

## AYS HE WAS A TOTAL WRECK

**BUT DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS  
GAVE HIM A NEW LEASE  
OF LIFE.**

**Geo. Robertson Had Rheumatism  
and Dropsy—Had to be Tapped  
—Doesn't Know What it is to be  
Sick Now.**

Montreal, Que., Dec. 19—(Special).—Mr. Geo. Robertson, a well-known citizen living at 392 St. James St., Montreal, is one of the many people in this city who are never without Dodd's Kidney Pills in the house. Like all the others, Mr. Robertson has his reasons for this and is always ready to give them.

"I was a total wreck before I started to use Dodd's Kidney Pills," Mr. Robertson says. "I had been troubled with Rheumatism and Dropsy for five years. I had to be tapped to relieve me of the pain. My arms and legs were terribly swollen. I had just begun to get downhearted when a friend induced me to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. Before I had used the second box I felt better. Seven boxes cured me so completely that now I don't know what it is to be sick."

### LESS TEA DRINKING.

**British Isles Show Decrease in  
Annual Consumption.**

Figures published by the Tea Brokers' Association of London for the five months ending October 31 this year show a diminution in the consumption of tea.

The deliveries of tea of all descriptions for home consumption from the London bonded warehouses totalled just under 118 1-4 million lbs. compared with 122 1-2 million lbs. during the same period in 1903.

"The heavy tax of 8d. per lb. is checking the consumption," said Mr. Ernest Tye, secretary of the Indian Tea Association, to a London Express representative recently.

"A few years ago the average annual consumption of tea was 4 lbs. per head of the population. More recently it rose to 6 lbs. per head. Now it is dropping back again, although every Chancellor of the Exchequer is supposed to disapprove of any taxation which is likely to check consumption.

"The planters in British dominions are discouraged in every possible way by the Government. What with the labor problem and the fixed price of silver in India and the heavy taxation at home, they find the utmost difficulty in carrying on their plantation at a profit.

"Yet these plantations are of great value to the Indian Empire. Broadly speaking there are 750,000 acres under tea, which provide work, for, say, half a million people. Until the British planter arrived, the only produce which most of this land yielded was gall-nuts and wild honey."

The consumption of tea in the British Isles for the last three years was as follows:

1901.....	255,873,000 lbs.
1902.....	254,449,000 lbs.
1903.....	255,366,000 lbs.

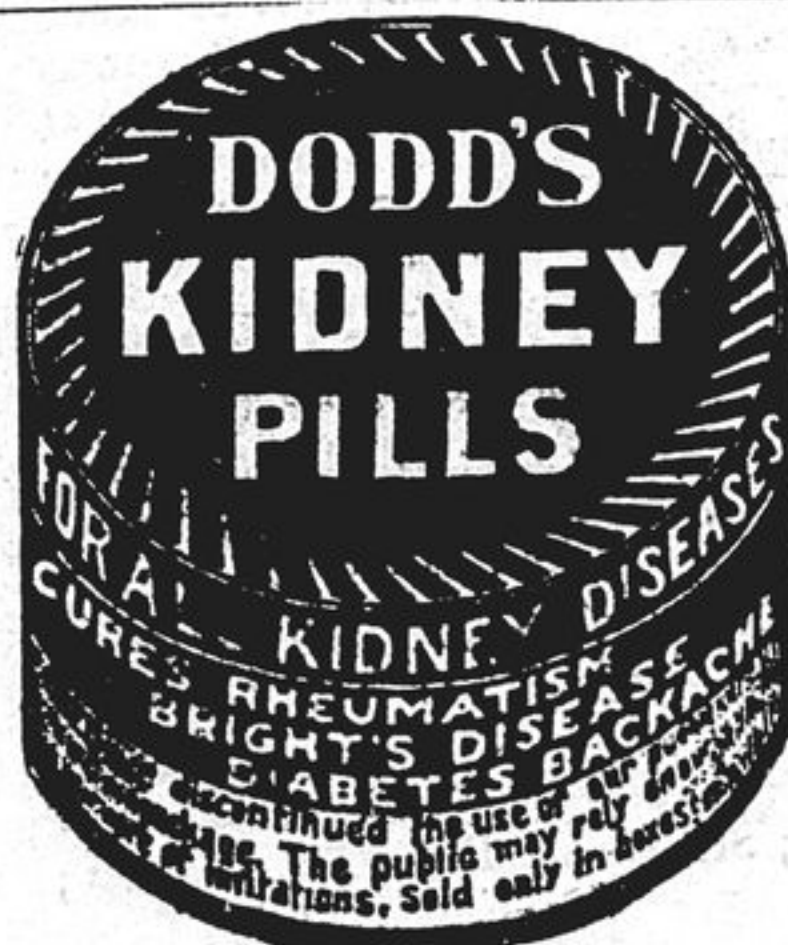
The bulk of this tea is grown within the British Empire. For instance, last year over 229,000,000 lbs. came from India and Ceylon. Yet twenty years ago China and Japan provided 825,000,000 lbs., against 74,000,000 lbs. produced by India and Ceylon.

### SUGAR FOR THIN PEOPLE.

A French chemist recently gave an interesting account of the value of sugar as a food in certain conditions of ill-health. In some experiments he carried out he found that, by giving from 1 1/2 ozs. to 10 ozs. per day to emaciated people, a gain in weight averaging 3 1/2 ozs. per day was the result, some of the patients even gaining over 1 lb. each day. From his observations Dr. Toulouse found that the sugar was most beneficial when given in conjunction with a milk diet.

### LONG-LIVED PEAR TREES.

The pear tree will continue bearing fruit for several centuries. Trees bearing fruit in abundance when at least 300 years old are not uncommon. They are much longer lived than the apple, which rarely lasts more than 100 or 150 years. The pear tree also grows much larger than the apple, and when 200 years old has often the dimensions of a forest tree.



### WHITE CITY IN ASIA.

**Russian Traveller's Tale Has  
Caused a Sensation.**

A sensation is being created in East Russia, says a St. Petersburg correspondent, by the extraordinary story of a traveller named Kozureff, who has just returned after two years' wanderings in Mongolia, Eastern Turkestan.

M. Kozureff affirms that he has discovered in the great Tarim Desert which lies on the north of Kashmir, a mixed Mongolian and European race, ruled over by a family of purely European appearance and customs.

"In a large oasis near the River Khotan," he says, "I came upon a European town, that is, a town which would have been European in the Middle Ages. Guna, so it is called, has over two thousand five hundred inhabitants, all with a distinctly European cast of face.

"They spoke a Turkish dialect which I did not understand, and were attentive to me, though they took my two native guides to the outskirts of the settlement and promptly put them in jail.

"The chief or king of this little State and all his near relatives are purely European in physique, complexion and manners. The king, wearing an undershirt and a garment not unlike a Roman toga, received me in a large adobe house, and conversed by signs. He was a handsome, fair-haired man of about fifty. I spent seven days in the town, being plentifully supplied with food, all cooked by roasting, for boiling seemed a process unknown to the Gunans.

"I attempted to find out whether the king knew anything of the origin of the State, but he replied, 'From the west,' and dropped the subject. I tried him with hundreds of simple Slavonic, German and Latin words, but he understood none, except the word 'vogel' (bird), on hearing which he promptly pointed to a feather breast-covering worn by his wife."

### WEAR TWO PAIR OF SOCKS.

**What a Shoe Salesman Says On  
The Subject.**

"I see you wear two pair of socks," said the shoe salesman to the customer. "You are very wise. A good many people are beginning to do it, especially between seasons.

"People ought to do it all through the winter. There is more warmth in two pairs of summer socks than there is in the heaviest pair of woollen that ever was manufactured.

"If you are troubled with cold feet you will find that the combination of a pair of woollens and a pair of light-weight socks—balbriggan or lisle thread—will fix you up comfortably the coldest day that comes. If your feet are tender, you can wear the three ones inside and the wool without. If you are extra cold, reverse the process. Whichever you do, you will find the thin pair easily doubles the value of the thick one.

"There is, generally speaking, an altogether wrong notion as to the best way to keep the feet warm. People ask for heavy soles and cork soles and insoles and fleece soles, and think they are protecting their feet.

"It is all a mistake. The soles of the feet are not sensitive to cold. It is not through the soles that you catch cold or feel cold. Any ordinary shoe affords the feet all the protection necessary, so far as temperature is concerned.

"To avoid cold feet, the ankles and instep should be protected. That's where your second pair of socks does its work. But as a matter of fact, in very cold weather everyone should wear cloth tops covering the whole upper part of the shoe.

"With spats and doubled socks and medium-weight shoes you can walk on ice in zero weather and not know it's cold—so far as your feet are concerned."

### Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, etc.

There was this singular announcement to be seen recently outside a certain suburban place of worship: "This evening the Rev. Mr. X. will preach his farewell sermon, and the choir will render a thanksgiving specially composed for the occasion."

**The Pall of Rheumatic Pains.**—When a sufferer finds permanent relief in such a meritorious medicine as South American Rheumatic Cure, how glad he is to tell it. C. W. Mayhew, of Thamesville, Ont., couldn't walk or feed himself for months—four years ago three bottles of this great remedy cured him—not a pain since—isn't that encouragement for rheumatic sufferers?—82

### GOOD THINGS TO LEARN.

Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine.

Learn how to tell a story. A well told story is as welcome as a sunbeam in a sick room.

Learn to keep your own troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows.

Learn to stop croaking. If you cannot see any good in this world keep the bad to yourself.

Learn to attend strictly to your own business. Very important point.

Learn to hide your aches and pains under a pleasant smile. No one cares whether you have the earache, headache or rheumatism.

Learn to greet your friends with a smile. They carry too many frowns in their own hearts to be bothered with any of yours.

**Results from common soaps:  
eczema, coarse hands, ragged  
clothes, shrunken flannels.**

## SUNLIGHT SOAP

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EXPENSE

Ask for the Octagon Bar

"Sir," began the timid youth, as he entered the office, "I am in search—er—that is, I came to seek your daughter's hand—" "Well, it isn't anywhere in this vicinity," interrupted the stern parent. "She's probably using it as a piano-thumper about this time of day."

**Pile Terrors Swept Away.**—Dr. Agnew's Ointment stands at the head as a reliever, healer, and sure cure for Piles in all forms. One application will give comfort in a few minutes, and three to six days' application according to directions will cure chronic cases. It relieves all itching and burning skin diseases in a day. 35 cents.—79

When one woman turns to look at another she sees only her clothes.

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### Minard's Liniment for sale everywhere

Wooer—"Ah, may I be your captain, and guide your barque over the sea of life?" Widow—"No; but you can be my second mate."

**"Bought my Life for 35 Cents."**

—This was one man's way of putting it when he had been pronounced incurable from chronic dyspepsia. "It was a living death to me until I tried Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets. Thanks to them to-day I am well, and I tell my friends 'I bought my life for 35 cents.' 60 in a box.—80

He—"Your sparkling eyes would out-sparkle the most precious diamond." She—"Why don't you make the test?" He took the hint and bought a ring.

Dear Sirs,—I was for seven years a sufferer from Bronchial trouble, and would be so hoarse at times that I could scarcely speak above a whisper. I got no relief from anything till I tried your MINARD'S HONEY BALSAM. Two bottles gave relief and six bottles made a complete cure. I would heartily recommend it to anyone suffering from throat or lung trouble.

J. F. VANBUSKIRK,  
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"The bride was young, I believe, and the bridegroom quite elderly?" "Yes. She was seventeen, and he eighty-three." "Ah, I see! She was not old enough to know better, and he was too old not to know better."

**The Poisoned Spring.**—As in nature so in man, pollute the spring and disease and waste are bound to follow—the stomach and nerves out of kilter means poison in the spring. South American Nerveine is a great purifier, cures Indigestion, Dyspepsia, and tones the nerves. The best evidence of its efficacy is the unsolicited testimony of thousands of cured ones.—76

"Seen Edwin's new horse?" asked one villager of another. "I have," was the reply. "Well, what does it look like?" "Well, it looks like a horse," said the other man, slowly, "as if Edwin had taken it for an old debt."

### Minard's Liniment Relieves Neuralgia

Gwilliams—"Slickinger has disappointed me. He was a young man of great promise. Everybody thought he would be a big gun some day." Sflint—"Well, he did become what you might call a big bore. He's a life insurance agent."

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### Dr. Chase's Ointment

#### WHEN A MAN IS POOR.

A man is poor when he has lost the confidence of his friends, when people who are nearest to him do not believe in him; when his character is honey-combed by deceit, punctured by dishonesty. He is poor when he makes money at the expense of his character, when principle does not stand clear-cut, supreme in his idea. When this is clouded, he is in danger of the worst kind of poverty. To be in the poorhouse is not necessarily to be poor. If you have maintained your integrity, if your character stands foursquare to the world, if you have never bent the knee of principle to avarice, you are not poor, though you may be compelled to beg bread.—O. S. Marden in Success.

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### PECULIAR ORCHID.

**When This Flower is Thirsty it is  
Able to Suck up Water.**

Mr. Suverkrop, a naturalist who has made many journeys in South America to enrich the Kew Gardens, near London, with new plants, reports the discovery of a remarkable plant belonging to the orchid family.

The plant has a peculiarity which seems to distinguish it from any other. When it is thirsty it lowers to the water a tube from its station on the tree of which it is a parasite. When it has imbibed the needed amount of water the tube rolls up into a neat coil and takes its place again in the centre of the plant.

The naturalist tells this story of his discovery:

"I was sitting one hot afternoon in the neighborhood of the Rio de la Plata. I observed a number of leafless trees whose life had evidently been absorbed by the growth of parasitic plants that hung upon their trunks.

"My attention was soon directed to a flat plant with a number of large leaves, in form like spear heads, which were arranged like a sunburst around the common centre. It was a plant I had never seen before.

It was nearly as flat as a platter, except there was a growth from the centre, a sort of hollow tube of small circumference which extended several feet to the water below, the end of the tube being about four inches beneath the surface. I investigated the tube more closely and found to my surprise that it was sucking up water! I could distinctly feel the inflow as I put my finger over the mouth of the tube.

"But my astonishment was unbounded a minute later when I saw the tube begin to roll up, the process continuing until the coil thus formed had reached the middle of the plant, where it came to rest. Casual inspection would give the impression that it was a part of the growth raised a little above the general surface.

"I found a few other plants of the same kind and watched their process of quenching thirst. Every few days the tube would unroll slowly until it reached the water, and when it coiled up again the plant would be saturated and spongy to the touch. It is a remarkable provision of nature which seems to require almost the intelligence of an animal for its operation."

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She—"Women may gossip sometimes but they have better control of their tongues than men have." He—"You are right. Men have no control whatever of women's tongues."

### Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff.

"Leonidas!" exclaimed Mr. Meekton's wife, on his return from a journey. "I am at a loss to understand your conduct when we parted. I said good-bye to you." "Yes, Henrietta." "Why didn't you say 'good-bye' in response?" "I was just about to do so, Henrietta, but I checked myself. I was afraid you would accuse me of trying to have the last word again."

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