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The doctor was then building in Covent Garden, and the brother suggested that this wood, which lay in the ship's hold, might be of value beams. It was brought up from docks, but the workmen could not work it with their tools and the logs were rolled into the garden, out of the way. Here they lay for a long time without attention being paid them, until one day a candle box was needed, and the physician suggested that the old logs

in the garden might furnish good ma-The carpenter had one of them removed to his shop, but complained, as the others had done, that he could not work the material with his tools. The doctor became interested and ordered that heavier tools be made, and after dwellings and contents in towns and vil- a delay the candle box was finished, and proved to be so handsome that a

This was handsomely finished, and was declared by experts to be so superior to other woods that a craze for mahogany set in, largely fostered by the Duchess of Buckinghom.

The King's Pay Day.

King Edward receives a quarterly cheque from the Paymaster-General for his salary as monarch; the cheque is what is known as a negotiable re-Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles ceipt, and is sent to the keeper of the Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMEN privy purse, by whom it is signed on behalf of the King, and then lodged to the credit of His Majesty's private banking account,

Remarkable Wooden Pavements. The City of Hull, England, has thirteen miles of wooden pavement and is gradually substituting such pavement for the granite blocks hitherto used. It pery. After many experiments with the city authorities have settled upon the jarrah and karri woods from Western Australia as the best for the purcolor. The blocks are cut to the size upon a foundation of cement seven inches thick. Some of these pavements, laid from seven to ten years ago, are not yet in need of repair.

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Flying Machines.

Gen. Baden-Powell, one of the pieturesque heroes of the South African war, has been letting in light upon the airship for practical use. The general is president of the Aeronautical Society of Great Britain and recently contributed some interesting history and a little philosophy anent aerial navigation to the Fortnightly Review. Incidentally he takes some of the wind

out of the sails of Santos-Dumont. The original inventor of the airship, Gen. Baden-Powell asserts, was M. Giffard, who constructed one in Paris in 1852. Giffard's machine was supplied with a steam engine, rotating a screw propeller. In 1884 the French Government constructed an airship with a propeller driven by an electric motor. This machine traveled twenty-five minutes, and another in 1902 made a voyage of sixty-five miles.

Gen. Baden-Powell's discussion shows that little progres has been made since 1884 toward perfecting the balloon airship and that the real innovation is the flying machine. He thinks that the aerial machine of the future may combine several of the details of the best generally agree that the attainment of human flight apparently presents no insuperable obstacles. This is most assuring and, coming from an authority, is entitled to credit. Whether a flying machine will be practically useful or otherwise must be demonstrated after it is perfected.

GAINSBOROUGH, THE ARTIST.

He Painted Portraits For a Living and Landscapes For Pleasure.

Gainsborough, while painting portraits for a living, painted landscapes for his own pleasure and lived at Hampstead during the summer that he might be constantly in fellowship with nature. It was this love of nature and of simple things and the faculty of seeing beauty in them that gave such a choice distinction to his work, because it was the expression of his own simis as smooth as asphalt, but less slip- ple, lovable personality. He had beauty in himself, and all his life it fed on woods from various parts of the world | simple delights-the joys of nature, of domestic happiness, of music and of his

He was born in the little town of pose. They are of a dark mahogany Sudbury, on the river Stour, in the beautiful County of Suffolk. As a boy of large bricks and are carefully laid he loved to ramble in the country sketching, and showed so much inclination for it and so little for any other kind of study that when he was fifteen he was sent to London and placed under the care of a silversmith, who procured him admission to the St. Martin's Lane Academy. Here he worked for three years studying painting. Gainsborough's eighteenth year was an eventful one. He hired three rooms in Hatton gardens and set up as a painter on his own account. Meeting with little encouragement, he returned to Sudbury. There he fell a victim to the charms of a young lady of seventeen, Miss Margaret Burr, who had an annuity of \$1,000, married her and established himself in the country town of Ipswich. Here he worked on happily and quietly for fifteen years, continually studying in the open air and executing such small commissions for portraits as came to him, until he had succeeded in discovering for himself a manner of painting suited to his needs and had developed an extraordinary

In 1760 he moved to Bath, at that time the most fashionable city outside of London. The gay world of that time congregated there to drink the waters. Gainsborough's success was immediate, but with increasing wealth there was no alteration in his simple method of living.-Charles H. Caffin in St. Nicholas.

Irish Language.

Among the many languages that exist to-day is the Gaelic or Irish language, a tongue which belongs to what it technically called the Celtic branch of the Indo-European family of languages; which has monuments going back to an extraordinarily early period; which has been called more flexible than the Greek, more subtle than the French, more comprehensive than the German and yet more concise than the ancient Hebrew, and which, with its wonderful copious literature, is without doubt one of the greatest glories of Ireland. The Irish language has this peculiarity, that amid the tribulation and suffering and tryanny which have made up the history of the race, its language still remains intact. There is, perhaps, besides the Irish, only one other race which has, through chance and change, through chaos and circumstance, preserved intact its national language-that is the Hebrew race.

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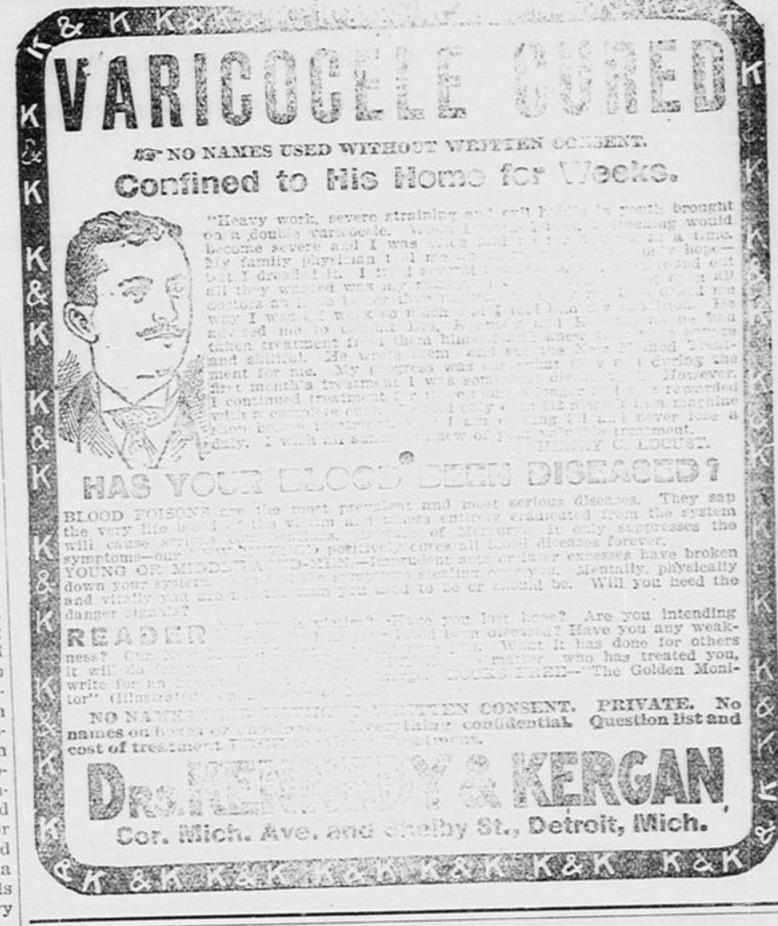
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