

**Believes in Arbitration.**  
The Amalgamated Society of Plumbers and Gas Fitters has resolved to advocate a general conference of all labor organizations to decide upon a plan of general arbitration. The employers will be asked to co-operate in the new movement.—New York Sun.

**A Runaround Change.**  
In view of the number of office boys who made their fortunes by bidding for bonds, it is likely that the term "snake story" will be supplanted by "bond story" in the near future.

# Boils

It is often difficult to convince people their blood is impure, until dreadful carbuncles, abscesses, boils, scrofula or salt rheum, are painful proof of the fact. It is wisdom now, or whenever there is any indication of

# Impure

blood, to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, and prevent such eruptions and suffering.

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# Blood

built me up and restored my health so that, although the doctor said I would not be able to work hard, I have since done the work for 20 people. Hood's Sarsaparilla cured my husband of the boils, and we regard it a wonderful medicine."—Mrs. ANNA PETERSON, Latimer, Kansas.

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## MERRY MEDICINE WAR.

Chicago Druggists to Make Patent Cases of Their Own.

A factory for making remedies similar in nature to the proprietary medicines now on the market is to be started in Chicago by retail druggists. A large majority of the pharmacists are interested, and they hope to drive the medicine makers from the field.

The retail druggists have formed the United States Pharmaceutical company and have issued stock to the amount of \$20,000. Almost all of this has been taken up by prominent pharmacists.

The formation of the company was the outgrowth of a recommendation made by the Illinois Pharmacists' association. The members of that association said that nothing could be done to check the cutting prices, and that druggists must enter the field as manufacturers. As a result 250 of the retailers of Chicago met and formed a company. In two weeks more than 250 Chicago names have been added to those of the organizers, and from the state at large 100 more have come.

Their object is to fight in a practical way the cutting prices of drugs and medicines handled by department stores and to combat at the same time the sale of medicines by the manufacturers and wholesale dealers to these stores.

Hereafter when a person wants a dose to cure a headache and asks for the remedy usually taken the druggist will advise him to take something not only "just as good," but scientifically better, because it has been compounded by a committee of physicians and druggists of the highest reputation. The same thing will be told the man who wants a blood purifier or a plaster.

## CHANGES AT HARVARD.

Vote by the Faculty to Reduce Length of Study in the College.

For two weeks there has been a sharp debate in the Harvard faculty on the proposition to reduce the course of study in the college from four to three years. The Sun reporter learned on the best authority that some action was taken at the last faculty meeting, and President Eliot, when asked concerning the matter, admitted that fact. He said the faculty had voted by a small majority to reduce the number of courses required for a degree from 18 to 15, and that the idea was that any man who had passed 12 of the 15 courses with credit should receive his degree.

This means a three years' course for the college and a dissolution of all the class lines and class feeling. The majority in favor of the motion, however, was so small that the vote was not considered final. The scheme will have to be approved by the corporation and board of overseers before it can go into effect. Members of the faculty who opposed the plan think that the action would be a mistake and predict that if it passes favorably it will bring on a storm of indignation from graduates.—New York Sun.

## SAVED BY THE GIRLS.

New Jersey Skater Rescued by Female Heroism and Originality.

John Mitchell, a well known young man, broke through the ice while skating on Speedwell lake near Morristown, N. J. The water was deep and cold, and Mitchell screamed for help as he struggled for life. Several young women who witnessed the accident went to his assistance and by prompt and original plans began a scheme to rescue him.

Several excited young men skated up intent on brave deeds, full of suggestions, but devoid of plans. The young women pushed them out of the way without ceremony and set about to work out Mitchell's salvation by their own methods. Two of the girls lay down on the ice and the others held on their dresses while they reached into the water and seized the drowning man by the arms. Considerable vigorous pulling resulted in bringing Mitchell out upon the stronger ice, where he soon recovered his breath and went home to thaw out.—New York Recorder.



It was hemstitched and bordered with "beading."

Then edged with this "footing," or lace. And it looked like a part of a flower. When held to her dear, dimpled face.

I thought, when it waved me a greeting. That it seemed like a flattering dove. Then, afterward, with our hands meeting. It seemed like the white badge of love.

Will it ever be emblem of sorrow? Of pain, or of shuddering fears? Will it wave sad farewells, will it ever Receive her warm, womanly tears?

Ah, dear little bit of fine linen. I pray such a fate will not be! May you never have office less happy Than to wave a gay greeting to me!—Detroit Free Press.

## FLOOD OF INVENTIONS.

Patents for Wheelmen's Sundries Are Constantly Applied For.

The patent office at Washington has been flooded during the last year with inventions relative to the bicycle. It is estimated that the ambitious of 500 persons are displayed in the invention of bicycle sundries submitted to the patent office every month. It is estimated that 80 per cent. of the inventions sent to the patent office are of no use to the rider. Something over 100 "toe clips" have been invented. A dealer said the other day that very few of the clips were of any consequence, but that all had ready sales.

The dealer was asked if all the bicycle sundries found ready sales. He said: "No, not by any means. There are many things that are meant to be blessings to riders that are comparatively unheard of. They are just the things that the makers claim are necessary to make a bicycle complete. Why, there are things in the store to-day that we never expect to get rid of. To tell the truth, there are many of them that I would not sell if I could. I could not look the buyer in the face an hour later if I did. If a bicycle rider were to supply himself with everything that is claimed to be necessary to make his outfit complete, he would find it extremely difficult to put them all in an average-sized wheelbarrow. There are bicycle sundries and there are bicycle sundries."

## SUCCEEDS CECIL RHODES.

Sir J. Gordon Sprigg, Cape Colony's New Premier.

Sir J. Gordon Sprigg, who has succeeded Cecil Rhodes as premier of Cape Colony, is another one of the men who have come to South Africa possessing neither health nor wealth, and he now enjoys both. Thirty years ago he was a newspaper reporter in London. His physician advised him to emigrate for his health, which had been broken as a result of overwork. When he was carried on board of the vessel which bore him from his native land he little thought that he would be premier of

the new country to which he was being conveyed. In fact he has been three times premier, being first chosen in 1878 and serving until 1881, and then again from 1883 to 1887. From 1881 to 1883 he was again premier, and in 1887 he was again premier, and in 1887 he was again premier, and in 1887 he was again premier.

When Congress Will Adjourn. It is now considered pretty well settled this congress will do nothing but pass the appropriation bills and go home. There is no reason why it should not conclude its labors by the middle of May and give every one a chance to go to the national conventions and all the statesmen an opportunity to spend the entire summer at home looking after their political fences. Speaker Reed is confident congress will quit before June 1.—Walter Wellman in Chicago Times-Herald.

The real polite member of a family is the one who does the most lying when guests are present.

## AN OPAL CANNOT BE LOST.

Apparent Verification of a Virtue Claimed For the Alleged Turkey Gem.

A wealthy broker of West Philadelphia had a rather singular experience the other day. He and his family have had in their possession for a number of years some very handsome opals, but the superstition which was formerly entertained concerning the stone being unlovely prevented him making use of the gems. Last year he took a trip to Europe. While in London he met at the house of a mutual friend a dealer in precious stones, who had just come from Graciosa in Honduras, and had brought back some fine gems.

Instead of putting any faith in the popular superstition this gentleman believed in the opal very thoroughly and attributed to it virtues which no other gem possessed. Among the things which he said about it was that the opal was attached to its owner by invisible cords and that it was impossible to lose it, though it might be mislaid. The Philadelphia broker on his return to Philadelphia chose the finest opal in his collection, had it set in a ring, surrounded by small diamonds, and at Christmas presented it to his wife. It was truly a beauty, and she wore it with conscious pride.

One day on returning from a day's outing she received quite a shock—the opal was gone. Search proved vain. No trace of the stone could be discovered. Not only on account of its value, but because she knew how highly her husband prized the stone, she hated to inform him of her loss. At last she felt obliged to do so, when, greatly to her astonishment, he drew from his vest pocket a tiny package and presented it to her. Upon opening it what was her delight when she recognized her lost opal.

More astonishing still, her husband affirmed that while he was walking down Chestnut street a day or two before he felt something under the sole of his shoe, which upon investigation proved to be the opal which he had lost. There was no doubt about it being the lost one, for the jeweler who had set it recognized it also.—Philadelphia Times.

## Lying Out a Steep.

There died in Paris a few years ago an eccentric individual, one Count Napoleon Bertrand, a son of the companion of the great Napoleon at St. Helena. His eccentricity at times drove him to such extremes that he was often the subject of ridicule.

One of his most curious actions was a practice which he annually observed of hiring a room in a hotel and going to bed for three months, having previously given instructions for food to be brought him once a day, and that not a word was to be spoken by his servant. During the siege of Paris he was lodging at his hotel.

One day the bread served him was of such a bad quality that he grew quite angry, and forced his servant to tell him the reason, which of course was that the city was besieged by the German army. The count was momentarily stupified. He got up, and for some time wandered about the hotel, saying to himself: "Paris besieged—besieged? What could a Bertrand do?"

After having reflected for some moments he answered the query. "Why, he ought to go to bed, and will go to bed," he added, and so he did, and slept out the siege.—Pearson's Weekly.

## Colder Than the North Pole.

Walter Wellman, who has been in the arctic regions himself, says that McVillie's theory of an eternal ocean ice cap is as indefensible as the old notion of an open polar sea. At the pole the mean annual temperature is reckoned at 2 degrees F. above zero. In summer it is doubtless often so warm there that the lucky explorer who reaches its neighborhood will pull at his sledges with bare hands and without any coat to incumber him. During three months of summer the mercury would not fall below 10 degrees above zero. He might pass a whole winter there without seeing the mercury drop any lower than it occasionally falls in Manitoba and northern Minnesota. But he would find a steeper cold. For three months, probably, he would have no higher temperature than 20 degrees below.

Arctic climate, like many other things in that region, is little understood by people who have not given the subject special study. In that country it is always cold when the wind blows, summer or winter. But even in winter, when the wind is light or still, a well clad man can move about in comfort.

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Why not be a well woman this spring? There are women who cannot tolerate the smallest neglect about the house who too often take no care of their health.

They should use these precious spring days for getting strong and well by taking Paine's celery compound—the greatest of all spring remedies.

Miss Elsie M. Brown of 2 Leeds St., Dorchester, Mass., whose picture is given above, wrote the 5th of this month as follows:

"Four or five years ago, I suffered with dreadful pains in my back (owing to my kidneys), so much so that night after night I could not close my eyes, and what few hours I did get, I could be heard moaning and tossing, showing that even in my sleep, I suffered pain. At times I would have more pain than usual over my left hip, and when waking in the morning it would be all I could do to stretch my limb

down straight, as there would be a twinge and trembling of the cords. Beside such torture, I began to bloat a great deal.

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It is easiest to do this now, as spring is approaching. Take Paine's celery compound when the system is most responsive to its cleansing, strengthening influence. An improved appetite, sound digestion, uninterrupted sleep, and an energetic condition, are the result of taking Paine's celery compound.

## EDEN'S FLOWERS AND THORNS.

In this beautiful season of flowering green, when the air is balmy and the sunlight enters into this Eden of ours to our pleasure and delight, it is not to be envied, man has his thorns, and it is even doubtful—if all of life were a scene of pleasure—whether we could possibly enjoy it. The bird comes and sings, and the lark sings and goes. Rheumatism comes also. It comes from exposure to the dampness of the nights and mornings, to the sudden change of temperature, and it certainly goes as thousands know, by the prompt use of St. Jacobs Oil, which is a complete and perfect cure. It is well, therefore, which we enjoy all these reasonable delights, to be without this great remedy for pain, and to have it ready, more because we are the more liable at this season than any other to suffer from such attacks.

"The trees are leaving," remarked Mrs. Snuggs. "Nevertheless, they are not packing their trunks," replied Mr. Snuggs, who objected to his wife's coldish verb.

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"Little boy, what are you crying about?" "Cause I had a nickel in my pocket, and I lost it." "Well, it's all gone; an' if I'd got a nickel's worth of ready 'd bin a-ent' in 'em."

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