

Public sympathy should go out in a large envelope to that unfortunate citizen who is asking for a divorce because his marriage was consummated at a time when he was ill in bed and unconscious.

Hundreds of dealers say the extra quantity and superior quality of De-fiance Starch is fast taking place of all other brands.

The man who spends much of his time boasting about his ancestors may be sure that his descendants won't spend much of their time boasting about him.

W. T. Stead's proposed sociological paper will be no more of an innovation than the publisher himself should he really become an "optimist of optimists."

Dealers say that as soon as a customer tries De-fiance Starch it is impossible to sell them any other cold water starch. It can be used cold or boiled.

Misouri has adopted the red geranium as the queen of its floral kingdom. The mule is still the undisputed monarch of the animal kingdom.

The well earned reputation and increasing popularity of the Lewis "Single Binder," straight to cigar, is due to the maintained high quality and appreciation of the smoker.

England wants Thibet, though it is almost as fertile and quite as cold as the top of Pike's Peak.

Eat sparingly of terrapin. They are quoted in the eastern markets at \$100 a dozen.

Any one can dye with PUTNAM FADELESS DYE; no experience required.

Commission men say there is no corner on eggs. There ought not to be.

I do not believe Pico's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.

Sometimes a weakness is more disastrous than sin.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure.

Cold coffee is exhibit I in many a divorce suit.

For the real good old buckwheat flavor, buy Mrs. Austin's Buckwheat and don't forget the name.

The Japanese diet will not tolerate work.

MAID OF HONOR RESCUES QUEEN

Aroused from Sleep by Smoke She Hurries to Alexandra's Apartments.

ESCAPES IN DRESSING GOWNS

Floor of Room Falls in Just After Her Majesty Leaves—Flames Are Confined to Two Apartments at Sandringham House.

London cable: Queen Alexandra narrowly escaped burning to death in a fire in her apartments at Sandringham house, early in the morning. The floor collapsed only a moment after her majesty, suddenly awakened by the smoke which filled her bedroom.

The blaze was started by defective insulation of an electric light wire, which set fire to a beam beneath the floor of the queen's apartment.

Maid of Honor is Heroine. The Hon. Charlotte Knollys, maid of honor to the queen, occupied the apartment directly beneath and was the first to discover the fire. She was awakened at 5 o'clock in the morning by the smoke which filled her bedroom.

Running up the stairs Miss Knollys entered her majesty's room, and waking the queen from a sound sleep told her of the discovery of the fire. The queen and Miss Knollys, donning dressing gowns, left the royal bedroom with all speed and a moment later the floor of the room fell in.

The whole household at Sandringham was quickly aroused. Fortunately there is an excellent household fire brigade, and within a few moments of the alarm the members of the brigade had been summoned and were engaged in extinguishing the fire.

Fire in Two Rooms. The work was supervised by Sir Dighton Probyn, the queen's secretary, while her majesty and Miss Knollys remained about for some time until it was apparent that the flames had been suppressed.

The fire was confined to the two bedrooms, and the damage is estimated at only a few hundred pounds, caused largely by water. King Edward, who is attending a shooting party at Elyndon hall, Suffolk, was apprised of the news at an early hour, and later a special messenger was sent by the queen to reassure his majesty.

REAR ADMIRAL GHERARDI DIES

Retired Naval Officer Expires at His Home in Stratford, Conn.

Rear Admiral Bancroft Gherardi (retired) died at his residence in Stratford, Conn., Dec. 10. He was born in Jackson, La., Nov. 10, 1832, entered the navy from Massachusetts as midshipman in 1846 and served on the Ohio of the Pacific squadron until 1850, entering the naval academy in 1856 and at the beginning of the civil war was on the Lancaster of the Pacific squadron.

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"I was certainly glad to find that within a week I felt much better, the terrible pains in the back and side were beginning to cease, and at the time of menstruation I did not have nearly as serious a time as heretofore, so I continued its use for two months, and at the end of that time I was like a new woman. I really have never felt better in my life, have not had a sick headache since, and weigh 20 pounds more than I ever did, so I unhesitatingly recommend your medicine."—Mrs. MAY HAULKE, Edgerton, Wis., Pres. Household Economics Club.

—\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

LATEST CASH MARKET REPORT. WHEAT. Chicago—No. 2 red, 34 1/2c. New York—No. 2 red, 35c. St. Louis—No. 2, 34c. Kansas City—No. 2, 34c. Milwaukee—No. 1 northern, 35 1/2c. Minneapolis—No. 1 northern, 35c. Duluth—No. 1 northern, 35c. CORN. Chicago—No. 2, 29c. New York—No. 2, 29 1/2c. St. Louis—No. 2, 29c. Kansas City—No. 2, 29c. Peoria—No. 2, 29c. OATS. Chicago—Standard, 27c. New York—No. 2, 27c. St. Louis—No. 2, 27c. Kansas City—No. 2, 27c. CATTLE. Chicago—\$1.75 to \$1.85. St. Louis—\$1.75 to \$1.85. Kansas City—\$1.75 to \$1.85. Omaha—\$1.75 to \$1.85. HOGS. Chicago—\$4.10 to \$4.20. St. Louis—\$4.10 to \$4.20. Kansas City—\$4.10 to \$4.20. Omaha—\$4.10 to \$4.20. SHEEP AND LAMBS. Chicago—\$3.75 to \$3.85. Kansas City—\$3.75 to \$3.85. St. Louis—\$3.75 to \$3.85. Omaha—\$3.75 to \$3.85.

Policeman Dies of Wound. Cleveland, O., dispatch: Patrolman Wiek, who was shot in an attempt to arrest Thomas Bishotta, an Italian, is dead.

Holds Board Blameless. Peoria, Ill., dispatch: After a trial lasting three weeks at Lewistown, Fulton county, a jury decided that the Chicago Drainage Board was not responsible for the overflow of the bottom lands along the Illinois river.

Big Demand for Radium. Berlin cable: A radium factory just started has many hundred grain orders on its books. The company receives \$2,000 a grain for the product and it is unable to meet the demand.

CITY HERMIT

A big city like New York has all sorts of people, as well as all kinds of races, in it, says the New York Mail and Express. Every now and then it finds it has among its inhabitants the most curious sort of denizen that a big city could have—a hermit. Unlike its village characters, its Deverys and "Little Judge Duffeys" and "Original Cohens," who are known and numbered, New York never hears of its hermits until death sends them to their account. It lost one such recently when a widow of 86 passed away in a squalid little cottage in upper Second avenue, leaving a fortune that may approximate half a million dollars.

What was the story behind that quarter of a century of seclusion the world does not know. But it credits it to the account of a truth as old as great cities, that in a city he who wills it can make for himself a solitude as profound as the desert's.

Well Remembered. Valley City, N. Dak., Dec. 14.—Two years ago Mrs. Matilda M. Boucher of this place suffered a great deal with a dizziness in her head. She was cured of this by a remedy called Dodd's Kidney Pills, and has not been troubled since.

Shortly afterwards she had a bad bilious attack, and for this she used Diamond Diaper Pills and was completely cured in a short time. In January, 1903, she had an attack of Sciatica, of which she says:

"I was almost helpless with the Sciatica, but remembering what Dodd's Kidney Pills and Diamond Diaper Pills had done for me before, I commenced a treatment of these medicines and in three weeks I was completely restored to health. I have great faith in these medicines, for they have been of so much benefit to me."

Dodd's Kidney Pills are very popular in Barnes County, having made a great many splendid cures of Sciatica, Rheumatism and Kidney Troubles. Many families use no other medicine.

Inquisitive Birds. Of the birds undoubtedly the blue jays are the most inquisitive. And they are the most loyal in expressing it; although crows will hold a close second place, if not fully the equal. How the jays screeched and whistled and called—a confusion of all the sounds of jaydom—near my home recently! More than a dozen darted into a small evergreen tree on the lawn. People came from several houses in the vicinity, all curious to know "what is the matter with the birds?" It seemed to be a "want to know" on both sides. The jays had discovered a cat walking meekly along by the fence in the low shrubbery near and under the spruce tree. There was no nest in the vicinity, and, so far as could be ascertained, the cat had not attacked the jays. But what a pandemonium of jay larks over one meek-looking, quiet cat! The jays outdid themselves and called out nearly all the occupants of the many houses on that street.—St. Nicholas.

Fortune's Fayer Sufficient. "What do we want with gold and precious stones?" said the proud young mother, gazing fondly upon the baby. "This is fortune enough for us."

"Huh!" grunted the father, who had been walking the floor nearly all night. "I'm glad fortune didn't knock twice at our door."

One of Houghton & Mifflin's recent publications, "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," by Kate Douglas Wiggin, is receiving much favorable comment and is a book for which one is inclined to express personal gratitude to the author. It is full of delicious humor and holds an appeal too simple and too direct to be resisted. Of all the children of Mrs. Wiggin's brain, the most laughable and the most lovable is Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm.

The New York court which has compelled a widow to carry out the provisions of her husband's will and build him a costly monument, notwithstanding her showing that to do so would leave her penniless, fully sustains the opinion of the late Mr. Bumble that the law is "a ass."

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children. Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York, cure Constipation, Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the Bowels and Destroy Worms. Over 30,000 testimonials. At all Druggists. 25c. Sample FREE. Address A. S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N.Y.

Mrs. Harriet Bean is a candidate for membership in the Boston school board. If she is defeated it will have to be finally conceded that there is nothing in a name.

Sensible Housekeepers will have De-fiance Starch, not alone because they get one-third more for the same money, but also because of superior quality.

It has been discovered that glasses improve the aim of the German army marksmen. It would seem that a great deal must depend upon what is in the glasses.

An Eastern debating club is unable to decide the problem: "Is hard cider a soft drink?" Probably the debaters are not sufficiently filled with the subject.

With 75,000 Grand Army veterans in line, the parade in Boston August 16 next year will be a stirring spectacle.

Miss Winslow's Gooding Recipe. For children teething, soften the gums, relieve the inflammation, stop pain, induce sleep. Write for recipe. Address "PEDIATRIC," 522 Simpson Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

The fat is made fatter by fatness.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY ENDORSES PE-RU-NA

Pe-ru-na Drug Co., Columbus, Ohio: Gentlemen: "I can cheerfully say that Mrs. Schley has taken Pe-ru-na and I believe with good effect." W. S. SCHLEY.—Washington, D. C.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY, one of the foremost notable heroes of the Nineteenth Century. A name that starts terror in the heart of every Spaniard. A man of steady nerve, clear head, undaunted courage and prompt decision.

Approached by a friend recently, his opinion was asked as to the efficacy of Peruna, the national catarrh remedy. Without the slightest hesitation he gave this remedy his endorsement. It appeared on later conversation that Peruna has been used in his family, where it is a favorite remedy.

Such endorsements serve to indicate the wonderful hold that Peruna has upon the minds of the American people. It is out of the question that so great and famous a man as Admiral Schley could have any other reason for giving his endorsement to Peruna than his positive conviction that the remedy is all that he says it is.

The fact is that Peruna has overcome all opposition and has won its way to the hearts of the people. The natural timidity of so many people have felt about giving endorsements to any remedy is giving way. Gratitude and a desire to help others has inspired thousands of people to give public testimonials for Peruna who heretofore would not have consented to such publicity.

Never before in the annals of medicine has it happened that so many men of national and international reputation have been willing to give unqualified and public endorsements to a proprietary remedy. No amount of advertising could have accomplished such a result. Peruna has won on its own merits. Peruna cures catarrh of whatever phase or location in the human body. That is why it receives so many notable and unique endorsements.

Address The Peruna Drug Mfg Co., Columbus, Ohio, for free literature on catarrh.

Ask Your Druggist for free Pe-ru-na Almanac for 1904.

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GOLD CURE Do you know that a cold cannot exist if the bowels are thoroughly cleansed and active? Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin

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DOLLAR WHEAT. If you want a farm in the "Lucky Star" section, write for our booklet "LARD WEALTH," giving descriptions of the best land in the west.

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