

RESULT ALL THAT COULD BE ASKED

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS CURED STRAIN CAUSED BY HEAVY LIFTING.

William Sharam Tells of His Precarious Condition, and His Happy Release From It.

Murray Harbor South, P.E.I., April 2.—(Special).—William Sharam, who keeps a general store here, is one of many hundreds in Prince Edward Island who have been rescued from chronic sickness, and made sound and well by Dodd's Kidney Pills. Mr. Sharam, who is always glad to say a word for the remedy that did so much for him, relates his experience as follows:

"I sprained my back with heavy lifting, and the result was urinary and kidney trouble that left me in a very weak state, and at times I got so weak that I almost fainted, and could scarcely hold up.

"After trying several other medicines without relief, I concluded that it was a kidney disease I had, and would find the cure in a kidney remedy, and decided to try Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"The result was all that could be asked. I used ten boxes all told, and can now enjoy sweet sleep without being disturbed as heretofore, and my old troubles were banished."

Dodd's Kidney Pills cure all kidney ills from Backache to Bright's Disease.

DIVORCE IN JAPAN.

Nearly One Marriage Out of Four Is a Failure.

A recent issue of a Japanese statistical pamphlet in Japanese and French reveals some curious facts of a social character.

According to this report there were in Japan in the year 1889 297,428 marriages. The age of marriage seems to be nearer that commonly prevailing in Europe and America than most persons suppose.

Of men only 5 married under the age of 13, and only 108 under the age of 16. Nearly 5,400 married between the ages of 16 and 18. The number of marriages increased rapidly up to the age of 24, when it was rather more than 26,000. After that age fewer and fewer men married and less than a thousand married between the ages of 48 and 49, though a few men married in extreme old age.

In the case of girls there were only 58 marriages under the age of 14, and the age at which the greatest number of marriages was reported was between 20 and 21. Only about 900 women were reported as marrying between the ages of 40 and 41, but perhaps Japanese women are prone, like their Western sisters, to cease having birthdays after they pass 30. There were a few marriages of very old women, up to and beyond the age of 80.

The civil state of the women marrying is significant. More than 247,000 of the whole number are reported as maidens, and nearly 8,600 as widows, while nearly 33,500 were divorced women.

Astonishing are the divorce statistics of Japan. In this report it is shown that with fewer than 300,000 marriages reported in the year, there were more than 66,000 divorces. The proportion of divorces to marriages was about 1 to 4.

The fact is that Japanese civilization is most conspicuously weak in the matter of the status of women. Divorce is easy.

In fact the seven causes laid down by Confucius are allowed. One of these permits a man to divorce his wife for talking too much.

Among the lower classes divorce is extremely frequent. It is less so among the upper classes, mainly because concubinage is common. The divorced wife patiently endures her lot, and leaves the house of her lord with a blessing for him upon her lips.

It is a rare thing for a woman in Japan to seek divorce, though husbands frequently give sufficient cause. The fact that the care of the children would fall upon the wife should she obtain a divorce is a sufficient deterrent to the mothers who are poor, and the condition of extreme subjection suffered by nearly all Japanese women probably deters wealthy wives from seeking divorce.

Gramer:—"I understand that that old maid married a struggling young man." Parke:—"Yes; he struggled right enough, but he couldn't get away."

Most people think too lightly of a cough. It is a serious matter and needs prompt attention.

Take
**Shiloh's
Consumption
Cure** The Lung Tonic
when the first sign of a cough or cold appears. It will cure you easily and quickly then—later it will be harder to cure.
Prices, 25c., 50c., and \$1.00. 311

OLD TIME SCHOLARS.

Books and Pupils in a School 4,000 Years Ago.

Education in the time of King Hammurabi, some 4,000 years ago, was in a flourishing condition. Vincent Scheil, a German archaeologist recently unearthed a schoolhouse in Babylon just opposite the great temple. From inscribed books, inscriptions, etc., Father Scheil has reconstructed the life of an ancient Babylonian school.

The scholars sat on the floor in rows, each with a soft brick. On these the small boy engraved the difficult cuneiform characters. When he made them wrong the teacher smacked them over, as is attested by several bricks with the thumb marks plainly visible. In one room the scholar was taught how to write the elaborate and highly poetical forms of adulation which are preserved on monuments. Much attention was given to weights and measures, arithmetic and geometry, but the chief branches were grammar, rhetoric and the expression of flattering forms.

Girls, it seems, got pretty much the same education as the boys. Father Scheil found contracts which had been revised and corrected by a woman learned in the law, named Amatboen.

On the whole education and civilization under King Hammurabi were in a very advanced condition. They knew nothing about electricity, steam power and telephones in those days, but, considering their limited opportunities, the Babylonians were very clever people. The contracts revised by Miss Amatboen were not trust contracts and probably from the New Jersey point of view were primitive and crude. But they answered the needs of a highly complex civilization and the woman who could draft them was probably as good a lawyer as can be found in New Jersey. Anyhow, her name survives 4,000 years. Is it likely that any of our lawyers will be mentioned A.D. 6000?

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is better than other powders, as it is both soap and disinfectant.

As silk is now made from wood pulp, the indications are that the poor silkworm will be forced to hunt another job.

Indigestion, that menace to human happiness, pitiless in its assaults, and no respecter of persons, has met its conqueror in South American Nerve. This great stomach and nerve remedy stimulates digestion, tones the nerves, aids circulation, drives out impurities, dispels emaciation, and brings back the glow of perfect health. Cures hundreds of "chronics" that have baffled physicians.—63

FREE PASSAGE.

A ship's steward has related to a correspondent a method by which dishonest persons defraud steamship companies. The fraud is generally perpetrated by seemingly well-to-do gentlemen, who "travel alone." Just after the vessel has got well on her way the ticket collector gathers in all tickets, and leaves the collection of the saloon tickets to the last. The wary one, knowing the collector is about, places something resembling the ticket inside his hat, and suddenly knocks off his own hat, which is caught by the wind and carried overboard. He bitterly complains to the officers, regretting that his ticket was in the lining of his hat, and so escapes having to pay his passage.

For Over Sixty Years Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used by millions of mothers for their children while teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays pain, cures wind colic, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Sold by druggists throughout the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup." 22-0

A tutor who tooted the flute Tried to teach two young tooters to toot,

Said the two to the tutor, "Is it harder to toot, or To tutor two tooters to toot?"

Little Braves.—Old time a quarter-a-box "Purgers" are quitting the field in whole battalions. Dr. Agnew's Little Pills at 10 cents a vial are driving them out at all points. Because they act gently, more effectively, never pain, and are easy to take. Sick Headache succumbs to one dose.—69

There are numerous "consumption cures," but they all fall down when it comes to curing the consumption of beer and whiskey.

CHEAP ONE WAY RATES TO THE WEST VIA GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

Effective daily during March and April, cheap one way Colonist tickets will be issued from all stations in Ontario to all points on the Great Northern Ry. in the States of Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, also all points in British Columbia.

On March 1st, 8th, 15, 22nd and 29th, and April 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, one way second class tickets will be issued from Chicago to points in North Dakota at greatly reduced rates.

Full information as to time of trains, berth rates in Tourist Sleeper, also literature on any of the above States on application to Chas. W. Graves, District Passenger Agent, 6 King St. West, Room 12, Toronto, or F. I. Whitney, General Passenger Agent, St. Paul, Minn.

SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES EXPENSE

\$5,000 Reward will be paid by Lever Brothers Limited, Toronto, to any person who can prove that this soap contains any form of adulteration whatsoever, or contains any injurious chemicals.

Ask for the Octagon Bar. 215

Mr. Meakin (who is boarding out for a few days):—"By the way, Mrs. Perkins, I must confess the mutton we had for dinner to-day is not the kind of meat to which I have been accustomed." Mrs. Perkins:—"Very likely not, sir. I alwiz gits the best."

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public

Hull's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hull's Family Pills for constipation. t-1

After a man gets to be about 50 old insurance solicitors cease to trouble him.

A Cry for Help.—A pain in the back is a cry of the kidneys for help. South American Kidney Cure is the only cure that has not a failure written against it in cases of Bright's disease, diabetes, inflammation of the bladder, gravel and other kidney ailments. Don't neglect the apparently insignificant "signs." This powerful liquid specific prevents and cures.—70

POTATO PEN-WIPER.

A big hotel in London uses bushels of potatoes a year for pen-wipers on the tables in the writing-rooms. Every morning a large potato is put in a compartment of the pen-box, and after twenty-four hours it is removed, and another put in. Pens in penholders are stuck into the potato half a dozen at a time, giving it the appearance of a porcupine. It is claimed that a potato is the best preservative against rust and mildew available for pens.

Ever Felt That Death Would be Welcome?

Mrs. Margaret Smith often did until Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart gave her new hope and cured her heart and nerves.

"I was for two years a great sufferer from heart trouble and nervousness. At times I was confined to bed, when my pain was so intense that I would have welcomed death with joy. I was attracted to Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart by reading of some wonderful cures wrought by it. One dose gave me relief in 30 minutes. After using four bottles I can truly say I never felt better in my life."—Margaret Smith, Brussels, Ont. 23

Dr. Agnew's Pills, 40 doses 10c.

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Good 10 days—Over Pocono Mountains—Through Delaware Gap—Philadelphia and Baltimore.

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Blue Ribbon Tea is welcome morning noon and night. Are you drinking it?

THE FEDERAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA.

OF CANADA.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL STATEMENT.

The twenty-second annual meeting of the shareholders of the Federal Life Assurance Company of Canada was held at the head office of the company in Hamilton on Tuesday, March 1, 1904. The President, Mr. David Dexter, in the chair. The following reports and financial statement were submitted.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

Your directors have the honor to present the report and financial statement of the company for the year, which closed on the 31st December, 1903 and duly vouched for by the auditors.

The new business of the year consisted of one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven applications for insurance, aggregating \$2,841,250, of which nineteen hundred and sixteen applications for \$2,748,172.50 were accepted.

As in previous years, the income of the company shows a gratifying increase, and the assets of the company have been increased by \$251,572.89, and have now reached \$1,893,960.70, exclusive of guarantee capital.

The security for policy holders, including guarantee capital, amounted at the close of the year to \$2,763,960.70, and the liabilities for reserves and all outstanding claims, \$1,711,200, showing a surplus of \$1,052,760.70. Exclusive of uncalculated guarantee capital, the surplus to policy holders was \$182,760.70.

Policies on seventy lives became claims through death, to the amount of \$130,234.62, of which \$2,000 was reinsured in other companies. Including cash dividends and dividends applied to the reduction of premiums, \$41,770.87, with annuities, the total payments to policy holders amounted to \$204,018.49.

Careful attention has been given to the investment of the company's funds, in first-class bonds, mortgage securities, and loans on the company's policies, amply secured by reserves. Our investments have yielded a very satisfactory rate of interest.

Expenses have been confined to a reasonable limit, consistent with due efforts for new business.

The results of the year indicate a most gratifying progress. Compared with the preceding year, the figures submitted by the directors for your approval show an advance of fifteen per cent. in assets.

The assurances carried by the company now amount to \$14,945,249.56, upon which the company holds reserves to the full amount required by law, and, in addition thereto, a considerable surplus.

The field officers and agents of the company are intelligent and loyal, and are entitled to much credit for their able representation of the company's interests. The members of the office staff have also proved faithful in the company's services.

Your directors regret to report the death of Mr. T. H. Macpherson, the Second Vice-President of the company, and a valued member of the Executive Committee. The vacancy thus caused was filled by the election of the Rev. Dr. Potts.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the President and Directors of the Federal Life Assurance Company Gentlemen,—We have carefully audited the books and records of your company for the year ending 31st December last, and have certified to their accuracy.

The cash and journal vouchers have been closely examined, and agree with the entries recorded.

The debentures, bonds, etc., in the possession of the company have been inspected, whilst those deposited with the Government or banks have been verified by certificate, the total agreeing with the amount as shown in the statement of assets.

The accompanying statements, viz., revenue and assets and liabilities, show the result of the year's operations, and, also, the financial position of the company.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. STEPHENS, CHARLES STIFF, Auditors.

Hamilton, 1st March, 1904. Financial Statement for 1903.

Premium and annuity income	\$497,931 77	
Interest and rents	75,264 63	
		\$ 574,196 40
Paid to policy holders	\$204,018 49	
All other payments	172,378 68	
Balance	197,799 23	
		\$ 574,196 40
Assets, Dec. 31, 1903.		
Debentures and bonds	\$549,742 20	
Mortgages	639,431 93	
Loans on policies, bonds, stocks, etc.	280,538 58	
All other assets	424,247 99	
		\$ 1,893,960 70
Liabilities.		
Reserve fund	\$1,641,509 38	
Claims awaiting proofs	38,500 00	
Other liabilities	31,190 62	
Surplus on policy holders' account	182,760 70	
		\$ 1,893,960 70
Assets	1,893,960 70	
Guarantee capital	870,000 00	
Total security	\$ 2,763,960 70	
Policies were issued assuring	\$ 2,748,172 50	
Total insurance in force	\$14,945,249 56	

The foregoing reports and statement were received and adopted on the motion of President David Dexter, seconded by Vice-President Lieut.-Col. Kerns.

The retiring directors were re-elected, and at a subsequent meeting of the directors the following officers were re-elected: Mr. David Dexter, President and Managing Director; Lieut.-Col. Kerns and Rev. Dr. Potts, Vice-Presidents.

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Men at a theatre who are unable After a young man has called on to get out between the acts for a girl at least three times she usually are forced to grin and bear agins there is an odor of orange blossoms in the air.