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The recently invented Benet-Mercier gun combines the rapidity of fire, range and effectiveness of a machine gun with the lightness and action of a magazine rifle. The gun is fired from a rest and held against the shoulder of its operator, who can either fire from a sitting position or lying prone. The regulation cartridge is used in clips that hold 50. A good rifleman can discharge from 300 to 500 shots per minute, if assisted in feeding by a man to fill the clips. The gun is at present undergoing a series of tests by army officers, with a view to its adoption by the government.—Popular Mechanics.

TAKES OPTIMISTIC VIEW.

Dr. Isaac Funk, one of the members of a well-known book firm, believes, with Dr. Sargent, that women have advanced greatly within the last 50 years and that they approximate more nearly the masculine form and trend of thought. But he thinks that in the next 50 years there will not be any very great change in this direction, but that the laws which govern perpetuation will limit her advance.



"Maud's hair is what you would call Titian, isn't it?"
"Well, Titian or imi-Titian."

Perhaps no one thing will do more to secure these things than growing alfalfa. If that is true, why haven't we been growing alfalfa? Because we thought it was impossible.

We Can Grow Alfalfa.

Many farmers in the corn belt do not believe that they can grow alfalfa. They are under the impression that it requires peculiar climatic conditions, and a peculiar type of soil, such as is found in the western states, particularly the Center of Grain Production.

The figures of the last census, when compared with those of the previous census reports back in 1850, indicate that the movement of the production of grain under natural conditions has reached its western limit. Since 1850 the "median point" (center) of production of the six great crops—corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, and buckwheat—was about 20 miles west-southwest of Burlington, Iowa; but its western movement in the last ten years was comparatively very small. It remains to be seen what effect the great irrigation work now planned by the government will have upon the location of the great grain fields of the country.

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First Sweet Thing—Oh, he's awfully gone upon her, dear, I assure you. He's been praising her beauty to me for the last ten minutes, enlarging upon her eyes, her complexion, her mouth—

Second Sweet Thing—Oh, I don't think he could possibly do that, dear.

Baccarat, France, has the honor of producing the first glass that is unbreakable. The new process has been successfully applied to the manufacture of lamp chimneys for use in coal mines containing much fire damp. The glass makers of Baccarat have also succeeded in increasing the elasticity of the glass. This they accomplish by adding magnesia and oxide to the ordinary crystal glass.—Spectator Magazine.

SPANISH ETIQUETTE.

Politeness to Servants and Even the Street Beggars.

From what we saw and from what happened to us I made up a page of Spanish etiquette. It is probably not correct, but I offer it as the result of our experiences. Other people may have had different impressions. If you are of the female sex never wear a short skirt, a sailor or English walking hat unless you are willing to have people stare at you and sometimes call after you. If you have red hair dye it or be prepared to be saluted as "Rubia." Never bow to a man unless he lifts his hat first. If you are a man you may dress as an Englishman, an operative tenor or a chorus singer from Carmen without exciting remark. Never wear glasses. If you are blind take a dog on a string. When you sit down at the table or arise always bow and say, "Buenas." This is imperative. You may jostle people without apology, but never speak to any one without saying "your grace," be he noble, friend or beggar. "Will your grace do me the favor to bring me my coffee at 9 o'clock tomorrow?" would strike an American bellboy with dismay. But it is the literal translation of the Spanish request. Never tell a beggar to clear out, but say that you have left your purse at home and that you will remember him tomorrow or gently mutter that God will reward him, whereat he will smile, thank you and depart.

These same beggars, who spring up on every side, seem to have a code of etiquette we could not fathom. After two or three days there were a few who begged only from me, two or three others who besought Jean. Evidently we were understood to be the patrons of certain beggars who out of a crowd of mendicants were the only ones to approach us who would take their dole with thanks or if we said "tomorrow" would smilingly back away at once.

A trip into Spain ought to mean more than sketches of life as we saw it in a single city. Yet it was our pleasure to linger on in Madrid, with the exception of three days spent in Toledo and the Escorial, for the whole of our two months' holiday, and to return direct to Paris without seeing any of the southern country, so beloved by other tourists. So can any one wonder that to us Spain means Madrid, the city of marvelous contrasts?—E. C. Allen in Outlook.

A Two Headed Baby.



Small Boy—Oh, come and look at this baby with a head on both ends!—London Telegraph.

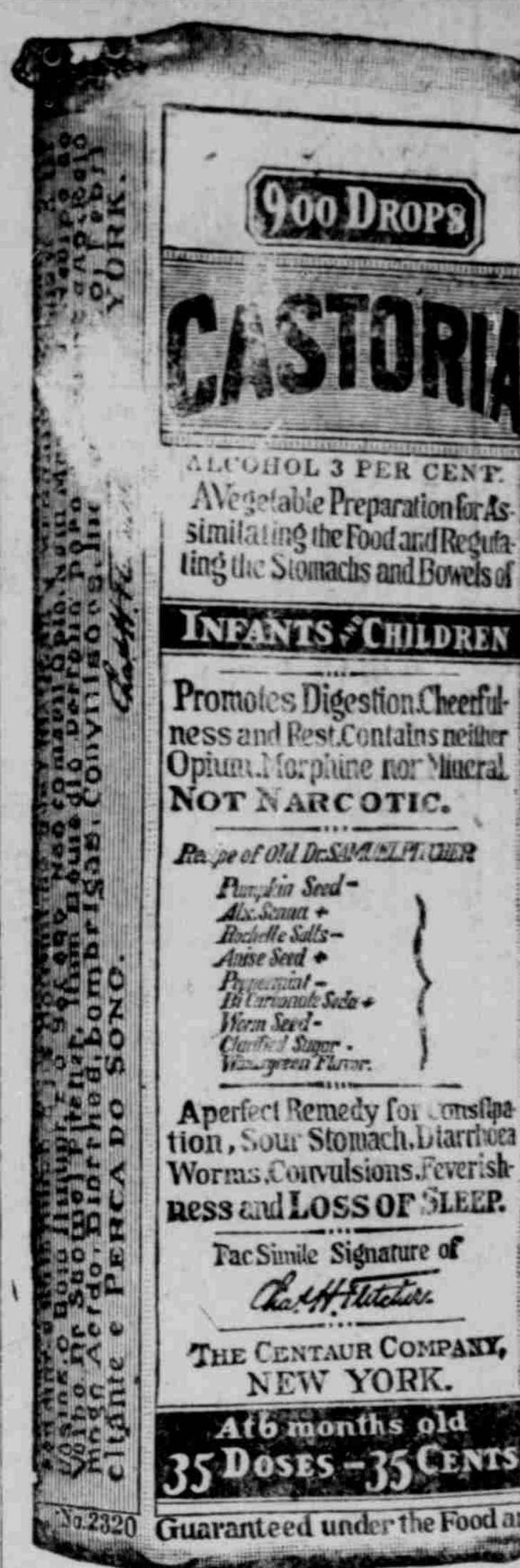
WHEAT, FLOUR, etc. Meet.

The United States is, the only country in the world that has a "four corners," that is to say, a place where four states meet. Look at your atlas and you will see Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona touching each other. At no other place on the globe do four states, territories or provinces unite to form such a junction.

The spot is on a spur of the Carizo mountains, and few tourists visit it, because it is not easily accessible and partly because comparatively few people think about it, a monument marks it, however, erected by the government surveyors. The point is reached by a trail leading from the road from the Navajo Springs in Colorado, in the Ute reservation, to the San Juan river.

The Barber's Pole.

How many of you can tell why a barber has a red and white striped pole as a sign? In the olden time barbers were also surgeons in a small way, particularly in the operation of bleeding. To assist the operation it was necessary for the patient to grasp a staff, and the barber always kept one ready, as well as strips of cloth for bandaging the patient's arm. When the staff was not in use the bandage was tied to it so that they might be together when wanted, and the barber usually hung them at his door as a sign. In the course of time, however, a painted pole took the place at the door of the one used in the operation, and thus came the sign.



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