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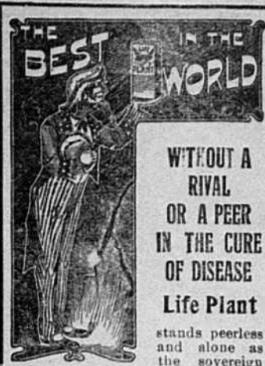
56th Annual Statement

U. S. Cash assets	\$12,056,918.50
U. S. Liabilities	6,890,376.15
U. S. Surplus	5,160,542.35

Wires Its Representatives

"Estimated Baltimore loss one million, which will be paid by draft on Home Office (England) so as to maintain the surplus of the United States Branch. We have subscribed Ten thousand dollars for relief of sufferers."

For Insurance in this Indestructible Guardian of Property Interests, Call on
ALEXANDER & ALEXANDER, Hornor Bldg., Main St.



THE BEST IN THE WORLD

WITHOUT A RIVAL OR A PEER IN THE CURE OF DISEASE

Life Plant

stands peerless and alone as the sovereign remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Rheumatism, Catarrh and all diseases of the blood.

Miss Mary Mummy, Uhrichville, O., says: "I had rheumatism, very painful, limbs and feet so badly swollen that I could not wear my shoes. Tried various remedies but could get no relief until I was induced to try Life Plant. When I had taken one bottle the swelling and pain were all gone and have not returned. I feel decidedly better every way. Cannot say too much for Life Plant."

NO CURE NO PAY is our guarantee. It is the most certain cure for diseases of the blood on the market. If you feel badly why not take a bottle, just the thing to tone up the system.

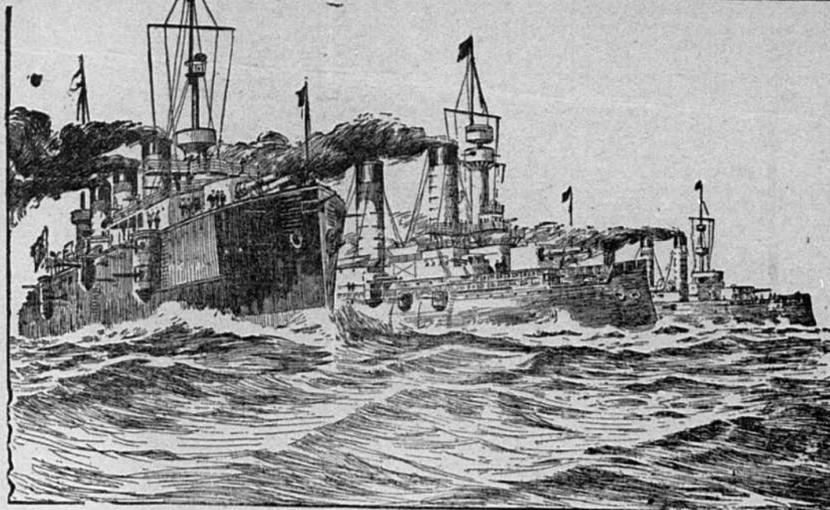
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THE LIFE PLANT CO.,
CANTON, OHIO.

Sold by C. D. Sturm & Co.

GROWNUP DAUGHTERS.

Mothers Should Realize They Are Women and Treat Them as Such.

"A potent cause of friction between mothers and daughters," says a writer in the New Orleans Picayune, "and one that is largely responsible for driving girls into matrimony inconsiderately and making them years for careers, is the inability of mothers to realize that their daughters are grown and have the rights of grown people. There is apparently no other thing so impossible as for parents to see that their adult children resent being treated like babies. This is particularly true as regards mothers. Sometimes a father rises to the height of granting his son liberty to do as he pleases, but as long as a girl remains at home her mother considers she has a perfect right to dictate to her about her clothes, what she shall eat and think and believe and how she shall breathe. I have known old maids of forty-five who have never been permitted even to pick out a pocket handkerchief for themselves, and I once heard a bride ejaculate the day after she was married, 'Thank God, I'll never have to wear another pink dress!' a uniform she had worn consistently ever since she was a baby because her mother happened to admire pink."



TYPES OF RUSSIAN WARSHIPS.

SPOOL BUILDING.

Interesting Pastime For Ingenious Boys and Girls.

There is nothing more interesting for an ingenious boy or girl. Given a lot of spools and a ball of floris wire, so much can be done that it is impossible to give a detailed description. To collect spools is a much easier job than the old fashioned practice of collecting buttons. Old buttons are sometimes valuable in picking out a set, but empty spools are usually thrown away. A person of enterprise can always collect them, and the smallest and most insignificant is not to be despised. A coming architect can plan a house, and the builder of a suspension bridge can string his spools securely on wire and produce a complete and sturdy structure. Strong little tabrets may be made of them. If there is solid wood for the table part; the spools may be used for the legs and supports. A trash basket may be made of them, strung one on top of the other, with a wooden bottom, and lined with gay cretonne. The smaller spools make pretty picture frames, especially if painted white or green. They may be used in a hundred ornamental ways, they may be collected from a dozen different sources, and they are sure to provide amusement for innumerable rainy days.

When Digestion Is Perfect.

Moderation in diet has more to do with prolonging human life than any other one thing. A proper dietetic regimen, once attained, brings all the rest in its train. Sleep, exercise, cleanliness, equanimity of spirit, all hang upon it. Life is not only prolonged, but is constantly enjoyed, most of its minor annoyances vanishing when digestion is perfect. Pay no attention to fads. They give rise to too much introspection, and that is bad for every one.—Roger S. Tracy in Century.

Cheap Acetylene Gas Was Discovered by an Accident.

Cheap commercial acetylene gas was discovered by accident. Willson, a scientific experimenter, believed that nearly all metallic oxides could be reduced to a metallic state by heating them to an extremely high temperature by the voltaic arc in the presence of free carbon. Aluminum had been successfully reduced in this way. Mr. Willson wished to obtain metallic calcium. He therefore mixed a quantity of quicklime with pulverized coke and brought the mixture to a high temperature by the action of the voltaic arc. He expected to obtain a white metal, but instead he appeared to produce nothing but slag. This was thrown into the yard, and one day at noon while the boys were having their luncheon they picked up these bits of slag and threw them at each other. One piece fell into a pail of water and produced a bubbling effect and a strong odor. This attracted Mr. Willson's attention, and upon investigation he found that the strong smelling gas was extremely inflammable. Further investigation revealed that it was pure acetylene gas.—Sir Hiram Maxim in Harper's Weekly.

WOMAN AT HER BEST.

Keep Your Heart Young and Thus Defy Father Time.

Don't belong to the "old folks" and nod through the evening hours because your boy is at college. Don't attempt repair and preservation of beauty with paints, powders and veils. Take plenty of exercise, stand erect, sit erect. When you speak, let your voice possess volume and energy; when you think, think freshly.

Don't say you haven't time for the afternoon's "forty winks." Take it, and your renewed strength will show in a fresher complexion. A half hour's nap after luncheon will do more to eradicate wrinkles than all the beautifiers in the world.

Don't think that a life of ease and luxury is essential to preserving youthful, delicate looks. A certain amount of work and exercise is necessary to keep the muscles firm and elastic and the flesh hard.

Don't let go of love and love of romance. They are anti-dotes against wrinkles. Not all of the world's homage is poured at the feet of girlhood.

Don't fancy that the dew of youth, with its complexion of roses, is alone able to inspire passion. A woman's best and richest years are from thirty to forty. The old saw about "sweet sixteen" is exploded.

Don't be glum if you want to be young. Dance and sing and, above all, laugh. Ride, drive, row, swim and walk a mile—or make it three—daily. Keep your heart young and thus defy Father Time.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Like a Comet

This famous remedy does for the stomach that which it is unable to do for itself, even if but slightly disordered or overburdened.

Kodol

supplies the natural juices of digestion and does the work of the stomach, relaxing the nervous tension, while the inflamed muscles and membranes of that organ are allowed to rest and heal. It cures indigestion, flatulence, palpitation of the heart, nervous dyspepsia and all stomach troubles by cleansing, purifying and strengthening the glands, membranes of the stomach and digestive organs.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

Your Dealer Can Supply You.

Bottles only, \$1.00 Size holding 2 1/2 times the trial size, which sells for 50c.

Prepared by E. C. DeWitt & Co., CHICAGO.

Sold by Wells & Haymaker.

The Y. M. C. A. GLEE CLUB

has the honor of announcing to the citizens of Grafton and vicinity, one . . .

GRAND - CONCERT

to be given the evening of **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12** by the . . .

WOMANS MUSICAL CLUB

AND THE **Y. M. C. A. GLEE CLUB**

In the Brinkman Opera House, Grafton, W. Va., beginning at 8:30. The two clubs will form a **CHORUS OF 100 TRAINED VOICES** to be accompanied by Vincent's Orchestra, and assisted by the following eminent soloists: Miss Agnes Cleveland, soprano; Mr. William G. Hays, bass; Master Frances Hodelle, boy soprano; Miss Zella Clifford, violinist, furnishing a combination of musical talent and presenting a program of artistic merit surpassing anything ever offered the music loving people of this valley. One attractive feature will be half hour

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

To clean zinc wash thoroughly with a flannel dipped in turpentine.

A damp pantry and warm cupboard are both bad places in which to keep bread.

Dry orange peel slowly in an oven and use instead of chips. It makes an excellent fire.

Oleoth which is too badly worn to be used on the tables will cover the pantry shelves nicely and is easily cleaned.

Never put down a carpet on a damp floor, for this, often the result of hurry and impatience on the part of weary house cleaners, is a frequent cause of carpets becoming moth eaten.

A sewing machine needle may be more easily threaded by a person with failing sight if she places behind it a piece of white paper. The white background makes the eye of the needle much easier to see.

Bad Ventilation.

Bad ventilation deforms more children and destroys more health than accident or plague. There is reason to believe that not a few of the scrofulous diseases common among children proceed from the ignorant habit of being put to sleep in beds and perambulators with the head under the bed-clothing and so inhaling air already breathed and further contaminated by exhalations from the skin. "Madam," said a doctor to a woman, "you are smothering the life out of your child's lungs. How would you like to drink the water you wash in? Well, when you cover the baby's head up you force him to use air that is just as bad and just as impure."

Escaped an Awful Fate.

Mr. H. Haggins, of Melbourne, Fla., writes, "My doctor told me I had consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, induced me to try it. I am now on the road to recovery and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases by Frank C. Bland, druggist. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

Have You Indigestion?

If you have indigestion, Kodol Dyspepsia Cure will cure you. It has cured thousands. It is curing people every day—every hour. You owe it to yourself to give it a trial. You will continue to suffer until you do try it. There is no other combination of digestants that digest and rebuild at the same time. Kodol does both. Kodol cures, strengthens and rebuilds. Sold by Wells & Haymaker.

Better Than Gold.

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicine I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says: Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles; that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run-down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Frank C. Bland, druggist.

A Newspaper Worth Reading.

The Pittsburg Times is a conservative careful newspaper for particular people. Its statements of fact and comments on them are concise and correct. Its departments are in charge of experts, and its authority in all matters pertaining to the events of the world at large and of the community it represents more particularly is recognized. It has no Sunday edition, and its position in that regard in Pittsburg is as unique as its thorough reliability in every way. Staunchly Republican in political policy it yet gives all the news of all parties. Its moral tone is high, and churchmen of every creed find in its columns more news of their interests and work than in all its contemporaries combined. Sports are given the prominence they deserve and no more. The news concerning them is bright, timely and adequate, for the work is done by a master. Theaters in The Times as in no other paper have the truth told about them and the plays they offer. No business considerations ever interfere with the publication of criticisms that really criticize in this department, too, the work is done by a master. Society and the affairs of women find careful and complete exposition on the page devoted to them. Industrial matters are accorded the prominence they merit in a Pittsburg paper, while the stock market is given the attention that has brought The Times into the front rank of financial authorities. Above all The Times is a model not only of brevity of statement but of dignified simplicity in its typographical appearance. It offends neither the eye nor the sensibilities. Those things that are of importance are treated accordingly. Those that are unimportant are handled in keeping with their value. Each issue of The Times is a day's history of events the wide world round. Its price is one cent daily or \$3.00 a year.

PROMENADE CONCERT

in the adjoining Hall between the first and second parts, the full orchestra rendering a brilliant program of promenade music.

TICKETS, - - 75 CENTS

Including reserved seats.

The sale of tickets will positively be limited to the seating capacity of the Opera House. Advance orders for tickets will be entered and filled in the order received. Address all orders to

C. A. KEEFER,
Chairman Com. of Management.

Citizens of Clarksburg taking the 6:58 train will arrive in time for the Concert, and returning can leave Grafton at 12:11. Jan 30 Feb 3 & 6

Worth a Thought

This Statement Will Interest Scots of Clarksburg Readers.

The facts given below are worth a perusal by all who are anxious about their physical condition or are similarly situated to this resident of Clarksburg. It is a local occurrence and can be thoroughly investigated.

Mrs. Nancy Lowe, of 489 Mechanic street, says: "I hardly knew what it was to be free from an aching back and an irregular action and condition of the kidneys for twenty years or more. When the attacks were so pronounced that I was unable to do anything I tried remedy after remedy in my endeavors to stop constant pain across the loins. Overexertion, in fact, ordinary exertion, caused twinges which prevented me from doing the simplest housework with any degree of ease. To go up and down stairs was more than a task so that when I say I was over half the time in misery I very mildly state my condition. A newspaper account about Doan's Kidney Pills led me to go to Wells & Haymaker's drug store for a box of them. They performed exactly what they promised, everything correcting the urinary trouble, the aching ceased, my health improved, I slept much better and in other ways benefit resulted from the treatment. My son had occasion to use an ointment for a sore on his ankle. It was hurt in the first place, broke out and refused to heal. An application of two of Doan's Ointment soothed and healed the parts affected that a continuation for some time disposed of it so radically that nothing is left but a slight scar."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cts. Porter-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—DOAN'S—and take no substitute.

An Early Riser.

A strong, healthy, active constitution depends largely on the condition of the liver. The famous little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers not only cleanse the system but they strengthen the action of the liver and rebuild the tissues supporting that organ. Little Early Risers are easy to act, they never gripe and yet they are absolutely certain to produce results that are satisfactory in all cases. Sold by Wells & Haymaker.

Robbers Make Use of This Herb.

In New Caledonia there is said to be an herb which has the rare property of revealing one's secrets. It is known as the Datura stramonium and has white flowers and rough berries full of dark grains. They are treated of in the "Annals of Hygiene and Colonial Medicine." A person who has swallowed the tea made of this herb will after falling asleep tell where his money is hidden and will also arise and go direct to where his treasure is concealed. Robbers often use this tea as knock-out drops with which to rob their victims.

Cardinal Greeting.

Earl is about four years old. He went fishing once, says the New York Mail and Express, in a small pond in the suburbs.

He tied a bent pin to the end of a long string and waited for the unsuspecting minnow to come along and bite. While he was waiting the nursemaid wandered away to exchange greetings with a friendly policeman. When she returned she said: "Earl, dear, did you catch anything?" "Es, Maggie," he answered. "I got a little cunning fish, and he was so glad to see me that he just wagged his tail like everything."

Feats of Famous Men That Seem Almost Beyond Belief.

Some examples of the marvels of memory would seem entirely incredible had they not been given to us upon the highest authority. Cyrus knew the name of each soldier in his army. It is also related of Themistocles that he could tell by name every citizen of Athens, although the number amounted to 20,000. Mithridates, king of Pontus, knew all his 80,000 soldiers by their right names.

Scipio knew all the inhabitants of Rome. Seneca complained of old age because he could not, as formerly, repeat 2,000 names in the order in which they were read to him, and he stated that on one occasion, when at his studies, 200 uneducated verses having been recited by the different pupils of his preceptor, he repeated them in a reverse order, proceeding from the last to the first.

Thomas Crammer committed to memory in three months an entire translation of the Bible. Euler, the mathematician, could repeat the "Eneld," and Leibnitz, when an old man, could recite the whole of Virgil, word for word. It is said "an Essent could repeat not only the whole Bible, but all of Homer, Virgil and Horace, besides many other works.

MARVELS OF MEMORY.

My luck is the best they had had."

"The deuce it is!"

"Yes, sir. A girl refused me yesterday, and I see by the morning paper that her father has lost all his money."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

SWEET MELODY FLOUR

There is no better or nicer \$3.50 and \$4.00 shoes sold in this country than W. T. Merriman's \$3.50 and \$4.00 shoes for men and women, he is now selling for \$2.50 and \$3.00 in all leathers. feb4 d&wtf

Sweet Melody Flour.

NOTICE.

All persons having claims against the estate of R. S. Reynolds, deceased, are hereby notified to present the same to me properly verified and proven, on or before the 1st day of March, 1904, for payment, and any one indebted to said estate are hereby notified to settle on or before the above date.

THOMAS F. REYNOLDS,
Executor of the estate of R. S. Reynolds, deceased.
Jan 29, 1904

A Cure For Eczema.

My baby had eczema so bad that its head was a solid mass of scabs, and its hair all came out. I tried many remedies but none seemed to do any good until I used DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. The eczema is cured, the scabs are gone and the little one's scalp is perfectly clean and healthy, and its hair is growing beautifully and healthy again. I cannot give too much praise to DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve—Frank Farmer, Bluff City, Ky. In buying Witch Hazel Salve look out for counterfeits. DeWitt's is the original and the only one containing pure Witch Hazel. The name E. C. DeWitt & Co. is on every box. Sold by Wells & Haymaker.

Look at the goods and prices in Merriman's windows. feb4 d&wtf

Nearly Forfeits His Life.

A runaway almost ending fatally started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Ormer, Franklin Grove Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure his. Equally good for burns, bruises, skin eruptions and piles. 25c at Frank C. Bland's drug store.

Pneumonia more Fatal than Consumption

It is not generally known that more people die from pneumonia than consumption. This is because every young or old, is susceptible to its attacks after exposure. J. W. Bryan, of Fowler, Ill., writes: "My little boy was very low with pneumonia. Unknown to the doctor we gave him Foley's Honey and Tar. The result was magical and puzzled the doctor, as it immediately stopped the racking cough and he quickly recovered." Refuse substitutes. Sold by Stone & Mercer, C. D. Sturm & Co., and R. J. Cress.

The Moon Train.

A train comes nightly from the east Across the curving sky; Its headlights is the big round moon. Its smoke the clouds close by.

Those clouds of smoke conceal the train I long to have appear; I watch the brilliant, brilliant light That makes the path so clear.

The little sparks of stars fly out Along the moon train's way; I'd like to hear the engine puff, And some bright night I may.

I'd like to see the passengers, Perhaps a boy like me Rides on the train to China now; But, oh, I cannot see!

The splendid daylight blinds my eyes. The train seems but to creep, And long before it reaches here In bed I'm fast asleep.

—Christian Register.

Relief in One Minute.

One Minute Cough Cure gives relief in one minute, because it kills the microbe which tickles the mucous membrane, causing the cough, and at the same time clears the phlegm, draws out the inflammation and heals and soothes the affected parts. One Minute Cough Cure strengthens the lungs, wards off pneumonia and is a harmless and never failing cure in all curable cases of coughs, colds and croup. One Minute Cough Cure is pleasant to take, harmless and good alike for young and old. Sold by Wells & Haymaker.

SWEET MELODY FLOUR

Five Shares of Stock in the Lafayette Glass Company, situated at Clarksburg, W. Va., for sale at a bargain. See Alexander Witt & Co., Lowndes building, Clarksburg, W. Va. feb1-61*

Shoes sold less than cost at Will Nussbaum's. Jan. 14, 11.

Sweet Melody Flour.

W. T. Merriman is not going out of business, but is reducing his present stock, which all know is the best, regardless of cost, preparatory to the greatest stock of shoes, hats and men's furnishings ever handled in the county. feb5-d&wtf.

A few of those ladies trimmed hats left to sell at one-half the regular price. See them to-day. T. J. Lynch & Co. II.

In buying Lyons candies you get the best candies at reasonable prices. C. D. Sturm & Co. Jan5-d1f