

Using Bog Moss for Dressing Wounds

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service more than the reports made from European countries to the department of commerce of the growing use of sphagnum, or bog moss, for dressing wounds, and the satisfactory service it is giving.

Almost from the time of the birth of modern surgery specially prepared cotton has been used for absorbent dressings, and has even been considered a surgical necessity. Large quantities of such dressing materials have been shipped from the United States to the belligerent countries by the Red Cross and other organizations, and such cotton as could be spared in the countries at war has also been put into shape for hospital use. The tremendous demand for cotton, however, for use in the manufacture of explosives, coupled with the pressing need for materials to dress the enormous number of wounds that modern war machinery inflicts, has made it necessary to find a substitute for hospital use. This has been true even in Great Britain and France, with which countries the way to the great American cotton supply has been practically without interruption. The result, the commerce department has found, is that many tons of sphagnum are being gathered now from the bogs of Europe and sent to the hospitals and field surgical depots.

Though driven to the use of the moss without choice, European surgeons have found to their surprise that in some ways it is superior to cotton for surgical use. The long, soft, close-growing fibers, which are not unlike the ravelings of a thick silken carpet, have a springiness that makes a comfortable dressing for the patient. It also has the property of diffusing discharges throughout the dressing instead of passing them directly through, as does cotton wool. Another advantage of the moss over cotton is that it has the power of disinfecting.

The moss grows in great profusion throughout the temperate zones and is the principal material from which peat is eventually formed. Much of it has been collected in the past, and has entered commerce for the use of florists, for stuffing mattresses and furniture and for other such purposes. Now that its good qualities have been demonstrated in surgery, especially for dressing compound fractures, it is believed that before long it will be possible to purchase specially prepared packages of the material in drug stores as absorbent cotton is now purchased.

Few of the many adaptations and changes brought about by the European war in the countries of the old world have interested botanists, health officials and surgeons in the government

IS CHILD CROSS, FEVERISH, SICK

Look, Mother! If tongue is coated, give "California Syrup of Figs."

Children love this "fruit laxative," and nothing else cleanses the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely.

A child simply will not stop playing to empty the bowels, and the result is they become tightly clogged with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour, then your little one becomes cross, half-sick, feverish, don't eat, sleep or act naturally, breath is bad, system full of cold, has sore throat, stomach-ache or diarrhoea. Listen, Mother! See if tongue is coated, then give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the system, and you have a well child again. Millions of mothers give "California Syrup of Figs" because it is perfectly harmless; children love it, and it never fails to act on the stomach, liver and bowels.

Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Adv.

Explaining Himself.
"Don't you think that woman's skirt is—or a trifle too high?"
"That depends on the point of view."
"Oh, the point of view is eminently satisfactory, so far as I am concerned. I was just speaking on general principles."—Exchange.

BABY'S ITCHING SKIN

Quickly Soothed and Healed by Cuticura. Trial Free.

Bathe with hot water and Cuticura Soap. If there is any irritation anoint gently with Cuticura Ointment on end of finger. Refreshing slumber for restless, fretful babies usually follows the use of these super-creamy emollients. They are a boon to tired mothers. Free sample each by mail with Book. Address postcard, Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

One on Grandmother.
Bobby (to grandmother)—Grandma, have you ever seen an engine wagging its ears?
Grandma—No, nonsense, Bobby, I never heard of an engine having any ears.
Bobby—Why, haven't you ever heard of engineers?

Important to Mothers
Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *W. D. Mitchell*

In Use for Over 30 Years.
Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

Retort Courteous.
"You are getting quite bald, str," remarked the fresh barber.
"Yes," rejoined the victim, in the chair, "but if my head ever gets as soft as yours I'll raise hair to sell."

SOAP IS STRONGLY ALKALINE and constant use will burn out the scalp. Cleanse the scalp by shampooing with "La Creole" Hair Dressing, and darken, in the natural way, those ugly, grizzly hairs. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

The Philosopher.
Mrs. Knicker—Outdoor work is healthy.
Weary Willie—Outdoor idleness is much more healthy.

To Drive Out Malaria
And Build Up The System
Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the Iron builds up the system. 50 cents.

Paradoxical.
"I like that man Jobbies."
"Why?"
"He's straightforward."
"That's queer. Everybody says he's a crab."

USE ALLEN'S FOOT-PAISE
The antiseptic powder to be shaken into shoes and used in foot-bath. It relieves painful, swollen, smarting, aching, tired feet and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. The greatest comfort discovery of the age. Sold everywhere. 25c. Trial package FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y. Adv.

The Other Groundhog.
Knicker—What were you wondering?
Bocker—Whether the pork barrel saw its shadow.

WOMAN'S CROWNING GLORY
is her hair. If yours is streaked with ugly, grizzly, gray hairs, use "La Creole" Hair Dressing and change it to the natural way. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

Longsighted.
"Has he a sense of fairness?"
"Goodness, yes! He can tell them a block away."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are the original little liver pills put up 40 years ago. They regulate liver and bowels.—Adv.

German shippers have never favored the Kiel canal, as they prefer the long sea voyage to the toll charges.

A single nest of the Australian bush turkey has been found to weigh five tons.

CARRANZA REFUSES CONSENT TO ENTER

MANIFESTO TO MEXICAN PEOPLE DEMANDS SAME RIGHTS OF U. S.

PROBABLY IS A HUGE BLUFF

Lansing Will Recommend That Reciprocal Arrangement Be Made With First Chief—Could Have No Real Objection.

Mexico City, Mex.—Gen. Carranza has issued a manifesto to the nation declaring that under no circumstances would the Mexican government grant the fight to the United States to violate Mexican territory by sending in an armed force in pursuit of Villa without consent and the reciprocal privileges being first obtained and admitted.

Word was sent to the confidential agent of the Mexican government in Washington to make immediate representations to this effect.

Probably for "Home Consumption."

Washington.—In a quarter close to the Mexican embassy it was said that the manifesto issued by Carranza was much the same as the communication delivered by Foreign Minister to Mr. Silliman. The manifesto may have been modified to suit home consumption, but the effect of it, according to the statement made, was similar to that of the communication addressed to Mr. Silliman.

Arrangements Will Be Made.

Persons in touch with the Carranza government said they were satisfied Carranza would not object to the crossing of American troops into Mexico for the purpose of apprehending Villa provided the United States government assented to a reciprocal arrangement under which Mexican troops might be privileged to enter American territory in pursuit of Villa if he attempted to cross into this country.

It is the understanding here that Secretary Lansing will recommend to the president some form of reciprocal arrangement that will satisfy the Carranza government.

Plan to Stampede G. O. P.

New York.—The New York Herald prints the following: "That Theodore Roosevelt is an aggressive candidate for the Republican nomination, and that he stands a reasonably fair chance of getting it, have been brought home with considerable force during the last few days to the Republican leaders of the country.

"His refusal to be a candidate in the primaries in Illinois and Massachusetts means to the Republicans only that Roosevelt will stand a better chance of stampeding the national convention than of winning a great number of delegates in the primary elections."

Horse Balks, Three Die.

Philadelphia, Pa.—A balky horse stopping on a crossing brought death to three persons on the Pennsylvania railroad at West Berlin, N. J. The horse was drawing a carriage in which were two women and a man.

Admits Nashville Killing.

Detroit, Mich.—Robert Taylor, who was shot during a quarrel here March 6, has confessed that he shot and killed Alva Johnson at Nashville, Tenn., Labor day.

To Vote on Commission Form.

Anna, Ill.—The proposition of changing the government of the city of Anna from aldermanic to commission form, will be voted on at the April election.

\$450,000 From Postoffice Workers.

London.—The voluntary contributions of postoffice workers throughout the country are bringing in an income of \$450,000 a year to be devoted to the aid of the 50,000 postal servants now serving with the colors and their dependents.

Convict Held as Murderer.

Leavenworth, Kan.—J. S. Jones, a convict in the federal penitentiary here, was bound over to the United States supreme court at his preliminary hearing, charged with the murder last January of Henry Schmidt, another convict, who was beaten to death.

Woman, 74, Divorces Man, 82.
Jackson, Tenn.—Mrs. Laura Payne, 74 years old, has been granted a divorce from W. W. Payne, 82. The couple have been married 42 years but have no children.

Last of "Noble 600" Is Dead.
Joliet, Ill.—William Roberts, 86 years old, believed to be the last of the survivors of the Twelfth Royal Lancers, the heroes of Tennyson's poem, "Charge of the Light Brigade," is dead here.

Man Who Killed Parents to Die.
Hugo, Ok.—Willet Fisher, a Choctaw, was sentenced to be electrocuted for the murder of his father and mother last November. He is alleged to have killed his parents to inherit valuable oil lands.

FUNSTON'S ORDER IS TO "GET VILLA"

INTREPID KANSAN WILL LEAD 5,000 MEN ON PUNITIVE EXPEDITION.

MORMON BAND IS IN DANGER

Bandits Again Raid U. S. Territory and Slay One American—Troops From Naco, Ariz., Rushed to Latest Scene of Attack.

Washington—"Get Villa" will be the slogan of the United States soldiers, who will immediately be sent into Mexico to run to earth and bring out dead or alive the bandit leader of the raiders, who ruthlessly murdered soldiers and citizens and sacked the little border town of Columbus, N. M.

The expeditionary force which will go after the international outlaw and his followers will consist of approximately 5,000 regulars, mostly seasoned cavalrymen, now on the Mexican boundary line, re-enforced by field artillery and mountain batteries.

Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston, the intrepid Kansan, hero of the Philippine campaign, which resulted in the capture of the rebel Aguinaldo, and who commanded the second division of the army in the recent American occupation of Vera Cruz, probably will lead the invading troops.

Gen. Funston has asked permission to go in at the head of the men he has conditioned for the battle. His request is expected to be granted.

Mormons in Danger.

El Paso, Texas.—Four hundred and fifty American Mormon men, women and children are threatened with murder by Villa in his bloodthirsty campaign of retaliation following the determination of the United States to invade Mexico, take him dead or alive and hang him.

A Mormon courier reached here, saying that 200 Villa soldiers, in command of Gen. Vallente, have been sent from Boca Grande by Villa to stop the Mormon trek, which was being made by wagon and on horseback to the border, and to hold the entire Mormon colony as hostages, to be massacred should United States troops cross the line to pursue Villa.

Bandits Raid Arizona Town.

Bisbee, Ariz.—An American rancher was killed when a band of approximately 200 Mexican bandits crossed the border southeast of Osborne Junction, Ariz., according to reports reaching here.

The troopers of the tenth United States cavalry at Naco, Ariz., were rushed to that point.

Star Boarder Held.

Wilmington, Del.—William Handaber, 26 years old, is under arrest charged with the murder of Percy G. Mattson, 30 years old, whose body was found in the Christiania River. He is charged with having held his landlord under the water until he drowned.

Two Identified as Bank Robbers.

Vian, Ok.—Will Crittendon and Emmett Compton were identified by persons who were in the First National Bank as the two men who robbed the bank of \$3,800.

Unfilled Steel Orders.

New York.—The monthly statement of the United States Steel Corporation places unfinished orders to Feb. 29, at \$668,965 tons, an increase of 246,199 tons over Jan. 31 and comparing with \$488,719 tons Dec. 31, 1912, the previous high record.

Local Option in Maryland.

Annapolis, Md.—The prohibition bill, amended so as to be converted into a local option bill, giving Baltimore city and the other "wet" units of the state the privilege of voting separately on the liquor question, was passed by both branches of the legislature.

Paymaster Killed, \$3,000 Taken.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Two men jumped from a hiding place in a fire tower of the Germania worsted mill here, shot and killed Herman Kasening, the paymaster, fatally wounded his assistant, and escaped with a satchel said to contain \$3,000.

T. R. a Candidate.

Springfield, Ill.—Secretary of State Stevenson has declined to recognize the disavowal of Col. Roosevelt of candidates who have filed petitions expressing Roosevelt preference, on the ground that the disavowal was not a properly executed document.

Wages Raised.

St. Louis, Mo.—Eighteen hundred employees of the Granite City plant of the Commonwealth Steel Company were notified that they will receive an increase of 10 per cent in their wages dating from March 1.

Every Man in Town at Front.

London.—Trunch, not far from North Walsham, Norfolk, has sent all of its men—65 out of a population of 300—to the front, a higher percentage than any other town in Great Britain can boast.

Everyone Should Drink Hot Water in the Morning

Wash away all the stomach, liver, and bowel poisons before breakfast.

To feel your best day in and day out, to feel clean inside; no sour bile to coat your tongue and sicken your breath or dull your head; no constipation, bilious attacks, sick headache, colds, rheumatism or gassy, acid stomach, you must bathe on the inside like you bathe outside. This is vastly more important, because the skin pores do not absorb impurities into the blood, while the bowel pores do, says a well-known physician.

To keep these poisons and toxins well flushed from the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels, drink before breakfast each day, a glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it. This will cleanse, purify and freshen the entire alimentary tract, before putting more food into the stomach.

Get a quarter pound of limestone phosphate from your druggist or at the store. It is inexpensive and almost tasteless, except a sourish tinge which is not unpleasant. Drink phosphated hot water every morning, to rid your system of these vile poisons and toxins; also to prevent their formation.

To feel like young folks feel; like you felt before your blood, nerves and muscles became saturated with an accumulation of body poisons, begin this treatment and above all, keep it up! As soap and hot water act on the skin, cleansing, sweetening and purifying, so limestone phosphate and hot water before breakfast, act on the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels.—Adv.

Taking a Short Cut.

"I'm perfectly willing to help you," said the practical philanthropist, "but you ought to try to help yourself when the occasion presents itself."

"The last time I did that it got me into a whole lot of trouble," answered the shabby visitor. "In fact, I spent some years in durance vile."

"What do you mean?"
"I helped myself to the contents of another man's cash register."

FRECKLES

Now is the Time to Get Rid of These Ugly Spots.

There's no longer the slightest need of feeling ashamed of your freckles, as the prescription—Othine—double strength—is guaranteed to remove these homely spots. Simply get an ounce of Othine—double strength—from your druggist, and apply a little of it night and morning and you should soon see that even the worst freckles have begun to disappear, while the lighter ones have vanished entirely. It is seldom that more than one ounce is needed to completely clear the skin and gain a beautiful clear complexion.

Be sure to ask for the double strength Othine, as this is sold under various names of money back if it fails to remove freckles.—Adv.

Love's Accomplishment.

Knicker—Love is blind.
Bocker—And sufficiently deaf to read the lips.

DRINK LOTS OF WATER TO FLUSH THE KIDNEYS

Eat Less Meat and Take Salts for Backache or Bladder Trouble—Neutralize Acids.

Uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish, ache, and feel like lumps of lead. The urine becomes cloudy; the bladder is irritated, and you may be obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night. When the kidneys clog you must help them flush off the body's urinous waste or you'll be a real sick person shortly. At first you feel a dull misery in the kidney region, you suffer from backache, sick headache, dizziness, stomach gets sour, tongue coated and you feel rheumatic twinges when the weather is bad.

Eat less meat, drink lots of water; also get from any pharmacist four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean clogged kidneys, and stimulate them to normal activity, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and active. Druggists here say they sell lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble.—Adv.

Table Wit.

"I can't reach the sausage."
"Whistle to it," suggested the humorous boarder.

IMITATION IS SINCEREST FLATTERY but like counterfeit money the imitation has not the worth of the original. Insist on "La Creole" Hair Dressing—it's the original. Darkens your hair in the natural way, but contains no dye. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

Its Fate.

"What killed your case in court?"
"It must have been because it was a short circuit court."

Nature cannot jump from winter to summer without a spring, nor from summer to winter without a fall.

"Kids" of Long Ago and Now

By Joseph Terrell, Washington, D. C.

When you come to read it and then figure it out you cannot help thinking of the good fortune of the rising generation in the matter of getting an education. Who ever thought when the former generation went to school to have the dentists and nurses and the experts on hygiene visit the school at stated intervals and put the kids through a course of sprouts? Who ever would anticipate that our children would have an advantage of perhaps 1,000 per cent in obtaining an education, as compared with the hardships we were forced to undergo?

In New York city years ago the men who are today making history in that metropolis obtained their education only by grim determination; they were not petted and cajoled into doing this or that; there were no parent-schoolteacher organizations to devise schemes or systems toward the betterment of educational methods.

The kids were chased out to school; when lunchtime came around they went home to lunch, and there were no hot soup propositions such as you read about nowadays. And it is my opinion that the kids of those days were tougher and possessed of much more brawn than some of the specimens I see daily on the streets returning from the elementary and high schools. At any rate they knew more about manly things, and while they were a bit shy on algebra or geometry, they could take care of themselves when it came to a rough house and in the end made first-class citizens.

I don't say the present generation is the loser by these exalted ideas in the matter of educating the young, but I do know that they will be not one whit better citizens than the kids we had running around the streets thirty and forty years ago.

Individuality, simplicity and quality of material are elements that must be considered by the girl who aspires to be well dressed. Too much stress cannot be placed on the importance of developing good taste. Good taste includes knowledge of color, line, form, material, and suitability to the occasions upon which the dress is worn. Dresses for school, business, or street wear or for dress affairs should, of course, be distinctive.

Every Girl Should Develop Good Taste

By Miss Florence Hunt, Assistant in Domestic Art, Kansas State Agricultural College, Manhattan, Kan.

Then the costume must be suited to the individual according to line and form. A tall person cannot wear the same style as the short person. The same principles apply also to materials used.

The study of color harmony is made practical by combining samples of materials and designing appropriate costumes. There are materials which will not combine well and colors that should not be used together.

Another problem is the study of the design principles—the relation of rhythm, balance and harmony to dress. The greatest effort is made to impress upon girls studying costume designing in the college the value of simplicity, good quality and less decoration.

Poets have raved over the "joys" of home, but how can anyone enjoy being in a home where some member of the family is forever finding fault?

We all know of such homes, and always feel uneasy when we think of them. We are very anxious to please—to be noted for what is called a "winning personality," but manners, like charity, begin at home.

The wise woman lays the foundation of a charming personality at her own fireside—her heartbeats are for every member of her family—and when she goes outside she endears herself to whomsoever she may meet.

Then be gracious and kind to the folks at home. Be their champion and their chum.

You needn't worry about "results." The results will be as sure and as true as the North star.

Every member of the family down to the housedog will stand by you through thick and thin and when the keen edges of the world hurt them—cut into them—their hearts will turn longingly and lovingly to home and you.

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By WILLIAM B. BERRY, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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