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Over heated imaginations are at a premium now.  
 Solomon in all his glory was not as weather-wise as the ground hog.

Our boys in Cuba must be happy now when they read about the weather here.

Brig. Gen. Otis is a newspaper man. Hence he knocked the "form" of Aguinaldo's army into "pi."

Pittsburg takes the red ribbon can-worm reports. It is the only place where "hog's ears are dropping off."

Now is a grand opportunity for Christian Scientists to demonstrate that people only imagine that they are cold.

If the impression should get out that the ministers would give their congregations a pretty good dose of "shoe" tomorrow the churches would be crowded.

This February has broken its unenviable record for cold and disagreeable weather. The present zero spell has been the longest the "fever month" has ever given us in this latitude.

The Chicago Tribune makes this frigid suggestion:  
 "Now would be a good time for Congressmen Henry U. Johnson to visit his constituents in Indiana. He would get a cold reception anyway, and at present the temperature seems to have reached just about the proper degree of frigidity to express the sentiments of Johnson's constituents toward Johnson."

It was stated in some papers that Senator Binkley voted in favor of a new hospital for the insane to be located at Columbus. This is a mistake. Mr. Binkley spoke in favor of additional facilities for caring for the insane, but he is not in favor of building a new asylum. His idea is, and it is the correct one, to make additional room for them at the institutions the state already has. That would, of course, be the most economical arrangement.

Tomorrow will be the birthday anniversary of Abraham Lincoln. He was born in Hardin county, Kentucky, February 12, 1809. He lived in Indiana from 1816 to 1830 and then moved with his parents to Illinois. After serving four terms in the Illinois legislature he was in 1846 elected to congress from the Springfield district, beating Rev. Peter Cartwright, the famous Methodist preacher. In 1858 he was a candidate for the United States senate and held the celebrated joint debate with Stephen A. Douglas, which, though it did not secure him a seat in the senate, made him a reputation that secured for him the Republican nomination for the Presidency at the Chicago convention of 1860. In November of that year he was elected President of the United States. On September 22, 1862, and January 1, 1863, he issued the emancipation proclamations affecting all slaves within rebellious territory. June 8, 1864, he was renominated for the Presidency and was re-elected the following November, receiving 212 electoral votes to General McClellan's 21. He was inaugurated for his second term March 4, 1865, and on the 14th of the following April was assassinated by Wilkes Booth in Ford's theater, Washington.

Is it a burn? Use Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Use Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. At your drug-gists.

**THE WOODS POLICE.**  
 THE WORK AND THE WAYS OF THE GAMEKEEPERS.

Men Who Watch Against Unlawful Killing of Animals in Our Forest Tracts—The Friendly War Between Them and the Gamekeepers—Attempts at Sharp Tricks.

There are two kinds of backwoods-men whom the traveler, or tourist, meets when he enters the wilds—the guide, who makes his living by conducting camping parties, and the gamekeepers or wilderness police. Of the latter the majority have been guides. The advent of the gamekeeper began with the adoption of laws for the preservation of life in the forests. He corresponds closely to the foresters of Europe, being empowered by law to protect such game within his district as comes under the prohibitory act. His position is more difficult, however, than that of his fellow official in the Old World; his territory is larger, his associations with those upon whom he must keep a watch closer, and his isolation from civilization more marked. To be a gamekeeper, just in his dealings with his fellow woodsmen, requires nerve and shrewdness; the guides must be met on their own ground in a country with which they are familiar. To circumvent them is no small undertaking, nor do the laws which make the backwoods constable necessary allow him too wide a scope in his operations.

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**Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral**

When the children get their feet wet and take cold give them a hot foot bath, a bowl of hot drink, a dose of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and put them to bed. The chances are they will be all right in the morning. Continue the Cherry Pectoral a few days, until all cough has disappeared.

Old coughs are also cured; the coughs of bronchitis, weak throats and irritable lungs. Even the hard coughs of consumption are always made easy and frequently cured by the continued use of

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**Dr. J. C. Ayer, Lowell, Mass.**

Sleep on a very low pillow or none at all. Sleeping on a flat bed will help to give straight, firmly-poised shoulders.

Walk from one to three miles every day in broad-soled shoes and loose clothing, leaving camp at home. You may find them when you return, or they will have fled entirely.

Walk with the limbs swinging from the hips, like a pendulum; and to this keep the weight of the body forward on the balls of the feet. This is the secret of a graceful stage carriage.

Take a morning sponge bath with as much regularity as you eat your dinner.

Do not retire in a bedroom in which there is a fire. Take your boots off. Put on the light, throw open the windows as wide as possible and get pure oxygen before retiring. Then leave the window so that the circulation of good air all night long.

Regular hours for sleeping and eating are the best means of keeping perfect health. A dentist on looking at a girl's teeth found no cavities, but he noticed a decayed tooth in that? He replied that she had probably been sleeping regularly, eight hours a night, and jokingly added, "there is a scholar in 'teeth reading' quite as real as palimony."

**Paper Weights.**  
 A paper weight that is beautiful is made by artistically arranging tiny seashells and mosses together and putting them in a glass. These glass cases can be bought either oval or square, and they magnify whatever is put in them. Take your glass and put a piece of cardboard the size of the hollow in the glass, and onto this cardboard arrange as neatly as possible the shells, mosses and other small objects. Have your variety of the smallest shells handy, also a candle and a pen-knife. Push the shells with tweezers, and put the cover end of it in the flame of the candle, then leave your glass in the flame until the wax has melted and the shells are set. When you are warm and when they are cold they will be perfectly set. The little rose-like shells you can put these leaves in at a time, until you have a perfect little flower. The cardboard is covered with little shell flowers, and pretty ends of mosses are put into the glass, and the bottom covered with felt. Take your glass and make a useful paper weight as well.

**John L. Might Have Been a Baseballer.**  
 It is not generally known that John L. Sullivan came within an ace of being a professional ballplayer instead of a prize fighter. Sullivan's manager and himself is authority for this statement. He told of his close call to baseball fame to a gathering of friends the other day while discussing the national game. Sullivan has always been an admirer of baseball, and there are few old stars who do not know all about it. He can talk about the points of play, and goes back to the Whites, John Morrow, the Dorgans, Al Spalding, Colonel McVey, John Ward and all the old-timers.

**Politician and Motorman.**  
 A member of the Ohio Legislature named Cox is handling a motorman's crank on a Columbia street railway. Soon after the adjournment of the Legislature Mr. Cox sought employment with the car company and is now working the regulation number of trips per diem that all his brother motor-men make, for which he gets \$2.50 a day. He is a legislator, but not till January 1, 1900, but whether he holds on to the street car job till then or not, no one but himself knows. He is on the Democratic side of the House and occupies a very respectable status among his colleagues. In his home county Mr. Cox has been a school teacher, justice of the peace and postmaster.

**No American can equal the Chinese tumbler for noise.**

**Mardi Gras.**  
 At New Orleans and Mobile, Queen & Crescent route limited trains, equipped with elegance, running on fast time. One fare round trip tickets from Cincinnati and down on sale daily, February 6 to 13, good until February 28 to return. Also Birmingham, Ala., on same dates. W. C. Cline, General Passenger Agent, Cincinnati, O.

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**ABOUT THE APPLE.**  
 IT IS THE MOST EXTENSIVELY USED OF ALL THE FRUITS.

Has Figured in History and Possesses Many Virtues—An English Ceremony Which Insures a Full Crop—Where the Fruit Came From Originally.

The apple is the most used of all fruits grown in this world renowned, and has figured in history and the lives of most nations since the earliest record. Poets and philosophers have told of it, and mythology has endowed it with wonderful virtues. The golden fruit of Hesperus was an apple; also the famous tree of knowledge bore apples. It was an apple which Eve ate and offered to Adam, and the fruit in the garden guarded by the dragon, which Hercules finally overpowered were apples. Apples were taken in all the myths and were believed to have many wonderful powers, such as conferring immortality, and were reserved by the gods as a special food for those who felt themselves growing old. As a relic of this old reverence for apples, the farmers of Devonshire, in England, still keep up the custom of "saluting the apple" in the spring to insure a full crop. This ceremony consists of the farmers going out under the tree and pouring part of a wassail bowl of cider on the roots of the tree, hanging a bit of the toast (which is in the bowl on the branches, while the cider and its men dance slowly around the tree, singing the following:

Here's to thee, old apple tree,  
 Whence thou may'st bud, and  
 Whence thou may'st blow.  
 And whence thou may'st bear apples  
 Plenty now.

Hats full, caps full,  
 Bushels and sacks full!  
 Huzza!

The apple is a native of all temperate climates, and although most of the kinds cultivated in this country are from seed brought from some part of Europe, the trees have so adapted themselves to our soil as to often times bear better in this country than in their original homes. It is a very hardy and somewhat slow bearing tree, but very long lived. In many cases trees will live and bear for a century, and when well cared for even longer. Naturally, the apple tree bears well only every other year. This, however, is remedied by helps given to the fruit by the farmer, so that the tree is able by means of extra fertilizing and careful pruning, to overcome the debility caused by putting much strength in the crop, and, unless climatic changes interfere, each year is a full bearing one in good orchards.

Young trees are raised from seed, the pulp of the cider mills being sent to the nurseries for this purpose. The seedlings grow unhindered for a year, when they are sorted and transplanted in the nursery. After this they are grafted and left to grow for at least another year, before being put out in the orchard. Then they are set out in rows about forty feet apart, where they will continue to grow slowly and bear good crops until old age or some blight dies them out. The custom of planting apple trees in rows originated with the ancient Romans, and has been followed by all farmers since that time. Almost any kind of soil will grow them, but they are best in a strong, sandy loam and in a moderate climate.

The apple is popular on account of its variety of uses and its adaptability for use as a food, both raw and cooked, and the kinds most in demand are those that can be eaten either of these ways. A few apples are eaten in the summer and in the early fall months, but the majority of the crop reaches its maturity in the autumn, and in November, and even later in the season. These winter apples are picked in the autumn and stored in the cellar, where they will keep for a long time, and are allowed to stay on the trees as long as the frosts will permit without doing injury to the fruit. They are packed and sent to market. Many are reserved for drying, this part of the apple consumption being larger than that of the fresh fruit. The dried apples are used in many of our markets. The dried apple is shipped all over the world, and when cooked in water, or very pale dish, especially in those climates where the fresh fruit will not keep. Many crops in whole regions are used by the dried fruit, and the local market is supplied with this product. South America and other southern countries are also a large market for these prepared, although a large part of each year's crop is consumed in our own Southern States. Then, the dried fruit, which is a part of the crop, usually the smaller, uneven shaped fruit being sent there, with the usual crops of apples and pears, and find as ready a market among the fruit sold for eating purposes.

**New Barging Alarm.**  
 Professor Colman has invented a new burglar alarm system, in which Hertzian waves are employed in the place of the ordinary electric current. In this invention the connecting conductors are dispensed with, and a transmitter is provided with the projected structure, which is thrown into operation immediately upon any tampering with the protecting barrier. A series of vibrations in the air produced by the transmitter, is made capable of transmission through the intervening medium to actuate a cohering receiver at the alarm station. The receiver thereupon closes the local alarm circuit, causing the bell to produce a signal until it is stopped.

**A Complicated Bear-It.**  
 Hot milk is the newest panacea for all complexion ills. If the face is pimpled, shaggy, freckled or otherwise afflicted, hot milk, says the enthusiast over this new remedy, will produce a fine complexion. When the face is after being washed with hot milk at night, feels wonderfully refreshed, and the skin becomes soft and white and soft. They also claim that a generous quantity of milk poured into the bath is positively magical in removing fatigue.

**Three Types of Women.**  
 The average height of the French woman is 5 feet 1 inch. The American women are nearly 2 inches taller, and the women of Great Britain is taller than their American sisters.

**An Honest Match for La Grippe.**  
 George W. Waitt of South Gardner, Me., says: "I have had the worst cold, cough, chills and grip and have taken lots of trash of no account but profit to the vendor. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, the only thing that has done any good whatever. I have used one 50-cent bottle and the chills, cold and grip have all left me. I congratulate the manufacturers of an honest medicine." For sale by A. G. Luker & Co.

**Does Coffee Agree With You?**  
 If not, drink Grain-O—made from pure grains. A lady writes: "The first time I made Grain-O I did not like it but after using it one week nothing would induce me to go back to coffee." It agrees with me and the system. The children can drink it freely with great benefit. It is the strengthening substance of pure grains. Get a package today from your grocer, follow the directions, and making it and you will have a delicious and healthful table beverage for young and old. 15c and 25c.

**BE CURED OF GRIP!**  
 The Wonderful Results Obtained in the Case of Supt. Davidson.

—and the proprietors of this remedy have never known so great a call for it—has been due to its use by thousands of people for whom it has been prescribed by intelligent physicians, to restore the patient's vitality, to purify the blood of the enervating poison, to restore the nervous system to healthy action and to strengthen the vital organs.



Now what is grip? Can it be avoided or prevented? And can it be cured?

Grip is characterized by a continued fever, by a tendency to inflammation of the mucous membranes of the digestive and often the respiratory tracts, by pain in the muscles, and by debility.

The grip in individual cases varies from a slight indisposition to severe forms with grave symptoms, these variations depending wholly upon the health, age, temperament or nervous condition of the person. Those predisposed to rheumatism suffer great pain in the muscles, persons of nervous temperament become low-spirited, often have hysteria, and, if not closely watched, have been known to commit suicide.

A few cases of this sort have been reported this month in the newspapers. Headache is a constant symptom. The bowels are generally constipated. Whatever form the disease takes there is invariably extreme prostration. The danger to persons in previous healthy condition is slight.

It has been absolutely proven that there is a certain preventive of serious cases of grip; and that there is a remedy for persons suffering with it, or beginning to be convalescent from its attack.

The unexampled public demand for Paine's celery compound during the last two months

—and the proprietors of this remedy have never known so great a call for it—has been due to its use by thousands of people for whom it has been prescribed by intelligent physicians, to restore the patient's vitality, to purify the blood of the enervating poison, to restore the nervous system to healthy action and to strengthen the vital organs.

A person will continue to suffer from the evil effects of grip for months unless he attacks the disease by getting rid of the unnatural, unhealthy poisons in the system, supplying the body with new blood, arousing the healthy action of the kidneys, liver and digestive organs, and nourishing and rebuilding the over-exerted and debilitated nervous system. All this and just this is Paine's celery compound will do. In the multitude of cases where it has been used, it has never failed.

A case well known in Chicago is cited. Mr. Frank E. Davidson, who is one of the most brilliant and best known engineers in the world, had just finished the plans for the great intercepting sewer system of Chicago, which is to divert the entire sewerage of the city from Lake Michigan, through the famous Chicago drainage canal, and down the Mississippi. Superintendent Davidson had worked for months on this scheme. He was well known and exhausted and took to his bed after an attack of the grip. After a while the disease not having left him, he was advised to try Paine's celery compound. He was soon back at his work, a well man, and forthwith wrote a letter to the proprietors of the remedy, in which he says:

"I had been told by friends of the wonderful results obtained by them from the use of Paine's celery compound. After my severe attack of the grip I determined to try it. I have already found that my friends' reports were not at all exaggerated, and I wish to join most cheerfully with them in recommending the remedy to others."

Hundreds of grateful letters have been written to the proprietors of Paine's celery compound since the appearance of the grip this year, telling of the perfect recoveries it has effected. The letters come from men and women of many conditions. Few persons are so poor they cannot afford to have this great remedy constantly in the house, and none are so prosperous that for their health's sake they can afford to be without it. When so many men and women whose words carry the utmost weight in the communities in which they live testify as they do to the great benefit they have received from Paine's celery compound, there can be no hesitancy in trying it. A single trial is the test which is confidently invited.