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The system is from natural causes, debilitated or run-down both in the spring and fall. The seasons' changes are always a tax on the human organism. The blood becomes impure in the spring, and vitality lags in the fall. A little care, a little assistance, and nature will do the rest, as it is always trying to maintain health. Frequently the weakest organ will show the most disorder, and this often leads to wrong treatment. For the debilitated conditions of spring or fall, or any other time, for that matter, the right thing to do is to build up the whole system. It is not your stomach, or liver, or nerves alone that cause the trouble; you are weakened all over and must have renewed strength and vitality. These you cannot get so quickly or surely or safely as by using

### Dr. HARTER'S IRON TONIC

When you use Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic you are helping to renew the vigor of every fiber of your body. You are cleansing and enriching your blood; you are strengthening your stomach and increasing the digestive fluids; you are building up and renewing the activity of your kidneys and liver; and you are feeding and revitalizing your nervous system. You cannot do this without getting well, and you cannot take Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic without doing it.

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Has just received a varied and elegant assortment of New Styles in  
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and is offering the same at the lowest prices.  
Call and see the New Goods.

**FENCE POSTS**  
THOUSANDS OF THEM  
Delivered promptly anywhere wanted.  
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WE HAVE EVERYTHING.  
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**Due Notice Given**  
To whom it may concern:  
Any person selling or trading with Mrs. Alberta Bacon is hereby notified that I will not be responsible for her debts after this date. W. M. Bacon.  
Punta Gorda, Fla.,  
40-41 Oct. 6, 1902.

**NOTICE OF REGISTRATION.**  
The Registration books of the town of Punta Gorda, Florida, will be open at the Council Chamber on the 4th day of Nov. 1902, for the purpose of registering voters for the ensuing municipal election, from 9 o'clock a. m. until 12 and from 1 o'clock until 4 o'clock, p. m., and will remain open ten days, Sunday excepted, and will close on the 15th of Nov., 1902, at 4 P. M.  
W. B. HARDRE, Town Clerk.

**SHIPMENTS OF FISH.**  
For the week ending Wednesday night, Oct. 23, the following shipments of fresh fish were made from this point:  
By freight—6 solid bars and 2 barrels.  
By express—5 cars, 108 barrels. Total—11 cars; 200 barrels, amounting to 238,000 pounds.  
Oysters shipped by express 32 gallons.

**Punta Gorda Ice & Power Company,**  
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Again Open to the Merchants of Punta Gorda and Vicinity.  
Shipments can now be made from New Orleans via Southern Pacific Co. to Galveston, Mallory line to Key West and Schr. "Silver Spray" to Punta Gorda at the following through rates:  
Class— 1 2 3 4 5 6  
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The Schr. "SILVER SPRAY" is now making weekly trips, weather permitting, Punta Gorda to Key West and return, making close connections at Key West with all transportation lines touching at that point.  
Shipments from Eastern points should be made via Mallory line to Key West, marked care of Schr. "SILVER SPRAY," to secure the cheapest freight rates offered into this territory.  
For further information, address,  
**A. F. Dewey,**  
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**BANNER SALVE,**  
the most healing ointment in the world.

## THE SUPREME COURT QUESTION

**JACKSONVILLE PAPERS ENDORSE THE HERALD'S VIEWS.**  
Both of the Jacksonville dailies last week gave editorial approval to the views expressed by this paper regarding the delay in our supreme court, the causes thereof and the remedies to be applied. The Metropolis of the 21st published THE HERALD'S article in full and next day gave it the following strong endorsement:  
The Metropolis fully agrees with THE PUNTA GORDA HERALD in regard to sending trifling and petty cases to the supreme court for decision, sometimes merely to delay the final result in favor of the opposing litigant who gained in the lower court. It is a well known fact that defeated attorneys often in the lower courts make a habit of giving notice of appeal in everything in which they are unsuccessful. The reporters of this paper have repeatedly asked attorneys what they proposed to do when a verdict or decision was against them. "Why, of course, appeal to the supreme court," would be their answer, when the case was hardly worth a trial in the first instance.

Some of these notices are at times apparently made to force a compromise, and if that can't be carried out, then, rather than back down and submit, as should be done, some kind of an appeal has to be made, without much hope of any better success in the court of last resort, but with the consolation of keeping the winding side in the lower courts out of the fruits of the verdict for an indefinite period—perhaps for five years.

There should be some restrictions to this appeal business, as well as some method to hasten decisions in the supreme court by lessening the labors of the judges in examining cases. The Metropolis is in favor both of increasing the number of supreme court judges and decreasing the amount of work sent up for them to do.

The constitutional amendments should be voted for next month increasing the number of judges, and then the Legislature should provide the other necessary remedies and for once in a lifetime clear the dockets of accumulated cases, some of which are gray from age, with eaten, rusty and in a state of decay for want of attention.

The best lawyers in Florida favor the amendments because at present justice is denied many persons by the long delays.  
Ex-Gov. Fleming, a lawyer, Ex-Chief Justice Liddon, Ex-Congressman and Ex-Attorney General Cooper, Judge R. M. Call, Ex-Circuit Judge W. B. Young, State Senator Palmer of Orange county, and many others advise voting for the amendments, and we would like to know if these attorneys scattered all over Florida are not some of the most worthy citizens of the State, and will any dare to assert that the gentlemen advising voting for the amendments would do so if they did not think it for the best interests of the people and the State at large?

The Times-Union and Citizen of the 22nd, publishes paragraphs from THE HERALD'S article and comments favorably upon them. Touching the suggestion that litigants be made to pay the salaries of the supreme judges, our metropolitan contemporary observes:  
It will probably strike the average reader that litigation in the State is already sufficiently expensive to deter all save the chronic claimant and man with a grievance from pursuing his prey into the court of last resort; and we can only regret that our thoughtful contemporary has not seen its way clear to a fuller description of the process by which those who take their troubles to the Supreme Court should also be put to the trouble of paying for the privilege.

Nothing easier. Let the judges establish a system of fees (costs) payable by the losing litigant, the fees to go to the judges instead of paying them salaries.  
The suggestion that trivial causes be kept out of the supreme court by any feasible plan, particularly by enlarging the jurisdiction of justices of the peace with an appeal from them to the circuit courts, is thus approved by the Times-Union and Citizen:  
So far as the first suggestion is concerned, however, we can see no good reason why it should not be acted upon. The point at which a dangerous flood may most readily be checked is at its source; and any innovation—any reform—in this direction that will tend to clear the decks for action in the State Supreme Court should have the sympathy and support of all intelligent citizens.

Gainesville News: General Albert Gilchrist may surprise McNamane and Gibbons by the vote he will receive for speaker of the house. The General has been doing a great deal of hard work in his effort to carry away this prize.

**E. W. Brown**  
This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets the remedy that cures a cold in one day

**ATTRIBUTED TO PRAYER.**  
St. Augustine Record, Oct. 21: Mrs. Stetson and daughter, Miss Edith Stetson, left yesterday for their home at Punta Gorda. Miss Stetson has fully recovered from a serious illness of several weeks, during which she was at the Railway Hospital.

Mother and daughter arrived at their home here last Saturday morning and the latter is steadily regaining her strength.  
It will be remembered that, about a month ago, Miss Edith was reported as being in a dying condition; that her physicians and her parents had given up all hope of her recovery and that her death was daily expected. When the news reached Punta Gorda, prayers were offered for her recovery, and to this many of her friends attribute the fact that she is now practically out of danger.

Under the circumstances, her recovery was very remarkable; but whether secured through prayer or not, it is the cause of much rejoicing here where Miss Edith is generally beloved.

### A DOMESTIC DIFFICULTY.

**The Solution Was Original, Though the Result Was Unhappy.**  
"Every time I tell this story," a bright society matron remarked, "somebody accuses me of making it up, but it is a true story nevertheless."  
"Up in the Virginia mountains David and I took a long walk to explore the wild country road near our hotel. Away up on the rough mountain side was a little cabin, and as I have a most fervent human interest in the home life of all peoples remote from cities I proposed that we visit the cabin, with the wayfarers' usual pretext, to ask for a drink of water. In the one room of the small house were the usual furnishings, a few chairs, many dogs lying about, guns on the wall, a high bed in each corner and a homely table spread with homely crockery in the center of the household picture. A plain little woman, worn and aged, but very neat in calico frock and gingham apron, met us at the door and asked us in, while one of the rough boys lounging on the porch was dispatched to the spring for fresh water.

"Instead of the usual mountaineer's open fireplace, with iron crane and kettles, was a surprising arrangement of a cooking stove mounted on a kitchen table. My glance rested to this contrivance so often that our mountain hostess seemed constrained to explain.  
"You uns ain't used to seein' cook stoves fixed up that way, I reckon," she said apologetically. "Pap, he got the cook stove down in town way last May, and he didn't think 'bout the stovepipe, and he didn't get 'nuff to reach up to that hole in the chimney, so we uns jes' h'isted the cook stove up on that there table till he gets time to go to town and get some more stovepipe. 'Tain't handy to climb up on a chair to cook, and I wish to the land paid 'ferry himself and get to town arter that there stovepipe. I'd be a heap handier to hev that there cook stove down on the ground!"

"Of course 'we uns' agreed with the good woman that her complaint was well based, but we praised her cleverness and originality in utilizing the kitchen table. Probably not one woman in 10,000,000 would have ever suggested that way out of the domestic difficulties."—Detroit Free Press.

### WAVES OF WATER.

For over 1,200 miles the Nile does not receive a single tributary stream. The Jordan is the crookedest river known, winding 213 miles in a distance of 90.  
The Potomac river is only 500 miles long, and in its lower course is rather an estuary than a stream.  
The highest of all navigable rivers is the Yangtze, which flows for nearly 1,000 miles at an elevation of from 11,000 to 14,000 feet.  
The Indus, the second sacred river of India, is 1,700 miles long. Its waters have always been considered almost as holy as those of the Ganges.  
Three rivers as big as the Rhine would just equal in volume the Ganges, three Ganges the Mississippi and two Mississippi the Amazon.  
When free from ice, the Yukon river is navigable for large steamers 1,965 miles, a distance more than twice as great as that from Chicago to New Orleans.

**Testing the Sermon.**  
The minister of a parish in a part of New England where doctrinal points are considered of great importance says that his text of a satisfactory sermon is the opposite of that which is commonly applied.  
"My clerical friends in the city tell me that so long as their congregations appear wide awake and interested they feel encouraged," he said to a visitor, "but with me it's different.  
"Of course I wish to interest the congregation, but if I look over to Deacon Brew's pew and then to Deacon Snow's and see them with their eyes closed and heads nodding I feel that all is well. Just as surely as I discover them wide awake and alert after I've been preaching for ten minutes I know that there's something wrong to their minds and that I shall hear what it is as soon as the service is over."  
Youth's Companion.

**Perfumes in Ancient Days.**  
Old as the history of the world itself is that of the queen of flowers. The ancient Greeks and Romans revolved in roses. They were used lavishly at their feasts. In the time of the republic the people had their cups of Falernian wine swimming with blooms, and the Spartan soldiers after the battle of Cirra refused to drink any wine that was not perfumed with roses, while at the regatta of Balis the whole surface of the Lucrine lake was strewn with flowers.

## THREE SURPRISE MARRIAGES

**MESSES. COOPER, McADOW AND McLANE WIN BRIDES.**  
Three Punta Gorda gentlemen took their friends by surprise last week by getting married without letting any one know of their intentions or plans. One however, Mr. Frank M. Cooper, married the week before, viz. on the 15th inst., but the fact did not become known here until last week. His bride was Mrs. Mary E. Allen of this city. They were wedded in Arcadia, the ceremony being performed by County Judge Pooser.

The second wedding occurred in Jacksonville on Tuesday, 21st. The principals in this were Mr. Perry L. McAdow and a lovely young lady, one of the belles of Detroit, Mich. They arranged to meet in Jacksonville and have the ceremony performed there. The couple arrived here early Thursday morning of last week and left so soon after their home on Laeosta island that this reporter failed to get the name of the bride.

The third marriage was that of Mr. Charlie McLane and Miss Stella Best, only daughter of the late Dr. J. W. Best, which occurred in Lakeland on Thursday night, 23rd inst. The ceremony being performed by Rev. Smith Hardin. The bride had been in Lakeland for several days, when, at the appointed time, the groom, without giving any intimation of his intentions, quietly left here, went to Lakeland, where the match was consummated as stated. After being united for life, the couple went to Tampa where, it is reported, the groom has a responsible and lucrative position in a mercantile house.

These three couples have the best wishes of a host of friends here and elsewhere. Their modesty in having very quiet weddings is generally respected and does not abate one particle of the gladness with which their happiness inspires their friends. May their lives be long, prosperous and full of joy is the universal wish.

### THE PLAY WAS STOPPED.

**But It Was Not by the Orders of the French President.**  
M. Sardou, the French playwright, once profited by a joke that General Ladmiraux, who was at the time governor of Paris, played on M. Thiers. Sardou had written "Rabagas" and the play had been given its dress rehearsal "in camera." It was displeasing to Thiers, and he undertook to stop its public performance.

As General Ladmiraux was dressing for dinner, about 6 in the evening, an officer entered his dressing room and tendered a dispatch, which, he said, had come direct from Versailles.  
The officer went out, and the general, continuing his toilet, said to himself that he was certain that that dispatch was the interdiction of "Rabagas." He left it unopened for the author, the general left the dispatch unopened when he left the room.  
The next morning came a messenger posthaste from Versailles, "Rabagas" was performed last night.  
"Without doubt," negligently replied the general.  
"But the dispatch?"  
"What dispatch?"  
"From M. Thiers, interdicting the performance."  
"Goodness me!" replied the general. "I left it unopened on the table. See, there it is, the seal unbroken. Still, that makes little difference. Everything passed off well. They nearly hissed the play off the stage, and it will be the same at every performance. Tell M. Thiers that he has no cause for alarm."  
"Rabagas" was withdrawn, but not by the orders of M. Thiers.

**Morse and the Telegraph Operator.**  
Immediately after the successful completion of the first transatlantic cable and the consequent celebrations, in which of course Cyrus W. Field bore a prominent part, Professor Morse had occasion to send a telegram from a small town in Ohio to his home in New York. He wrote out his message, presented it to the operator, who rapidly checked it off with his pencil and curtly demanded a dollar.  
"But," said the venerable inventor, "I never pay for messages," and, seeing an inquiring look in the operator's eyes, added, "I am, in fact, the father of the telegraph."  
"Then," said the operator, firmly convinced that he was being imposed upon, "why don't you sign your own name, Cyrus W. Field?"  
Professor Morse when telling the story used to say that he was too humiliated to answer.

**Doing No Harm.**  
One day Willie, aged five, was crying, and his mamma said:  
"Willie, you are getting your face all dirty from crying." And Willie stopped long enough to reply:  
"Well, it wasn't clean when I started." And then he went on.—Brooklyn Eagle.

**A Collection In Sight.**  
"Now," said the irate debtor, "if you disturb me again you'll get what you're looking for."  
"Thanks," replied the urbane collector. "I will try to make it convenient to disturb you at about this time tomorrow."—Houston Post.

**Annoying Delays.**  
May—Oh, I hate these magazine serials!  
Edith—Why?  
May—You can never tell how the story ends until it is finished.—Town and Country.

### CAPE W. B. DENHAM.

Floridians will be pleased to know that upon the consolidation of the Louisville and Nashville railroad with the Atlantic Coast Line, Capt. Wm. B. Denham will be general superintendent of the entire system. This is a guarantee that the Florida patrons of this great railway system will receive liberal treatment, for Captain Denham is a Floridian and is also one of the ablest railroad men in the South.—PUNTA GORDA HERALD.

There is not a more deservedly popular railroad man in the country than Gainesville's former citizen, Capt. W. B. Denham. There is nothing connected with railroading with which he is not acquainted, and his ability is being recognized by one of the greatest systems in the country by steady promotion. One of his best traits of character is that promotion does not turn his head. There is nothing "stuck up" about Capt. Denham, and his commonest laborer in his employ can approach him with as much ease as any official of the system. If the country had more such men as W. B. Denham it would be the better off for it.  
—Gainesville Sun.

Suwannee county has passed an order to pension the old teachers. Any teacher of that county who has taught for twenty years, ten of which have been taught in that county, will be paid \$30 per school month.

Ocala Banner: The fish industry of Florida should receive a large measure of attention from the state and national governments. Twelve hundred miles of seacoast entitles us to a great deal of consideration. We should hold up Commissioner Detwiler's hands.

The Lake City Intox and the Ocala Banner have each issued special State Fair editions and each scored a big success. They were splendid papers, creditable alike to the publishers and to the state. Editors Appleyard and Harris are up-to-date journalists, of whom all Florida is proud.

A letter from State Superintendent Sheats advises that on account of the scarcity of teachers throughout the state, there will be a special teachers' examination in every county in the state about November 1. There is now a great demand for teachers, and not enough teachers to supply the demand.

Ocala Banner: Governor Jennings is receiving some very determined opposition and some rather severe criticisms, but truth and justice compel us to say that he is making a very excellent executive officer. His administration, if it keeps on to the end as it has begun, will go down in history as an unexceptionally excellent one.

Palatka Times-Herald: If the people of this district yield to Mr. Davis' determination not to again run for congress—and we trust they will not—it would be an admirable plan to reverse the order of succession and choose in his stead the gentleman whom he succeeded. Florida has never had an able representative in either the House or Senate than Mr. Cooper, of Duval.

Arcadia Champion: Judging by the past remarkable instances of the power of the official organ in molding public opinion, we should say that Mayor Freeman of Punta Gorda is sure to be elected county commissioner. One of the surest signs of the official organ opposes him. He must be an exceedingly strong and good man who can be elected in spite of the patronage of the official organ.

**At Sea on Land.**  
A clergyman who had neglected all knowledge of nautical affairs was asked to deliver an address before an audience of sailors.  
He was discoursing on the stormy passages of life. Thinking he could make his remarks more pertinent to his hearers by metaphorically using sea expressions, he said:  
"Now, friends, you know that when you are at sea in a storm the thing you do is anchor."  
A half concealed snicker spread over the room, and the clergyman knew that he had made a mistake.  
After the services one of his listeners came to him and said, "Mr. —, have you ever been at sea?"  
The minister replied:  
"No, unless it was while I was delivering that address."—New York Times.

**Lightning's Ability For Oak.**  
Electricity in the clouds, like its companion lower down, loves to seek the earth, the great reservoir of all electricity, and it finds the most available way to do so, choosing always the best conductor, conspicuous among which are the much maligned lightning rod, the high trees or the elevated steeple. It has its choice of trees as well as other things and will leap over half an acre of trees to find an oak, for which it appears to have a special attraction, and it will pass a high point to find a building that has metal about it.

Practically all the exports of Africa are natural products, while her imports are exclusively manufactured articles.  
A woman's whim is often a man's fate.—Boston Transcript.