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## MAY ENTIRELY CHANGE CABINET

REPORTED THAT TAFT WILL MAKE A CLEAN SWEEP.

President Roosevelt Is Said to Have Advised the President-Elect to Change Officers.

A good many aspiring politicians are cheerful over information which has just reached them from what seems to be authentic sources that President-elect Taft will construct an entirely new Cabinet. This report has been in circulation since the visit of Mr. Taft to the White House, last Sunday. President Roosevelt, it is said, has advised his successor to make a clean sweep of the present Cabinet, not because it is not an efficient body of men, but because he feels that several of the present Cabinet members should be retained the public might gain the impression that he had fastened the men on the new administration.

### Root the Only One.

One of President-elect Taft's advisers said that Mr. Root is probably the only man in the present Cabinet whose services the new President would want. "If the plan to make Mr. Root Senator from New York goes through there will be an entirely new Cabinet," said this man. "Mr. Taft's present intention unquestionably is to start with a new deal."

In spite of this latest version of plans that are in the mind of the President-elect some of the members of the present Cabinet are counting on staying. Mr. Meyer, Postmaster-General, Mr. Garfield, Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, and Mr. Newberry, recently made Secretary of the Navy, have been regarded as fixtures.

### CONTEST LEGISLATIVE SEATS

United States Senatorship The Prize in View—Tactics of the Parties Desirous of Seats.

The fact that a United States Senator is to be chosen at the next session of the Legislature will lead to a number of contests for election in both Houses, it is believed. Already several contests for election have been filed in different parts of the State by defeated Democratic candidates for the House, and at least some of these have been filed under the direction of the Democratic State organization, which, it is said, wishes to protect itself from any political schemes in the Senate.

In the Senate the Republicans will have the majority, and therefore will have the advantage in seating members of that body. One of the possibilities that has been considered by the Democrats is that the Republicans, taking advantage of their majority, will temporarily seat enough Republican members in the Senate to cut a big figure in electing a United States Senator—possibly enough to throw the United States Senatorship to the Republicans. Color is given to this theory by the fact that the election of the three Democratic candidates for State Senator in Marion county has been contested.

### To Offset Senate Gains.

To meet any such emergency as the wholesale unseating of Democrats in the Senate, the Democratic State organization, it is understood, is getting ready to look after its interests in the House. In the House, the Democrats are in the majority, and, of course, the advantages the Democrats would have in seating their members in that branch would equal those of the Republicans in the upper branch. If then, the Republicans should attempt to seat temporarily in the Senate enough of their members to affect the senatorial election, the Democrats would attempt to seat temporarily enough of their members in the House to offset the action of the Republican Senate.

Several contests which look to the seating of Democrats in the House have been filed in different counties of the State. In the Decatur Circuit court a suit has been filed in which it is alleged that 175 illegal votes were cast and counted for John C. Meek, the successful Republican candidate for Representative. It is alleged also that seventy-five votes that were cast for John H. Denison, the Democratic candidate, and which were rejected, should have been counted. Meek's plurality was 180.

### SHIVELY IN 13TH DISTRICT.

Five Votes from the Seven Counties Are Deemed Certain for South Bender.

B. F. Shively, it is estimated, will receive the votes of all the Democratic senators and representatives from the Thirteenth district counties. It is said that E. Vol. Bingham, senator from St. Joseph county; Robert E. Proctor, of Elkhart county; and Harry E. Grube, joint senator from Kosciusko and Marshall counties, as well as David D. Rodbaugh, representative from Elkhart county and W. S. Barber, representative from Marshall county will all stand by Mr. Shively as long as he is a candidate. It is believed that Mr. Shively will get support from many outside counties.

## FARMING IN UNITED STATES

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT OF NATION ISSUES VALUABLE YEAR BOOK.

Experts Tell Secrets of Great Value to Farmers—Progress Made by the Department.

The fourteenth annual yearbook of the department of Agriculture, just issued by the government printing office at Washington, is the most exhaustive and interesting of the series, and will prove of infinite value not only to the great army of farmers throughout the United States, but to all classes of citizens who are interested in garden truck, birds, poultry and the preservation of game.

The report of Secretary James Wilson comprises over 125 pages and deals thoroughly with the agricultural development of the country during the year 1907 and with the strides made by his department in bettering agricultural conditions. There is not a single page of this report which will not prove interesting and instructive to a vast army of soil tillers.

In addition to the secretary's report there are presented a score and more of papers dealing with various phases of agriculture. These are in most instances handsomely illustrated, and are from the pens of officers of the department and specialists who speak with authority.

Government bulletins issued during the period covered by the yearbook have in most instances forestalled the report of the secretary, but it is interesting to note that the farm products in 1907 were the greatest on record. They even exceeded the banner crops of 1906 and amounted in all to over \$412,000,000, or \$657,000,000 over the previous year. The dairy products added to this total something like \$800,000,000 and are still increasing so rapidly that, in the words of the secretary, "arithmetic cannot keep up with the advance." Poultry products are now worth more than wheat, and, perhaps, more than hay.

The domestic exports are valued at \$1,055,000,000, or \$79,000,000 above the level of 1906. Four-fifths of these exports comprised plant products, chief of which was cotton, valued at \$482,000,000. Agricultural products valued at \$627,000,000 were imported, leaving America with a handsome balance to its credit.

The secretary deals with the benefits derived through the weather bureau, the bureau of animal industry, new crops and new industries, the improvement of farm products seed distribution, garden development, the eradication of injurious insects and a hundred odd subjects vitally concerning farmers.

### Value of Birds.

That birds are of great assistance to the farmer is conclusively proven by H. W. Henshaw administrative assistant of the biological survey. We are told that if the birds are allowed to labor undisturbed they will thoroughly police the air. The thrushes, larks and wrens search the surface for insects and their larvae; the warblers, vireos and nuthatches peck bugs from the tree limbs, while the woodpeckers dig beneath the bark. The swallows and night hawks skim high over head in constant patrol duty. Were this not so, the insects would denude the earth's surface of living green, for it is upon plant life that they subsist. Mr. Henshaw admits that certain birds dine sumptuously on cherries, but he vigorously defends them, and even has a good word to say for hawks and owls.

If you have a dairy and wish to keep your milk free from bacteria, an article by L. A. Rogers, bacteriologist of the dairy division of the bureau of animal industry, will tell you just how to go about it. The illustrations of some of the bacteria are not pleasant to look at, but there are good germs as well as bad, and once you see them you can take your pick. Under the head of "Training Courses for teachers of Agriculture," Dick J. Crosby reviews to the work of this department, and A. D. Shomei explains some of the mysteries of seed selection and breeding. The latter paper is of considerable commercial importance because it generally costs no more to grow the improved varieties of farm products than the unimproved sort. Of equal interest is an article by F. M. Webster on the value of insect parasitism, in which the writer tells of all sorts of bugs and parasites both detrimental and beneficial to vegetation. These papers are followed by others on roads, and weather bureau, timber cutting and preservation, and new fruits.

B. J. Howard, chief of the microchemical laboratory, recommends the use of the microscope in the detection of food adulterations. This, of course, in simple cases. When seeds and gravel have been sold for spices or have been mixed with them the microscope will prove of service, but there are more complicated cases in which other methods are necessary. Sometimes cornmeal or ground shells are used to adulterate spices and in others ground olive pits stained black are employed. Colored corn flour has been known to serve as cayenne pepper, as has powdered sawdust. In coffee and chocolate may be found roasted chicory, cereals and even peas, while beef tallow now and then is sold as chocolate. Artificial jams and jellies are of frequent occurrence being made of such thickeners as agaragar, tragacanth, starch and gum arabic. Cornstarch is employed to make thin cream look thick, while the manufacture of "honey" is common.

A special chapter on the game resources of Alaska has been added.

## DEATH OF CHINESE EMPEROR

Dowager Empress Expires Within Day of Notice of Emperor's End.

Peking, Nov. 14—8 p. m.—The emperor died shortly after 5 o'clock this evening.

The foregoing dispatch from Peking sets at rest the conflicting rumors of the past two days that have originated at Peking and have been published around the world. The emperor of China is dead. The report from London of his improvement probably referred to a temporary change only. This Peking message is the first unqualified statement to come from the Chinese capital and it specifically gives the time of the passing away of his majesty.

Tze Hsi An, Dowager Empress of China and the most powerful woman in the world, is dead.

The end of this remarkable woman, unrivaled in history, the autocratic head of the government during more than half a century of nearly one-third of the world's population, came at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

That is the official announcement from the imperial palace which followed the news less than twenty-four hours before the death of the emperor, Kuang-Hsu.

It is believed in Peking that the deaths of both the empress dowager and emperor occurred some time before that set down in the official tidings.

## KERN PICKED FOR WINNER

TAGGART HAS ISSUED STATEMENT THAT HE IS OUT OF THE RACE.

Lieutenants Say That French Lick Man Will Support Kern for Senatorship.

Tom Taggart is not a candidate for the United States senate. Monday night he issued a public statement with a definite announcement to that effect.

He says that while he appreciated very greatly the support offered to him and that while he is not ungrateful of the high honor that would be conferred on him if he were elected his personal business is so pressing that he could not accept the senatorship even if he could be elected. Under the circumstances he is willing to remain a private in the ranks serving the party as he has for many years.

While Taggart adds "may the best man win," his lieutenants are predicting the election of John Worth Kern in a walk. They say that Kern will have Taggart's support which will be sufficient to land the honor.

As soon as Taggart arrived from French Lick Monday he went to the office of Kern and held a conference with him. While he does not say he is for Kern he promised the latter a week ago, that he would help him if he should withdraw himself.

Joe Bell, Taggart's right bower politically, said Monday that Taggart's withdrawal means Kern's election. Bell and other Taggart men say that Taggart could have been elected senator as he had thirty-five votes pledged and needed but forty-two. His withdrawal will leave Kern a clear field, with twelve members to start with.

### WHY EGGS ARE UP.

Cause for Their Scarcity Is Attributed to the Extended Drought of This Year.

The egg prices are probably the highest ever in this market at this time of year. The situation is puzzling to dealers, they say, as the weather has been favorable to the production of eggs.

Jobbers in eggs do not hold themselves responsible for the high price of eggs. They say there is a real scarcity of fresh eggs because the moulting season for hens has been prolonged by the drought. This scarcity makes the demand greater than the supply and the deficiency must be filled with storage eggs. With this increased demand for storage eggs the price goes up, naturally, dealers say, and they get part of the benefit of it. Hucksters, who spend every day except Sunday in the country buying eggs, agree with dealers that fresh eggs are really scarce. The cold weather will end the summer garment season for the hens, and they will have their new winter cloaks and get down to business again.

### Pullets for Pedigree.

A gentleman who goes by the name of Coon is traveling west of Goshen, introducing family pedigrees which are placed inside of a glass ball. He solicits customers at \$1.50 per family. If you have not the cash he takes six fine pullets instead, which are delivered on the spot, while your pedigree follows later on. It is reported that many housewives are looking for glass balls, while Mr. Coon has already realized on his pullets.

### How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

Walding, Kinnam & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

## OLD POLITICAL CHART GIVES SUMMARY OF 92 YEARS AGO

Shows the Vote of Counties of Indiana from 1816 to '49 Before Marshall Was Organized

Corey North, whose wife is a daughter of Johnson Brownlee deceased, found amongst Mr. Brownlee's papers, a few days ago, a political chart, giving the names of the United States Senators, Representatives, Governors, Lieutenant Governors, Auditors, Treasurers, and Secretaries of State from 1816 to 1849, and the number of votes cast in every county from 1824 to 1849.

The population of the state in 1810 was 24,520. The population was 147,178 in 1830 and in 1840 it had increased to 685,866. The total vote of the state in 1824 was as follows: For President, Andrew Jackson, 7,220; John Quincy Adams, 3,069; Henry Clay 5,345.

Marshall county was not organized at that time but Allen county cast 99 votes, of those Jackson received 11, Adams 14 and Clay 44. At that election Marion county gave Jackson 99, Adams 16, Clay 212. Clark, Dearborn, Fayette, Franklin, Jefferson, Washington and Wayne were then the large counties of the state. Dearborn county gave Jackson 668, Adams 367, Clay 116, this was the largest vote cast by any county in the state. The total vote of the state at that time was less than the vote of Elkhart county now, and only a little more than half the vote of St. Joseph county, but neither of these counties had a vote at that election.

In 1849 Joseph A. Wright, Dem., received 76,996 votes for governor and John A. Matson the Whig candidate, got 67,218.

At that election Marshall county gave Wright 450 and Matson 329, a total of 779 votes, Marion county and the city of Indianapolis began to

## CITY MADE DEFENDANT IN SUIT

MRS. HALEY HARTZELL DEMANDS \$3000 DAMAGES OF CITY.

Was Thrown and Severely Hurt on Board Sidewalk on July 14th of This Year.

Mrs. Haley E. Hartzell, 316 west North street, by her attorney L. M. Lauer and V. P. Kirk, has brought suit against the city of Plymouth, claiming damages in the sum of \$2,000.

She avers that on July 14, 1908 while walking on a board sidewalk abutting the east line of lot No. 100, on the west side of north Walnut street, in front of the property owned by Mrs. Jacob Hoham, she was thrown and severely injured by a defective sidewalk. She was going south in company with her daughter Bessie, when the girl stepped on the end of a loose board which tipped up, and tripped Mrs. Hartzell. She was thrown down, and thereby suffered a bruised knee and limb, and suffered abdominal injuries which will disable her for life. Mrs. Hartzell has been unable to work for many weeks and is thereby deprived of a living. Before her injury she had been earning a living for herself and children by doing laundry work. She is a divorced woman and depends upon her own labor for the support of her family.

Mrs. Hartzell maintains that she knew of the poor condition of the walk and exercised special care in crossing it.

A committee consisting of Councilmen Tanner and Buck, and City Attorney Henshaw investigated and submitted a report on the accident, in accordance with which report the council refused to allow the claim for damages.

### LaPaz Items.

Snow. Mr. Melvin Cram is quite sick with dropsy.

Newton Holycross of Larwell Ind. visited Mrs. Manning last Friday.

Mrs. Emma Rush of South Bend is making her daughter, Mrs. John Mumme an extended visit.

The members of the Young Ladies class of the U. B. Sunday School gave a supper Saturday evening. Proceeds to pay expenses for a Christmas entertainment.

Every Wednesday evening the members of the High School meet at the school house for the purpose of carrying on a mock senate. This is a practical teaching.

November 5 at the home of Benj. Snyder the children and grand-children met to celebrate Mrs. Snyder's 62nd birthday. After dinner an elegant ring was presented the worthy celebrant.

A number of friends and neighbors surprised Geo. Hutchings Nov. 11. This was in honor of his 77th birthday. Music and recitations enlivened the scene and of course the participants did not go away hungry.

Two men falling from Chicago and bound for Ft. Wayne and Cincinnati had an automobile explosion, one mile west of town Wednesday night of last week about midnight. The poor fellows made a bed in corn fodder and later found the hotel in the village. The remnants of the machine are at the lively barn.

Warsaw Man Disappears. Frank Gift of Warsaw, father of Adolph Gift, of Mishawaka, has mysteriously disappeared, after having purchased an automobile.

Dedicate New Building. The new half million dollar Odd Fellows' building was dedicated Wednesday at 7:30 o'clock a big torch light parade preceded the meeting at Tomlinson hall, which will be addressed by John L. N'lan, grand secretary of the order.

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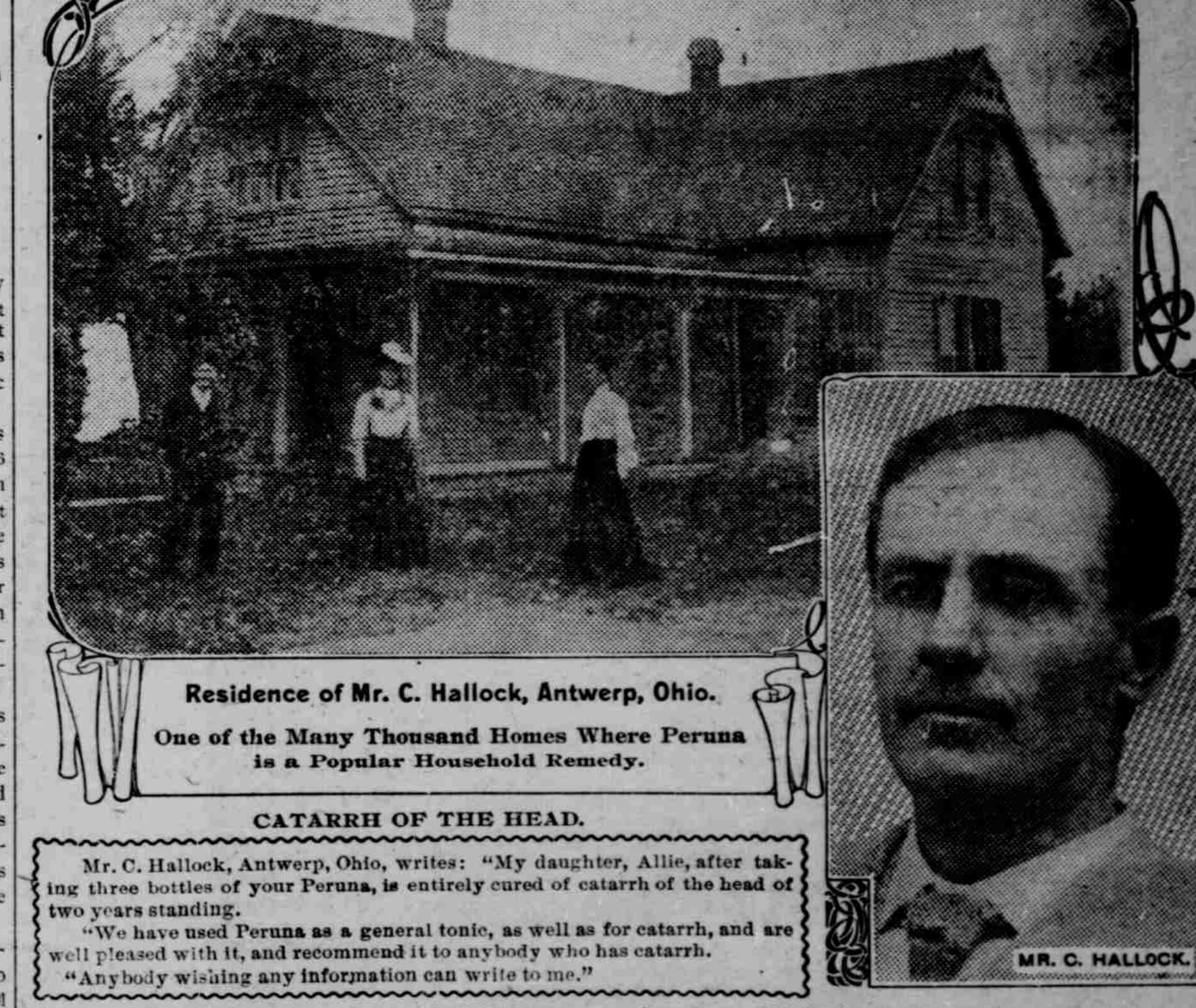
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## A HOME WHERE PERUNA IS USED.



Residence of Mr. C. Hallock, Antwerp, Ohio. One of the Many Thousand Homes Where Peruna is a Popular Household Remedy.

CATARRH OF THE HEAD.

Mr. C. Hallock, Antwerp, Ohio, writes: "My daughter, Allie, after taking three bottles of your Peruna, is entirely cured of catarrh of the head of two years standing."

"We have used Peruna as a general tonic, as well as for catarrh, and are well pleased with it, and recommend it to anybody who has catarrh. "Anybody wishing any information can write to me."

Could Take No Food.

Mr. William F. Burke, 1305 Frankford Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., writes: "On the 19th of February, 1901, I was taken with cramps that extended from just below my throat to the bottom of my stomach. They were so severe that my wife had to go for a doctor about two o'clock in the morning."

"I had from February until July of that year three doctors, and they were giving me medicine for kidney, liver and bladder troubles, and after taking all kinds of their mixtures, in the month of July I could neither eat nor drink. For three weeks I had not taken a morsel of food except in a liquid form. At the end of that time I could not drink milk or water except in small sips, which caused me great pain."

"I had given up all hope of living more than a week or two at most. I told my wife I thought I had catarrh of the stomach. She seemed to think so too, and having read of Peruna I decided to give it a trial."

"I took several doses that evening, and for the first time in weeks rested fairly that night."

"I kept on using Peruna as I had started, and after using it three days and nights the pains in my chest and stomach disappeared, and they have never appeared since, and it will be two years this July."

Peruna Relieved All Symptoms.

Mr. J. C. Crumpacker, R. R. 1, Kokomo, Ind., writes: "I can say that I have nothing to complain of now. I feel well, rest well at night, have a good and moderate appetite, can eat almost any kind of food."

"I have no aches or pains anywhere, and can do some kind of work every day. I must say I can stand as much fatigue as I ever could, and feel good over it."

"The hemorrhage has yielded to Peruna, the grip has done the same, as well as pains and aches of all kinds."

"The roaring noise has entirely left my ears and head, my mind is clear, my recollection good, my bowels are regular, and I just simply feel easy all over."

"The cure of my case was surely a victory."

Catarrh of Long Standing.

Mr. C. A. Renstrom, 650 Seventh St., Ogden, Utah, writes: "I take great



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Don't forget or overlook our Men's and Boys' SHOE DEPARTMENT. Positively the most complete line of MEN'S AND BOYS' GOOD, HONEST FOOTWEAR and RUBBER GOODS shown in Plymouth. In shoes, we show the "CRAWFORDS", "SELZ" and "JAMES MEANS" and Menzies' Elk. In rubber goods—Mishawaka, Selz Royal Blue, Hood's and Bamjaus. We will positively guarantee you fully a 25 cent saving in your Footwear if you give us an opportunity, and we will replace any free of charge that goes wrong. Hundreds of items—in Furnishing Goods, Neckwear, Underwear—all specially priced. There is only one way to find out WHO'S WHO in the men's business in town, and that's to see—

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