

Catarrh In the Head

In an inflammation of the mucous membrane lining the nasal passage. It is caused by a cold or accumulation of colds, combined with impure blood. Catarrh is cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which eradicates from the blood all scrofulous taints, rebuilds the delicate tissues and builds up the system.

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Those who have given most thought and study to the subject concur in the testimony that it is not the work of brain or body that kills, but the accompanying worries and anxieties, combined with unphysiological habits of life, that undermine the sensitive nervous system and ruin the constitution. And here an aggravating fact comes in—in nine cases out of ten the desolating thoughts and carking cares which are harbored and brooded over are entirely unnecessary and frequently imaginary. There are numberless kinds of worry, and many people seem born with a predisposition to it.

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Mr. B. P. McAllister, of Harrodsburg, Ky., had Catarrh for years. He writes:

"I could see no improvement whatever, though I was constantly treated with sprays and washes, and different inhaling remedies. In fact, I could feel that each day the disease was worse than the year previous. I was brought to my knees by the fact that Catarrh was a blood disease, and after thinking over the matter, I saw it was unreasonable to expect to be cured by remedies which only reached the surface. I bought a bottle of S. S. S., and after a few bottles were used, I noticed a perceptible improvement. Continuing the remedy, I was cured in 20 days of my system, and a complete cure was the result. I advise all who have this dreadful disease to abandon their local treatment, which has never done them any good, and take S. S. S., a remedy that can reach the disease and cure it. To continue the wrong treatment for Catarrh is to continue to suffer. Swift's Specific is a real blood remedy, and cures obstinate, deep-seated diseases, which other remedies have no effect whatever upon. It promptly reaches Catarrh, and never fails to cure even the most aggravated cases."

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Report says that the United States has been looking for a deep-water port on the Gulf coast. But the Supreme Court decision on traffic agreements has put it in deep enough water to satisfy it for the present.

Activity of Vesuvius.
Much anxiety has been caused in Naples by the renewed activity of Mount Vesuvius. There is little likelihood that it will do any serious damage. On the other hand thousands die daily from stomach disorders, who might have survived had they resorted to Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It is the greatest tonic known for stomach and digestive organs.

A man in New York has offered to show Chief of Police Devery "a wide open town." If he didn't explain in his offer that he meant New York itself we would surely think he intended to bring him to Chicago.

Trust France to find a way of letting go one horn or both horns of a dilemma. It was dangerous to persist that Dreyfus was guilty. It was equally dangerous to revise his case. So the court of cassation will decide "there was no treason," and the prisoner of Devil's island will be free. But will Dreyfus be content to accept liberty without vindication?

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Curious Signs in Japan.
In Japan the traveler sees many curious signs, one of the strangest of which is the population washing itself at the corners of streets toward evening. In Yeddo the citizens frequent large bathing establishments. The street doors of such resorts stand open, and a striking spectacle, to say the least, is presented by the inmates sitting washing themselves with the utmost unconcern. This is a general custom and nothing whatever is thought of it. Such an apparent want of modesty is difficult to comprehend, and is not reconcilable with the advanced state of civilization of the Japanese. In many other of their manners and customs do the Japs offer a striking antagonism to those accepted by us.

A Single Shell.
There is in the state department at Washington a relic of the famous battle of Manila in the shape of fragments of a shell from one of Admiral Dewey's six-inch guns. This fragment, which is rusty from exposure, smashed the Spanish commandant's house at Cavite, destroyed \$10,000 worth of property and killed five Spaniards. It is evident all shells, though fired by American guns, do not hit the mark, but when they do the effects are quite beyond ordinary comprehension. We see the results in small instances like this, but more plainly in the utter destruction of entire fleets.

Deep Shaft.
The deepest shaft in the United States is the Red Jacket, Calumet and Hecla, Lake Superior, which is a little over 4,900 feet in depth. The shaft of the Tamarack mine, in the same district, is 4,500 feet deep. The deepest shaft in California is the Kennedy, Amador county, which is down 2,200 feet, though the Inahe, Nevada county, and the Sierras Butte, Plumas county, are almost the same depth. The deepest shaft in Colorado is the California, 2,150 feet; the Geysers, Silver Cliff district, is almost as deep.

Gladstone.
By Sarah K. Bolton: Last March I saw these words from the London Westminster Gazette: "The death of the black Pomeranian dog, Pete, which for nine years had been a constant companion of Mr. Gladstone, has been an additional pang to the whole family. When Mr. Gladstone went to Cannes, Pete was left with the Dreads, but he pined, would not eat, and was returned to Hlawarden the day Mr. Gladstone returned. The dog died on Friday."

Gratified the Prince.
Prince Ferdinand of Roumania, who has been hunting in the Carpathians, expressed a desire to kill a bear, and soon after had the luck to start up two, one of which he shot. On examining the carcass he found a hole through the nose, as though the animal had worn a ring, and inquiry brought out the confession that the Amtmann of the district had bought the bears from a showman in order to gratify the Prince's wish.

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Special Notice.
To the Members of the Farmers' Alliance & Industrial Union: I have made a careful investigation of the best sources of reliable information about the Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co.'s Remedies, and found that they were giving good satisfaction. I therefore deem it but an act of simple justice to our members to say, that I believe that the claims made by the Company for their remedies will be fully realized by those who will give them a fair and reasonable trial. Yours fraternally, Jno. C. Hanley, Business Agt. F. A. & I. U.

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Coal is dearer in South Africa than in any other part of the world. It is cheapest in China.

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In Japan coins are generally of iron; and in Siam they are chiefly of porcelain.

FASHION NOTES.
There is a newly designed watch dial, made to appeal to card players. The ace of clubs represents 1 o'clock, and 10 o'clock is the ten of the same suit. The knave and queen of clubs represent 11 and 12 o'clock.

Some chic forms in hats have the brims moulded with a high roll in the back and point down, with no roll at all over the face. They are rather rakish and will probably be popular with cyclists, as they protect the eyes.

Ladies' cloth will be used this fall in making street and calling costumes. Little narrow ribbons are put on hats in the form of scroll work. Dainty bonnets are sometimes made entirely of shirtings of this narrow ribbon.

A novelty in autumn goods is a poplin ground with a bayadere effect, with chenille cords. These goods are all silk, and have a rich and lustrous appearance. Some of these poplins show many lines in chenille, producing braided effects.

A stylish dark walking suit has the effect of a long outdoor garment. The coat has a straight front, buttoned the full length with large rubber buttons, four or five of them, and they are met by buttons of the same kind and size, which run the full length of the skirt, which has the effect of an opening.

Rhinestone buttons, large and small, appear on many pretty frocks, cut steel ornaments, a large plain crystal button; and there is nothing prettier than the plain crystal button which has no ornamentation. Small crystal buttons are also used, some of them having just a touch of metal in the center, as if to simulate a silver or gilt thread.

The jacket fronts of a pretty blouse are fastened at intervals by pairs of these plain crystal buttons, with the touch of gilt in the center and connected by gilt chains.

FOR MY LADY.
Several shades of one color are to be worn on evening dresses. A curious novelty originating in Paris is a striped cloth gown with checked sleeves.

Velvet or cloth applique upon cloth are to be the idols of the coming season, and it is rumored that flounces upon the skirts and capes are to go. There are two shapes recognized by authorities for coats. One will be three-quarter length with the basque fitting tightly on the hips; the other will reach just three inches below the waist.

Jewels are to be more popular than ever this coming season. We are to have rings on our fingers and chains on our toes in the greatest profusion while pearls are to be essential to the winter costume. The enthusiasts will wear two rows of these fastened in front of their hair, with a Louis Seize bow of black ribbon velvet.

The really wise woman will supply herself at once with a black cloth dress trimmed with many lines of silken braiding; the skirt of this might be crossed on the left hip and outlined with scallops down one side and on the edge of the shaped flounce. With a short coat this should have a scalloped basque and collar, and the shoulder pieces should be cut in one with small epaulettes.

CLEVER LITTLE STORIES.
A Washington clergyman was told by the sexton that the church was on fire. "Very well," replied the parson, "I will retire. Perhaps you'd better wake up the congregation."

W. D. Howells has adopted the rule that all applicants for his autograph must furnish satisfactory proof that they have read his books. A young girl recently wrote to the great novelist for his autograph. By return of post came a single typewritten line: "Have you read my last book?" To which the young lady replied: "I sincerely hope so." The autograph came promptly.

In the counting-house of an office usually closed at 6 o'clock the office boy has been known, like others of that fraternity, to occasionally forget to do those things which he ought to have done, and the manager has at last had to impress upon him the advisability of making a note of anything important and keeping it in a conspicuous place as a reminder. The other day a piece of paper was noticed pinned to the wall in front of the lad's desk, and upon examination, was found to bear the following: "Memorandum. Leave at six."

Promises make debts and debts make more promises.

Popular fallacies are more plentiful than popular facts.

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The average person if asked to name the most precious metal would mention gold, yet there are many less known metals that are worth far more. Gold is worth \$250 per pound, troy weight, Barium, the metal which Davy isolated from its ore, baryta, in 1808, sells for \$950 a pound, when it is sold at all, and calcium is worth \$1,300 a pound. Osmium is a shade higher; its cost is \$160 an ounce, or \$1,920 per pound. These begin to look like fabulous prices, but they do not reach the highest point, chromium being \$200. Jobalt falls to about half the price of silver, while didymium, the metal isolated by Masander, is the same price as calcium. Then comes gallium, which is worth \$3,250 an ounce. With this metal the highest price is reached, and it may well be called the rarest and most precious of metals. Glucium is worth \$250 per ounce, idium \$150, iridium \$658 a pound, janthanium \$175, and lithium \$160 per ounce. Nidium costs \$128 per ounce, osmium, palladium, platinum, potassium and rhodium bring respectively \$640, \$400, \$180, \$22 and \$512 per pound. Strontium costs \$128 an ounce, tantalum \$144, titanium \$8, thorium \$272, vanadium \$320, yttrium \$144, and zirconium \$250 an ounce.

It is just thirty years ago that Queen Isabella was deposed and fled from Madrid; and it was generally agreed that it was a good riddance. The ex-queen is now 63 years old, but in good health and has not yet ceased to hope. She may live to see another change in the rulers of Spain.

One Year Behind the Times.
The Atchison women are the latest in the world. Though the majority of them are wearing new hats, they take them off at the theater just as they would any old thing.—Atchison Globe.

Easily Faked.
"What do you think of this tax on beer?" "I think it is all right. By the time a man drinks enough beer to feel the tax he will be in a condition not to care."—Pack.

Various Transports of Miss.
The fact that Mr. Chauncey M. Depew was kissed by a pretty girl goes to show that railroads have their popular heroes, as well as warships.—Baltimore News.

Very True.
Little Clarence—Pa. What does "generally speaking" mean? Mr. Callipers—It means one of the most prominent characteristics of women, my son.—Pack.

There is one Spanish possession, at least, that Uncle Sam does not want—the province of Promise in the land of Manana.

When last heard of the Quebec boundary commission was resting quietly with respiration normal and pulse even.

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