

Don't Be a Crank. No successful man is a crank. Look over the cranks of your acquaintance and you will be surprised to notice that not one of them does anything well. They are not prominent citizens; they do nothing for the general good. A crank who is a lawyer is not a good lawyer; a crank is usually a crank because he is a failure. After demonstrating that he lacks ordinary common sense a crank pretends that he knows everything and that other people do not know anything; that society has learned nothing from experience, and that the world should be turned upside down to accept some of his untried theories. If you can avoid being a crank you'd better do it. You can't succeed as a crank at anything.—Nebraska Journal.

FREE FARMS OF 160 ACRES. Pleasant Homes in the Canadian West. "Manitoba Hard" wheat can be grown as well in the Alberta district as in Manitoba. The berry is high grade and the average of 35 bushels per acre is one that has not been approached on this continent. For particulars as to transportation, pamphlet on dairying and wheat raising, write C. J. BOURGEOIS, 233 Clark Street, Chicago.

Wants the Mediterranean Trade. Licata, on the south coast of Sicily, at the mouth of the Salso, the ancient Himera, is about to build a large commercial harbor in the expectation of drawing the trade from the east that now goes to Naples and Brindisi, as it is on the direct route from Port Said to Gibraltar.

Read the Advertisements. You will enjoy this publication much better if you will get into the habit of reading the advertisements; they will afford a most interesting study and will put you in the way of getting some excellent bargains. Our advertisers are reliable, they send what they advertise.

There is a Class of People. Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over 1/4 as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cts. and 25 cts. per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

When Cats Were Scarce. Down to as late as the middle ages cats were comparatively scarce in Europe, and were so highly prized that any person who killed one was obliged to pay a fine. This penalty sometimes was required to be paid in the shape of a pile of wheat big enough to cover the slain animal when it was held vertically by the tip of its tail, the nose touching the ground.

Do You Dance To-Night? Shake into your Shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It makes tight or New Shoes feel Easy. Cures Corns, Bunions, Chilblains and Sweating Feet. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

By Her Own Fire. It is told of a woman who lives midway between Machias and Whitneyville, Maine, places four miles apart, that she has not visited Machias for sixteen years or Whitneyville for eighteen years.

Chicago Coliseum Burned. Mammoth Structure Reduced to Ruins in 15 Minutes. LOSS IS EASILY \$700,000. The Fire Might Have Resulted in a Fearful Loss of Life—Crossed Electric Wires Believed to Have Been the Cause of the Conflagration. For the second time in its short history of less than three years the great Coliseum building at Chicago was laid in ruins Friday night. A blaze that started among crossed wires in one of the booths of the "Manufacturers' Carnival Exhibition," spread unopposed and grew in ten minutes to a fire that possessed all one end of the great building. Five minutes later the heavy truss arches of steel, 330 feet in span and 90 feet in height, upon which the best engineering skill of the country had been expended, were falling in closely successive crashes into the hot bed of fire beneath. All that was left standing was the wall of the front pavilion. One man perished in the flames. That a fearful loss of life was averted is a matter of sincere thankfulness. When the Chicago football team playing with the Michigan boys Thanksgiving day it took the immense throng just eighteen minutes to get out of the building. Friday night, in fifteen minutes from the time the spark appeared, there was not a girder standing. All that marked the place where the house had stood was a mass of melting steel and cinders. The total loss by Friday's fire is \$700,000. The Chicago Exhibition company, owner of the Coliseum, losing \$500,000 and the exhibitors \$200,000.

Wisconsin Banks in Good Shape. The cash reserve just reported is the largest since the organization of the state banking department in Wisconsin, it being, notwithstanding the large increase in deposits, 36.62 per cent of the total of such deposits.

Morgan Thinks We Must Interfere. Senator Morgan of Alabama, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, thinks it impossible for the United States to remain complacent should European nations undertake the dismemberment of China.

President McKinley Invited. President McKinley has received an invitation to attend the annual encampment of the Union Veterans' union, to be held at Rock Island, Ill., next August. It is expected he will attend.

Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest. An intercollegiate oratorical contest has been arranged for the last Friday in May next between the following Michigan colleges: Hope, Albion, Hillsdale, Oliver, Kalamazoo, State Normal, and Agricultural.

Accepts Post in Cabinet. Senator Antonio Gopin, secretary of the autonomist party, who has for nearly a year past resided in the United States, has accepted the Spanish government his acceptance of a post in the colonial cabinet.

Wages Must Be Reduced. The treasurers of the Lowell, Mass., cotton mills have voted to reduce the wages of their employes from Jan. 15. The reduction, it is announced, will amount to 10 per cent, or practically the same as that in other mill centers.

Payne Declines the Chairmanship. Henry C. Payne of Indianapolis has refused to accept the chairmanship of the executive committee of the gold standard conference, which will have charge of a currency bill to be placed before congress.

Balance of Trade in Our Favor. The balance in favor of the United States in the trade of the past year with Europe has been of stupendous dimensions. This is due chiefly to the foreign demand for our breadstuffs and other food supplies.

Charles M. Kurtz Is Ill. Charles L. Kurtz, the Republican national committeeman and leader of the alleged opposition to the return of Mr. Hanna to the senate, is prostrated from work and worry.

The Best Family Journal. The New York Ledger is just as good a paper today as it ever was. This is saying a great deal for it, for it has always held a considerable lead over its rivals in the story, department and miscellany field. Besides, the tendency of latter year journalism has not been toward the highest ideal. The era of sensationalism and license swept nearly all the good old papers of our younger days from their moorings. The Ledger stands almost alone unsmirched by the deplorable era of journalistic depravity which, we hope, is nearing its end. It is just closing its fifty-third year of existence. The country has profited by it.—The National Democrat.

Swedish Female Skylock. Stockholm has a female usurer and she is the worst usurer in the capital. Her victims are chiefly cadets at the army and naval academies, whose pocket money gives out a long time before the next remittance can be expected. She lives in an elegant residence, and to a glass of champagne she generally succeeds in persuading her young clients to sign papa's or uncle's name to the note—merely as a matter of form. As a rule, papa or uncle has passed through the naval or army academy when a young man and knows the mademoiselle from the days he sowed his wild oats—consequently the drafts or notes do not go to protest.

Try Grain-O. Ask your grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. 1/4 the price of coffee. 15 cents and 25 cents per package. Sold by all grocers. Tastes like coffee. Looks like coffee.

Easy on Lymphatics. A Georgia school boy who reads the newspapers submits the following unique composition on the lynching evil: "Lynching is wrong. It hurts the limbs of the beautiful trees where the birds sing. It also hurts the people what's lynched. They should have a regular hangin' an' sell peanuts an' lemonade. People what's hung regular, by law, always go to heaven. I don't want to go to heaven that way."

It Keeps the Feet Dry and Warm. And is the only cure for Chilblains, Frostbites, Damp, Sweating Feet, Corns and Bunions. Ask for Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to be shaken into the shoes. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Didn't Mean It Just That Way. It was a Chicago clergyman who, before preaching a charity sermon, announced that a collection would be taken for the sufferers at both morning and evening service.

Don't Tobacco Sell and Smoke Your Life Away. To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c. or by mail, 1.00. Booklet and sample free. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Poet Gets Judgment. Poet Isaac Pool, of Chicago, wrote verses commemorating the marriage of a police captain. The officer refused to pay and Pool sued, getting a judgment.

Laurel's Family Medicine. Moves the bowels each day. In order to be healthy this is necessary. Acts gently on the liver and kidneys. Cures sick headache. Price 25 and 50c.

The average tumbler holds half a pint; but the circus tumbler holds about half a keg. Poems often come home to roost— if accompanied by a return envelope.

WHAT MAN DOES NOT LOVE BEAUTY. Mrs. Pinkham Counsels Young Wives to Keep Their Beauty. A Letter From a Young Wife. Seven-eighths of the men in this world marry a woman because she is beautiful in their eyes. What a disappointment then to see the fair young wife's beauty fading away before a year passes over her head! I feel as if I would like to say to every young woman who is about to be married—"Strengthen yourself in advance, so that you will not break down under the new strain on your powers." Keep your beauty, it is a precious possession! Your husband loves your beauty, he is proud to be seen in public with you; try to keep it for his sake, and your own.

The pale cheeks, the dark shadows under the eyes, the general drooping of the young wife's form, what do they mean? They mean that her nerves are failing, that her strength is going and that something must be done to help her through the coming trials of maternity. Build her up at once by a course of some tonic with specific powers. Such as Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. You can get it at any drug store.

Following we publish a letter from a young wife—of her own accord she addresses it to her "suffering sisters," and while from modesty she asks to withhold her name, she gives her initials and street number in Chambersburg, Pa., so she can easily be found personally or by letter: To my Suffering Sisters—Let me write this for your benefit, telling you what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me. I am 19 years old and suffered with painful menstruation, leucorrhoea, dizziness, bearing-down sensation back of ears and on top of my head, nervousness, pain and soreness of muscles, bearing-down pains, could not sleep well, was unable to stand without pain, and oh! how I longed to be well! One day I wrote to Mrs. Pinkham telling her all, knowing I could do so in perfect confidence. She wrote me a lovely letter in reply, telling me exactly what to do. After taking nine bottles of the Compound, one box of Liver pills, and using one-half package of Sanative wash, I can say I am cured. I am so happy, and owe my happiness to none other than Mrs. Pinkham. Why will women suffer when help is near? Let me, as one who has had some experience, urge all suffering women, especially young wives, to seek Mrs. Pinkham's advice.—Mrs. R. S. R., 113 E. Catherine St., Chambersburg, Pa.

An Aberdeen jam and pickle manufacturer has bequeathed \$2,500,000 for foreign missions, chiefly in Moravia, Italy and China. We admire a man who is positive in his convictions. Dr. Tait, No. 4 Elm St., Rochester, N. Y., is so sure that DR. TAIT'S ASTHMALENE will cure every case of asthma that he will send a trial bottle absolutely free to those afflicted. The sun shines for all, but the sleeping-car porter does it for a quarter. Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c. 25c. H.C.C. Co., druggists refund money.

It's a poor road that will allow a bicycle to indulge in mud slinging. Piso's Cure for Consumption is the only cough medicine used in my house. Dr. C. Altright, Millburg, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903. The presence of a neighbor's hog in your garden is the root of evil. Cough Balsam. In the oldest and best. It will break up a cold quicker than anything else. It is always reliable. Try it. It is the want of health that makes wealth—the physician. TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. The best way to make a slow horse fast is not to feed him. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, soothes the gums, reduces inflammation, kills pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle. It's the custom of advertising that brings customers. No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents. Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. All druggists. The closer money is the harder it is to get hold of. Star Tobacco is the leading brand of the world, because it is the best. Unwary lies the face that wears a frown.

HOW? By soothing and subduing the pain. That's the way. ST. JACOBS OIL CURES NEURALGIA.

AN OPEN LETTER To MOTHERS. WE ARE ASSERTING IN THE COURTS OUR RIGHT TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE WORD "CASTORIA," AND "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," AS OUR TRADE MARK. I, DR. SAMUEL PITCHER, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher on every bottle. This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," which has been used in the homes of the mothers of America for over thirty years. LOOK CAREFULLY at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought and has the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher on the wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President. - March 8, 1897: Samuel Pitcher, Dr.

Do Not Be Deceived. Do not endanger the life of your child by accepting a cheap substitute which some druggist may offer you (because he makes a few more pennies on it), the ingredients of which even he does not know. "The Kind You Have Always Bought" BEARS THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF Chas. H. Fletcher. Insist on Having The Kind That Never Failed You. THE CENTAUR COMPANY, 27 N. BROAD ST., NEW YORK CITY.

CROUP REMEDY. OUTLET'S AIR INHALED. GUARANTEED TO CURE. dyspepsia, constipation, headache, liver and kidney diseases. Dr. Kay's Renovator. Write us all of YOUR SYMPTOMS plainly. Our physician will give FREE ADVICE, FREE SAMPLE, PRICE 25 CTS. & \$1. Address DR. J. KAY MEDICAL CO., (Western Office), Omaha, Neb.

DO YOU COUGH DON'T DELAY TAKE KEMP'S BALSAM BE SURE YOU GET THE REAL ONE. I Cures Colds, Croup, Sore Throat, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, Asthma, and all other lung troubles. A certain cure for Consumption in its early stages, and a sure relief in advanced stages. You will see the coughing effect after the first dose. Sold by druggists everywhere. Price 25 cents and 50 cents. Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c. 25c. H.C.C. Co., druggists refund money. It's a poor road that will allow a bicycle to indulge in mud slinging. Piso's Cure for Consumption is the only cough medicine used in my house. Dr. C. Altright, Millburg, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903. The presence of a neighbor's hog in your garden is the root of evil. Cough Balsam. In the oldest and best. It will break up a cold quicker than anything else. It is always reliable. Try it. It is the want of health that makes wealth—the physician. TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. The best way to make a slow horse fast is not to feed him. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, soothes the gums, reduces inflammation, kills pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle. It's the custom of advertising that brings customers. No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents. Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. All druggists. The closer money is the harder it is to get hold of. Star Tobacco is the leading brand of the world, because it is the best. Unwary lies the face that wears a frown.

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