

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

WE ARE ASSERTING IN THE COURTS OUR RIGHT TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE WORD "CASTORIA" AND "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," AS OUR TRADE MARK.

I, DR. SAMUEL PITCHER, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* on every wrapper. This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," which has been used in the homes of the Mothers of America for over thirty years. LOOK CAREFULLY at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought and has the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.

March 8, 1897. *Samuel Pitcher, M.D.*

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FOR POST MORTEM USE.

Why a Mountaineer Would Not Sell His Crop of Walnuts.

As I pulled up out of the steepest part of the Cumberland mountain road and drove along the bench of the mountain, with a beautiful view off down the valley, I stopped a moment to gaze upon the loveliness of nature and to breathe in deep drafts of the invigorating mountain air.

At a turn into a little recessed vale under the crag stood a vine clad cabin much better in appearance than any I had seen since crossing over to the Tennessee side of the mountain. About it was a thrifty little mountain farm, and on the wood pile in front sat a solemn specimen of the male mountaineer.

"Good morning," I said. "Can you tell me where William Skaggs lives?"

"What do you want him for, stranger?" he replied.

There was no use of contending a point on the ground that it was none of his business what I wanted with Mr. Skaggs, because I was sure to gain nothing by it. So I submitted.

"I understand he has some walnut trees for sale," I said.

"He hasn't got any now."

you were. They told me at Gray's Mill last night that you had a lot of walnut.

"Well, they wuz about half right, stranger, but since day before yesterday things has changed. The Skaggses has had a serenade with the Hankinses, and there's likely to be war for the next six months or a year. That's about 46 men on our side to about 60 on 't'other side, but they air pore white trash livin' in hogpens, kinder, while we has places like this," sweeping his hand toward his house and farm, "and we air proud up ourselves and ain't goin' to get below the level that we air useter. That's why that ain't no walnut trees for sale. Every one up them Hankinses that we air goin' to do away with is goin' to his last rest in a yaller poplar box, but when a Skaggs has a funeral you'll see him goin' down to his last rest in place in a walnut coffin. That's what, and them trees you mine'll furnish the timber. That's why they ain't for sale, mister, jist at present."

—Washington Star.

The Difference.
Nervous Old Lady (to deckhand on steamer)—Mr. Stearnboat Man, is there any fear of danger?

Deckhand (carelessly)—Plenty of fear, ma'am, but no danger.—London Fun.

Tobacco Chewers Taxed.
Tobacco chewing members of the Methodist church in Albertville, Ala., have been levied upon by the stewards for a special tax of \$10 a year.

WOMAN AND FASHION.

Styles For Winter as Indicated by Autumn Costumes—New Pocket Handkerchiefs—Mere Mention.

It seems safe to say, judging from the autumn styles, that soon the rough surfaced cloths so much used of late will give place to smooth, satin finished goods such as poplins and cashmere.



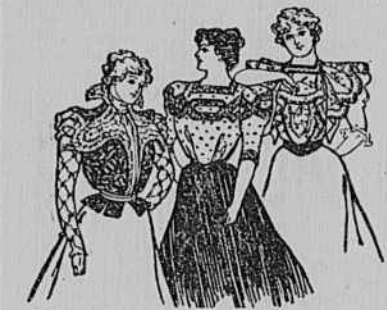
AUTUMN COSTUMES.

with silks for home wear. Black silk will again become a fashionable gown and grosgrain or peau de soie the choice, although figured and brocaded black silk will be very much worn. Dark, subdued colors will be used for the streets, with no contrasts. Instead different shades of the same color will tone into one another.

The skirts will be only moderately full, and all will be trimmed, some with frills from top to hem, others embroidered about the bottom with braids of various widths. The trimming of evening gowns will be very elaborate.

The belted waist has got to share its popularity with the princess redingote and the cuirass basque. It will be worn, but not exclusively. The bolero jacket will not have things all its own way any more, for an important rival has made its appearance in the Russian coat, which is in high favor this fall.

Fancy waists are just as fashionable as ever. Although the entire gown of cloth is becoming more the vogue, any-



RUSSIAN COAT BODICE—FANCY WAISTS.

thing so useful as the extra waist could not easily be put aside suddenly. In addition to the foregoing fashion hints the New York Sun illustrates a group of fashionable waists, among which is a little Russian coat bodice. New gowns for autumn wear that indicate the coming winter styles are also depicted.

Pocket Handkerchiefs.

There is a revival of interest in embroidery on linen, and some handkerchiefs shown recently are marvels of fine stitching. Some have no speck of color, and the decorative arrangement is not so often a border as an artistic, irregular pattern scattered over the whole handkerchief. A graceful design shows a flock of birds, and another, even more attractive, has tiny birds and butterflies flying over a flower design. Decidedly less dressy are some "chic" affairs, with borders formed of solid blue or several narrow stripes of pale blue, pink or buff, and with a small but elaborate monogram in the corner done in the colored thread. The monogram may be of the color displayed in the border, combined with another, or of a totally different shade, for these mouchoirs are supposed to be original and smart and to be carried only with a "tailor made" suit, says a writer in the New York Tribune.

The New Bouquets.

Flowers provided for bridal parties and also those used by women in evening costume this season are again described as made bouquets, but in no way do they resemble the old time bouquets. A New York exchange describes the difference: The old time bouquets were pyramid shaped masses of flowers, each blossom so closely packed in place that its beauty was lost. The new bouquets have flowers on one side only, so grouped as to show each individual blossom and give a graceful but careless arrangement of them. These one sided bouquets have the advantage of being lighter and less clumsy to manage than the old style. The wearer may hold one of them close to her gown without being in constant fear of crushing the blossoms. Another good point is that a smaller number of flowers is required, thus making the expense much less.

Mere Mention.

Leather purses are selected with a view to matching either gown or gloves.

There are many reasons for believing that the trailing skirt will be much in evidence during the coming season.

Some of the tea services show fluted bodies and engraved tops. Others have fluted bodies and tops in bright finish.

Marietta Holley, author of "Josiah Allen's Wife," is said to be one of the best paid women writers in the United States.

The Puritan announces that powdered hair is again in favor—not a heavily powdered, pomatumed effect, but a faint dusting with perfumed rice powder.

There is a serviceable article in the shape of a bicycle carrier. It is made of thick, woven strands of reed and rattan and so arranged that the bicycle can be shipped intact without possible chance of injury to any of its parts.



The man who neglects his health for the sake of the excitement of work and money, getting on his feet, is dancing with Death. It is a dance in which Death always comes out victor. If a man will only spare enough time to take care of health, to eat, and rest and sleep properly, and when he feels slightly indisposed will resort to the right remedy, he may work as hard as he pleases, and pile up money steeply high, without fear of untimely death.

The worst enemy with which hard-working men have to contend is a disordered digestion. It is the starting point for most sickness and disease. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery prevents sickness and disease. Its use insures a hearty appetite, and healthful, restful sleep. It corrects all disorders of the digestion, invigorates the liver and purifies the blood. It tones the nerves. It makes pure, rich blood, builds firm healthy flesh, and strong, elastic muscle. The man who resorts to it whenever he feels out of sorts, may, within reason, work as hard as he pleases. Druggists sell it.

"Enclosed please find 21 one-cent stamps," writes James Trent, of Clarendon, Donley Co., Texas, "for which please send me a copy of Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser in paper covers. I have been taking Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery for the blood and think it is the best blood-purifier in existence."

One of the best-known of American medical men said: "If you want to reform a man, begin with his grandfather." That would be wise if it could be done. Since it cannot be done, try something else. Reform the future grandfathers and grandmothers. Do this through education. The greatest thing for a man or woman to know is himself or herself. To know one-half the capabilities and disabilities of the human body is a liberal education. A good start for this education is Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser. Any one can have this finely illustrated 1000-page book for the small price of twenty-one one-cent stamps. This is simply to pay for mailing. If you would like the book in fine cloth binding instead of paper, send thirty-one stamps to World's Dispensary Medical Association, 663 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

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10-room dwelling, 118 Eighth avenue s. w., bath room, hot and cold water attachment, lot 50x100 feet. Originally worth \$7,500; present price \$4,000.

Comfortable dwelling No. 712 Campbell avenue s. w.; lot 91x275 feet to an alley, 10 rooms, bath room and stable. Originally sold for \$10,000; present price \$4,000.

Very desirable dwelling No. 316 John street s. w., 10 rooms, good stable, necessary outside buildings, lot 50x150; \$3,000.

Nice 6-room cottage No. 3 Trout avenue s. w., lot 50x150, \$1,500.

Dwelling No. 306 Eighth avenue s. w., lot 50x150, \$1,500.

Three story brick building on Shenandoah avenue, near freight depot, now used, first floor as a bottling works, and second and third as shop and dwelling, \$5,000.

6-room dwelling, No. 517 Fourth street n. e., very cheap and convenient to Roanoke Machine Works, \$700.

8-room dwelling, n. s. Belmont avenue s. e., lot 93x130 feet; beautiful location, \$2,000.

8-room dwelling, 14 1/2 Lee street n. e., lot 50x200 feet, \$1,500.

8-room dwelling, 509 Luck avenue, lot 34x90 feet, very cheap, \$2,000.

6-room dwelling, 927 Shenandoah avenue n. w., lot 25x130, \$800.

6-room dwelling, 427 Elmwood street s. e., lot 40x130, a bargain, \$650.

8-room dwellings, 924, 930 and 932 Center street, lots 25x130, all three desirable located and very cheap, \$1,100.

6-room dwelling, 711 Gilmer street n. w., lot 40x130, nice location; a bargain, \$1,100.

Vacant lot on Jefferson street, 25x170 feet, near marble yard, formerly worth \$5,000; price \$2,500.

Peck Hotel, on Salem avenue, near Academy of Music, 24 rooms, a bargain, price \$3,500.

Two story frame building, 8 rooms, 450 feet east of F street, fronting on Campbell avenue s. w., lot 50x233 feet. This is a very cheap and desirable property, price \$3,000.

A very desirable 8-room dwelling, 801 Roanoke street s. w., good outside building, hot and cold water, bath, etc., lot 50x150, a bargain, \$2,500.

House and lot, 8 rooms, north side Melrose avenue n. w., lot 75x210 feet, a most desirable home, price \$1,800.

Two-story frame building, 612 Sixth avenue n. w., very nicely located, 6-room house, price \$1,200.

2 two-story 6-room houses, Nos. 525 and 527 Eighth avenue s. w. This property would be cheap at \$1,400; price, each, \$1,250.

10-room dwelling, 315 Randolph street, near Roanoke and Southern depot, formerly sold for \$2,000, price \$1,150.

6-room cottage, No. 420 Ninth avenue s. w., \$1,300.

10 room two-story dwelling, No. 375 Eleventh avenue s. w., an elegant property, none better, lot 50x130, \$3,500.

12-room two story dwelling, 379 Eleventh avenue s. w., new house worth \$4,500, lot 50x130, price, \$3,500.

10-room two story dwelling, 377 Eleventh avenue s. w., one of the cheapest houses in the city, lot 50x130, \$3,000.

Two-story frame building on Washington street, east of G, a beauty, all modern improvements, 7 rooms, very cheap, \$2,700.

Two-story frame dwelling, 1116 South Jefferson street, worth \$3,500, price \$2,800.

Two nice and commodious dwellings, 511 and 513 Luck street, \$1,800 and \$2,000.

Two cottages on Shenandoah avenue, Nos. 1021 and 1023, 6 rooms, each \$800.

18-room dwelling, 31 Seventh avenue s. w., worth \$7,000, price \$5,500.

15-room dwelling, No. 364 Campbell avenue s. w. The cheapest property now on the market; just elegant, \$5,500.

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A splendid 8 room house on Ninth avenue, nicely papered, all modern conveniences, good location; \$15 per month.

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No. 1726 Salem avenue s. w.	8.00
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No. 431 Ninth avenue s. w.	10.00
No. 1026 Seventh avenue s. e.	6.00
No. 1036 Seventh avenue s. e.	6.00
No. 929 First avenue n. w.	8.00
No. 119 Twelfth street n. w.	8.50
No. 618 First avenue n. w.	9.00
No. 622 First avenue n. w.	9.00
No. 922 Third avenue n. w.	8.00
No. 528 Sixth avenue n. e.	6.00
No. 529 Seventh avenue n. e.	6.00
No. 533 Seventh avenue n. e.	6.00

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No. 414 First street s. w. 7.00
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I also have in my charge properties in all sections of the city that can be bought at great bargains, either for cash or on the instalment plan.

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T. W. GOODWIN, Agent.

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7-room house in southwest in good condition, sewer connection, \$1,500, \$15 cash and \$15 per month.

6-room-brick house, large lot, nice shade, southwest, \$1,000 cash.

6-room house, northwest, \$700, \$50 cash and \$10 per month.

Beautiful house, southwest, 10 rooms, nice location, \$2,500, \$250 cash and \$25 per month.

6-room house in Belmont, \$800, \$10 cash and \$10 per month.

5-room house in southwest, \$800, \$50 cash and \$8 per month.

5-room house, center of city, large lot, \$1,000, small cash payment and \$10 per month.

8-room house, near center of city, large lot, beautiful grounds, \$1,500; easy payments.

8-room house, northwest, large corner lot, \$1,100.

7-room house in Belmont, \$600; payments to suit.

Beautiful 5-room house on Church avenue, large lot, \$2,500.

One of the best bargains in the city, on Church avenue, 9-room house, very large lot, \$3,500.

Beautiful 10-room house, northwest, large lot, good garden, \$2,500. This property can be traded in part payment of nice farm.

Nice 7-room house, best part of southwest, large corner lot, nice shade, \$2,250, \$250 cash and \$25 per month.

Nice 10 room house, good lot and large stable, on Terry's Hill, \$2,600.

We have several beautiful residences in Salem, with large lots and beautiful grounds, very cheap.
This is only a partial list of the many bargains we have in city property.