

The Sarsaparilla that's used by Chinese and Hindu; in the bushes of Australia and the wilds of South America; the Sarsaparilla that braces British and Boer, and gives strength to French and German, Russian and Turk,—

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The Sarsaparilla that has more than twenty pages of doctors' indorsements, extending over nearly sixty years, embracing every known disease which arises from impure blood; that's made on honor and made to cure,—

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The Sarsaparilla that's made of carefully selected drugs, the best and purest and most expensive from the world over; that's made of a sarsaparilla root costing more than ten times as much as that which enters into the composition of any other Sarsaparilla,—

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**Stranger Neighbors.**  
"Mrs. Snitzer visited you yesterday, didn't she, Della?"  
"Oh, no; she sent in her card, with a message that she wasn't calling on me—she just wanted to use our telephone."—Chicago Times-Herald.

**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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**Sure Enough.**  
Shopper (at department store lunch counter)—Goodness, these hot cakes are not nearly so large as those I got here last week.  
Waiter—Well, these are flannel cakes, and you know flannel will shrink.—Philadelphia Press.

**Important to Mothers.**  
Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it is  
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Beware the Signature of  
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**Possible Encounter.**  
"Will there be a fight?"  
"Well," said the pugilist, "I should not be surprised. That man has threatened to whip me on sight if I don't quit bothering me with challenges."

**A Vacuum.**  
Willie—I can't get it through my head what a vacuum means.  
Edith—Oh, I'm afraid you don't know your own mind, Willie.—Judge.

**Always up on time—the statue of William Penn.**

### A REMARKABLE SCHOLAR.

Even His Illness Did Not Interfere With His School Attendance.  
Perhaps the record for school attendance belongs to a Walworth lad named Thomas Ward, who was never absent or late during his eleven years of school life, beginning his fourth year. The local member of the school board for London tells the story that when the proud boy received the attendance medal for the eleventh year—which had to be specially struck to meet his case—the mother was questioned as to how the boy had been able to make so remarkable a record.  
"Has he had the usual children's complaints?" she was asked.  
"The measles?"  
"Yes, sir."  
"Whooping cough?"  
"Yes, sir."  
"How is it, then, that he has never been away from school?"  
"Well, sir, he had them in his holidays," was the interesting reply.—Washington Gazette.

### A TRYING EXPERIENCE.

The Girl Found What She Wanted, But Still She Was Not Happy.  
"Some people have no sense," said the girl shopper, as she sank down upon the chair in front of the counter.  
"What is it?" asked a sympathizing friend, "can't you find what you want?"  
"Oh, it isn't that, but I can't find it in the way I want. They're bound to proclaim it from the house-tops. You see, I've been wanting to wear hip-pads for a long time—it gives a girl so much better shape, don't you think, and I'm not very large. Everybody seems to think it's so foolish, and so I've never had the nerve to ask for them. But to-day, when I found myself right up on the same floor with them, I crept up my courage, and asked a clerk up there about them."  
"Next counter," she cried, and then she called out "Hip-pads," and oh, dear, know everybody is looking at me now, and I never shall be able to buy them!"

**Lunar Food.**  
"Mamma," exclaimed a little boulevard maiden, "they's a new moon."  
"Yes, so there is, my darling."  
"They's a new moon mos' ev'ry month, isn't they, mamma?"  
"Yes, love."  
"Well, mamma, were does Dod dit all His new moons from?"  
"Oh, it's the same moon all the time, Florence, dear. They just call it a new moon because it grows dark once a month and then begins to shine again."  
"It bedins jes' a little bit o' thin moon, does it, mamma?"  
"Yes, dear."  
"An' en it dits roun' an' fat like a orange, doesn't it?"  
"Yes."  
"Well, mamma, Dod mus' feed His moon sunfin' more 'an sunshine dinners to get 'em so fat."—Detroit Free Press.

**Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.**  
For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. No a bottle.

The Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company has acquired possession of the plant of the Walker Manufacturing company at Cleveland.

### LARGEST TREE IN THE WORLD.

Called the Hurricane Tree, and is in Nassau, Capital of the Bahamas.  
In Nassau, the capital city of the Bahama Islands, they say "the tree in the public square"—not the trees. Now, the public square of Nassau is quite as large as most cities of its size, but there is only one tree in it, and that tree literally fills the square and spreads its shade over all the public buildings in the neighborhood. For it is the largest tree in the world, at least a three-story tree, it is hardly taller than a three-story house. It is variously known as a celba, or a silk cotton tree, but the people of the low islands of the West Indies call it a hurricane tree. For, no matter how hard the wind blows, it cannot disturb the mighty buttressed trunk of the celba. In the hurricane of last spring all the palms and many of the other trees of Nassau were overturned, but the great hurricane tree, although it lost all its leaves, did not lose so much as a branch. Its trunk throws out great curving, wind-like braces, some of them twenty feet wide and nearly as high. These extend into the ground on all sides and brace the tree against all attack, while the great branches spread a thick shade overhead. In the tropic sunshine of midsummer, hundreds, even thousands of people may gather in the cool of its shadow. No one knows how old the great tree is, but it must have been growing hundreds, if not thousands of years. A very old picture in the library at Nassau shows the tree as big as it is at present, and even the oldest negro on the island cannot remember when it was a bit smaller.

**The Trail of the Boer.**  
"Did I understand you to say that one of your ancestors fought during the Revolution?"  
"Yes, my great-great-grandfather fell at Bunker kopje."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### THE PLACE FOR A POOR MAN.

A Homestead Clear and Money Ahead in Two Years.  
Alameda, N. W. T., Canada, Dec. 22, 1899.  
Mr. B. Davies, Canadian Government Agent, St. Paul, Minn.—Dear Sir: As I promised you about two years ago that at some future time I would let you know what I thought of western Canada and the chances of a poor man making a start and supporting a family at the same time, so will write a few facts concerning my own experience the past twenty-one months; and what I have done, any able-bodied man can do, provided he will work.  
I left Traverse country March 20, 1898; landed in Alameda at noon the 21st with \$3.55 in my pocket, a stranger and among strangers, and when my family came in October, 1898, my wife had nearly \$10, or barely enough to pay freight on her stove, sewing-machine and clothes and beds. I commenced work March 28; also made entry for homestead same day (the man I started work for loaning me \$15 to pay entrance fee), and I have earned or at least received \$478.10 in wages since then and have been idle at least two months of the twenty-one since I came. The homestead I took had twelve acres broke by a former occupant. I paid \$20 to have it replowed in July, '98, and the seed wheat for it cost me \$8.25. I let it to a neighbor for one-half in elevator, clear of all expense except the seed, and this fall I received \$70.10 for my part of the crops of the twelve acres, so my total receipts the past twenty-one months have been \$548.10, and my expenses, besides living for self and family, have been as follows:  
Entrance fee (\$5 being paid for cancellation) ..... \$ 15.00  
Summer following 12 acres ..... 20.00  
Seed for same ..... 8.25  
Cost of house, besides my own labor on same ..... 75.85  
20 acres of breaking and double-discing same ..... 60.00  
My half of wheat ..... \$179.10  
\$ 600.00

Net expense on homestead... \$109.00  
We moved on our homestead July 10, 1899, have thirty-two acres in good shape for crops in 1900. My wife joins with me in sending best wishes to you and yours.  
You can truly say to any poor man who pays a big rent to get a farm (somebody else's land) or works for wages to support a family, that I have personally tried both in Minnesota and tried hard to make a success of it, but found to my sorrow that after working hard a poor living was all I could get out of it, and after nearly two years of western Canadian life I will say that I am very thankful to you for helping me to decide to try it in Canada. Yours respectfully,  
W. H. KINKADE.

**As to Fertilizers.**  
In general it is best to try to grow nitrogen-gathering crops in rotation with cereals when cereals are grown at all. The roots of the clover crop remaining in the ground enrich the soil with nitrogen, in such a form that it can be used by the succeeding crop of cereals. Experiments seem to show that all this nitrogen produced from a single crop of clover, the roots only being left in the ground, but the plant not turned under, is sufficient only to supply the needs of the first grain crop coming after it. Potash and phosphoric acid should be in the soil in good quantities to ensure the proper and economical use of the nitrogen in the soil. It does not pay to attempt to use any one class of fertility without the presence of the others. Thus, it is found that what is called a complete fertilizer—nitrogen, potash, and phosphoric acid combined—gives the best results in all cases.

If, however, a single grain is to be grown on the land for an indefinite period and without rotation the application of fertilizers to the land should be governed as far as possible by the constituents of the whole grain plant. This can be found easily from any book giving a list of grains and their analyses. In the case of barnyard manure this rule cannot be followed unless the farmer be ultra scientific, for it will require a good deal of fine figuring to determine about what are the constituents of a manure pile, the problem being based on the foods that have been fed out in the making of the said manure pile.

**Russian Thistle as Fodder.**—A Nebraska friend of mine whose stock wintered last year largely on Russian thistle, thinks that it isn't a bad kind of a weed, after all. And many in the west are coming to the same opinion. The Russian thistle is proving a blessing instead of a curse to the drought-stricken or desert lands. Moreover, it is not "taking the country" in any section, as was predicted a few years ago. The various laws enacted against it are practically dead now, because there is no need to enforce them.

**Heredity in breeding relates to transmission.** It is doubtless governed by fixed laws, but many of these are as yet imperfectly understood.

### Requisites of a Good Shepherd.

C. F. Curtiss: A flock of sheep can not be handled or fattened successfully without a close observance of their habits and peculiarities. There are a great many little things that enter into the attention and management by a successful shepherd that may seem trivial, yet they have much to do with the comfort, thrift, and profit of the flock. The axiom that "The eye of the master fattens" is nowhere more applicable than in the sheepfold. The competent feeder acquires a trained eye, that detects at a glance any evidence of disorder that will be manifest if a single animal is off of feed or out of condition. To the unobservant or inexperienced feeder sheep all look alike, but when rightly studied no class of stock presents more marked individual peculiarities or so clearly manifests evidence of thrift and well-doing or the reverse. Attention to these little details, accompanied by regular habits and a quiet manner, constitutes the keynote of successful sheep feeding. Nothing contributes more to good results than contentment and quiet surroundings. The feeder who disturbs the quiet and comfort of the flock every time he goes about it should quit the sheep business at once. Rough manners and harsh treatment absolutely disqualify any man for success in this work. The natural timidity and nervous temperament of the sheep necessitate gentle treatment. Their dainty habits about eating and drinking must also be indulged as fully as practicable. No animal naturally selects a wider variety of feed, particularly of rough forage and vegetation; but two essentials are always exacted, viz., cleanliness and palatability. Never give a sheep any stale or undesirable feed, nor expect it to eat any feed left over from a previous meal. The ration should be always wholesome and tempting to the appetite. The barn or stabling quarters should never be without a fresh, pure atmosphere and an ample supply of dry bedding. Sheep rarely suffer from cold if kept dry and protected from direct drafts. The open air is better than a poorly kept shed or barn.

### Proportions of Straw and Grain.

There is no fixed relation between the proportions of straw and grain in the cereals. In some years the proportion of straw is greater than others; the weather has something to do with this condition. In wet years and with not enough sunshine to fully ripen the grain early, or, rather, to stop the development of the straw, the proportion of the latter is great. Various efforts have been made to ascertain what effect different kinds of manure and fertilizers would have on the proportions of straw and grain. The results have not been definite enough to make it advisable to attempt to control the proportions by different methods of enriching the soil. Nitrogenous manures seem to stimulate the straw development, but not excessively. The largest yields of grain are generally accompanied by large yields of straw. It is probably impossible to get a good grain without a good stalk. In the years when grain "heads out low" the yield of grain is generally short.

The aim should be to develop both grain and straw in the same proportion. This is done the most certainly by following a rotation. The grain should come after corn, or roots or potatoes, and these crops should receive the fertilizers rather than the cereals.

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Tells About Her Daughter's Illness and How She was Relieved—Two Letters to Mrs. Pinkham.

"Mrs. PINKHAM—I write to tell you about my daughter. She is nineteen years old and is flowing all the time, and has been for about three months. The doctor does her but very little good, if any. I thought I would try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, but I want your advice before beginning its use. I have become very much alarmed about her, as she is getting so weak."—Mrs. MATILDA A. CAMP, Manchester Mill, Macon, Ga., May 31, 1899.

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### WHAT ALABASTINE IS

Alabastine is the original and only durable wall coating on the market. It is entirely different from all kaolinoid preparations. Alabastine is made ready for use in white or fourteen beautiful tints by the addition of cold water. It is put up in dry powdered form, in packages, every 25 lbs., with full directions on every package. It takes the place of stucco, lime-plaster, wall paper and paint for walls. Alabastine can be used on plaster, brick, wood or canvas, and a child can brush it on.

### WHAT "KAOLINOID" ARE

Kaolinoids are cheap and temporary preparations, manufactured from whitening, chalks, clays, etc. They are stuck on the walls with decaying animal glue. Alabastine is not a kaolinoid. It is a rock-base cement, which sets, and it hardens with age. It can be re-coated and re-decorated without having to wash and scrape off its old coat. Alabastine is utilized to a great extent in hospitals, as it prevents the accumulation of dirt and the contracting of disease germs, being disinfectant in its nature.

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The interior walls of churches, school-houses and all public halls should never be coated with anything but the durable and pure Alabastine. So evident has this fact become, that hundreds of tons are used annually for this work. The genuine Alabastine does not rub or scale off. It is clean during the long period of its usefulness. Every owner of a building should use it. Ask your paint dealer or druggist for card of tint, and write for free copy of our interesting booklet to Alabastine Co., Grand Marais, Mich.

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