

To the housewife who has not yet become acquainted with the new things of everyday use in the market and who is reasonably satisfied with the old, we would suggest that a trial of Defiance Cold Water Starch be made at once.

K. C. S. Almanac for 1904. The Kansas City Southern Railway Company's Annual Almanac is now ready for distribution.

Japan says that she can't make provisions for any more newspaper correspondents at the front. She seems to have suppressed effectually those that she already has.



To be a successful wife, to retain the love and admiration of her husband should be a woman's constant study. If she would be all that she may, she must guard well against the signs of ill health.

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will make every mother well, strong, healthy and happy.

DON'T GET BLUE

You may feel out of sorts, all run down, cross, irritable, headache, back ache, nervous, discouraged, blue—but you need not. Eat what you want, keep regular hours, get plenty of sleep and take a small dose of

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin

after each meal. If constipated, take a tablespoonful before going to bed.

Mrs. Sarah A. McCracken, of Corning, Ohio, writes as follows: "While visiting in Taylorville, Ill., I came across your Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. I have used two and one-half bottles, and it has done me more good than all the medicine I have used for two years.

Your druggist sells this remedy if he is a good druggist. 50c and \$1.00 bottles.

Keep Your Money Back If It Doesn't Benefit You PEPsin Syrup Co., Monticello, Ill.

A NEW LITERATURE

Within the past few years, according to a well-known writer, a new literature has been added to our growing American stock. It is the literature of the railroads.

"KATY"

STANLEY HAD HIGH PLACE AMONG WORLD'S GREAT MEN

Sir Henry M. Stanley, the African explorer, died at London May 10.

Stanley's Place in History. There are in Africa four great rivers. In connection with the explorations of the Nile the world will remember Bruce, and Burton, and Speke, and Baker, and Grant.



The Late Henry Morton Stanley. Stanley and the Congo will go together in the human mind.

But Stanley's work was even greater than this. He labored at a time when exploration had come to have a political as well as a geographical value.

J. Scott Keltie, the great English authority on the colonization of Africa, is sustained by the facts when he says that in the descent of Europe upon the newest, as well as the oldest, of continents, "Stanley's memorable journey across Africa and especially his discovery of the great waterway of the Congo may be regarded as the initiatory episode."

While Stanley was still in Africa on the journey which took him through undergrowth and swamps from the headwaters to the estuary of the Congo, King Leopold of Belgium, his imagination fired by the prospect of a new continent split down the middle and exposed to the view of civilized mankind, had convened the Brussels conference of 1876.

As soon as Stanley landed at Matanzas on his return from Africa he was saluted by King Leopold's emissaries. Then came the establishment under Belgian auspices of the committee for the exploration of the upper Congo. Shortly afterwards came the reincarnation of this committee as the International Congo association, still controlled by the head of the Belgian government, and largely supported by his private purse.

In 1879 Stanley was back in the basin of the Congo, this time not as an adventurous newspaper correspondent, reaping thrills and stories,

Judge Parker's Red Hair.

Judge Alton B. Parker, in younger years, had red hair. "My hair wasn't quite a pronounced red, but it was undeniably red," he is credited as saying to a reporter.

Gen. Miles at Kansas Celebration.

Gen. Nelson A. Miles has been invited to attend the Kansas semi-centenary celebration in Topeka and take part in the exercises and parade on Tuesday, May 31.

Status of Married Men.

The late Miss Frances Power Cobbe, the author, was tremendously in earnest in her humanitarian views. While chatting in her presence on one occasion Kegan Paul said something about "the lower animals."

but as a political diplomatic representative, making treaties and laying the foundations of sovereignty. Up the Congo he went, fortified by his unrivaled skill in rough travel and by his equally unrivaled acquaintance with native manners and customs.

The result was the Berlin conference of 1884. At this conference the nations of Europe drew up rules for the game of scramble which was about to begin. Stanley had traversed the unexplored center of Africa which separated the better known regions of the south from the still better known regions of the north.

The Berlin conference, rendered inevitable by Stanley, meant intervention. The International Congo association became the Congo Free State, with its territory roughly defined and with its sovereignty lodged in the person of the king of the Belgians.

This is the reason why only an inadequate conception of Stanley's work is secured when he is studied only as a member of the glorious fellowship of African explorers.



Widow of the Late H. M. Stanley. other group of men. He is included in the history of politics as well as in the history of exploration.

Articles Served Good Purpose.

Senator Cullom dropped in to see an editor friend of his and while they were chatting the man who knows how a paper ought to be run made his appearance.

Wants Soldiers Taught to Swim.

Gen. Leonard Wood is pushing a reform in the army. He wants all soldiers taught to swim. There are some things like fifty deaths a year in the enlisted strength of the army from drowning.

Free to Twenty-five Ladies.

The Defiance Starch Co. will give 25 ladies a round trip ticket to the St. Louis Exposition, to five ladies in each of the following states: Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri.

Queer Customs in China.

A feature in the life of the Celestial when at home, says the author of "Society in China," is the number of itinerant craftsmen who earn their livelihood on the street.

Could You Use Any Kind of a Sewing Machine at Any Price?

If there is any price so low, any offer so liberal that you would think of accepting on trial a new high grade, drop cabinet or upright Minnesota, Singer, Wheeler & Wilson, Standard, White or New Home Sewing Machine, you will receive by return mail, post-paid, free of cost, the handsome sewing machine catalogue ever published.

If you can make any use of any sewing machine at any price, if any kind of an offer would interest you, don't fail to write us at once (be sure to cut out and return this special notice) and get our latest book, our latest offers, our new and most surprising proposition. Address: SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO., Chicago.

Speaking of Smiles.

"I can't understand it," said Mrs. Swiggs as she poured out the coffee. "Being a woman," growled her husband, "I am not at all surprised. But what particular thing is it you are up against now?"

Conductor Got Even.

A man living in Hartford, Conn., who has been using \$20 bills to pay for fare with for some time, has found his match in a conductor, who gave him nineteen silver dollars and 55 cents in nickels.

Ask Your Dealer For Allen's Foot-Ease. A powder. It treats the feet. Cures Corns, Bunions, Scalds, Sore Hot, Callous, Aching, Swelling Feet and Ingrowing Nails.

The newest autos are said to be "shaped like a perfect cigar," and if they can be made to smell like one the public will be more reconciled.

No chromos or cheap premiums, but a better quality and one-third more of Defiance Starch for the same price of other starches.

Calumny would soon starve and die of itself if nobody took it in and gave it lodging—Leighton.

Lewis' "Single Binder" straight Sc cigar. The highest price 5c cigar to the dealer and the highest quality for the smoker. Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

No book can be so good as to be proutable when negligently read.

SHO-KO BALM.

Will cure any ache, pain or injury that is curable. Hard work makes stiff joints and muscles. Use Sho-Ko Balm. Druggists, 50c.

Simplicity of character is the natural result of profound thought.

Pine's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. SARGENT, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1903.

A man's own manner and character is what most becomes him.—Cleero.

DO YOUR CLOTHES LOOK YELLOW? If so, use Red Cross Ball Blue. It will make them white as snow. 2 oz. package 5 cents.

It is easy for a man to forget how humble were his boyhood days.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

"Have Every Reason to Praise Peruna"

WRITES MRS. KANE, OF CHICAGO.



Mrs. K. Kane, 173 Sebor Street, Chicago, Ill., writes:

"Peruna has been used so long in our family that I do not know how I could get along without it. I have given it to all my children at different times when they suffered with croup, colds and the many ailments that children are subject to, and am pleased to say that it has kept them in splendid health. I have also used it for a catarrh of the difficulty of long standing and it cured me in a short time, so I have every reason to praise Peruna."—Mrs. K. Kane.

Peruna Protects the Entire Household Against Catarrhal Diseases.

One of the greatest foes with which every family has to contend is our changeable climate. To protect the family from colds and coughs is always a serious problem, and often impossible.

Perhaps it will be wet feet, or a draught, or damp clothes, or it may be one of a thousand other little mishaps, but no one is shrewd enough to always avoid the inevitable catching cold.

There is no fact of medical science better known than that Peruna cures catarrh wherever located. Thousands of families in all parts of the United States are protected from colds and catarrh by Peruna. Once in the family Peruna always stays. No home can

Sustains and Strengthens

Mapi-Flake is a good foundation on which to build a day's work. It furnishes material for building up muscle, brain and nerve tissue. A delicious food—you should try it.

The FREE Homestead

Millions of acres of magnificent Grain and Grazing lands to be had as a free gift, or by purchase from Railway Companies, Land Corporations, etc.

CALIFORNIA

FOR SALE—In Newton county, Mo., 120 and 60 acres, 14 miles from Nevada. 100 cultivated (grain and orchard), balance blue pasture. Five-room house, barn, well and 200 water. Price \$2 per acre. Easy terms arranged. Write, W. H. BUSH, Nevada, Mo.

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Only \$4 down and \$4 per month no interest. Any quantity at \$4 per acre. 10, 20 and 1,000 acre tracts; 150,000 acres. The great Suburban land grant on Nevada's harbor, finest in the world; land guaranteed level; hard wood timber. The leading class of Christopher Columbus. Send for illustrated prospectus, map, etc.—FREE.

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Mrs. A. Hobson, 225 Washington St., Lansing, Mich., writes:

"Peruna has been such a blessing to my only child, as well as anyone that I feel induced to give my testimonial. He has always suffered from catarrh of the head and throat, and I had to use extra precautions so as not to have him exposed to damp or cold weather. Last year he was taken with a gripe, and as it was a severe case, caused me much anxiety. No medicine helped him till he took Peruna. I noticed an improvement at once and in three weeks he was a different child; the gripe had been completely cured and I noticed that the catarrh was made better. He kept taking it two weeks longer, when he was entirely well. I now use it off and on for colds, croup, indigestion or general indisposition, and find it superior to any doctors' medicine I ever tried. It keeps me, as well as my child, in perfect health, and I gladly recommend it to mothers."—Mrs. A. Hobson.

spare Peruna after the first trial of testimonials like the ones given above. We can only give our readers a slight glimpse of the vast array of unsolicited endorsements we are receiving every month. No other physician in the world has received such a volume of enthusiastic and grateful letters of thanks as Dr. Hartman for Peruna.

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And light dressings of CUTICURA, the great Skin Cure and sweetest of emollients.

This treatment at once stops falling hair, removes crusts, scales, and dandruff, destroys hair parasites, soothes irritated, itching surfaces, stimulates the hair follicles, loosens the scalp skin, supplies the roots with energy and nourishment and makes the hair grow upon a sweet, wholesome, healthy scalp, when all else fails.

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