

# Catch Cold Easily?

Are you frequently hoarse? Do you have that annoying tickling in your throat? Would you feel relieved if you could raise something? Does your cough annoy you at night, and do you raise more mucus in the morning? Then you should always keep on hand a bottle of

## Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

If you have a weak throat you cannot be too careful. You cannot begin treatment too early. Each cold makes you more liable to another, and the last one is always harder to cure than the one before it.

Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral Mixture protects the lungs from colds.

### Help at Hand.

If you have any complaint whatever and desire the best medical advice you can possibly obtain, write the doctor freely. You will receive a prompt reply.

Address, DR. J. C. AYER, Lowell, Mass.

A striking example of corrupt Chinese methods has just been brought to light. The total of Shanghai and imperial director of railroads was summoned to Peking by the emperor for a conference on important affairs of state. At the outer gate of the city he was told his baggage would be confiscated if he did not pay thirty thousand taels duty. Much of his baggage being contraband articles which it was not lawful to take into the city, he paid the money. At the inner gate he was similarly stopped, and mulcted in the sum of twenty thousand taels. So it cost him nearly thirty-two thousand dollars to get into the city in compliance with the emperor's order. No wonder, we say, that under such a system China is in the process of hopeless decay! Yes, and if corruption is condoned even in the least degree in our own land, may we not be in danger of a like fate unless we mend our ways?

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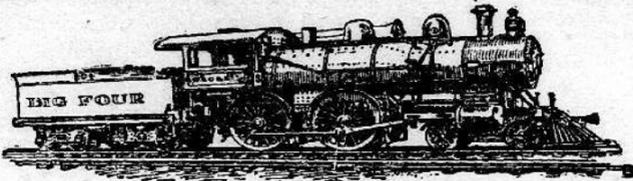
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## BIG FOUR GIANT LOCOMOTIVES

The Big Four railroad has recently received from the builders four 8-wheel passenger locomotives to haul their fast trains. These engines are, in every respect, models of their kind, and are probably the largest, fastest, most powerful and best looking passenger engines in any part of the country, and are a credit to the management and their designer, Mr. Wm. Garstang, superintendent of motive power of the Big Four, and the Schenectady Locomotive Works, their builders. The engines are now in ser-



ONE OF THE NEW LOCOMOTIVES.

vice between St. Louis and Cleveland, on the fastest and heaviest trains, making the time and doing it easier than was ever accomplished before on this run. In designing these engines it was necessary to make a machine combining great power with high speed and easy running avoiding all jerk to the train, an unnecessary strain on the track. This has been accomplished to such an extent that both engine and tender, while at the highest speed, ride with the greatest steadiness and so soft and easy a motion that the engineers claim not to be at all tired at the end of their run. These noble machines stand 15 feet high from top of rail to top of cab and 9 feet 9 1/2 inches to wheels 78 inches and truck and tender wheels 36 inches in diameter, show trim and powerful, without an

unnecessary pipe or rod to mar their symmetry. The material used in the construction of these machines is the finest of its kind, and the greatest care was exercised in both the tests and workmanship to insure every part being perfect. The driving wheel centers, steam chest and covers, cylinder heads, foot plates, auxiliary dome, driving boxes and spring seats are all of cast steel, while the dome castings stack base, boiler front, cylinder castings and tender truck frames are pressed steel. The boiler is extended

### PECAN GROWING PROFITABLE.

What an Experienced Grower Has to Say of the Industry.

The following instructive paper on pecans was recently read at a farmers institute. The author is Dr. O. D. Faust, of Bembury, South Carolina.

Probably at no previous time has there been such an interest taken in the planting of nut trees all over the United States as now. The forests of the Southern states have furnished us the finest nut trees on top of the green earth. If he be a benefactor of his race who causes two blades of grass to grow where only one blade grew before, how much more must he benefit the world who plants that which shall continue to grow in beauty and strength and become of still greater benefit to the world as the years go on?

The rest of the foregoing instructive paper together with some good points on the growing and marketing of this, the best of all our home grown nuts, can be secured by sending two cent stamp to Henry Pfeiffer, Kansas City, Mo.

### PEOPLE OF PROMINENCE.

Dudley Hardy has designed about 350 posters.

Gom Paul, it is said, has latterly begun to assume a little more of the pomp and ceremony of a president. He now has seven troopers to escort him from one government building to another.

Among Col. Roosevelt's less-known hunting expeditions was that of tramping upon a rattlesnake in Colorado. The reptile stung the future Rough Rider and made a sick man of him for several days.

Mrs. John Wood enjoys the reputation in the profession of being the most word-perfect actress in this country. She has a wonderful memory, studies quickly, and is seldom obliged to resort to "gag."

The grand duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz has just celebrated his seventy-ninth birthday. He is thus only five months younger than Queen Victoria. The king of Denmark, however, is older than either, having passed his 80th year, while the grand duke of Luxembourg, the oldest of the rulers of Europe, is over 81.

The present emperor of China—if Kwang Su be indeed still living—attempted to check a revolt in his dominions by granting the reforms demanded by the insurgents. The result was disastrous to him, but the essay did him credit. In it he followed the example of one of his predecessors nearly a century ago, who on a memorable occasion said in a public proclamation: "An attempt at revolution has been made, for which I blame myself. It must arise from the low state of my virtues and accumulated imperfections. My ministers and I have governed carelessly, and caused the present occurrence."

Interest in the project to replace the Maine by a battleship to be called the American Boy, to be built by means of contributions from the youth of America, continues unabated. Scores of contributions and letters of inquiry arrive daily at the Cincinnati headquarters. Schools all over the country are giving entertainments for the benefit of the fund.

### RECENT INVENTIONS.

A Texan has patented a billiard cue which is chambered at the end and filled with chalk, to be discharged through small opening to the face of the cue as each shot is made.

In a new British bicycle saddle a metallic ring, supported by braces, is strung with straps or other flexible material to form a flat seat which springs with the weight of the rider.

To ascertain the size of finger rings a new measuring device has a flat base on which the finger is placed, with graduated bars to surround the finger and indicate the size of ring needed.

An improved footrest for boot-blacking stands clamps are provided for the sole and heel portions, which can be adjusted to fit any foot and clamped in place by a lever at the side of the base.

A handy hitching post has a spring drum inserted in the top, on which is wound a cord with a snap hook at the outer end for attachment to the bridle, the spring pulling the rope into the post when not in use.

In a new jack-screw for raising heavy bodies the spiral ribs inside the frame are replaced by a series of steel balls which mesh in the grooves on the threaded shaft and decrease the friction as the shaft is turned.

Bags can be quickly fastened by an Ohio man's device, consisting of two steel members pivoted together, with a yoke on one which locks over teeth on the other member as they are pressed over the mouth of the sack.

A handy cup for drinking purposes has a weighted section formed under the flange in the bottom, so that the cup can be dropped into the spring when not in use, the weight keeping it in an upright position as it floats.

### GROWTH OF FINGER NAILS.

In one particular the growth of the nails and hair and beard are governed by the same law—that of growing more rapidly in summer than in winter.

Comparing the same fingers on the different hands, it will be found that the nails on the left-hand fingers require about eighty days longer to renew than those on the right hand.

The finger nails of the human species grow more rapidly in children than in adults, and the growth is slowest with the aged. Both in childhood and age they grow faster in summer than in winter. In one instance a nail that required 132 days to renew in winter, renewed in summer in exactly 116 days.

One peculiarity of the growth of finger nails is that the period of renewal differs proportionately with the length of the fingers. Thus it is more rapid in the middle fingers than any other. In the fingers on either side of the middle finger the period of renewal is about equal and slower. It is even more slow in the little finger, and is the slowest of all in the thumb.

Lawyers are so plentiful that but few criminals get a chance to plead guilty.

The old scriptural sobriety was effectual doing; ascetic sobriety is effectual dullness.

The respect due to old age is always dealt out with a ladle to the wealthy grandfathers.

The closer you get to some people the more distant they are.

About the easiest thing in the world is not to become a millionaire.

**A Race Against Fire.**  
The crew of a steamer from Spain discovered in mid ocean that flames were raging in the hold. For ten days they bravely fought the flames. If men would fight as persistently against disorders of the stomach, there would be fewer premature deaths. The best weapon for such a fight is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.

### DEVIIOUS DEFINITIONS.

Art—The step-mother of nature's children.

Circle—A straight line crooked all the way around.

Theory—A crazy patchwork of unnatural deductions.

Hypocrisy—A malady that has been pronounced incurable.

Astronomer—A space reporter who is not a newspaper man.

Sermon—A short Bible text elongated until it becomes a mystery.

Anarchist—A man who is unable to stand the prosperity of other men.

Intolerant—The sinner who imagines he has been made over into a saint.

Artistic—Something that we know is expensive, but don't fully understand.

Success—Something a man seldom achieves by acting on the advice he gives to others.—Chicago News.

There is no fool so sad a fool as the smart fool.

The new South has its King Cotton, but there are other crop kings. A syndicate of sovereigns is better for the South than the sole monarch of the past. Of one of the Georgia counties the Atlanta Constitution picturesquely remarks, "There the corn grows full-eared, and the bulging boils of cotton bid defiance even to four and one-eighth cents per pound. This, however, is because there is wheat to be right of it, potatoes to the left of it, and fattening cattle and rolling logs before it."

**The Diplomat and Gold Medal.**  
Were awarded to the Chicago Scale Company of Chicago, Ill., at the Omaha exposition for the best stock and hay scales over all first-class makes, no cheap scales were considered. This company sells more scales than any other, and their prices are lower than those of any reliable scale. They also handle hundreds of useful specialties for farmers and others. "They send catalogue free."

Men now living can remember when Rowland Hill effected the adoption of the "penny post" in England, and the vast progress it marked in human intercourse and information. Today we stand upon the threshold of a penny post era, not only throughout the British empire, but in all the English-speaking world. It will be a time of mighty forward movements toward that intimate intercourse and sympathetic mutual knowledge that are the essential prelude to the brotherhood of man.

**TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY**  
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. Use. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

A walking delegate is a man who hates those who are rich enough to give others employment.

**Samson's Pure Face Powder**  
Beautifies Ladies' Complexion. 25 cents Box at all Druggists.

The hardness of his way is never realized by the transgressor until he gets a real hard fall on it.

Try Bon Bon Baking Powder, purest and best. No other first-class baking powder sold at so low a price. All grocers.

Some people should take more pains to conceal what they know.

Glass eyes are now made with such perfection that the wearers themselves can't see through the deception.

Look for It. Here it is. Now you know by this sign

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The American Farmer is sincere in what it says and whenever it endorses an article, or a man individually, we want our readers to believe that what we say we have good reason to understand is true. For a year or more there have been endorsements of the Swanson Rheumatic Cure Company, of 167 Dearborn street, Chicago, by this paper. People have written us to know if this company is responsible, and if its remarkable remedies, for the cure of rheumatism, neuralgia, dyspepsia, catarrh, kidney troubles, etc., really had merit. We have therefore been at extra pains to investigate, and once again we add emphasis to our former endorsement of that company. There may be isolated cases here and there which, probably through neglect in following directions, or from exposure to some unexplainable reason, the wonderful Five Drops remedy does not do the work. But it is a case where the exception proves the rule. Mr. Swanson is a gentleman of character and personal integrity, and, we believe, would no more attempt to deceive the public than the writer of this article. They still offer to send a sample bottle of "5 Drops" for 25c or a large bottle, 300 doses, for \$1, prepaid by mail or express. Address as above.

Lots of people wait in vain for their ships to come in simply because they neglected to launch them.

Glass eyes are now made with such perfection that the wearers themselves can't see through the deception.

What an absurd thing it is to pass over all the valuable parts of a man, and fix our attention on his infirmities.

It is human nature for men to look out for number one, but the charming young widow always looks out for number two.

**How's This!**  
We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.  
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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

It sometimes worries a woman because some particular man isn't worrying about her.

If there be any truer measure of a man than by what he does, it must be by what he gives.

**Mrs. Winslow's Scething Syrup**  
For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

Some men could pay their debts with the price of shoe leather they wear out in dodging their creditors.

Piso's Cure for Consumption has been a God-send to us.—Wm. B. McCallister, Chester, Florida, Sept. 17, 1895.

Of course it was a woman who said "An honest man is the loneliest word of God."

Ask your grocer for a can of Bon Bon Baking Powder and you will never use any other. Highest in quality, lowest in price.

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