THE GATE CITY.

KEOKUK, IOWA:

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 19.

Arrivals and Departures of the Mails

ARRIVES.		CLOSES.	
East	6:00 a. m.	East	3:00 p. m.
St. Louis	6:00 p. m.	St. Louis	9:00 p. m.
Northern	1:00 p. m.	Northern	6:00 a. m.
Western	5:00 p. m.	Western	7:00 a. m.
Eastern Way	4:00 p. m.	Eastern Way	9:00 p. m.

Arrivals and Departures of Stetson's Stages.

[illegible] Leave on Sunday and Wednesday, at 6 o'clock p. m., and Depart on Monday and [illegible], at 7 o'clock a. m.

ANDY JOHNSTON, Arrives on Sunday and Thursday, at 8 o'clock p. m., and Departs on Tuesday and Friday, at 7 a. m.

LACY BURTRAM, Arrives on Tuesday and Friday, at 6 p. m., and Departs on Wednesday and Saturday, at 7 a. m.

CITY NEWS.

GENTS' Fur Collars and Gloves, suitable for Christmas presents, at J. O. Voorhies & Bro's.

A LARGE lot of apples, potatoes, dressed poultry, butter, eggs, &c., just received by Snow & Huber, Athenæum Building. 19 2t

GEN. H. T. REID, Gen. Belknap, Col. Parrott, Col. Monroe Reid, Gen. Bruce, Major Hedrick, and the military generally are home again from the Chicago Reunion.

THE most desirable Christmas Gift that a lady can receive is one of those splendid French merino dresses that can be had at the New York Store for seven dollars.

WE call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Robertson & Albers. They have just received some choice New Orleans sugar and Plantation molasses.

THE river is almost entirely free from floating ice. If the present warm spell continues, navigation will in all probability be resumed by the small boats.

WATCHES a specialty at T. R. J. Ayres & Sons, who open this day, in addition to their former stock, twenty extra fine Gold Watches, ladies and gents, prices from $75 to $350. 18-2t

IF the individual who purchased Money Order No. 3962 at the Post Office, on Friday, 16th inst., will return the application for the same, which was doubtless mistaken for a receipt and carried away, he will confer a favor on the Postmaster.

WHEELER & WILSON Sewing Machines and button hole attachment, on exhibition at Ayres Bros. music store. J. J. Barrows general agent. 1t

THE usual inducements for purchasing clothing of Vencill, Jones & Co. are still held out at their establishment, corner Main and Third streets. Call around.

SIMPLE AND EFFICACIOUS.—For purifying the blood, cleansing the secretions, and correcting the action of our bodily functions, MOSELEY'S HERB BITTERS enjoys the highest distinctions in the medical world. Try it. eod-1w

MESSRS. WALLACE & ARNOLD—*Gents:* We have used your Automatic Clothes Washer, although we were prejudiced against all washing machines before using your washer. We cheerfully acknowledge it to be a great labor saving and useful washer.

GEO R. SMITH.

A CELEBRATED New York barber said, not long ago, that nine-tenths of his customers preferred to have their hair dressed with "Barrett's Hair Restorative" to any substance, as it keeps the scalp so cool and free from dandruff.—*Troy Daily Whig.*

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NEW SUPPLY OF ICE.—We received yesterday an unusually large supply of Wade's justly celebrated printing inks, and are fully prepared to fill all orders at manufacturer's prices, freight added.

Orders from the country will receive prompt attention.

COLORED LECTURER.—Mr. M. R. Johnston, a colored lecturer, a graduate of Westminster College, Pennsylvania, will lecture in the United Presbyterian Church on Saturday evening, 19th inst., at 7½ o'clock. Subject, "Popular Prejudices." Mr. J. is an eloquent and able lecturer. Let all come and hear him. Admittance 25 cents. 18-2t

IT is a fact established beyond the question of a doubt that at the clothing house of Isaac N. Stern & Co. you can get a better article of goods and a greater quantity than at any other place in the city. It will be to your interest to bear this fact in mind when selecting wearing apparel for the winter.

WESTERN HEBREW CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD, CHICAGO.—A meeting under the auspices of the W. H. C. Brotherhood will be held on Monday evening, December 21st, at 7 1.2 o'clock, in the Lecture Room of the United Presbyterian Church, corner of 9th and Blondeau streets. Rev. E. Van Noorden, a Hebrew Christian, will give an account of missionary labor among the Jews, both abroad and in this country. All are invited to attend.

WEATHER.—The following weather reports, for which the M. V. N. Telegraph Company will please accept our thanks, show the state of the atmosphere at the different points along the river, from St. Paul down:

St. Paul, 18th, cloudy and warm; Dubuque, ditto; Winona, cloudy, but thawing very fast, and still growing warmer; Davenport, growing warmer and melting snow, but cloudy; Burlington, warm and cloudy; St. Louis, growing warmer.

SIMPLE BUT EFFECTUAL.—The entire freedom from all deleterious ingredients renders "Brown's Bronchial Troches," or Cough and Voice Lozenges, a safe remedy for the most delicate female, or youngest child, and has caused them to be held in the highest esteem by singers and public speakers generally. In Coughs, Irritation of the Throat caused by Cold, or unusual exertion of the vocal organs, in speaking in public, or singing, they produce the most beneficial results.

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THERE is no mistake about it, PLANTATION BITTERS will cure all Fever and Ague and all [illegible], if used in time. No family [illegible] if [illegible] PLANTATION BITTERS in the house, [illegible] according to directions. The most important ingredient of this medicine [illegible] or Peruvian Bark, which is known to be the finest and purest tonic in the vegetable kingdom. The extract of this Bark is the active principle of all the good Fever and Ague Medicines prescribed by intelligent physicians. Calisaya Bark is used extensively in the manufacture of PLANTATION BITTERS, as well as quinine, and we dare say they owe their popularity to that fact. We can recommend them.

MOSELEY'S WAMPA—superior to the best imported English Cologne, and sold at half the price. eod1w&w1t

KEOKUK AND THE COUNTRY.

The Holiday Trade.

"Merry Christmas! Out upon merry Christmas! If I could work my will" said Scrooge indignantly (for it was Scrooge) "every idiot who goes about with Merry Christmas! on his lips should be boiled with his own pudding and buried with a stake of holly through his heart. He should!"

But it was Scrooge said that. And Scrooge was disagreeable by virtue, first, of being himself; by virtue, secondly, of being the partner of the defunct Marley.—He had such a frightful smack, too, intuitively upon pronouncing the above quoted anagram—such a frightful attack of a ghost and hob-goblins, that he repudiated the atrocious sentiment himself, and came back from his goblin tours, a cured, regenerated, dear delightful, generous old Scrooge, ready to celebrate Christmas with a round of Fezziwig balls, and making such whole hearted Christmas gifts, as must have laid the shade of repentant Marley at complete rest.

It can be safely affirmed, following the reformation of Scrooge, that everybody has become unanimous in the matter of Christmas gifts. The point is—where to get 'em? To relieve and enlighten a distraught public are these announcements:

T. R. J. AYRES & SONS,

as the readers of the GATE know, in their fine new rooms on Main between 3d and 4th, keep one of the best and largest stocks of Jewelry and Musical instruments in the West. Very attractive those rooms are. The large front show windows attract inevitably, every eye, that is out with Holiday intent in its scintillations. (To talk about an eye as being out, may not be a happy way of putting the case, but we are persistent in our purpose not to retract the phrase.) The first thing to attract attention in those show windows, (and there's a stock of them inside—we mean the pictures) is the display of Prang's American Chromos. "The Democracy of Art" Prang felicitously calls hi cheap reproduction in color and expression, of the great paintings. That's inventive genius well and practically applied. There may be "no royal road to Geometry," but here is a cheap way to Esthetics: Bierstadt's "Yo Semite"—original cost $8,000—reproduced in colors and a complete copy of the original for five dollars. Mind, we don't say that Ayres have that identical Chromo—we are only illustrating the theme. Folks don't discriminate sufficiently between generalities and particularities. We say, for instance, in a general way, that if Master Bright Eyes could whisper to Santa Claus just what he wants, we warrant that it would be something that Wickersham & Delaplain have. Thereupon Bright Eyes concludes that W. & D. have every conceivable and inconceivable toy, and he makes raids on the establishment of those gentlemen for china and candy toys—whereas, he ought to go to Obertops' for these. Bright Eyes, you are absurdly illogical. But the grown-ups haven't any advantage over you in that particular. All this while we have been standing in front of Ayres' windows looking at the Chromos. Let's quit generalitis and go in. They have all of Prang's Chromos, and very beautiee many of them are. Pretentious walls may well be adorned with them. The moral character of a family is improved by pictures. Even those resplendent impossibilities in the way of striking colors, the "Pride of the Village," the "Belle," "Lenore," and the like creatures of fancy, set in broken looking-glass frames, that ogle in unchanging and impossible fascination, from the walls of bed-chambers in country houses, are reflected in some half conscious expression of Mademoiselle below stairs. Better good pictures than bad—so let us vote Prang a life membership into the increasingly large society of Public Benefactors—and Ayres have his pictures. They have, too, a very large stock of jewelry, clocks and watches, silver plate and plated ware, of elegant design and beautiful in manufacture. Spectacles and eye glasses of all kinds—an immense stock. Toilet boxes. An infinite (metaphorically speaking) variety of delicate notions, in gold, silver, and ornamental goods. They have the very best Pianos, and a large assortment of musical instruments of all kinds. Whatever is to be found in a first-class jewelry and music store that Ayres' have. Their house is one of the biggest in the West, and they are constantly increasing its extent and its attractions. For another and entirely different department of goods for the Holidays we go from here to

WICKERSHAM & DELAPLAIN'S,

On Main street, between Sixth and Seventh. Mr. Wickersham, from the proprietorship of the Pennsylvania Foundry, which he built in 1851 and managed until 1864, when he bought the present establishment—and Mr. Delaplain—a long time Hawkeye—a Hawkeye for twenty-nine years—an ex-newspaper man—he, from one of the proprietors of the GATE CITY, came in 1866 into this partnership with Mr. Wickersham and both coming now to offer the Keokuk public, and the public who come to this market, the best and biggest stock ever offered by the house over which they preside. Mr. Wickersham being a floral man—with a veritable love for flowers, and Mr. Delaplain being, as we know, a generally tasty man they have made their house mighty pretty to look into for these Christmas and New Year's times. Keep a watch on our advertising columns and you will always know what they have got to sell. By that means you will know their speciality now is Willow goods. So after looking about you, and noticing the hanging baskets trimmed and hung with beautiful Fresh Flowers by the artistic hand of Mr. W.—after noticing the aquarium tenanted with gold-fish and that other globular exhibition of canary birds and gold-fish inhabiting the same sphere—after that Del. will show you the superbest lot of willow goods you ever set eyes upon. Willow goods of all shapes, sizes, and descriptions. Willow baskets big enough to hold a hotel washing; willow baskets big enough to stick upon the end of your little finger and nothing more—Reticule baskets, traveling baskets, lunch baskets, pic-nic baskets, cigar baskets, work baskets, spoon baskets, knife and fork baskets, bottle baskets, table baskets, library baskets, flower baskets, fruit baskets, suspension baskets, card baskets, spool baskets, knitting baskets, key baskets, jewelry baskets, and other baskets too numerous to mention. There was never such an assortment of willow goods brought to this market before. Go and see them, and while there you will see lots of Holiday goods to please you.

D. G. LOWRY,

At the News Depot, on Second street, has a large and varied Holiday list, as every one who goes there for his news—and what Keokukian don't?—knows. His stock of recent publications is well selected; the choicest of them are upon his counters. He has elegantly bound gift books. Typographic gems are the Book of Robies, Kathrina, Christmas Holly, Poems of Jean Ingelow, Under the Willow, Sketches Abroad, Poetry of Compliment and Courtship, Christmas Carol, Household Friends, Chimes for Childhood, Among the Hills, Lovers' Diary, Language and Poetry of Flowers, Alice Cary's Poems, and others which you will see and be delighted with by an expedition thither. He has remembered the little folks, and the publishers have remembered them, and so have the grown-up boys who give their very best genius to furnishing mental pabulum for the youngsters. Why, it's worth being young again just to have Harriet B. Stowe, and Dickens and Hayes, and Trowbridge, and Alger, and Lucy Larcom, and all the rest, being so fascinating and interesting as they possibly can be, and all for the bit-upon growth. And then Anderson—if we weren't so devoted to Charles Dickens; we would inevitably think that nothing could be better than Hans. And we don't know as anything can be. Hans didn't create the Marchioness and Master Harry Walmers, and Dickens did. But Dickens didn't create The Ugly Duckling, and Hans did—and that makes Hans at least even. And here in ten years of panting, running, jumping, sled-sliding life, that's got the Marchioness, Harry Walmers, and the Ugly Duckling as well, and he don't care whether it's Dickens or Hans that's ahead, once he gets what they both write. By the by, there's a charming sketch of Andersen in the last "Riverside," and a picture of him, besides, which reminds us that Lowry takes all the magazines. And if you make one of them your present, it is monthly renewed, and so your gift is a yearly delight.

Lowry has many Toys and elegant things for Christmas. The news trade in Keokuk under his fostering care and wise, energetic management, has reached large proportions. The credit is solely his, and the best we can wish him is that his future in the trade may be as continuously prosperous as the past has been.

We quit with a "Continued in our next."

THERE was a pleasant gathering last evening at Banner Mission Building. The School had a sociable there, and very pleasant they made it for themselves and their visitors. They have recently painted their room inside and furnished it with new seats of an improved pattern. This Mission is doing a good work.

THE daily noon prayer meeting is still an institution of our city. The attendance and interest of these meetings are not on the decrease, but rather on the increase. New faces are to be seen there every day. The requests and prayers are characterized by an earnestness and spirituality that is indicative of a Christian zeal that is according to knowledge. May the interest continue to increase until the meeting becomes an acknowledged power for good in our city.

THAT CONCERT.—No similar entertainment ever given in our city, was a more complete success than the Sunday School Concert in the First Presbyterian Church, last Thursday evening. Hunt the town or the State over and you will not find children who can sing more sweetly, or speak more correctly than they connected with this Sunday School. The exercises were varied and unusually interesting, consisting of readings, declamations, recitations, dialogues and songs, and some of these produced deep emotions in the audience. Nothing could be more beautiful and appropriate for such an occasion than a piece by H. Scott Howell, Superintendent of the School, entitled the "King's Supper." The choir of the Church sang two pieces of music, one entitled "The Sacred Stream," and the other that latest and most beautiful of Phillip Phillips' production, called "Congregational Singing a Dream"; and the manner in which each was sung would have done credit to the most distinguished choirs of the land. As was promised in one announcement of this Concert, all were pleased, interested and benefited, and we have just one word to the Superintendent, and that is, when he gets up another as good as that, that he hold it in a larger house, for that Church is too small, as it was last night, to accommodate the audience who would like to attend.

Financial and Commercial.

KEOKUK MARKET.

Corrected daily by SNOW & HUBER, Commission Merchants, Second street.]

Dec 18, 1868.

WHEAT—No. 1 Fall, ℔ bus	$1 50@1 60
" 2 " "	1 40@1 50
" 1 Spring	90@1 00
" 2 "	1 00@1 10
CORN	33 to 40c
RYE	90c@$1
OATS—In demand, ℔ bus., 33 lbs	@40c
FLOUR—Wholesale, ℔ Brl.	
Imperial Mills	$10 00
Pearl Mills	7 50
Jessamine Mills	5 50
Grace Mills	10 25
Plymouth Rock	7 75
No. 2 Jasper Mills	5 50
Quincy best	10 50
Prairie City	7 25
Star	7 25
CORN MEAL—℔ 100 lbs	$1 50

BUTTER—28 to 35c ℔ lb.

EGGS—28.

POULTRY—Live Chickens $2 00 to $3 00 ℔ doz. dressed chickens $2 00 per doz.; dressed turkeys 6 6to 8c per lb

GAME—Quails $1 25 to 1 75 per doz; prairie chickens $2 50@3 00 per doz.

SORGHUM—75 to 55c per gallon.

POTATOES—90c to $1 ℔ bushel.

SWEET POTATOES—$2 75 per bush.

ONIONS—$1 25 to $1 50 per bush.

LARD—City cured 15al6c per lb. Country cured 14c to 15c per lb.

BEESWAX—30 to 35c per lb.

TALLOW—Inabbls, 9½c per lb.

FEATHERS—Prime 50c to 70c per lb.

RAGS—Cotton, 3c per lb.

WHITE BEANS—Common to good $2 00 to 3

VINEGAR—25c per gal.

CHEESE—Good country 16c. Factory 20

BRAN—In demand at 80c per 100 lbs.

FRUITS—Green Apples $4 00 to $5 00 per barrel

Dried Apples 12 to 14c per lb. Dried Peaches, 12 to 15c.

SEEDS—Timothy dull at $2 00 to 2 10. Clover $7 50. Flax seed $1 60 to $1 75.

OILS—Coal oil 35@38c. Linseed, raw $1 10, boiled $1 15. Lard, No. 1 $1 50, No. 2 $1 40. Fish $1 10 to $1 20.

LIVE STOCK—Beef Cattle $3 50 to $4 00 gross. Hogs, good lots, $6 to $6 50 gross. Sheep $3 gross.

BACON—City cured canvassed hams 18a19c, shoulders 13c, clear sides 17c. Country cured hams 14c, shoulders 12½c; sides 16½c.

PORK—Mess 28 to $30 per bbl.

WOOL—Tub washed 45 to 49c.; fleece do fine 35 to 42c: unwashed, 25 to 28c.

HAY—Timothy choice in active demand at from $12 00 to $14 00 per ton. Prairie $6 00 to $8 00.

WOOD—$5 50 to $6 50 per cord, according to quality, in good demand.

HIDES—Green, 7½c; do salted 9½c; dry flint 19c; do salt 16c per lb.

SALT—Lake $3 20@3 25. Ohio River $3 25 on levee.

GLASS—8X10 $5 50. Rates discounted 35 to 40 per cent.

NAILS—$6 25 rates.

BAR IRON—4½c, rates.

GROCERIES.

SUGAR—Refined white A. 15½c, refined white B, 15½c; New York extra C, 15c; yellow C, 14c; crushed, 16½c; N. O. 13 to 14c.

MOLASSES—Belcher's Sugar House, 75c; Belcher's Golden Syrup, $1 10; Plantation, $1 00; Sorghum, 45@55c.

COFFEE—Rio, fair 21c; prime 23c; choice 24@25c; Old Government Java, 37c; Imitation, 32c.

RICE—South Carolina, 10½; Rangoon, 10½.

TEAS—Young Hyson, $1 25@1 50; Imperial, $1-40@1 50; Black, $1 00@1 50.

SOAP—Palm, 7; superior Palm, 7½.

CANDLES—Star, 18; Tallow, 14.

MACKEREL—No 1 hf bbls, $11 00; No 2 do, $9 50 Family mackerel, hf bbl, $7 00; White Fish, No 1, $8 75.

LUMBER—1st and 2d clear, 1½, 1½ and 2-inch $55 00 to 53 00
Barn siding 19 00 to 22 50
Fencing 22 50
Shingles 12 50 to 15 00
Clear flooring, dressed 48 00 to 50 00
No. 1 flooring 37 50 to 40 00
Common flooring 30 00
Siding 25 00 to 30 00
Long posts 22 50 to 27 50
Short posts 20 00
Studding, lineal 17 50

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York Finances.

By Telegraph] NEW YORK, Dec. 18.

Money—Active demand and stringent at 7 per cent. Gold—Firm and active; opened at 34⅝, closed at 35⅛@⅛.

Governments—Heavy and lower.

Coupons of '62 14½; '62 10½@⅝; '64 6⅞@⅝; '65 7⅝@⅝; new 9⅝@⅝; '66 10⅝; 10-40s 5½.

Stocks—At close steady on N Y C, which absorbed all interest, dull on the balance.

I 20 prices—U S Express 65½@⅝; N U Express 15½@⅝; Pacific Mail 128½@⅝; W U T 36½; N Y Central 128. Erie 39⅝; R & W 68½@⅝; Ill C 118½ p'd 125½@⅝; N W 76@⅝; pref 78½.

Chicago Market.

By Telegraph] CHICAGO, Dec. 18.

Flour—Dull and heavy; sales very limited at $5 00@6 00 for low grades to good spring extras; $6 50@7 50 for spring wheats.

Wheat—Rather dull and weak, closing lower for No 2 spring; No 1 do sold at $1 19½@1 20, as located.

Corn—Quiet; No 2 old at 90 cash; new closed steady and quiet at 93.

Oats—Rather more active at slight decline, closing at 40.

Rye—Dull and lower, with sales at $1 14@⅛, closing at inside figure.

Barley—Dull and lower; scarcely anything doing; closed heavy at $1 50@51.

Highwines—Steady at 94.

Provisions—Opened easier; become more active, but toward the close were again easier; mess pork sold at $26 62@27 cash and future.

Lard—16½@17.

Green Meats—Shoulders sold at 89; hams 13.

Dressed Hogs—Active at $7 75@10 25; extra heavy lots sold as high as $8 25@9 00.

St. Louis Market.

By Telegraph.] ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.

Flour—Steady; low grades and super $5 75@6 00; extras $7; XX $8; XXX $8 50; fancy $10@11.

Wheat—Better demand, particularly for choice; prime to strictly prime fall $1 45@85; choice $1 90@2 00; spring $1 32.

Corn—79@80 for yellow and white.

Oats—Dull and unsettled at 56@60.

Barley—Quiet at $1 95.

Rye—Held above buyer's views.

Whisky—Firm at 94@95.

Provisions—Excited and [illegible], closing higher, with light sales: pork [illegible] Bulk Meats—Shoulders 12; rib sides 13½, clear rib 16½.

Bacon—Small sales of shoulders at 12½; clear sides 17@18½.

Lard—Steady; country 16½; prime city steam 17.

St. Louis Cattle Market.

By Telegraph.] ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.

Hogs—Firm; good demand at 6@6½.

Cattle—Good to extra very scarce; good demand at 5@6½.

Chicago Live Stock Market.

By Telegraph.] CHICAGO, Dec. 18.

Cattle—Butcher's stock 3½@5; fair to good shipping $5 75@6 85.

Hogs—Common [illegible] 40; good to extra $5 50@6 25. Market low [illegible] merely or firm.

New York Market.

By Telegraph.] NEW YORK, Dec. 18.

Flour—Lower.

Wheat—Nominally lower, with buyers and sellers two wide apart for business.

Rye—$1 55 for western.

Oats—Dull and heavy at 76 in store; 78½ afloat for western.

Corn—Steady at $1 12 in store; $1 14 afloat for old mixed western; 90@91 for new mixed western.

Pork—Dull and without decided change.

Beef—Quiet and unchanged.

Cut Meats—Fairly active and firm.

Bacon—Dull; without decided change.

Lard—Dull and drooping; 16½@17 for fair to prime steam.

Special Notices.

Table Talk with a Victim of Indigestion.

Reader, we will suppose you a martyr to dyspepsia. If you are not, so much the better for you. If you are perhaps you may profit by this paragraph. You have just finished your dinner, we will say, and feel as if you had swallowed *lead* instead of wholesome food. You have a sensation of tightness round the upper part of the diaphragm, as if some snake of the constrictor tribe held you in its embrace, and had *knotted its coils over the pit of your stomach.* You feel supremely miserable; and such is the penalty which your complaint exacts after *every meal.* What do you desire? Ease, of course. An exemption from the incubus that robs you of all enjoyment during the day, and disturbs your rest at night. Take, then, this piece of information: *You suffer needlessly.* HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS, will as certainly cure all your agonizing symptoms as the day on which you read this article will be succeeded by another. Perhaps you are incredulous; but if you have read the testimony of the eminent citizens, in every walk of life, who have tested the preparation, and submitted the results of their experience to the public through the press, you ought at least to have sufficient faith to make a trial of it in your own case. It is a pure vegetable tonic and alterative,—*the only medicine in the world entirely adapted to your complaint.* If you are in the habit of taking any alcoholic excitant as a palliative, abandon it, and try this WHOLESOME MEDICATED STIMULANT. It will do you no good, *say so;* but you will not do that, for it has never yet failed, in a single instance, to cure dyspepsia, biliousness, and their various comitants.

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WOMEN.—FEMALES, OWING TO the peculiar and important relations which they sustain, their peculiar organization, and the offices they perform, are subject to many sufferings. Freedom from these contributes in no small degree to their happiness and welfare, for none can be happy who are ill. Not only so, but no one of these various female complaints can long be suffered to run on without involving the general health of the individual, and ere long producing permanent sickness and premature decline. Nor is it pleasant to consult a physician for the relief of these various delicate affections, and only upon the first urgent necessity will a true woman so far sacrifice her greatest charm as to do this. The sex will then thank us for placing in their hands simple specifics which will be found effectual in relieving and curing almost every one of those troublesome complaints peculiar to the sex.

HELMBOLD'S EXTRACT OF BUCHU.—Hundreds suffer on in silence, and hundreds of others apply vainly to drugists and doctors, who either merely sustain them with the hope of a cure or apply remedies which make them worse. I would not wish to assert anything that would be injurious to the afflicted, but I am obliged to say that although it may be produced from excessive exhaustion of the powers of life, by laborious employment, unwholesome air and food, profuse menstruation, the use of tea and coffee, and frequent childbirth, it is far oftener caused by direct irritation, applied to the mucous membrane of the vagina itself.

When reviewing the causes of these distressing complaints, it is most painful to contemplate the attendant evils consequent upon them. It is but simple justice to the subject to enumerate a few of the many additional causes which so largely affect the life, health, and happiness of women in all classes of society and which, consequently, affect more or less directly, the welfare of the entire human family. The mania that exists for precocious education and marriage, causes the years that nature designed for corporal development to be wasted and perverted in the restraints of dress, the early confinement of school, and especially in the unhealthy excitement of the ball room. Thus, with the body half-clothed, and the mind unduly excited by pleasure, persisting in midnight revel the hours designed by nature for sleep and rest, the work of destruction is half accomplished.

In consequence of this early strain upon her system, unnecessary effort is required by the delicate votary to retain her situation in school at a later day, thus aggravating the evil. When one excitement is over, another is respectively keeps the mind morbidly sensitive to impression, while the now constant restraint of fashionable dress, absolutely forbidding the exercise indispensable to the attainment and retention of organic health and strength; the exposure to night air; the sudden change of temperature; the complete prostration produced by excessive dancing, must, of necessity, produce their legitimate effect. At last, an early marriage caps the climax of misery, and the unfortunate one, hitherto so utterly regardless of the plain dictates and remonstrances of her delicate nature, becomes an unwilling subject of medical treatment. This is but a truthful picture of the experience of thousands of our young women.

Long before the ability to exercise the functions of the generative organs, they require an education of their peculiar nervous system, composed of what is called the sense, which is, in sentiment with the female breast and lips, evidently under the control of mental emotions and associations at an early period of life; and, as we shall subsequently see, these emotions, when excessive, lead, long before puberty, to habits which sap the very life of their victims ere nature has self-completed their development.

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