

A Slave from Boyhood.

From the Red Wing, Minn., Republican.
"I am now 24 years old," said Edwin Swanson, of White Rock, Goodhue County, Minn., to a Republican representative, "and as you can see I am not very large of stature. When I was 11 years old I became afflicted with a sickness which baffled the skill and knowledge of the physician. I was not taken suddenly ill but on the contrary I can hardly state the exact time when it began. The first symptoms were pains in my back and restless nights. The disease did not trouble me much at first, but it seemed to have settled in my body to stay and my bitter experience since the last thirteen years proved that to be the case. I was, of course, a child and never dreamt of that suffering in store for me. I complained to my parents and they concluded that in time I would outgrow my trouble, but when they heard me groaning during my sleep they became thoroughly alarmed. Medical advice was sought, but to no avail. I grew smaller and smaller, was soon unable to move about, and finally became confined continually to my bed. The best doctors that could be had were consulted, but did nothing for me. I tried various kinds of externally advertised patent medicines with but the same result.

"I am now a sufferer in constant agony without respite. Abscesses formed on my body in rapid succession, and the world indeed looked very dark to me. About this time when all hope was gone and nothing seemed left but to give myself up to the most bitter fate, my attention was called to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Like a drowning man grasping at a straw, in sheer desperation I concluded to make one more attempt—not to regain my health (I dared not hope so much), but, if possible, to ease my pain.

"I bought a box of the pills and they seemed to do me good. I felt encouraged and continued their use. After taking six boxes I was up and able to walk around the house. I have not felt so well for many months now. I have taken Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I am able now to do chores and attend to light duties.

"Do I hesitate to let you publish what I have said? No. Why should I? It is the truth and I am only glad to let others know of the wonderful results. It may help those whose cup of misery is as full-to-day as mine was in the past."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and to the nerves. There are also a specific for troubles peculiar to females, such as suppressions, irregularities and all forms of weakness. They build up the blood, and restore the glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks. In men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from overexposure or excessive of whatever nature. Pink Pills are sold in boxes (never in loose bulk) at 60 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, and may be had of all druggists, or direct by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

Why We Eat Soup First.

It has been remarked that the habit of beginning dinner with soup doubtless grew out of the fact that aliment in this readily digested form soon enters the blood and rapidly refreshes the hungry man. In two or three minutes after taking a plate of good warm consomme the feeling of weariness disappears and the temper is apt to be greatly improved. The custom of taking a glass of sherry before dinner is spoken of by Sir Henry Thompson as a "gastronomic and physiological blunder."

MANY WOMEN SUFFER

FROM LACK OF INFORMATION.
Doctors Are Too Reserved. A Woman Should Be Dealt With Openly.

OFFICIAL TO OUR LADY READERS!

Women are often allowed by their physicians to suffer much from lack of information and anxiety.

Many medical men, and it is a strug to acknowledge not understand

men are vain, gie for them that they do accuse, women do not investigate; they have faith in their doctor, and often wreck their lives through this unfortunate confidence.

In the treatment of female diseases men work from theory; and it is not to be expected that they can treat as intelligently those complaints from which they have never suffered, as women can who have made the organism and disease of her sex life study.

Women afflicted with female diseases are wise in consulting promptly with Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. Their distressed condition is due to womb trouble, and their symptoms tell the story.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the one remedy that removes the cause, and restores health, courage, and happiness. The druggists sell more of it than all other female medicines. Why?

The following short letter speaks for itself. Mrs. Parker is a very young wife; only twenty-one years old. She was suffering most misery when she wrote to Mrs. Pinkham for advice. See the result.

"Can evidence be stronger than this? I deem it my duty to announce the fact to all my fellow-sufferers of all female complaints that your Vegetable Compound has entirely cured me of all the pain and suffering I was enduring when I wrote you last May. I followed your advice to the letter, and the result is wonderful." — MRS. CHAS. PARKER, Little Falls, Minn. Any druggist has it.

RADWAY'S PILLS.
Purely Vegetable, Mild and Reliable. CURE ALL DISORDERS OF THE STOMACH, LIVER, BOWELS, SICK HEADACHE, BILIOUSNESS, INDIGESTION, TROPIC LIVER, DIZZY FEELINGS, DYSPEPSIA.

One or two of Radway's Pills, taken daily by those subject to bilious pains and torpidity of the Liver, will keep the system regular and secure healthy digestion.

OBSERVE

The following symptoms resulting from Diseases of the digestive organs: Constipation, inward piles, fulness of the bowels in the head, acidity of the stomach, nausea, headache, biliousness, indigestion, pain or weight in the stomach, sour eructations, sinking or fluttering of the heart, choking or suffocating sensations when in a lying posture, dimness or loss of sight, dizziness, vertigo, drowsiness before the sight, fever and dull pain in the head, deficiency of perspiration, yellowness of the skin and eyes, pain in the side, chest, limbs, and sudden fits of convulsions.

A few doses of RADWAY'S PILLS will free the system of all the above-named disorders. Price 25 cents per box. Sold by all druggists.

PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION.
CURES WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS. Best Remedy for Consumption. Use in time. Sold by druggists.



—From a sketch made at Buzzard's Bay for a New York paper.

LEPROSY IS FEARED.

A VISIT FROM THIS LOATHSOME DISEASE IMMINENT.

Story of Father Damien—National and State Boards of Health Should Use Caution—Disease Is Now in Many States—The Plague Elsewhere.

Comes from Foreign Countries. A terrible and constantly increasing danger menaces the people of the United States. Unless stern and determin-

rifice, and to which he died a martyr, he was a robust, healthy man. Three years later he developed incipient tubercular leprosy, the most horrible and virulent phase of the disease. Within ten years he was a corpse.

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If, however, these precautions are not immediately carried into effect, a prominent physician asserts that we may have within the next ten years at least 250,000 to 500,000 lepers included among the inhabitants of the United States.

He holds the CHAMPIONSHIP.

Rev. W. A. Hunsberger, of Milwaukee, and His Unique Record.

He says he does not like notoriety, but whether he does or not fame seems bound to come to Rev. W. A. Hunsberger, of Milwaukee, Wis., who is already the champion matrimonial knot tier of this country and who is every month breaking his own records in that unique line. The month of June, consequently, was his best month so far and the record he succeeded in making during its 30 days was 52 marriages. And almost all of the couples who come to Rev. Mr. Hunsberger are strangers to him and to the city. The railway trains and the excursion steamers bring couple after couple, and by some strange coincidence they seem to find their way at once to the parsonage of the Grand Avenue M. E. Church, where Rev. Mr. Hunsberger proceeds to tie the knot which makes them happy—at least for a little while.

Rev. Mr. Hunsberger has not resided in Milwaukee very long—only since last

ED MEASURES are taken by the national and State boards of health to vigorously exclude leper suspects from entering our Atlantic and Pacific ports, as well as from the Mexican and Canadian borders, we may within a few years be placed in the position of India, which to-day has a leper population of close upon 132,000, all of which has been developed within the memory of living men. And if a close scrutiny is not kept by our consuls in foreign countries on the invoices of goods sent from places where lepers abound the contagion may spread here to the same extent it was in Europe in the twelfth century, when there were no less than 20,000 leper houses on the continent and 2,000 in France alone.

The disease is now among us. The

FATHER DAMIEN.

Eastern and Southern States have had the germs brought to them direct from three sources—the West Indies, Canada and Southern Europe, the Western States from China, Northern Europe and Oceania. The leprosous taint has taken hold in Louisiana, Florida, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and California, and it is also to be found in a lesser degree in Texas, Oregon, Utah, South Carolina and the State of New York.

But from all foreign countries from which the dreaded disease has been brought to our shores, the worst is China. The immigrants from there have penetrated every city in the land, carrying along with them the leprosous germs, which, through laundries and cigar factories, where they have been employed, have distributed the seeds of the disease by wholesale. Statistics gathered by the State of California have shown that the disease has been established on a firm footing there, and that it is distinctly attributable to Mongolian lepers, some of whom, discovered in New York, were quarantined on North Brother Island, where they still remain.

The development of the disease in Hawaii can be traced from the genesis in 1850. To-day 1,200 of the worst cases have been herded together in the leper settlement of Molokai, which is proved conclusively the contagionous

brick, and three times as much for sandstone. This is for a warming up of 180 degrees.

"The oscillation due to wind is easily understood except that everybody is not aware the wind acts in gusts even when to the ordinary observer it may seem to be steady. The pressure of wind for every square foot of surface that is exposed to it (perpendicularly) varies from little more than nothing up to some pounds for the highest possible wind velocity in this part of the world.

"The third kind, due to ground tremblings, is the least except at times of earthquake shock, but is none the less a fact. Observations with large transit telescopes tend to sustain the theory that any particular section of the earth's surface continually is changing in position of level, the same in principle, though vastly less in extent, than the change in level of the surface of a board that is floating on a sheet of water the surface of which is ruffled by the wind."

Crow's Hold Court.

Dr. Edmondson assures us that in the Shetland Islands the holding of crow courts is of very common occurrence. As a rule a hill or field is selected to act as a courthouse and the session commences. The proceedings are conducted in any way but silently, though as to the exact mode of procedure, whether counsel are employed or a jury impaneled, no orthonologist of the fame which was to come to him when he accepted the call of the Grand Avenue M. E. Church in Milwaukee. When he left his Michigan flock they bid him God speed with every demonstration of regret. The short time that he has been there has sufficed to make him as great a favorite in his new church as he was in his old.

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Madame—I have been charmed with your visit, baron. I shall forever lend a good life that I may have the pleasure of meeting you again hereafter. The Baron—My dear madame, do not, I pray you, be too good.—Illustrated Bits.

Our idea of a smart woman is one who can go out and make a salad on five minutes' notice.

—From a sketch made at Buzzard's Bay for a New York paper.

LEPER CLAW.

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of the disease. The most notable case on record in this connection is that of the humanitarian, Father Damien de Veuster, who in 1873 left his cure in Hawaii to give up his life for the unfortunate kept apart from the rest of the world at Molokai. When he first took upon himself this act of self-sac-

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A CHIMNEY'S VIBRATION.

A Rigid Structure Would Inevitably Collapse.

Every person who has looked upward on a tall smokestack or monument or shot tower has been impressed with the idea that the object had an oscillation.

People who know all about the subject explained it to themselves or to others, but "there are others" who did not know whether movement was actually in the object or in their own eyes.

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