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Silk Pillow Cord, extra heavy, in all pretty colors; 15c quality, a yard 9c
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2000 Handsome Pillow Tops and Backs, tinted and stamped in dainty designs, as good as others sell at 39c; positively the best value ever offered. See the price 15c
Duchess or Princess Embroidery Hoops—you know they are the best made. This sale.. 5c
Silk Finished Crochet, in all pretty colors; 5c kind. This 2c
Pure Dye Knitting Silk, excellent 15c quality 7c
30-inch Stamped Centerpieces, pure linen splashes, fringed and stamped. 12-inch pure linen centerpieces, hemstitched and drawn work.
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18-inch Stamped Hemstitched Squares.
We have just received another lot of those Richardson Pillow and Dolly Outfits. If you did not get one before, come early Monday, as they go quickly at the price 25c
GREAT COLLAR SALE.
50 dozen Embroidery Stock Collars, made stole and tab effect; a large assortment of patterns to select from. This is one of the greatest bargains ever offered; worth 50c. We say..... 15c

I will engage camels and native servants and go over the plains to Addis Ababa. The journey from the terminal of the railroad is over 200 miles and requires about sixteen or twenty days. Whether I go further on to Axum, the ancient seat of the empire, or not, I cannot say.

"The trip is over a high, beautiful country, not unlike Switzerland in character. Some of the plains are 10,000 feet above the sea level. The region is very beautiful. The people are noted for their hospitality, as is Menekil himself. The emperor is one of the great men of the century. It is due to his military triumphs and political wisdom that the warring tribal states have been federated. His administrative system and army compare favorably with those of better known countries.

"I hope to open the country to American merchants. For a long time the cotton and staple articles. I will tell him that we want our merchants to settle in his country and buy direct ivory, hides, carpet wools and other raw materials. If I am successful Abyssinia will for the first time send a delegation to this country and to the world's fair. I cannot say what the nature of an exhibit might be, but it would prove of great interest, I am sure.

While the German press have shown a disposition to look upon Consul General Skinner's mission as "a fresh indication of the ambition of the United States abroad," and have implied that "the imperialistic mood" is upon us, Mr. Skinner declared that his instructions only bear upon friendly and commercial overtures.

"His keen eyes twinkled at the prospect of the almost romantic experience that awaits him. He is a young man, not over thirty-seven, smooth, round face, slightly bald, small, straight mouth, and of trim, wiry build. His manner is quick and business-like. He is practical, somewhat aggressive personality, and sees little that is romantic in penetrating the lethargic old world empire.

Christian empire of Pagan Africa will be given a new object lesson of civilization. Menekil's calm, forceful poise has long been under the jealous eye of Europe and Great Britain, the Italians alone temporarily succeeding in invading the country, and then only wielding a protectorate influence, during which the astute Menekil II. strengthened and amalgamated the tribal states for the hidden purpose of eventually throwing off the yoke, as he did, and forcing the usurpers out, killing 10,000 of the Italian army, unobtainably permitting his aggressive guests, incidentally his prisoners, to build him a magnificent palace in real Neapolitan style, at the same time keeping Great Britain on the anxious seat lest his powerful army should invade the Soudan.

Romance of History.
But how this scion of Solomon and the beautiful queen of Sheba came to rule over these warring Eastern African tribes, and how he came to the throne, is a story of strange tricks of fortune, in the telling of which the chronicler must go back to sacred history. "For when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon she came to prove him, and she asked him questions at Jerusalem, with a very great company and camels that have spices and gold in abundance; and precious stones, and when she was come to Solomon she pronounced with him of all that there was in her heart," is the biblical record.

It was a 1,200-mile trip from the capital of Sheba, the ancient Sheba, the present Abyssinia, to the court of Solomon, and the queen tarried for a time and "she gave the king 120 talents of gold, and of spices in great abundance; neither was there any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave Solomon." Then "she turned and went back to her own land, she and her servants."

The Bible carries the tale no further, but where sacred history stops the legend begins. This youth was educated at the court of his father in Jerusalem. When he returned to Sheba he was accompanied by a following of Israelites, and at the death of his mother he became the first of the Solomonic dynasty of Ethiopian emperors. From this ruler Menekil II. claims direct descent, and the descendants of the Emperor's line, the aristocracy of Abyssinia today. They occupy exalted positions in state and church, and are the artisans of the nation. They are

about 400,000 in number and their son, under Menekil, over the 10,000,000 of people is absolute monarch. "The emperor, though, cannot lay claim to proud ancestry on both sides of the house, as did his illustrious predecessor from whom his name was derived, for his mother was a beggar girl who came seeking gratuities at the palace steps. Entranced by her loveliness, for she was very beautiful, in robe and crown the king stepped down to meet her on her way. She was more fair than words can say. wrote the poets, and the man who styles himself "Lion, Conqueror of the Tribe of Judah, Menekil, Chosen by God, King of Kings of Ethiopia," took the fascinating mendicant into his household. A boy was born, who proved to be the living image of his father and the apple of his eye. He called him Menekil, and he was his favorite son. This young man in due time fell in love with a certain Princess Taoti, at Gondar, where they were both in exile, while Menekil's uncle was on the throne. His passion was sincere and he would have married Taoti, but the Emperor, to prove himself, and to honor his daughter Princess Tofana, Menekil, however, though he married the emperor's daughter, and became great and powerful as a warrior, refused to accept, and returning to his father, after the death by suicide of the emperor, despite the capricious young woman's numerous matrimonial ventures. In order to marry her, Menekil, now being emperor, forced Tofana. It was Taoti's second royal marriage, the lover of her childhood being, it is said, her sixth instead of her first husband, as originally planned.

But it is said that her affection for Menekil never waned, "that all her early matrimonial ventures were unhappy, and it was due to her great tact and diplomacy that Menekil was named as the successor of his uncle, King John, in 1889. It is also hinted that the emperor's loyalty by letting his blood find expression, working at their side and moving among them as a commoner. They flocked to his banner, not only for his great cunning and skill, but for his great generosity in filling his royal treasury with gold. He quickly mobilized a force that made the mountainous empire impregnable and scattered his Italian enemies in the Italian style, though she possessed a look and applauded, and England witnessed a second Soudan. The gold of the Italian treasury poured into the hands of the emperor, the ransom money for the 10,000 prisoners gave Abyssinia a national surplus.

Since then innumerable stories of Menekil's wisdom, statescraft and peccadilloes have been related wide afield, but never has the power of Empress Taoti waned. It was she who passed from tent to tent during the six years campaign inflaming the Shoans to a pitch of frenzy against the Italians, and now her presence and influence are felt in all affairs of the empire. She sees and knows all that takes place, dictates letters and policy and makes herself hated and feared by powerful court sycophants. She rules and terrorizes her husband if he departs from her counsels, exalts and praises him if he carries out her wishes. Despite her iron will and warring spirit the girl who first swayed his passions rules his mind and governs his actions.

Taoti was beautiful for her youth; she is yet considered by her people a handsome woman. She has regular features. Her complexion is of clear brown color, and her eyes black, large and expressive, flash in anger, become soft and persuasive when she is with those that are agreeable to her. She is very vain in her dress and loves adornment, showing great taste in all she wears. Her clothes are of the Ethiopian style, though she possesses a weakness for high stockings, Parisian slippers and kid shoes, possesses a weakness for silk gloves, and is fond of the best French champagne and indigestible at times European delicacies.

The State Savings Bank is open Monday evenings from 7 o'clock to 9 o'clock, and there of \$1 and upward.

WHY THE CIGARETTE INJURES THE SYSTEM

Thomas A. Edison Explains the Evil Caused by Chemical Ingredient of the Paper.

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Oct. 24.—The true cause of the harm done by the smoking of cigarettes has been discovered by Thomas A. Edison, the inventor. It is not nicotine, as has been the general belief, but a chemical ingredient called acroline, which is released by the burning of the paper. Mr. Edison, who always has carried on the cigarette, today gave in detail the reasons for his opposition to the use of tobacco in that form. He said: "The smoking of cigarettes is one of the worst, most offensive and harmful habits acquired by man. It ought to be against the law to sell or to smoke them."

"Now, I'm not a doctor nor a pathologist, but I am a chemist, and I have studied cigarettes thoroughly. "Let it be understood in the beginning, therefore, that it is not the tobacco that's harmful, although the finely cut mixture of which cigarettes are made is consumed so entirely that the smoke does some injury to the throat and lungs. But the deadly part of the paper always is the paper. The smoke from a burning cigarette contains a poisonous substance called acroline (acid). It's the part of smoke that makes you cry when it gets in your eyes or up your nose."

"We were making phonograph cylinders one day, and in the saponification and burning of the glycerin the wax caught fire. Well, we had to run for our lives, almost. It strangled us and set the muscles all over our bodies twitching. "Then I made some tests to see just what the stuff was, and I've found out what is known as acroline is liberated in the combustion of any fiber made of wood pulp and other substances. Best Paper is Harmful.

"Don't tell me that the high-priced cigarettes are harmless. They're bad. The best rice paper produces a slightly smaller quantity of acroline, but they all liberate it, and they are all harmful. Now, a good many physicians think the only harm in cigarettes is the inhalation of the smoke. Why, the effect of inhaling smoke is mild compared with the effect of acroline on human nerves. "It's through absorption by the mucous tissues that it gets in its deadly work. The mucous membranes of the mouth, nasal passages and the throat have a strange affinity for the stuff, and it is taken directly into the circulation and then shatters the nerves. "Your nerves, you know, are the telegraph lines of your body, and when the

lines are out of order there's trouble all over. "Not long ago one of my men was working with glycerin when it took fire. The flames nearly smothered him, and he staggered out of the shop looking like a person with the palsy; his face was working and every muscle was quivering and trembling. In the fresh air he soon revived, but it goes to show the powerful effect of the stuff. If one were to break a tiny vial of it in my big laboratory we'd all have to get out instantly. "The poison is absorbed by the mucous linings of the mouth and lungs directly from the smoke, and the dread feature is that after you have smoked while the nerves crave the stimulating effect and you become a slave to the habit, just like a whisky toper, something for the legislature against it; that is the proper course. The law doesn't allow the adulteration of food, does it? And you can buy poison in the crude form, can you? Why should the government allow millions on millions of filthy cigarettes to be manufactured every year? "I don't know what we're coming to when it comes to something for the stimulation of the nerves—whisky, spirits, cocaine, morphine, cigarettes, and frightful things. That's what the people want in a loop-the-loop—everything to excite the nerves. That's what the people want. And that reminds me of a funny thing I was on my way down to Atlantic City last Sunday in an automobile and I wasn't sure about the road, and I saw a bicyclist approaching I determined to ask him.

"When he got abreast I shouted to him, without slackening our speed. He never raised his head, and the answer came to me in a flash. "Then I saw it was a motor cycle. Strangest times! I should say so; we were making time to thirty-five miles an hour and he was going all of twenty, so we passed each other about fifty miles an hour. Cigarettes Do Much Damage.

"But about cigarettes. They do so much damage to the body, especially the stomach, and the effect of the acroline is to excite an undue flow of the gastric juice, and to waste them when the stomach is empty. And your cigarette smoker has no regard for the condition of his stomach. He smokes when he goes to bed, and he smokes when he is dressing in the morning, and he smokes at the forenoon, and he smokes all the afternoon. "A person will smoke a cigarette when he wouldn't think of lighting a pipe or a cigar. They are so infernally convenient and small and inexpensive that he will light one after another simply for want of something to do.

"I've a fellow working for me now who nearly died from the effects a few months ago. His stomach and all his digestive organs went completely back on him, and he had a mighty close call. While he was ill he couldn't smoke, or, I should say, they wouldn't let him. And when he finally managed to crawl around a little, I gave him a pipe and a cigar, and he smoked them, and he was well, but he was a wreck with a cigarette in his mouth only a day or two ago. O, it's an awful thing. One gets a hold on you it's hard to break it. Creates Appetite for Drink.

"There is a slight quantity of pyridine present in cigarette smoke that dries the mucous coat of the mouth and throat and that makes a man want to drink. They go well together, those two drugs—cigarettes and alcohol—and they accomplish what the doctor says that a vicious animal. "The disastrous effect doesn't stop at the derangement of the digestive organs. The influence on the nerves is felt all over, even to the heart's action. The brain, being merely a great mass of nerve matter, suffers largely in time, and the result is loss of memory and the sense of moral responsibility. The whole plane of intellect is lowered. "There's another thing in the papers every day of boys going insane and committing suicide. Three murders in Philadelphia this year were committed by young men who were crazed by smoking cigarettes. "There is a man now in a New York prison awaiting capital punishment, or strangling his wife a few months back. He confessed the horrible crime with an utter disregard of consequences, now he spends the entire time smoking cigarettes incessantly in his cell. "It's not the tobacco that makes the trouble. I smoke constantly, and I work hard in the morning till midnight, and I'm never sick, and I don't know what it is to break down. Of course, I take relaxation in the way of automobile driving, and I get plenty of exercise. "My father was an inveterate smoker of cigars, and he lived to be ninety-four. He all but smoked himself to death, and what he left is almost entirely consumed in the burning of the tobacco, and what little is left is filtered through the end of his cigar, and as for the statement that a single drop of it will kill a dog, I don't believe it. "I don't know if it would? You wouldn't get a drop of it from smoking a half a dozen cigars. "If cigarettes were put up in tobacco wrappers instead of paper, you could smoke them with impunity; but there's the rub, the cigarette smoker wouldn't want them. The taste is different, and the powerful nerve stimulant of the acroline would be absent. "Cigarettes tobacco smoked in a pipe is a different thing from smoking a cigarette. You wouldn't recognize it. "Makes Race of Degenerates.

"That English scientist who says that in ancient times the Turks were a desert, roving race like the nomads of the desert, and that incessant cigarette smoking has changed them into a quiet, sedentary people, is about right. And he could go farther and say it has made them a race of weak, vicious degenerates. "There's another indirect effect of cigarette smoking. The constant inhalation of the cigarette smoke inflames the membranes of the lungs that a full, deep inspiration of air causes discomfort, so that the cigarette smoker becomes weak lunged and short winded simply through the lack of properly using his lungs. "The other day I found a package some one had dropped on my office step. The sight of it gave me a feeling of disgust and I went back into the office and wrote this sign: "A degenerate who is retrograding toward the lower animal life has lost his packet." "And I tucked it up with the sign in a conspicuous place. I was downright mad at first, but I carried the thing through as a joke. "The fellow, whoever he was, must have been a facetious scamp, for he confiscated his cigarettes and stuck a plug of tobacco up in its place. I chewed down here in the shops sometimes."

Methodist College Merger. CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—A plan whereby all or nearly all of the Methodist educational institutions in the country may be united under one general supervising body of directors, with Northwestern university as the head and front, has been disclosed by President Edmund James James, of Northwest.

IS YOUR STOMACH ON A STRIKE? There is Nothing to Prevent You Employing a Substitute to Do Its Work.

There is such a thing as forbearance ceasing to be a virtue even in the case of one's stomach. There is no question but that some stomachs will stand a great deal more wear and abuse than others, but they all have their limit, and when that limit is reached the stomach must be reckoned with as sure as fact. The best way and really the only effective way to treat your stomach when it rebels is to employ a substitute to do its work. This will give the weakened and worn-out organ an opportunity to rest and regain its strength and health. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets relieve the stomach of its work by taking up the work and doing it just as one set of workmen relieves another. They actually digest the food in just the same manner and just the same time as the digestive fluids of a sound stomach do. In fact when dissolved in the stomach, they are digestive fluids, for they contain exactly the same constituents and elements as the gastric juice and other digestive fluids of the stomach. No matter what the condition of the stomach, it is their work is just the same. They work in their own natural way without regard to surrounding conditions.

The stomach being thus relieved by Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, is restored and renewed by Nature and the rest of the human body does not suffer in the least by reason of its failure to perform its work. A Wisconsin man says: "I suffered the pangs of dyspepsia for 10 years. I tried every known remedy with indifferent results until I was told of the remarkable cures of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. I bought a box, began taking them and forgot I had a stomach. Three boxes cured me completely. I have had no trouble whatever for a year and have an appetite like a horse and can eat anything that is set before me without fear of bad results."

TO WORK FOR REFORM.

Illustration of a woman in traditional Chinese dress, with text: MISS KANG TUNG BAC. Kang Tung Bac is the daughter of Yin Wei, one of the seven wealthy mandarins who organized what in English might be called the Chinese Empire Reform Association. Yin Wei was the only one of the seven who was not cut off by order of the dowager empress, and he escaped by fleeing to India six years ago. The little Chinese woman will do her best to unseat the dowager empress.



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