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WHEN THE DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTIONS he expects that his prescription will be filled with Pure Drugs. Naturally he expects they will be filled here. Our Prescription Department has become famous. The quality of the drugs, the accuracy of the compounding and the promptness in filling orders are points which have gained for us the approbation of the public.

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HOW TO FOLD A LETTER.

Only a Small Percentage of Applicants Know the Right Way. "I see you have lots of applications," said the advertising manager to the business house manager who had advertised for a typewriter and book-keeper.

From all over New England," said the business man, jamming his pockets full. "But what some of the girls who answer are thinking of I can't imagine. Here is one girl who will come fifty miles to take a place at \$5 a week."

"Can you tell much as to their qualifications by their letters?" "Can I? Well, rather. For instance, there is the writing; there is the spelling of the words; there is the way the letter is put together; there is even the way the letters are folded. Ever think that nowadays are so hard to save time nowadays?"

"No," said the advertising man. "It's all I can do to get the stamps to put on 'em. My stenographer folds 'em all right, I guess. How should it be done?" "Easy enough, simple enough, but folded wrong often enough," said the business man sententiously. "If your typewriter knows her business she takes the sheet and folds it up from the bottom toward the top, leaving the proper width for the envelope, then over from right to left and from left to right--so. Then when your letter is opened it is right side up. See?"

"I see," murmured the advertising man. "And how many applicants fold their letters that way?" "Oh, three or four out of a dozen, perhaps. Quite a commentary on business as she is taught, eh?" remarked the business man as he stroled away. -Springfield Republican.

FRANCIS POLLITENESS. It is in Widespread, Oppressive and Time Devouring. During one summer which I spent among exclusively French people in a hotel at Saint-Germain I estimated that I lost quite twenty-four hours out of each week saying good morning and good evening to the men, women, little children and dogs about me. If you encounter the same person twenty-five times in the same day, you must smile rapidly, pause, at least shake hands if you do not kiss, ceremoniously inquiring how he or she is "going" and ceremoniously bid him or her "au revoir" that parting. Not only every man and woman expects this, but all the little children toddle up to you, shake hands and exact the same amount of ceremony. Then every well regulated French family has a dog that more than likely occupies a chair and eats off a table beside you at the table, so that its considered childish if you do not stop and pet the dog "bon jour" and "au revoir" a dozen times a day, pausing to take the paw which he is presently taught to extend to you.

When the washerwoman brings home your linen, there are at least five minutes spent in ceremoniously greeting and paying for her. In the operation of receiving and paying for linen you exchange "merci" and "pardon" not fewer than ten times. Any other servant or tradesman who comes to do business with you throughout the day is continually receive with "bon jour" and "au revoir, mon cher" and thank him and beg his attention as you can possibly add into the length of time he stays. -Harper's Bazar.

No Place For Insects. "I had letters to a prominent official in Porto Rico," said a New York manufacturer of artificial ice plants, "and I went down to that island, thinking I had a sure grip on a big thing. I made an appointment by letter and on a certain day and hour was ushered into his office, and we had no sooner shaken hands than he turned to the attendant and said: "Joe, bring the gentleman a fresh glass of lemonade and see that it is good and hot." "It was hot enough to melt a dog, and I felt rivers of perspiration running down my back, and when that boiling hot lemonade was brought in I knew that I was dished. So I turned out. I might have sold red peppers or horse-radish, but as for ice--they didn't want any in theirs."

PURE BLOOD--SOUND HEALTH.

Plain Reasons Why Hancock's Liquid Sulphur is so Effective. Many prevalent disorders show an acid condition of the blood. HANCOCK'S LIQUID SULPHUR being anti-acid, corrects such ailments and is of special value in the cure of acne, itch, herpes, ringworm, pimples, prickly heat, catarrh, canker and sores, in scalp, eyelids, nose, mouth and throat.

So effective a skin tonic is HANCOCK'S LIQUID SULPHUR--Nature's greatest germicide--that used in bathing, it gives vigor to the action of the skin and affords a sense of healthfully toned exhilaration. Leading druggists sell it. Send for descriptive booklet to "HANCOCK'S LIQUID SULPHUR Co. Baltimore, Md.

Ocala Banner--Building a railroad from the mainland to Key West is a colossal enterprise and if successful will take its place alongside of the most daring engineering achievements of modern times. Stupendous and costly as the work is, it now seems certain that Mr. Flagler--Florida's Aladdin--is going to undertake it, and that a monument it will be to his memory!

Taken With Cramps. Wm. Kirmse, a member of the bridge gang near Littleport, was taken suddenly ill Thursday night with cramps and a kind of cholera. His case was so severe that he had to have the members of the crew wait upon him and Mr. Gifford was called and consulted. He told them he had a medicine in the form of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy that he thought would help him out and accordingly several doses were administered with the result that the fellow was able to be around next day. The incident speaks quite highly of Dr. Gifford's medicine--Elkader, Iowa, Argus. This remedy never fails. Keep it in your home, it may save life. For sale by all Druggists.

Leesburg Commercial--The indications are that the velvet bean and potato crops will be as large as usual this year in Lake county, despite the drought which delayed planting. Both crops are staple and "good as gold" as money getters. The farmer makes a mistake when he fails to plant these crops.

San Mateo Item: The gathering of deer tongue, a plant that grows wild in the woods, is getting to be quite a business with the colored people in this section. S. W. Rowley handles the major portion of all that is gathered in this section, for which he pays 3 cents a pound cash. Tuesday he shipped 4,500 pounds of this amount having been bought during the last few days.

Per capita revenue for liquor and tobacco has just been figured up to amount to \$2.92. The expenses of the government for twenty five years were \$2,228,409,558 and the revenue receipts from liquors and tobacco were \$2,167,641,812, so that, with the exception of the interest on the public debt, the liquor and tobacco users very nearly paid for running the government.

The Florida Cracker who has a little farm with a cabin on it and the woman he loves in the cabin, is better off than a king, for he is contented and happy and the king is not.

THE FINEST ON EARTH.

A recent issue of the Gainesville Sun contains an article which is of special interest to South Florida. It is as follows: "Rev. W. J. Carpenter, of Kavanaugh Methodist church, has returned from a visit to South Florida, and is delighted with that section of the country, which he declares is 'the finest on earth.'"

"I visited the section where the orange grows in all its glory," remarked Mr. Carpenter. "From Lakeland on south to Punta Gorda there are to be found many fine groves. In DeSoto county, probably there are some of the finest groves in the state. That country is fast filling up, many people from other parts of the state going there, and numbers from other states of our great country are coming to this delightful section to get a grove. To the east of Arcadia there is a section of fine orange land, where guava trees were never killed, and where beans grew during the big freeze and were not injured."

"I went to Nocatee (What is it?) to see my friend, Col. T. J. Watkins, and was shown over the finest grove in the state of Florida. His grove is one mile long, and one half mile broad, containing about 12,000 trees. He has sold his crop this year for \$25,000. This grove is about one-third irrigated. He has about thirty varieties of oranges and grapefruit. Many trees will bear from thirty to forty boxes of fruit. The colonel uses improved machinery in working his grove, everything working on wheels. He keeps it clean and beautiful. I exhausted all my adjectives before I walked one hundred yards in the grove. It was the prettiest sight I ever saw, and undoubtedly stands at the head of the list of orange groves in this state. Colonel Watkins has also twenty acres in nursery stock, containing about 160,000 young trees; besides he is going extensively into the insecticide business."

Miss Mattie Underhill, the pretty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Underhill, from up town, went shopping today at the drygood stores of Earnest and Elliott, and reports goods awfully cheap. Mr. Jesse Patrick, our Lavilla merchant has sold out again, this time to his son Perry. Jesse has gone off some where, rumor says, on important business; guess so. Mr. F. T. Perkins shipped some pineapples last week to New York, they sold for \$6.00 per crate, but only netted him \$3.25 per crate. Mr. G. W. Ward shipped three crates to Swausboro, N. C.; net receipts about \$2.75 each crate. There are some little sneak thieves around going in people's pineries at night, taking therefrom without leave or license, contrary to law, peace and the good order of the community. Better look out, boys; you might get caught in a steel-trap, or get a load of tar-heel shot from a tilled branch-loading double barreled winchester. There is a man up town who says he has tiled out three of these guns, and has set sixteen steel traps in his pinery. Mr. Steve Chadwick and family, of Stump Pass, has returned from their extended trip to Michigan and St. Louis. Steve says he had a fine time and went over in Canada, coming back via Montgomery, Ala. He was gone six weeks. Mr. G. F. Whittemore, of Ohio, has been in town for a week prospecting, thinking of buying and settling here. The Punta Gorda saw mill is making some right good lumber now. Mr. L. I. Holcomb, proprietor seems to be a whole-souled gentleman and worker; he is an Ohioan by birth. He will add a barrel factory also. The base ball fever seems to be high now, and the P. G.'s are gaining laurels over all their opponents. Yesterday they scored another snooz at their diamond here. Mr. Ed Smith has just returned from a visit to N. C. his old home. Rumor had it, that Ed, was to bring her back with him. What was the matter Ed, you didn't bring her? Some fine grape-fruit and peaches in town to be seen at the stores of Messrs. Newsome and H. W. Smith. Peaches from Georgia; fruit from Mr. Supt. Giddens at Charlotte Harbor, the largest we ever saw.

Violent Attack of Diarrhoea Cured by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and Perhaps a Life Saved. "A short time ago I was taken with a violent attack of diarrhoea and believe I would have died if I had not gotten relief," says John J. Patton, a leading citizen of Patton, Ala. "A friend recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy. I bought a 25-cent bottle and after taking three doses of it was entirely cured. I consider it the best remedy in the world for bowel complaint. For sale by all Druggists."

Cholera Infantum. This disease has lost its terror since Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy came into general use. The uniform success which attends the use of this remedy in all cases of bowel complaints in children has made it a favorite wherever its value has been known. For sale by all Druggists.

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GEN. GILCHRIST IN COLORADO.

Writes Interesting Letters About That Country. Colorado Springs, Col., July 21.--Leaving St. Louis I arrived at Kansas City, known largely as a great meat packing center. But a week before the people of this city had been disturbed by the rise of the Kansas river which did much damage. In the office of the hotel near the union depot was marked the high water mark of June, 1903. I was about six feet high above the floor. The railroad runs along the valley of the Kansas river; evidence of the recent flood were manifest. Wheat oats and corn are the staples. Irish potatoes are planted in large areas. I heard of them raising almost 20 bushels to the acre. The land is worth almost \$200 or more an acre. Mr. Impression is that Sheriff Felder did that well on our palmetto root land. There people have the drouth and the floods, and the hot winds. It looks to me as if our country is surer of a crop than they are. It just proves there is no royal road to success. Perseverent effort, well directed labor is what tells.

I saw many of the sage looking parairie dogs standing on their hind feet. At the slightest suggestion of danger they go into their holes and pull them in after them. Denver is a city of 160,000 people. It is a distributing and manufacturing city. Irrigation has brought this part of the once American desert into a forest of shade trees and beautiful lawns. The atmosphere is dry, and pleasant. Denver is the only place in the world where a horse has fair chance. There is a short street car line, where a horse pulls the car up grade, returning the horse is taken on the platform of the car and rides back. From Denver to Colorado Springs the mountain scenery is beautiful. There are many fine drives here. The Garden of the Gods is one of the most famous. It is impossible for me to describe the beauty of this mountain scenery. Some great convulsions of nature rendered these mountains asunder, forcing them into various shapes. The guide points to the Tower of Babel, Cathedral Spire, 3 Camels, 2 Kissing camels, Parrot, Elephant, Seal, Lion, Queen Victoria, Geo. Washington, Aunt Dina, Punch and Judy, Eagle, Washerwoman leaving her tub, Balance rock, Grover Cleveland and a number of other men, and events are represented in this grand upheaval. The weather here is delightful. In the day it is pleasant at night; a light over-cast is appreciated. There are many lovely homes here.

ALBERT W. GILCHRIST. Colorado Springs, Col., July 23.--Yesterday, I decided I would go up to "Pikes Peak or bust." Many people here will tell a stranger that he should be careful to go there, on account of the rarified atmosphere, telling him about weak lungs and weak hearts. I really felt that I should make my will, but I didn't. Pike's Peak is over 14,000 feet above the sea level. It is 7,000 or 8,000 ft. higher than the crowning glory of the White mountains, Mount Washington. The trip is made on the Cog railroad. The railroad winds up the mountain, using canons as far as possible. These canons are a thing of beauty. Mountain torrents leap down them. The dark green silver spray pine shades the earth. The rocks are of white or red sandstone. Mountain lakes are in the valleys. When one has ascended part of the way, there are the varied colored rocks, thousands of feet above, with a vista of 30 or 40 miles over valley and rival ranges of indescribable beauty. As one nears the top, the conductor calls out "the timber line," meaning there is no more timber growing. For a short distance there are a few sweet flowers which a young girl comes in and sells you for 15 cents a bouquet. On the top nothing grows, there is only a bald headed peak; man has halted it or capped it with a building. Yesterday the thermometer stood 36 deg. below freezing being a "cold day in July." Snow was on the ground. You are far above the clouds. The rarified atmosphere did no harm to any one. While above the clouds I received a message for the people of Punta Gorda, "be good and you will be happy."

Today I visited the Cripple Creek mining camps. These camps are fully 10,000 feet above the sea. I had the opportunity of going down Gold Coin Mine fully 1000 feet below the earth; there the drills all run by compressed air. The superintendent took me through a little hole hardly big enough for a 212 pound man. This company has one tunnel 3800 feet long. The boilers represent 1100 horse power. One can form some idea of the amount of money represented in these mines. They find a seam of gold ore. This one is about two feet wide. They follow it through hard rock wherever it leads, drilling, blasting and removing the rocks. When you come up in the elevator you feel like you are fairly "lifted out of your boots." I have heard of this expression before, but I never felt the feeling until today. The railroads have some wonderful curves or loops in them. You will see a mine on the top of a hill. Another one is 600 feet below it. There are the precipitous valleys. You know Cripple Creek is in the Rockies. Their camps contain handsome brick buildings. Though great fortunes have been made in mines, yet where you see one mine in successful operation, you see over the hills in the Cripple River district, holes in the ground, where many one has spent his all. There is no royal road to wealth in mining. The trip from Colorado Springs to Cripple Creek is one of the most picturesque in all the world. In fact, it would tunnel the English.

NO SUNSTROKE HERE. The great majority of people in the North think that Florida is only a winter resort. When the chill winds of winter strike to the very marrow of the bones, the idea of Florida and its balmy air becomes most alluring, but when the summer sun is fiercest and prostrations from heat are numerous in the North, the idea of Florida as a summer resort where such intense heat never comes, does not occur, or if it is suggested to them, it is put aside with the idea that because it is south of them and so much warmer in winter, it must of necessity be better in summer. Such idea is erroneous. Though the summers in Florida are longer continued they are not nearly so hot and oppressive as in the more northern States. The climate of Florida is temperate both in summer and winter, especially so along the Gulf coast, the great volume of water acting as an equalizer, warming the winds of winter with the warmth stored from the summer sun, and cooling the summer air with refreshing and invigorating breezes. Sunstrokes or prostrations from heat are unknown in this temperate climate, while on the other hand, there is no suffering from cold in winter. -Miami Record.

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The same strain of kindred humanity pervades all tourist resorts. ALBERT W. GILCHRIST.

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A MERTORIOUS ENTERPRISE.

All Should Help The South Florida Fair. The South Florida Fair movement, inaugurated in Tampa by Mr. T. J. L. Brown, is being met with a degree of interest and encouragement throughout South Florida and elsewhere that is most remarkable, and it is evident that the Fair will be the greatest success of the State's history. The officials of the Atlantic Coast Line, Seaboard Air Line and other great railway systems have assured the directors of the movement rates from other states hitherto unheard of in Florida, and will also run cheap rate excursions to every point in Florida in order that home-seekers may have an opportunity to visit every section. For the purpose of carrying out the plans of the Fair, the South Florida Fair Association, composed of the leading men and women of South Florida, has been organized, and a Finance committee of thirty will at once raise in Tampa \$100,000.00 to be distributed to the various counties, towns and individuals as prizes for exhibits of every character, agricultural, industrial, commercial, mineral, live stock, poultry and in fact everything of value produced in South Florida.

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The time of holding the fair has been changed from October to November 14th to 26th, inclusive. The railroads are expecting to bring thousands of people from other states and every man and woman in South Florida should interest themselves in securing an exhibit.

COTTON AND ORANGES. We wish to call the attention to the article from the Southern Farm Magazine on the cotton crop and the speculators. It seems that the gamblers in cotton futures are taking advantage of the fact that the acreage planted to cotton this year is unusually large, to create an impression that there will be an enormously large crop next fall, hoping in this way to break down the price and pocket a profit for themselves. Orange buyers are trying the same game with the Florida orange crop this year. Reports are being industriously circulated that there will be an enormous crop of oranges in Florida this season. This undoubtedly is a mistake; the evidence is very strong that the crop this year will be very little if any larger than that of last year. We mentioned some facts pointing that way last week. The latest reports from the west coast is that the crop is small, only a few growers have as many oranges this year as they had last. The shortage was caused by the dropping of the fruit from the effects of the severe drouth in May. -Florida Agriculturist.

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