy glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks. In the case of men they effect a radical cure in troubles arising from overwork, mental worry or excesses of any nature.

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**HEART FAILURE.**  
A New Disease that is Becoming Very Prevalent—The Causes to Which it is Ascribed.  
BOSTON, May 5th.—It is very strange the number of new and deadly diseases that have become prevalent during the latter part of this century. Whether such diseases existed before our day it is hard to tell but there is certainly a terrible fatality attached to several diseases apparently of modern origin. Some wise men say that the man of the future will be both toothless and hairless, all through evolution—that intestinal process discovered by Darwin.

Whether this is true or not, several deadly diseases have become alarmingly prevalent recently, that were not known twenty years ago. For instance there is diphtheria, which is one of the deadliest diseases known. Bright's disease is another malady modern in origin, and typhoid fever was little known fifty years ago, neither was la grippe. These diseases may be due largely to modern methods of living, the food, the cooking, and the surroundings. This topic is receiving a good deal of attention at the hands of the French and German doctors.

A new disease of a very deadly character is heart failure. This disease is becoming alarmingly frequent, so frequent in fact, that it is almost an epidemic. Heart failure was almost unknown before la grippe laid siege to the human system a few years ago. Now hardly a newspaper can be picked up without containing the record of the death of some well-known man from this disease. Many doctors say that they cannot account for heart failure, that even the healthiest persons are not free from it. There are a few German doctors who have been recently investigating the matter, and they ascribe heart failure to a poisoning of the heart, or a weakening of the nerves that control the heart's action, through the taking of many of the fancy drugs recently placed on the market as tonics to take the place of quinine. The action of a great many of these preparations with high sounding names, for expelling fevers, headaches and colds, is not yet well defined, although every day prescribed by doctors in their mixtures and they are nearly all heart depressors. Anything that interferes with the action of the heart is a heart poison, and to the reckless prescription of these fancy drugs by doctors the most learned German physicians are now ascribing the prevalence of heart failure. Another cause given is the reckless preparation and use of tonics for the nerves and blood purifiers put up in liquid form. These so-called blood purifiers and nerve tonics contain strychnine and other poisons in solution, the most dangerous method of administering these drugs. "Shake well" invariably means that there is strychnine in the mixture, for strychnine sinks to the bottom, and if the bottle is not thoroughly shaken the last doses are poisonous, and in many cases absolutely dangerous. The effects of many of these deadly poisons on the heart is accumulative, that is to say, they are slow poisons. The patient feels all right and in good health when he is taking them, but he occasionally has a feeling of "goneness" over the heart, and a prickly sensation in the fingers and toes. Nothing is thought of this until all of a sudden the heart stops and death comes in a moment. There are certain diseases that also leave a poison in the blood that paralyzes the action of the heart. La grippe typhoid and diphtheria are always followed by bad blood and heart failure.

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