

Treating Wrong Disease.

Many times women call on their family physicians, suffering, as they imagine, from dyspepsia, another from heart disease, another from liver or spleen disease, another from nervous exhaustion or prostration, another with pain here and there, and in this way they all present as to themselves and their easy-going and indifferent or even incurable separate and distinct diseases, for which he, assuming them to be such, prescribes his pills and potions. In reality, they are all one *symptom*, caused by some uterine disease. The physician, ignorant of the cause of suffering, encourages the practice until large bills are made. The suffering patient gets no better, but probably worse, by reason of the delay, wrong diagnosis and wrong treatment. A proper medicine like Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, *directed to the cause*, would have entirely removed the disease thereby dispelling all those distressing symptoms and giving comfort instead of prolonging misery. It is well said, that "a disease known is half cured."

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a scientific preparation, carefully devised by an experienced and skillful physician and adapted to a woman's delicate system. It is made of native medicinal roots and is perfectly harmless in its effects in any condition of the system.

As a powerful invigorating tonic "Favorite Prescription" is the strength of the whole system and to the organs distinctly feminine in particular. For over-worked, over-tired, "run-down" debilitated teacher, student, dressmaker, seamstress, shop girls, house-keepers, nursing mothers, and female women generally, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the greatest earthly boon, being unequalled as an appetizing cordial and restorative.

As a soothing and strengthening nerve "Favorite Prescription" is unequalled and is invaluable in allaying and subduing nervous excitability, irritability, nervous exhaustion, neuritis, prostration, nervous hysterics, spasms, etc. St. Vitus's dance, and other distressing nervous symptoms commonly attendant upon functional and organic disease of the brain, are relieved by sleep and relieves mental anxiety and despondency.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets invigorate the stomach, liver and bowels. One to three a dose. Easy to take as candy.

ORIGIN OF XMAS
IN THIS COUNTRY

Tradition Accredits Apostle John With Having Inaugurated the Feast.

FORMERLY SHIFTING EVENT

SANTA CLAUS WAS INTRODUCED INTO AMERICA BY THE DUTCH OF HOLLAND—OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST.

I heard the bells of Christmas day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

—Long live.

The celebration of Christmas as a special festival is said to have begun in the first century, and during the life of the Apostle John one tradition of the church accredits him with inaugurating the custom.

In England the Christmas decorations may remain in the churches during the month of January, but must all be cleared away before February 2, or Candlemas day.

In France it is a common practice to celebrate Christmas by giving an extra ration to all domestic animals on the theory that all creatures should rejoice at this season.

In the fourth century, the celebration of Christmas was fixed by the Latin church for December 25. Before that time it had been a movable festival, like Easter.

Santa Claus was introduced into America by the Dutch of Holland. He is the American representative of the German Knecht Rupert.

Among the English common people Christmas is lucky when Saturday is the day of the Nativity.

Christmas mince pies in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries were made with a coffin-shaped crust, to represent the manger.

In Silesia there is a superstition that a boy born on Christmas day must be brought up a lawyer, or he will become a thief.

In all the States Christmas is a legal holiday, and in South Carolina the two following days are also holidays.

The leaves proper to use in Christmas decorations are those of holly, mistletoe, laurel and rosemary.

In Spain it is believed by the common people that the ants hold religious services on Christmas day.

The Eastern church formerly observed Christmas on January 9th.

In old England, Plum porridge was always served with the first course of a Christmas dinner.

The custom of giving presents on Christmas day is general throughout the Christmas world.

James Whitcomb Riley says of Christmas:

A word of Godspeed, and good cheer,
To all on earth, or far or near,
Or friend or foe, or thine or mine
In echo of the voice Divine

Heard, when the star bloomed forth
and lit

The world's face, with God's smile
on it.

And then we have Mark Twain, God bless his cheerful old soul, who gives up the following words of Christmas cheer:

"It is my heart-warm and world embracing hope and aspiration that all of us—the high, the low, the rich, the poor, the admired, the despised, the loved, the hated, the civilized, the savage—may eventually be gathered together in heaven of ever lasting rest, and peace, and bliss, except the inventor of the telephone."

Christmas at St. Pauls.

The Christmas services at St. Paul's Episcopal church will be Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m. Morning Prayer at 10 a. m., and Holy Communion with sermon at 10:30 a. m.

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Letters to Santa Claus.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Please give me more gas.

E. G. HIBBERD.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Please give me the Democratic nomination for Governor.

T. H. KUHN.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Please give me the Republican nomination for Governor.

CHARLES E. SHIVELEY.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Please give me a box of Xmas stories.

DAN McMANUS, Sergeant.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Please give me John Locke.

JESSE BAILEY, Supt. of Police.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Please give us a home of our own.

"THE ELKS."

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Please give us a street car schedule.

WEST SIDE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Send me ninety nice rabbits.

WILLIAM GOLDEN, Patrolman.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Give me large houses for Vandyke & Eaton Show.

IRA SWISHER, Manager.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Give me more circulation.

J. BENNETT GORDON.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
A check for \$80,000, please.

CHARLES BROWN, Sec'y. Y. M. C. A.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Please give me a \$4,000 job.

EDGAR M. HAAS.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Please give us a bridge across the Whitewater.

SOUTH SIDE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Please give me a bigger Sombrero.

WILFRED JESSUP.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Please help me stop the measles.

CHARLES S. BOND.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Please give us the Palladium, 365 days in the year.

THE PUBLIC.

A DATE AT SHELBYVILLE. PACK THE PRESENTS WELL.

Robert Fitzsimmons, Once Alleged to Have Been a Prize Fighter to Appear There.

It is Permissible to Put "Merry Xmas" Greeting on Packages in the Mail.

H. L. Hamilton, of Maysville, Ky., advance agent for the Robert Fitzsimmons Company, was in the city last night to advertise his attraction which will appear at the City Opera house on the night after Christmas. The company will come here from Middletown, Ohio, and will be quartered at the Ray hotel. Mr. Hamilton has extended an invitation to all the newspaper boys and their friends to call on Mr. Fitzsimmons and they will except the invitation—Shelbyville Republican.

NINE PRISONERS ESCAPE

BREAK CINCINNATI JAIL.

Two of the Men Recaptured While Seven Desperate Criminals, one a Murderer are Still at Large—Sawed the Bars.

Day after a Governor.
Mansfield, O., Dec. 22.—Mrs. S. E. Jenner, 64, died at her home here. Her father was Thomas W. Bartley, who was president of the Ohio senate in 1844 and governor after the resignation of Governor Shannon. He was Democratic candidate for governor in 1844, and his uncle, Mordecai Bartley, the Whig candidate, was elected. In 1851 her father was elected one of the supreme court judges of the state. Mrs. Jenner was the last survivor in Ohio of the first settlers of Richland county.

Rehearing of Gilman.
Dayton, O., Dec. 22.—Judge Martin ordered the issuance of a writ for a rehearing of the cases of Mrs. Gilman and Collins Gilman. The grand jury will probably be called into session Wednesday to take up all phases of the case. Mrs. Gilman and her son Collins were bailed over to the grand jury. Fayne Gilman was dismissed. An application for the release of Collins Gilman and Mrs. Gilman on their own recognizance was filed in common pleas court.

Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 22.—A party of editors from Indiana, Wisconsin and Missouri, after two days spent in touring the Vicksburg National park, left for their homes. After their return home they will urge that their states appropriate an aggregate of \$300,000 for state memorials in the park.

TO GET FREIGHT CARS OUT OF BIG TERMINALS

Difficult to Rescue Them, and Delays There Are What Cause the Car Shortage—Methods of the Pennsyvania.

[Publishers' Press.]
Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 23.—It is its efforts to provide sufficient cars to supply the demands of shippers on its lines, the Pennsylvania Railroad has paid great attention to the problem of getting cars out of terminals as rapidly as possible, for there is where the principal delays occur. The audit at the Baltimore terminal for September 27th showed that the cars sent out on that date had been in the terminal an average of 8.19 days. On October 11 this was reduced to 6.99 and on October 18 to 5.95 days. The North Philadelphia Yards on September 6th showed a detention of 6.41 days; on October 11th 5.27 and on October 18th 5.02.

In Pittsburgh, where there is usually the greatest congestion and the freight most difficult to move, August 16th showed a detention of 8.19 days, August 20th, 6.65 days, September 13th, 6.06, October 4th, 5.99, October 11th, 5.56 and October 25th, 6.08 days.

Another element which has contributed to the facilitation of movement has been the rule that box cars shall be loaded full, doing away with the movement of cars regardless of tonnage. This means a little delay to an individual shipper, but it means

a much greater convenience to all shippers.

The Pennsylvania Lines East have appointed a committee of twenty employees to expedite the repair of cars, so that all cars needing repair will be out of service the shortest possible time. The committee consists of master mechanics, superintendents of motive power, train master, yard master, and even assistant yard masters. The Altoona office repaired on October 29th the repairing of 12,004 cars in all the freight shops of the companies East and West, the largest day's work of the kind ever done except on October 1st, when the figure was 12,065.

While it is true that even with the extraordinary precautions that have been taken there is still a great demand for additional cars on parts of the Pennsylvania System, the fact should be noted that the traffic has been so regulated that all of the actual demands for the necessities of life have been met, and no one on the system is suffering because of the lack of cars, only inconvenience has been felt by shippers and consignees, owing to the very plethora of prosperity which the entire country is enjoying.

An ingenious inventor has patented a folding bed that can be carried on a motor car.

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MODERN SANTA IS A MAIL CARRIER

Uncle Sam's Postmen Will Make Deliveries in City and County Christmas.

MAIL NOW TREMENDOUS.

RURAL CARRIERS MUST PUT IN A FULL DAY BUT WILL BE REPAYED BY NUMEROUS GIFTS FROM FARMERS.

It was brought to light yesterday in this city that the Nineteenth Century Santa Claus would visit the homes in Wayne county on Christmas day. He is not the man who we so like to picture, with long flowing white beard, fur cap and coat, carrying a large pack on his back, driving his merry reindeers across the house tops, gaily clambering down chimneys, in order that the dreams of Young America might be realized, but instead his appearance is far different, not being a man who works gratis in order to make many lives happy but a man who is paid and by no other person than Janky Uncle Sam, who is always solicitous of his children's welfare on Christmas day. This year's Santa Claus will dress in gray, will be minus the long white whiskers, minus the huge gunny sack on his back, minus the reindeers, minus the sleigh, minus the trips over the house tops, and down the chimneys, but his visits will be none the less welcome, because he is no other person than Uncle Sam's mall man, who will be required to work on Christmas day, in order that all persons may get presents on time.

The general impression has long been prevalent that the rural carriers would have Christmas day to themselves, but instead they will be required to make their regular trips. The rural carriers will leave Richmond early tomorrow morning and will not return until afternoon. The city carriers will leave the Federal building at eight o'clock and make one trip. They will not be required to make an afternoon trip as one morning trip is expected to clear up the majority of the packages which have swamped the local office.

The mall Christmas day will be unusually heavy and is even expected to be larger than that of today, which will be record breaker, owing to the fact that no delivery was made yesterday and the packages were allowed to accumulate in huge heaps about the postoffice. Each postman's desk was literally bending under the weight of the many packages last night, and thousands of additional packages will arrive before the first delivery is made this morning.

Christmas day is the only legal holiday during the year when the carriers are required to make deliveries. Although the rural carriers will have to make their regular trip tomorrow, they will not have to do so New Year's day as the delivery of mail on that date is not so important as on Christmas. Although the rural carriers no doubt look on Christmas day as a "jonah" in so far as there having to work is concerned, it will also be a day of joy for them, as the many farmers to whom they deliver mail appreciate the carrier's services during the year and the postmen's wagons on the return trip will resemble vegetable wagons as they will be loaded down by gifts of all kinds from their appreciative patrons.

There are two days in the year when rural carriers live high. These are Thanksgiving and Christmas. Blessed with an abundance of all manner of good things the farmers remember their carriers and bring joy and good cheer into many homes by their kind heartedness. Last year one carrier received three chickens, a new dress for his wife and completely lost count of the pumpkins, apples and other fruit and vegetables showered upon him. All the carriers of Wayne County are remembered in almost the same way by their patrons.

WEAK, WEARY WOMEN.

Learn the Cause of Daily Woes and End Them.

When the back aches and throbs. When housework is torture. When night brings no rest nor sleep.

When urinary disorders set in.

Women's lot is a weary one.

There is a way to escape these woes.

Doan's Kidney Pills cure such ills.

Have cured women here in Rich mond.

This is one Richmond woman's testimony.

Mrs. Frances Hamilton, of 27 North Ninth street, Richmond, Ind., says: "I was induced to try Doan's Kidney Pills by my sister who has used them and had been cured of kidney trouble. I was having severe backaches and pains in the loins and shoulders, and at times it was very severe. I got a box of Doan's Kidney Pills at A. G. Lukens & Co.'s drug store and began using them. I took only two boxes in all and was entirely freed from my aches and pains, and have never had a return of my trouble since, although it was several years ago that I used them. My sister and I both recommended them to other kidney sufferers."

For sale by yard dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

An ingenious inventor has patented a folding bed that can be carried on a motor car.

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THE GULF COAST OF TEXAS

That's the title of a new eighty-page illustrated book just published by Rock Island-Frisco Lines.

We want a copy of it to reach the hands of every investor and home-seeker in the country.

It tells of a region unparalleled in its possibilities for home-getting and fortune-making—recently opened up by the building of the St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico Railway.

You have heard of other sections that are or were favorable for such purposes, but you have never heard of the like of Southern Texas—MARK THESE WORDS.

The book will tell you something about it and a trip of inspection is cheaply made. Are you interested?