

MARY RITCHIE AN INVALID FOR YEARS

Was So Weak That She Did Not Have the Use of Her Limbs—Says Thanks to Lax-a-Tone, She Is Now Well.

Lax-a-Tone man says that Lax-a-Tone has worked wonders in many cases and it is a pleasure to publish the testimonial given below by Mrs. Ritchie who resides at 65 Hewlett street, Bridgeport. She says:

"I am seventy years of age and have been a great sufferer with gas, bloating, belching of wind and a bad case of indigestion or dyspepsia. My food would ferment after eating and would rise in my throat with a burning sensation all the way up to my mouth. About a month ago I had a bad attack of La Grippe, which left me so weak I was very near helpless in my bed. I was so weak I could hardly walk about. I read an advertisement about Lax-a-Tone and had a bottle brought out to the house and I wish to state publicly that my condition has been cured. It has strengthened my entire system and best of all, I have regained the use of my limbs. I am thankful."

Lax-a-Tone is for sale at the Hartigan Drug Stores, 81 Fairfield Ave. and Main and Congress Sts.

MANY MACHINE THEFTS REPORTED TO POLICE

Automobile thefts are of frequent occurrence in this city recently. With the finding of several abandoned cars, previously reported by their owners as stolen, the arrest of two men who are said by the police to have admitted the theft and sale of a car in New York city, and the demolition early this morning of a new car belonging to Salvatore Sola, 372 Nichols street, the authorities are divided in their opinion as to whether a professional gang of thieves are at work or whether they are amateurs merely taking machines that they may give their girl friends a ride.

Most of the stolen automobiles have been found abandoned on outlying city streets with gasoline tanks empty. The most flagrant theft was discovered this morning when Seda told the police that his car had been taken during the fight by someone who entered the garage in the rear of 278 East Main street and took the machine, newly purchased. This was found at Fairfield and Clinton avenues early this morning with the radiator and sides smashed beyond repair. The car had evidently struck a trolley pole and tree but the whereabouts of the occupants and the injuries suffered are not known.

Frank Drew, aged 23, a shophand at 64 Warren street, and Fred M. Hayes, 23, a chauffeur of 307 Broad street, arrested yesterday by Detective Fox in connection with the theft of a Buick mobile from Andrew Churchkhov, of 11 Warren court, are said to have confessed to the act.

MILLS & GIBB CO. HELD BANKRUPT

New York, May 12.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed by creditors in the federal court today against Mills & Gibb, one of the largest white goods importing and jobbing firms in the country. The liabilities are stated as upwards of \$2,000,000. The assets are not given.

FALLS AND IS OUT

Joseph Murphy, who described himself as a laborer living at 143 Hanover street, while in an intoxicated condition this morning attempted to force his way into the lodging house at 531 State street. He is alleged by those who sent a call for the ambulance to have fallen down the porch steps. His head was cut. Emergency Surgeon J. P. Conroy turned the patient over to the police. Murphy is unable to indicate what happened to him. He is but slightly cut about the forehead.

HEADS SCHOOL NURSES

Miss Catherine Tuttle, a graduate of the Bridgeport hospital training school, hewetopie assistant in the health board offices, today took supervision of the school nurses, acting as an assistant to Dr. Florence Sherman. Her place in the health offices will be taken by Miss Lillian Grace, daughter of the late James C. Grace, former health inspector, living on Coleman street.

The American financial commission, which has been visiting Peru, departed for Mollendo, on its way to Berlin.

THE PRETTIEST FACE and the most beautiful hands are often disgraced by an unsightly wart. It can easily be removed in a few days without pain by using Cyrus Wart Remover. For sale only at the Cyrus Pharmacy, 415 S. Fairfield Ave.

Our Query and Reply Department

Please publish that part of Washington's farewell address warning against violations of commercial treaties. He said: "The great rule of conduct for us in regard to foreign nations is, in extending our commercial relations, to have with them as little political connection as possible. So far as we have already formed engagements let them be fulfilled with perfect good faith. Here let us stop. Europe has a set of primary interests, which to us have none or a very remote relation; hence she must be engaged in frequent controversies, the causes of which are essentially foreign to our concerns; hence, therefore, it must be unwise in us to implicate ourselves by artificial ties in the ordinary vicissitudes of her politics or the ordinary combinations and collisions of her friendships or enmities."

The military service obligatory in the following countries: Germany, Austria, Turkey, Russia, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Holland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway?

When Great Britain declared war on Germany it was stated that she did so by virtue of a treaty signed at The Hague guaranteeing Belgium's territory from violation. Kindly inform me which countries were signatories to this treaty and when it was signed.

The treaty of which alleged violation formed the casus belli for Great Britain in August, 1914, was signed April 19, 1859, by Prussia, France, England, Austria and Russia. These nations thus declared themselves guarantors of a treaty concluded on the same day between the king of the Belgians and the king of the Netherlands, which contained the following sentence: "Belgium forms an independent state of perpetual neutrality."

Is General Frederick Funston a West Point graduate?

No. He served in the Cuban army in 1896-7 and in the war with Spain as a colonel of a Kansas regiment of volunteers. He owes his appointment in the regular army to gallant services in the Philippines.

What is meant by eminent domain? I have only a vague idea.

Through eminent domain whoever owns any property or has any interest in the same is liable to have it taken away from him, whenever the sovereign power of congress or the legislature of the state in which the same is located shall authorize its being so appropriated for public use. This power is so comprehensive it relates to every species of property, even including money (although this has been doubted by some courts), which it may be necessary to take from any source to repel an invasion, to prevent famine or to furnish relief in any great public calamity.

The use must always be for public purposes, and, under the guise of a declaration that it is so intended, it cannot be applied for private uses. However, the constitution provides in terms that no private property shall be taken without just, ample and complete compensation, whether such a provision is contained in a state constitution or not. In many of the states it is made a condition that before the property shall be taken provision must be made for its payment; in others that possession can be taken and the owner afterward must bring his petition for compensation within the allotted time stated in the act giving the right.

Please give the name of each country and its emblem flower.

The term national flower has no official significance, but those of popular designation are: England, the red rose; France, the iris lily, or flower-de-luce; Germany, the linden blossom; Ireland, shamrock leaf; Scotland, the thistle; Canada, the leaf of the sugar maple. Many years ago, the American Horticultural society adopted the golden rod for the United States, and the legislatures of some states and public school pupils in others have adopted state flowers. In 1913 the Indiana legislature adopted the carnation.

What is opium? Opium is the dried product from milky juice of the unripe capsules of a poppy, which for this product has been cultivated through many centuries. Each species of poppy is capable of yielding to a greater or less extent.

Can a common soldier rise to be a general in the army of the United States?

Following are two records taken from the Official Army Register: "Young, Samuel B. M., private, Company K, Twelfth Pennsylvania Infantry, April 25, 1861. Lieutenant general commanding the army of the United States Aug. 8, 1903. Chaffer, Adna R., private, Company K, Sixth United States Cavalry, July 22, 1861. Lieutenant general commanding the army of the United States Jan. 9, 1904."

When was the rural free delivery first started, and who first suggested it?

Rural delivery was first officially suggested by Postmaster General John Wanamaker in his annual report for the fiscal year of 1891. The first bill authorizing rural delivery was introduced in the house of representatives June 5, 1892, by James O'Donnell, member of congress from Michigan. This bill carried an appropriation of \$6,000,000, but failed of passage. March 3, 1893, congress appropriated \$10,000 for experimental rural delivery. July 10, 1894, the sum of \$20,000 was appropriated for the same purpose, and again on June 9, 1896, \$10,000, together with the prior appropriations of \$30,000, was appropriated. The first experimental rural delivery service was established Oct. 1, 1896, simultaneously on three routes, from Charleston on three routes, from Charleston on three routes, from Charleston on three routes.

ELVIRA K. TOWNSEND The funeral of Elvira K., the two year old daughter of Charles and

Special 35c Chicken Dinner In Our Restaurant on the Third Floor If you want a fine chicken dinner, visit our restaurant TOMORROW. You will find it as appetizing a meal as you have ever had, well seasoned, well prepared—and worth much more than our special price of 35c. Chicken Soup Green Peas Jello Tea or Coffee Chicken Fricasse Mashed Potatoes Ice Cream or Pie

NOW IN THE SECOND WEEK OF OUR FIRST ANNUAL MAY SALE

With Hundreds of Bargain Attractions of the Most Magnetic Character from a Money Saving Standpoint, a partial list of which is shown in this Advertisement.

Leather Goods, Ribbons and Jewelry.

- 50c Seal Leather Envelope Purses in several shapes at 35c
\$1.98 Jap Leather Hand Bags and envelope purses, silk lined. 89c
\$1.98 Leather Hand Bags, covered frames, safety lock, silk lined, fitted with coin purse and mirror at \$1.39
\$2.50 Imported Leather envelope purses in grey, tan, brown trimmed with Parisian ivory in color to match, silk lined with initials engraved free at \$2.69
All Silk Ribbons in dots and plaid stripes and dresdens in most every color combination 4 1/2 inches wide at per yd 16c
Embroidery Flouncings in crepe or organdy, 45 inches wide in a great variety of patterns, good quality and well made value 50c at 45c
50c gold filled Cuff Links in several styles at 29c
60c Alarm Clocks, guaranteed perfect time pieces at 55c
\$1.00 gold filled Waldemar Watch Chains with gold filled pencil at 69c
50c Lavalliers, gold filled, in many patterns at 29c
25c Gate Top Frames in gilt, silver or oxidized, three sizes, at 15c
75c Pearl Necklace 54 inches long at 59c

Men's Furnishings, May Sale Specials.

- Men's \$1.00 and \$1.15 Percalé and Madras Shirts, the kind with soft laundered cuffs in the newest spring designs, extra special for the May Sale at 85c
Men's 50c Silk Four in Hands and Bats, large square flowing end of reversible shapes in the newest spring and summer effects and specially priced on the May Sale at 29c
Men's 79c Nainsook Union Suits, Athletic style, sleeveless and knee pants, with closedrotch; regularly hold 85c, specially priced for the May Sale only at 41c

May Sale Specials in Millinery.

- Women's \$4.98 to \$7.48 Trimmed Hats. All the leading shapes and shades such as green, navy blue, old rose, black, African brown, maize, natural, and white, trimmed with small and large wings and birds, moire ribbon, ostrich tubing and gours, and horse hair braids, etc. at \$3.98
Women's \$3.48 to \$4.98 Trimmed Hats. In Milan, hemp, split straw, hem and pean straw, in various tricornes, shells, or, rolling brim, and stunning mushroom shaped, trimmed with fancy pins, feathers, silk ribbon, and wheat, plaid Gros Grain ribbons and velvet at \$2.98
Women's Panama Hats, values \$1.48. In the rolling brim, mushroom, flat brim, and very natty rolling brim on one side, very fine Panama, at \$1.19
Women's Leghorn Hats, values \$1.98. Large flat and mushroom shapes; also the smaller sailor shape, with the lace edge, very new at \$1.19

May Sale Specials, Curtains, Blankets, Etc.

- 12 1/2c Curtain Scrim, white, cream and ecru, 36 inches wide, hemstitched, at 7 1/2c
10c Unbleached Muslin, 36 inches wide, good quality, at 7c
\$1.00 Muslin Curtains, ruffled and with open work, suitable for cottage or bed use, new designs, at .69c per pair
10 yds Fruit of the Loom Bleached Muslin, 10 yds to a customer, at .89c
40c values in New Sport Stripes, linens and wash fabrics for skirts and sea shore wear at 29c
\$5.00 value in White Wool Blankets. Just 40 to sell. Beautiful soft woolen blankets made of finest grade California wool, size 60x80. Pink or blue striped borders, at \$3.75
\$1.00 Round Scalloped Mercerized Table Covers, size 58x88. New patterns
60c values in Sheets, size 72x90, cambric finish, bleached and seamed, at .44c
\$3.00 value in Net, Marquessette, or Volle Curtains, choice of new patterns, lace, plain or with insertion; in this lot 130 pair, choice at per pr \$1.75

Miscellaneous, May Sale Specials.

- Japanese Table Cloths, hemstitched, assorted designs, size 54 inches square at \$1.48
Center Pieces stamped of satin stripe material in brown bird pattern size 30 inch, at 25c
Stamped Envelope Pillow Cases, good quality muslin, scalloped edges, at each 10c
Stamped Nainsook chemise, full size, good quality nainsook, at 29c
New line of 25c Ear Rings in pearl or black at 15c
Patent Leather Belts trimmed with white kid sizes at 25c
Women's \$1.00 Black Seal Hand Bags, covered frames, silk lined, fitted with coin purse and mirror, at 59c

For the Boys.

- Boys' 50c Caps, choice of our entire line at 39c
Boys' 39c Blouses, all sizes, new patterns, at 29c
Boys' Wash Suits, sample line, values to \$2 at 99c
Boys' Wash Suits, values to \$1.50, at 69c
Boys' Regular \$5 Blue Serge Suits, all wool Norfolk model, sizes 7 to 17, with one pair of full-lined pants at the special sale price \$4.50

Women's Underwear, May Sale Specials.

- Women's 15c Light Weight Vests, fancy lace trimmed, low necked, sleeveless, short sleeves, shield, or cummy cut, in all sizes at 11c
Women's 50c and 59c Light Weight Union Suits, in various styles, low neck, sleeveless, lace or cuff knees, regular and extra sizes at 38c
Women's Lisle "Three Piece" Union Suits, V neck, sleeveless, lace knees, at 69c
Women's "Cummy Cut" Union Suits. Perfect fitting with Cant Slip, regular and extra sizes, at 45c
Women's Shaped Vests. Light weight, low neck, sleeveless or wing sleeves, regular and extra size, at 15c
Women's Shaped Vests. Extra large sizes, low neck, sleeveless or short sleeves, at 29c
Women's Light Weight Drawers, with tight lace or cuff knee at 25c

Women's Hosiery, May Sale Specials.

- Women's Fancy Novelty Silk Stockings, Plaid, stripes and drop stitches, in grey, brown, black and white, at \$1.50 and \$1.69
Women's Fine Silk Stockings, in all the very newest stripes, roses, pearl, champagne, tango, black and white, at \$1.00
Women's Boot Silk Stockings. Full fashioned double sole, heel and toe, in navy, black, white, grey, champagne and bronze, at 50c
Children's Black, White or Tan Silk Lisle Stockings, extra heavy garter top, at 23c
Women's Light Weight Lisle Stockings. Extra heavy heel and toe, in black, white, extra sizes with ribbed garter top, regular 15c, at 11c
Men's 15c Light Weight Lisle Half Hose, double sole, heel and toe, in black, white, blue and light grey, at 11c

Could You Imagine a Woman Who Wouldn't Want a Suit When She Can Buy for \$16.75

Regular \$30 and \$25 Suits in the Season's Smartest Models.

The Women's Suit Department is very wide awake. Hundreds of women bought suits here last week—and every single one of them received a wonderful bargain.

These Suits show the most careful workmanship, being the product of one of New York's foremost manufacturers.

English Poplin, Gabardine, Velour Checks, Taffeta and Serge combinations.

There isn't one in the lot of 145 but that you will admire. Among the styles are the newest flare back with loose fitting belt, also Norfolk and tailored effects. The colors include navy blue, black, copen, tan, gray, green and brown. No matter what your size or what kind of a type you are, we can fit and please you and any Suit you buy is a remarkable bargain.



A New Line of Smart Coats very reasonably priced at \$5.00

Dainty White Dresses for the Confirmants and Graduates \$2.00 & \$2.98

The Prettiest Silk Waists you ever saw for \$2.00

Women's Envelope Chemises

Women's Envelope Chemise, batiste, pink or hemstitched ruffles, and hemstitched straps. Reg. \$2.50 and \$2.25. Sale price \$1.85

Regular \$1.25. Sale price 95c
Regular \$1.00. Sale price 69c

Women's Night Gowns.

Slip-on Night Gowns, white or pink crepe, white or pink batiste, lace yokes back and front, solid lace sleeves, ribbon and rosette trimming. Regular \$2.25 and \$2. Sale price \$1.87

Regular \$1.25. Sale price 95c
Regular \$1.00. Sale price 69c
Regular 50c. Sale price 44c

Women's White Petticoats.

Women's Petticoats, fine nainsook, solid val lace founces, ribbon trimmed, or embroidery founces with insertions to match. Regular \$3.00. Sale price \$2.00

Regular \$2.25. Sale price \$1.87
Regular \$1.25. Sale price 95c
Regular \$1.00. Sale price 69c

Camisole and Corset Covers.

Women's Corset Covers and Camisoles, satin crepe de chine or batiste, lace or embroidery trimming, lace or hemstitched straps, all sizes.

Regular \$2.00. Sale price \$1.79
Regular \$1.25. Sale price 95c
Regular 50c. Sale price 42c
Regular 25c. Sale price 19c

May Sale Specials in Shoes.

Women's High Cut Regular \$6.00 Boots. Grey, white, champagne and ivory, at \$4.29

Women's Fancy and Street Pumps. French Louis XV heels, some with fancy buckles in grey, champagne, ivory, patent leather and dull kid, value \$5.00 at \$3.50

Women's \$3.00 White Sea Island Pumps. Women's white Sea Island linen pumps, and three strap slipper, French heels to match. Very stylish, at \$2.00

Girls' White Sea Island Linen Pumps and Three Strap Slipper. Broad toe and sensible heels, easy fitters, very stylish, in all sizes, at \$1.50

Boys' \$3.50 Russian Calf Shoes. Boys' tan and black Russian Calf Lace Shoes. Easy sensible models, broad heels, good-year welts. All sizes, at \$2.45

OBITUARY

GEORGE GRADY The funeral of George Grady was held from the undertaking parlors of Cullinan & Mullins at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Burial was in St. Michael's cemetery.

EDGAR WOODIN The funeral of Edgar Woodin, the six months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Woodin of Nichols was held from the home of his parents at 2:30 this afternoon. Burial was in Nichols cemetery.

GEORGE SCHMITT The funeral of George J. Schmitt was held from the mortuary chapel of Hawley & Wilmot at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. William H. Jepson, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal church conducted the services. Burial was in Mountain Grove cemetery.

ELVIRA K. TOWNSEND The funeral of Elvira K., the two year old daughter of Charles and

Rose Townsend of 24 Wallace street, was held from the mortuary chapel of Henry E. Bishop at 3:30 this afternoon. Rev. William E. Eley read the services. Burial was in Park cemetery.

NETTIE KNIGHT COTTRELL The funeral of Nettie Knight, wife of Edwin Dwight Cottrell was held from her late home, 1134 Ogden street at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. B. F. Kidder, pastor of the Summerfield M. E. church conducted the services. Burial was in Lakeview cemetery.

BETSEY M. HAWLEY Betsey M., wife of Frederick W. Hawley, died yesterday at the home of her son, Frederick E. Hawley of 444 Berkshire avenue while on a visit. Mrs. Hawley was born in Monroe on Oct. 24, 1845, the daughter of David F. and Mary Knapp Whitlock. She is survived by her husband and two sons, Frederick E. and George S. Hawley of Monroe.

ELIZABETH WASHBURN The funeral of Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Washburn,

who died at the home of her parents, 28 Hollister court Saturday after a long illness was held from the undertaking parlors of A. G. Baker at 2:30 this afternoon. Rev. Daniel M. Lewis, pastor of the Newfield M. E. church conducted the services. Burial was in Lakeview cemetery.

ELIZABETH McNALLY The funeral of Elizabeth McNally was held from her home, 703 East Main street at 8:30 this morning and a half hour later from St. Mary's church where the Rev. John J. Conway sang the mass of requiem. The bearers were Michael Palmer, William McMahon, M. F. O'Connor, William Colgan, John McNab and James Casbrick. Burial was in St. Michael's cemetery.

MINNIE BELDEN Following the death of her mother, Ellen D. Belden, by about two weeks Miss Minnie Belden, aged 35, passed away at her home, 1917 Main street, yesterday. Miss Belden had been ill a long time and her death was not unexpected. Mrs. Belden died April 27. Both mother and daughter had been communicants of St. Patrick's church,

where the mother's funeral service was held and the daughter's will also take place. Miss Belden is survived by her father, William O. Belden, and three brothers, George, Charles and William Belden, well known theatrical stage employees.

BRIDGET W. STAPLETON. While chatting pleasantly with a group of friends at her home, 743 Washington avenue, on Saturday night, Bridget W. Stapleton, wife of George Stapleton, and a member of one of the best known families of the community, was suddenly stricken with a pain in her heart and died before medical help could be obtained. Mrs. Stapleton was born in Ireland, 75 years ago. She came to this country and to Bridgeport about 50 years ago and during that time had always resided in what is now St. Augustine's parish. She was a devout member of that church. She was the mother of a family of 14 children, all of whom are dead with the exception of Mrs. Thomas H. Devitt of this city. She was a home-loving woman, devoted to her large family and one whose death will be felt by the numerous friends by whom she was dearly loved. Besides her husband and daughter two grandchildren, Mary and Dorothea Devitt, survive her.

PENNSY TELEGRAPHERS WILL GET INCREASES Pittsburgh, May 15.—It became known here today that all telegraph operators on the Pennsylvania lines east of Pittsburgh had been notified of a wage increase. The advance, it was stated, was made according to the merit of the men and their length of service. From three to six men are employed in each of the company's towers. Many of the 300 Western Union operators, whose wages were increased from 8 to 25 1-2 per cent, were notified when they reported for work that the new rates were effective today. For others the increase was effective May 18.