IN THE STOCK MARKET

Speculation Active and Prices Lower at the Opening.

Heavy Dealings and Extensive Declines in the Railway List—Sugar Refining a Conspicuous Feature. A Firm Tone Among the Specialties—London Market Depressed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The Stock Market opened active today, and for the most part materially below yesterday's final figures.

The dealings were heaviest in the railway list and the declines in that quarter were the most extensive, except in the case of Sugar Refininig. That stock supplied the bulk of the dealings in the early market and continued depressed on account of the disappointment felt at yesterday's dividend declaration.

In the railway list, the active features were Southern Pacific, the Atchison shares, Chesapeake and Ohio and Erie issues. The latter moved contrary to the general tendency of the market and were actively dealt in at advancing prices.

The local traction issues were not particularly active, but continued to reflect pressure.

Among the specialties a finer tone prevailed, notably for Colorado Fuel and Iron, while Tennessee Coal and Iron, after opening substantially lower, rallied sharply.

In the industrial quarter, aside from Sugar Refining, the active features were American Steel and Wire and Federal Steel, both of which were notably firm.

The London market for Americans was again depressed, and foreign houses sold quite heavily here upon the opening. There was little or nothing in the news of the morning bearing upon the general market. After the early dealings, the general market developed a steadier tone, with the exception of Sugar Refining which continued to reflect pressure.

New York Stock Market.

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	Open.	High.	Low.	2:15.
Wire	42	42½	41⅞	42⅛
Wire, pfd	85½	85⅝	85¼	85¼
American Sugar	127	128	126¾	127¾
American Tobacco	106¼	107⅞	106¼	106⅞
Atchison	38⅝	38⅞	38	38¼
Atchison, pfd	82⅝	83⅜	82½	83⅛
B. & O.	79¾	79¾	78⅞	79⅜
B. & O., pfd	85	85½	85	85
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	69⅝	71⅜	69⅝	71
Chesapeake & Ohio	37½	37⅞	36⅝	37½
C., C., C. & St. L.	65¾	66⅞	65¾	66½
Chicago, B. & Q.	135¾	136	135½	135¾
C., M. & St. Paul	126½	127⅞	126½	126⅞
Chicago, R. I. & Pacific	114½	114⅝	114⅜	114⅝
Chicago & G. Western	14¼	14¼	14⅛	14¼
C. F. & I.	49⅝	51⅜	49⅝	51
Consolidated Gas	191½	191¾	191	191
Continental Tobacco	35¼	35⅞	35½	35½
Con. Tobacco, pfd	91½	91¾	91½	91¾
Delaware & Hudson	115⅞	115⅞	115⅞	115⅞
Federal Steel	49¾	51	49¾	50½
Federal Steel, pfd	75¾	76½	75¾	76½
General Electric	166½	168	166½	168
Illinois Central	124	124½	124	124½
Louisville & Nashville	82⅞	82⅞	82⅝	83⅜
Metropolitan Traction	168	169½	167¾	168
Manhattan Elevated	108⅛	109⅛	108⅛	108⅝
Missouri Pacific	59	60⅛	59	59⅞
M., K. & T., pfd	57	57⅞	57	57⅞
New Jersey Central	148	148	148	148
New York Central	142	142½	141⅞	142½
N. Y., O. & Western	24⅛	24⅛	23⅞	24⅛
Northern Pacific	70	70⅛	69½	69⅞
Northern Pacific, pfd	81½	82	81½	81¾
Pacific Mail	47¼	47¼	47	47¼
Penn. R. R.	142	142¼	141⅞	142¼
Peoples' Gas	98⅝	99½	98⅝	99⅛
Reading	67½	69⅞	67⅝	69
Southern Pacific	41	41¼	40⅝	41
Southern Railway	17⅞	17⅞	17⅞	17½
Southern Railway, pfd	66½	67	66½	67
Texas Pacific	20½	20¾	20⅛	20⅞
Tenn. Coal & Iron	67	69	66⅞	68⅝
Union Pacific	71½	71⅞	70¾	71⅞
Union Pacific, pfd	81⅞	81⅞	81¼	80⅞
U. S. Leather	12⅝	12⅝	12¼	12½
U. S. Leather, pfd	75	75	75	75
U. S. Rubber	28¼	30⅞	28⅝	30¼
Wabash, pfd	21½	22	21⅝	21⅝
Western Union Tel	82¼	82¼	82¼	82¼

More dullness and more slight declines in prices all over the list was the story of the early market today. The public buying has ceased entirely, and the professionals are preaching and practicing their theory that there will be lower prices before there is any material advance. The outlook is for declines later this week, and perhaps during the balance of the year. The reaction may not last longer than through next week, say. There will be buying on the recession by people, and later the public will come in again and make another boom. This at least is the outlook for the market as some of the most careful people see it. Purchases should be made, if at all, at this time, among the best securities, and with ample margins. Small people will perhaps do well to keep out of the market for a few days longer. The next advance will be a fine one in all probability. It should last, with few interruptions, well into the spring and carry the level of prices many points higher than they have been yet. A traders' rally was looked for today or tomorrow by the professionals, but it is not likely to be more than surface fluctuation, over in a day.

There was a rally in Wire, common stock, this morning, as had been expected, after the large decline. Federal Steel, common, was also fairly strong. The information comes from an excellent source that the 5 per cent dividend on Federal Steel, common, is assured. It is probable that the dividend on Wire will be reduced to this figure also.

Sugar went off further at the opening this morning. The tip that the stock was to receive a larger dividend this quarter was so widely distributed and so positive in its nature that there is a disposition to believe that it was put out by the Sugar people themselves to make a strong market on which to sell stock. Now, if the stock goes a few points lower, the insiders will buy again, and then perhaps the extra dividend may be declared at a special meeting of the directors.

The Atchison directors are not likely to declare any dividend on the common stock at this time.

Pennsylvania and New York Central have both been very strong during the past week of general declines. They are practically at their top prices now. Both are considered excellently conservative investments. One of the newspaper statisticians figures out that the Pennsylvania could have paid 8 per cent on its stock every year during the past decade and still have had a balance of profit. The earnings this year are at the rate of 14 per cent, though, of course, a large part of this amount will be expended in improvements.

Several ingenious explanations of the preferred stockholders' suit against the Baltimore and Ohio management are given by people on both sides of the market. One story yesterday was that Bacon and Salomon, supposed to be the controlling interest in the company, were the inspiration of the suit, not wishing the dividend on the common stock to continue. Another rumor was that the suit was really filed for the purpose of testing the dividend preparatory to advancing it to 5 per cent. Both the common and preferred stocks are off, though not badly.

The Southern Railway securities were fairly strong, but made small losses for the day. The Pacifics generally declined a trifle. The grangers were off fractionally.

The net earning of the Denver and Rio Grande for October show an increase of $34,000. It is said that the leading interests in this company are opposed to the payment of an extra dividend on the preferred stock, and that none is likely to be paid.

Leather, common stock, was weak between 12 and 13. The boom on this stock did not materialize this time.

The taking up of the Subsidy bill again immediately after the opening of the session is in accordance with the promises of Mr. Hanna. The Gage endorsement of the bill, added to that of the President, have helped it more or less in the House, it is said by its friends. The Street is inclined to optimism regarding Pacific Mail stock again, but it is dull at present.

Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales—C. & P. Telephone 5's, $1,000@10 1-2; Capital Traction, 55@104 1-8, 25—104 1-4—buyer 10, 80@104 1-4, 15@104 3-8—buyer 10; Washington Gas, 25@55 3-8, 30@55 1-2; Mergenthaler Linotype, 5@192—buyer 5, 45@192; American Graphophone Co. Com., *100@10 1-4. After Call—Washington Gas, 300@55 1-2, 225@55 5-8, Wash. Tract. & Elec. 4 1-2's, $1,000@58 1-8; Capital Traction, 10@104 3-8—buyer 10, 130@104 1-4.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 4's, 1905, Q. J.	114⅝	115⅛
U. S. 4's, 1907, Q. J.	115⅝	116⅛
U. S. 4's, R, 1925	138⅛	....
U. S. 4's, C, 1925	138⅛	139
U. S. 5's, C, 1904, Q. F.	113	114
U. S. 3's, R, 1908, Q. F.	110	111
U. S. 3's, R, 1908, R. C. F.	110	111
U. S. 2's, R, 1900-30, Q. J.	104⅛	105¼
U. S. 2's, C, 1900-30, Q. J.	104⅜	105¾
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BONDS.		
6's, 1902, "20-year funding" gold	102	....
7's, 1901, "water stock" currency	102	....
Funding currency, 3.65's	122	....
MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.		
Capital Traction R. R. 4's	107	107¾
Wash. Trac. & Elec. Coll. 4½'s	58	60
Met. R. R. 5's, 1925	120	122½
Met. R. R. Cert. Indebtedness A	107	110
Met. R. R. Cert. Indebtedness B	107	110
Columbia R. R. 6's, 1914	120	....
Columbia R. R. 2d mort. 5's	109½	....
City & Suburban R. R.	....	....
Wash. Gas. Co., ser. A, 6's, 1902-'27	110	....
Wash. Gas. Co., ser. B, 6's, 1901-'29	110	....
U. S. Elec. Light, Deb. Imp., 1907	100	....
U. S. Elec. Light, Cert. Indebt	100	102
Ches. & Pot. Tel., 1896-1911	103	....
Ches. & Pot. Tel., Con. 5's	103½	105
American Security & Trust 5's, 1905	101	....
Wash. Market Co., 1st 6's, 1892-1911, $7,000 retired annually	110	....
Wash. Mkt. Co., Imp. 6's, 1912-'27	....	....
Wash. Mkt. Co., ext. 6's, 1901-'27	....	....
Masonic Hall Ass'n 5's, C, 1908	105	....
American Graphophone, Deb. 5's	98	....
Anacostia & Potomac 5's	....	....
NATIONAL BANK STOCKS.		
Bank of Washington	400	410
Metropolitan	626	650
Central	220	....
Farmers and Mechanics'	220	....
Second	170	....
Citizens'	151	....
Columbia	168	....
Capital	140	....
West End	116	....
Traders'	125	132
Lincoln	119	123
SAFE DEPOSIT AND TRUST COMPANIES.		
National Safe Deposit and	145	....
Wash. Loan and Trust	160	165
American Security and Trust	291	....
Washington Safe Deposit	72	82
INSURANCE STOCKS.		
Firemen	30	....
Franklin	40	50
Metropolitan	80	90
Corcoran	50	....
Potomac	64	70
Arlington	130	140
German-American	280	....
National Union	10½	12½
Columbia	10½	....
Riggs	7⅛	8¼
People's	5¾	6½
Colonial	....	117
Commercial	4	5
TITLE INSURANCE STOCKS.		
Real Estate Title	70	80
Columbia Title	4½	5
Washington Title	3½	4
District Title	3½	....
RAILROAD STOCKS.		
Capital Traction	134½	104½
City & Suburban	21½	25
Georgetown & Tennallytown	15	....
GAS STOCKS.		
Washington Gas	55¾	55⅞
Georgetown Gas	38	....
TELEPHONE STOCKS.		
Chesapeake & Potomac	67	69½
Pennsylvania	35	....
MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.		
Mergenthaler Linotype	191½	192½
Lanston Monotype	14¾	15⅛
American Graphophone	*10⅛	10½
American Graphophone, pfd	10⅝	12½
Pneumatic Gun Carriage	10	11
Washington Market	10	....
Norfolk & Washington	158	....
Lincoln Hall	....	....

*Ex-dividend.

Chicago Grain and Provision Market

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WHEAT—	Open.	High.	Low.	2:15.
January	71⅞-72	72⅛	71⅞-¾	71⅞-¾
May	74⅞	75⅛	74⅝-⅞	74⅝-⅞
CORN—				
January	36	36⅛	36	36B
May	36⅝	36¾	36⅛-⅜	36½-⅝B
OATS—				
January	21¾	21¾	21¾	21¾
May	23⅞	24	23⅞	23⅞
PORK—				
January	12.17	12.22	12.17	12.22
May	12.00	12.12	12.00	12.12A
LARD—				
January	6.90	6.90	6.90	6.90
May	6.95	6.9.	6.95	6.97
RIBS—				
January	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25
May	....	....	....	....

New York Cotton Market.

	Open.	High.	Low.	2:15.
December	9.75	9.75	9.70	9.7
January	9.74	9.74	9.74	9.7
March	9.67	9.67	9.62	9.6
May	9.57	9.57	9.53	9.56

DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT.

James F. Lewis, a Well-Known Builder, Expired in the Night.

James F. Lewis, a retired builder, was found dead in his bed at 811 O Street northwest this morning. He had been indisposed for several days and when he did not come down to breakfast this morning a servant was sent to his room and was unable to arouse him. A doctor was summoned and pronounced him dead. Coroner Nevitt this afternoon issued a certificate of death from acute gastritis.

Mr. Lewis was fifty-four years of age and belonged to one of the oldest families in this city. His father, Thomas Lewis, who was killed several years ago while alighting from a car in front of the Government Printing Office, had been a contractor and builder in this city for years, his last contract being the brick work on the Western Union Building at Fourteenth and F Streets. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

DISTRICT MAN APPOINTED.

William H. Robertson Made Consular Agent at Arnprior, Ont.

William Henry Robertson, of the District of Columbia, was today appointed Consular Agent of the United States at Arnprior, Ontario. Mr. Robertson was Commercial Agent at Moncton, New Brunswick, from October 28, 1885, to February, 1886; Commercial Agent at Yarmouth from February, 1886, to January, 1888; Commercial Agent at Port Hope, Ontario, from January, 1888, to January, 1889; Consul at St. Gall, Switzerland, from January 12, 1889, to May, 1891; Consul at Hamburg, Germany, from June 8, 1893, to July, 1897.

Whirled Around a Shaft.

RICHMOND, Dec. 5.—Peyton Cox, a negro employe of a tobacco box factory here, had a miraculous escape from a horrible death yesterday. Cox, who weighs 200 pounds, was caught in a fast revolving belt and twice carried around the pulley. On the third revolution the belt dropped off and the man was saved. He was hurt, but not seriously.

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MRS. ELIZA W. MILLER'S WILL.

Bequests of the Widow of the Late Jurist.

The will of Eliza W. Miller, widow of the late Justice Samuel F. Miller, of the Supreme Court of the United States, was filed today for probate. The document is dated June 24, 1898.

By the terms of the will the testatrix directs the following disposition of her estate: To her son, Irving, all her real property in Cook county, Ill., and Lee county, Iowa; the remainder is bequeathed to her daughter, Lida M. Touzalin.

THE IMPERIALS WON.

Defeated the Mount Vernons by a Close Score.

The Imperial Athletic Club defeated the Mount Vernon football team last Sunday at Chevy Chase by the score of 2 to 0. The Mount Vernons were strong individually, but lacked team work. Pearson of that team, made the sensational run of the game, going forty yards before being tackled by Carter. Horstkamp, Heider, Carter, and Bray played a good game for the Imperials, while Brick, Bogan, and Pearson did good work for the Mount Vernons.

The Imperials will play the Portners next Sunday at 2:30 o'clock at Chevy Chase.

BONES OF DEAD PATRIOTS.

Discovery of Skeletons of Soldiers Who Fell at Lundy Lane.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 5.—While William Dalton, sexton in the Dundy Lene Cemetery, Canadian side, was digging a grave his spade struck a hard substance which was found to be bones. Search revealed the skeletons of seven soldiers who fell in the battle of Lundy Lane, July 25, 1814. Their nationality was easily identified by the buttons in the trench while leather leggins identified that one of the men was an officer. They belonged to the Seventh Infantry. Six of the skulls were in good shape, the seventh held a musket ball. The teeth showed that they were young men. United States Consul Brush was notified. The action of the United States authorities is awaited.

SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC CHECKED.

No New Cases Reported in New York Today.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The mysterious smallpox epidemic which broke out on the upper west side recently and extended to sections of Brooklyn and Bronx boroughs appears to have been checked. No new cases were reported at the Health Department this morning.

Thus far forty-four cases have been discovered in this borough, the majority of which were taken from the district lying between West Sixty-eighth Street and West Seventieth Street. Only one of these cases has proved fatal. It was said at the Health Department this morning that all the other patients were doing very well. No new cases were reported from Brooklyn or the Bronx up to noon today.

Lighthouse Boy's Narrow Escape.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 5.—A lad who lives near Ocean View and who is employed in lighting the lighthouse just off that beach had a narrow escape yesterday afternoon. He went out to the small lighthouse in his skiff with his brother. While he waited in the boat for his brother, who was fixing the lights, the cable holding the boat broke and he commenced to drift out to sea in his boat. The tide was so strong that all he could do was of no avail. A cutter from the Kearsarge was attracted by his cries and went to his rescue. He was drenched to the skin and exhausted.

A Boy Attacks a Bear.

DRY RUN, Pa., Dec. 5.—While chopping wood near this place Roy Harkins, fifteen years old, discovered a bear in a tree. He waited for the animal to descend and then attacked it with an ax. His strength gave out and he was compelled to run for assistance to a number of woodchoppers, who returned to the tree and found the bear gone, but in its place was a sheep that had been stolen by the animal from the fold of Wilbert Skinner.

Quarantine Against Smallpox.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 5.—The Fort Wayne Board of Health this morning issued quarantine notices to all railroads against Monroeville, Maples, Dawkins, and Edgerton, Indiana, and Payne and Latty, Ohio, owing to the prevalence of smallpox in those towns.

An Ohio Court Clerk Arrested.

FINDLAY, Ohio, Dec. 5.—Presley E. Hay, clerk of the courts of this county, has been arrested at Fort Wayne, Ind. It is charged that he is $10,000 short in his accounts here. Hay disappeared several weeks ago, after the alleged shortage had been discovered.

The Czar Convalescent.

LIVADIA, Dec. 5.—The bulletin in regard to the Czar's condition which was issued this morning says:

"Last evening the Czar's temperature was 98.3 and his pulse 78. This morning his temperature was 97 and pulse 68. His convalescence is taking a generally favorable course."

H. D. Louderbach Coming Home.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—H. D. Louderbach, who represented Charles T. Yerkes in the underground railway deals here, and who resigned on account of the ill-health of his wife, will sail for New York on the steamship Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse.

A BOSTON CUP DEFENDER

A New York Syndicate Yacht to Have Another Competitor.

Thomas W. Lawson Said to Have Decided to Design a Boat as a Rival to the Herreshoff Creation—Sportsmen Pleased With the Prospects of a Three-Cornered Contest.

NEW OYRK, Dec. 5.—The boat that Herreshoff will turn out for the Belmont syndicate to compete with Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock II, for the America's Cup next August, will have to defeat a Boston flyer before she is privileged to represent America in the international struggle.

Thomas W. Lawson, the Boston capitalist and copper magnate, whose interests in rare pinks and fast harness horses have increased his fame, has practically made up his mind to commission B. B. Crowninshield, a naval architect of the Hub, to design him a Cup defender. His final decision, it is said, will turn on the question of finding a competent man to run the yacht.

Mr. Lawson, outside of his desire to see Boston again the Cup defending city, is said to have a score to settle with the New York and Eastern Yacht Clubs and he sees his way clear to it in the building of a boat that will sail all around the single-sticker that Herreshoff will turn out and W. Butler Duncan, jr., will handle.

The news of Mr. Lawson's intention has delighted yachtsmen, who argue that it is not in the power of the Britishers to beat a boat that will issue victor from the three-cornered trial contests between the Columbia and the two new boats to be built.

BOMB EXPLODED AT HARVARD.

Thrown Into Sanders Theatre During a Lecture.

BOSTON, Dec. 5.—A bomb was exploded in Sanders Theatre, at Harvard, this morning, while Prof. Coolidge was lecturing in history. The explosion caused a little fire and great deal of smoke, but no damage was done.

A man was seen looking through the window of the north door at 9:30. Five minutes later he returned and threw the bomb into the room. Last year a similar attempt was made to break up one of Prof. Coolidge's lectures.

A LONDON BLUEBOOK.

The Ponderous Tome Issued Yearly by the City Chamberlain.

(From the Pall Mall Gazette.)

Once a year the city chamberlain issues a ponderous bluebook of figures relating to city finance. It is about as uninteresting in appearance as it can well be, merely a succession of accounts. Nevertheless, the writers on financial subjects invariably rise to the bait as one man, and swallow the dry production with avidity. The bluebook is supposed to afford food for mirth and witticism, but anybody who suggested it outside journalistic circles would be voted a lunatic. There is something saddening about the 334 folio pages, for they represent an outlay of about £500,000, enough to make your pious Radical, if he is still in existence, green with envy and all uncharitableness. It seems that the worthy aldermen who pose so prettily in purple silk robes and train reception robes and hoods do not pay for them. That is well for domestic felicity, if the feminine members of the family happen to be of a frugal turn of mind, for papa parading in a gown which cost £127 10s., as one of them did, is shocking waste when feminine beauty and slimness could have carried it off so much better. We also object strenuously to the corporation having to pay £13 3s. for "pin money" to the swordbearer. Here again is a deliberate invasion of the rights of the fair sex, and if there is a woman of mind in the whole of the domestic circles of the members of the corporation she will see that a portion of that mind is expressed when her lord returns home. We believe it is a fact that the ladies of the various ministers' households seize upon the £132 5s. 6d. worth of fine cloth which is delivered annually as a bribe to the Government officials to keep them in good temper, and has been so delivered for a time which the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. But that is a poor thing compared with these purple silk robes and "pin money."

But the civic fathers can be parsimonious in some respects. There is less than £10 charged for disinfectants, for instance. This is totally inadequate, as the Lord Mayor would find if he would go into company promoting circles and note the need for purification. Then there is only £1 6s. 8d. charged for the livery of the Recorder's clerk. This is shabby. No respectable person can dress on 6s. 8d. per annum, and we shudder to think of the rags and tatters that must get upon Mr. Recorder's nerves. To expect respectable church wardens of London parishes to pull dead bodies out of the Thames for £1 10s per annum is little short of disgusting. Again, there is only one drunkard in the city of London—so that civic banquets are conducted on different methods to those in vogue a hundred years ago, a thing for wives and daughters to note when the head of the family returns home in the small hours of the morning. But that drunkard should be regarded as a relic of the good old days when people were not so particular, and surely it is not handsome to pay only £4 17s. for his maintenance for a whole year. We put it to the corporation, with all respect, would they like it, by an unfortunate combination of circumstances, any of them found themselves in his place? Again, it was surely a little hard that Mr. E. N. Buxton should have to put up with a beggarly illuminated address costing only £5 5s., when Mr. Henniker Heaton had done that cost £52 10s. If the latter were intended as a recompense for the absence of a baronetcy, which a cruel Government continues to withhold, why does not the corporation say so, and thus spare poor Mr. Buxton's feelings? No, the civic accounts certainly give grounds for much dissatisfaction. Not the least is the manner in which they are set out. If only "William James Richard Cotton, Knight, Chamberlain of the City of London," as he is styled, would collect all his interesting points on a separate sheet, and send them round to the newspapers, many a hard-working journalist would be saved the awful toil of wading through those 334 folio pages.

English Beekeepers and the Dahlia.

(From the London Express.)

The dahlia is deservedly a favorite flower in most country districts nowadays. A row of brilliant red dahlias on either side of the garden walk are charming and effective. The flower, too, deserves our esteem in that it blooms when most of the good things of summer are hasting to decay. We do not hear beekeepers telling stories against the dahlia nowadays, but it was decidedly a suspect in former days. Authorities held that the cultivation of the dahlia was quite incompatible with successful beekeeping. The bees, it is to be said, were rendered drunk and incapable by feeding on the honey of those flowers; some would die from the effects, while those that recovered made little or no honey when they arrived home at the hive.

PAID DEAR FOR HIS LEG.

B. D. Blanton, of Thackerville, Tex., in two years paid over $300 to doctors to cure a running sore on his leg. Then they wanted to cut it off, but he cured it with one box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Guaranteed cure for Piles. 25 cents a box. Sold by Henry Evans, druggist, 922 F Street.

Contagious Blood Poison

There is no poison so highly contagious, so deceptive and so destructive. Don't be too sure you are cured because all external signs of the disease have disappeared, and the doctor says you are well. Many persons have been dosed with Mercury and Potash for months or years and pronounced cured—to realize, too late that the disease was only covered up—driven from the surface to break out again, and to their sorrow and mortification find those nearest and dearest to them have been infected by this loathsome disease, for no other poison is so surely transmitted from parent to child as this. Often a bad case of Rheumatism, Catarrh, Scrofula or severe skin disease, an old sore or ulcer developing in middle life, can be traced to blood poison contracted in early life, for it remains smoldering in the system forever, unless properly treated and driven out in the beginning. S. S. S. is the only antidote for this peculiar virus, the only remedy known that can overcome it and drive it out of the blood, and it does this so thoroughly and effectually that there is never a return of the disease to embarrass or humiliate you afterwards.

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(From the Scientific American.)

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