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FOR STOMACH TROUBLE

John W. Skillen of Sidney, Ohio, has found a Remedy.

Experts declare that the reason stomach disorders are so common in this country is due to hasty and careless habits of eating. Stomach troubles and run-down conditions result therefrom.

John W. Skillen of Sidney, Ohio, says: "I had a bad stomach trouble for years, and became so weak that I could hardly walk or do any work. My appetite was poor, and it seemed impossible to get any relief. Since taking 'Vinol' I find a remarkable improvement in my health, my digestion is much stronger, and I have gained in weight. I would not be without 'Vinol'."

Vinol makes weak stomachs strong because it strengthens and tones up the weakened, tired and overtaxed nerves of the digestive organs. Vinol is easily assimilated by the weakest stomach and is delicious to the taste. Try a bottle of Vinol with the understanding that your money will be returned if it does not help you.

P. S.—Stop scratching, our Saxo Sale stops itching. We guarantee it.

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Scotland Neck, N. C.

FRIGHTENED MEXICANS - FLEE FROM AIRSHIPS.

Lieut. Belinger in an Aeroplane Routes Whole Army.

COULD DESTROY ENTIRE CAMP.

From Vera Cruz comes the following interesting story:

Lieutenant Patrick N. L. Belinger, the man who routed an army of 10,000 men lickered and on the run, besides being the target for 10,000 rifles before calmly returning to the officers' mess for dinner.

"It was a pretty good day's work," General "Fighting Fred" Funston admitted.

Belinger is a soldier and a hero. The Americans here are showering him with praise and he is the idol of the brigade ashore and the jackies afloat.

He was the first man to demonstrate the practical use and destructive possibilities of the aeroplane as one of Uncle Sam's implements of war.

The first information that General Maas, the commander of the Mexican force garrisoning Vera Cruz when the United States captured the port, was mobilizing an army of 12,000 men in a desperate effort to retake the town, was brought in by this daring aviator who literally went boldly into the heart of the enemy's camp, defying death to do his duty. The War Department's moves in the Mexican situation will be guided by what this young man discovered.

He flew far out of Vera Cruz above the camp of the enemy and then swooped down close to the ground at a terrific speed. The ignorant infantry under General Maas thinking him the devil, broke ranks and dashed in terror for a place of safety. The army was demoralized and in rapid retreat. Belinger did all that alone. Finding it so easy he played with them, suddenly dropping close down on the heads of a frightened band, causing them to prostrate themselves on the ground in an appeal to their Creator. They had never seen an aeroplane, and the aviator's uniform and headgear helped him to resemble Satan.

"I was sent out to find the enemies' position," said Lieutenant Belinger, "and discover if an organized effort to retake the city was under way. About eight miles out I began to encounter the Mexican outposts, and the men flew in terror at my approach. I lost no time with them, circling around until I located General Maas's headquarters.

"Here were more than 8,000 and possibly 10,000 soldiers, largely peons, quickly recruited from the surrounding country. Not half of them were uniformed soldiers. I made a few notes and rough sketches before the camp was aware of my presence. Then the fun started the most exciting afternoon I ever had in my life.

"The officers had a terrific time trying to restore some sort of order among the peon-soldiers who hid in the tents and bushes near by, but when a few bullets began whistling through the air near me I realized that I would soon be the target for every rifle for miles around. I immediately arose to a great height to get out of range of the snipers, some of whom were too good as marksmen to please me.

"Going up a mile, I was comparatively safe, as a rifle will not carry near as far straight up in the air as it will in a horizontal shot. Further up I was going fast enough at that height to destroy the aim of the Mexicans.

"Up above a wonderful sight came into view. Men were scattered in little groups for miles around and were reluctantly coming back to camp under the loud orders of the mounted officers. Cavalrymen were sent out to follow me with all speed in hope that I would come nearer each again, but, thanks to my escape, I remained where I was until well within the American lines.

"With the large war aeroplane an assistant to drop bombs I could have destroyed the entire camp, I think, and annihilated the entire army. The Mexicans have no guns designed to destroy aeroplanes, and the ease with which I could have erased the regiments of General Maas would seem shameful. Half a dozen aeroplanes and twelve men can whip the whole Mexican army."

This blue-eyed boy from Charleston, S. C., has earned his place in American history. He is a hero and a pioneer.

TYPHOID FEVER RAGING IN SCOTLAND NECK.

Worst Epidemic of Fever Ever Known in The Town.

TWENTY CASES BEEN REPORTED.

The Cause Attributed to Some Course Served at a Social Function Commencement Week.

PHYSICIANS BUSY FIGHTING DISEASE.

Scotland Neck is now the unfortunate victim of the worst epidemic of typhoid fever the town has ever known. Already there have been 20 cases of fever which have been pronounced typhoid. Every day the list of those who have fever is added to until now the whole neighborhood is stricken with fear that the fever will cover the entire community.

The local physicians are of the opinion that the cause of this epidemic is attributed to some course served the graduating class of the high school three weeks ago at the senior reception. To substantiate their claims it has been noted that out of the 23 attending this function 18 have typhoid fever. The doctors believe that the salad course is responsible for the dreaded sickness. This belief is in refutation of the first theory that the ice cream contained fever germs, as the latter refreshment was pasteurized before being shipped from the factory there is little chance that it contained any impurities.

Scotland Neck physicians are striving hard to check the dreaded spread of fever by treating those who have not yet had fever with the typhoid vaccine as a prevention from further sickness. This treatment is endorsed by the health department of the government of the United States. Every man in the army and navy have been inoculated with this serum and it has proven to be the only successful prevention thus far discovered by medical experts.

THEY BURNED THE CAR.

In Unaccountable Way Top of Motor Car Catches A-Fire.

There is an old expression that sounds something like this: "Went so fast that it burnt the wind."

While speeding down the macadam pike from Weldon to Halifax Thursday night in a Ford car, Joe Pittman, Ivey Jones, Josh Robertson and Dan Taylor came near being roasted alive by the top of the car in which they were riding catching on fire. Mr. Taylor was the first of the merry joy-riders to realize that the swiftly speeding automobile was enveloped in flames. His head became suddenly hot and awakened him from the quiet sleep which all of the occupants of the car but the driver were enjoying while gliding over the smooth road.

It was then that Joe Pittman simultaneously realized the impending danger to their lives. With a sudden application of the emergency brakes the sleeping ones were aroused from their slumber. The brakes failed to work. Out piled all, leaving the car to jump ditches and make its way through the woods the best it could. Finally a stout water oak got in the way of the runaway car, and not until then did it stop.

The half-baked men then ran to the disabled craft and fought fire until they had the flames in check.

Just how the fire started is still a problem. None of the occupants seem to know the origin of the fire. The owner, Mr. Pittman, who was driving, and who suffered the most from the flames, thinks that one of the party on the back of the seat sat the top on fire with a cigar while trying to sleep.

COMPLIMENTARY WORDS BY ARCHIBALD JOHNSON

Written After His Recent Visit to Scotland Neck.

SEES LITTLE MATERIAL CHANGE.

Having a population of not more than 2,500, and with little prospect that it will make much advance in the number of its inhabitants in the near future, the town of Scotland Neck is, nevertheless, one of the most attractive in all the State. There is quite a good deal of wealth in the town but not much public spirit. Its principle business street looks much like it did ten years ago.

There is a great deal of culture in the town, but the people are not given over to the follies and frivolities so common to those who direct and control the social life. They read and think, and therefore have other and higher sources of amusement and entertainment than dancing, drinking beer and playing "bridge." And yet we do not know a town where the young people have a merrier time.

Of course the congregation of the Baptist church is the largest, wealthiest and most influential in the town. Mr. Noah Biggs, the first citizen of Scotland Neck, has for perhaps forty years been the leading spirit in that great church, and unlike some other wealthy men we know, has set the example of liberality and loyalty to the younger generation. He always leads all others, though there are other members of the church quite as well to do as he.

Our readers know that this church and Sunday school have done more than any other in North Carolina for the orphanage. It is carrying coals to Newcastle to talk about the orphanage to that crowd, and so on a visit to the church on Sunday, May 30th, the writer found himself free to talk about anything else except the one thing with which he is familiar.

The Barnea class, which is taught by Mr. W. H. McDowell, is a sight to behold. The very flower of Scotland Neck gather from Sunday to Sunday in that room and study the lesson and give their money in princely fashion. In another room, hundreds of beautiful children assemble and are trained under the direction of Mr. C. F. Burroughs. It has a large enrollment, and being a thing of life and power it is constantly adding new material.

But the Sunday school sadly needs more and better equipment. It has outgrown and overrun its present quarters, and that noble congregation ought to arise and build, for they can do it and never miss the money. The longer this great matter is delayed the more the Sunday school will suffer in its cramped condition.

Rev. R. A. McFarland is the beloved and happy pastor. He is indeed a shepherd and his people are his sheep. They trust, love and follow him. His praise is on everybody's lips.

As a guest in the delightful home of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Josey, we had everything that heart could wish. There are many lovely homes in this charming town, but none are kinder or more radiant than this.

The good people of the community know exactly how to make a stranger feel at home.—Charity and Children.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it becomes completely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is often attended by an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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W. W. Tye, Cedar St., Weldon, N. C., says: "My kidneys gave me a great deal of trouble and I had pains through my loins. After taking Doan's Kidney Pills, all these aches and pains left and the trouble with my kidneys became a thing of the past."

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Never can tell when you'll mash a finger or suffer a cut, bruise, burn or scald. Be prepared. Thousands rely on Dr. Thomas' Eucletic Oil. Your druggist sells it. 25c. and 50c.

News From Crowells.

Crowells, N. C., June 16.—Miss Marie Fitzpatrick spent Friday in Scotland Neck having some dental work done.

Mrs. Annie Pittman, of Greenville, made a short visit to her home, the Pittman Farm, last Monday.

Mrs. J. P. Ellen has returned from a visit to friends in Ahoskie.

Miss Mamie Brinkley is visiting friends in Seavern.

Miss Annie Bett Smith, of Greenville, spent last week with Miss Evelyn Pope.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Twisdale on Monday, the 8th, and left three fine boys. We will be glad to furnish The Commonwealth with a snapshot of the Halifax triplets a little later for the benefit of its readers.

Mr. Robert Pope and sister spent Tuesday in Enfield.

Mr. A. E. Bobbitt went to Littleton Saturday.

Messrs. J. H. and T. G. Pope attended services at Deep Creek Sunday.

The triplets are the most popular young men of the neighborhood.

We are all enjoying the conveniences of the rural free delivery mail route. There is no comparison to be made with that and the old star route.

Mr. L. E. Pope and family spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. C. W. Fleming, at Tillery.

Rev. A. G. Wilcox will fill his regular appointment at Conocochar Sunday.

The Young Idea.

A high school freshman, asked to recite on the life of Alexander the Great, extemporized as follows: "Alexander was a quick-tempered man. Once when he had taken too much wine he got angry at his best friend and killed him. Alexander was very much grieved, and did everything he could to help bury his friend."

State Normal College.

We desire to call attention to the advertisement of the State Normal and Industrial College which appears in this issue. Every year shows a steady growth in this institution devoted to the higher education of the women of North Carolina.

Including the Training School and the Summer Session, the College last year had a total enrollment of 1233 students. Ninety of the one hundred counties of the State had representatives in the student body. Nine-tenths of all the graduates of this institution have taught or are now teaching in the schools of North Carolina.

The dormitories are furnished by the State and board is provided at actual cost. Two hundred appointments with free tuition, apportioned among the several counties according to the school population, will be awarded to applicants about the middle of July. Students who wish to attend this institution next year should make application as early as possible, as the capacity of the dormitories is limited.

Opportunity for a Statesman.

North Carolina needs the service of a statesman. We do not say North Carolina needs a statesman; that would be to assert that she has none.

But the times demand the utmost service of a strong and brave man. There is wanted a man with the intellectual stature to command attention. There is wanted a statesman whose calm, strong voice can be heard above the puerile squabbling of faction. There is wanted a man impatient alike of the sordid greed and base ambition of the reactionary and the fretful clamor of the reckless apostle of innovation; a man with dignity to rebuke the demagogues of whatever pretensions.

We need the services of a patriot who is able to lead the people out of confusion and fix their minds and their consciences upon essential things. There is wanted one who is able to drive the conviction home that there is no device of government, no scheme of legislation, that can take the place of simple honesty; that no material achievement, no splendor of intellectual attainment, can supply its lack. What ability can a state claim, that is not able to devise a just and equitable system of taxation? What virtue can a state claim that refuses to distribute justly amongst the citizens the burden of the support of government? What glory can the fabric of a state radiate through the world, unless its foundations are laid upon simple honesty?—Greensboro News.

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