

Medicine

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In any other. Be sure to get only Hood's. Hood's Pills cure biliousness, bad digestion, a Telephone in His Orchard. An incident of commercial importance happened yesterday, showing Texas is making rapid strides to keep up with the pace. Mr. Lang, of Galveston Fruit Company, was called to the telephone yesterday morning. "Hello! Is that Lang?" came in a distinct voice over the wire. "Hello! Falkner! I didn't know you were in town. (Where are you now?" "I am in my orchard. I have had a distance telephone put in." "Isn't it rather expensive?" "Yes, but I had to do it to keep up with the progress of the world. Any time you want anything just call me."

After some business talk they rung the orchard man is Mr. C. Falkner who owns quite an orchard, about five miles out of Waco, 230 miles by road from Galveston. He is an exceptionally intelligent fruit-grower, who has come to Texas from the East, and is finding his place on business principles in Galveston News.

Gas Trees.

Flammable gas that will readily ignite by the application of a match, is found in the hollowed trunks of trees. Some remarkable stories of "gas trees" have recently appeared in popular prints, and explanations of the gas in the reservoirs in the earth, penetrating these old tree trunks up to the ground. A recent author states that this is fallacious. Inflammable gases really do exist in many old trees, but it is of the trees' own manufacture from their own carbon and hydro-

WOMEN DISCOURAGED.

AND SUFFICIENT REASONS FOR THE BLUES.

Women Fall to Understand Symptoms That are Danger Signals. A marked trait in woman's character is to place implicit confidence in her physician.

Woman must work entirely from the theory in the treatment of female diseases, for unfortunately facts based upon actual knowledge, belong to the female sex alone. Many women who periodically suffer with attacks of faintness, dizziness, extreme lassitude, "don't care" want-to-be-left-alone feeling, do not at first realize that these are infallible symptoms of womb trouble and the forerunners of great suffering.

When they grow to feel that they do not understand their case, they remember that "a woman understands a woman's ills," and to Mrs. Pinkham.

The following letter is but one position of this fact:— "Four years ago I began to suffer from the general weakness of the organs. My health was prostrated; I suffered continually with headache and all other pains accompanying nervous weakness. I had consulted a doctor after another, but the operation which I had had was a total failure. A friend, one day, recommended to my husband your Compound. He bought me a bottle. The doctor experienced after taking it, was wonderful. I continued its use, and was glad to say my recovery is a surprise to everybody that knows me."—Mrs. B. BLUMM, 4940 East Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Every young reader has heard pussy called Tabby, but all do not know that tabby cat was named after Atab, a famous street in the old city of Bagdad. On this street the merchants sold a beautiful watered silk called atabi. In modern days this silk has been styled taffeta. The way marking of the silk were thought to resemble pussy's coat of fur. Jet derives its name from a river in Lycia—the Gagates—in the bed of which were found smooth black stones called gaet, of which jewelry was made. A pamphlet is a book bound in paper. A long, long time ago a learned Greek lady wrote the history of the world in thirty-five little books, which, after her, were called Pampylia. Hamburg is a bit of fun aimed at Hamburg, in Germany, which city was once rather famous for getting up sensations which turned out to be nothing very wonderful after all. Hamburg news was humbug. Dollar is from the German thaler, named from Thul, in Bohemia, where were located the silver works which made this coin. Money traces its history to a remote period, when the coinage of the Romans was struck at the temple of the goddess Juno Moneta.

THE DOING FOLKS.

Just think of it, dear grandpapa. This day belongs to me. My birthday 'tis—I'm four years old— Last time I was but three. And six sma l girls and five sma ll boy Are coming here to tea. And you must be as beautiful

Teresa Grover's grandpapa Has got no hair at all. His head shines—though he's very nice— Just like an ivory ball. And I guess she'll be awful's'prised, And all those other girls, And small boys, too, when they see you With lots of pretty curls. For to my party you must come, And help us play and laugh; I wouldn't have a birthday, dear, Unless I gave you half. And you shall have the very best Of everything to eat. And now your hair is done, and, oh! Grandpa, you do look sweet. —[Margaret Eyttinge.

ONE OF THE CATERPILLARS.

The large green worm that feeds on carrot, caraway, parsley, and some other common garden-plants is the caterpillar of the papilio asterias, a large black butterfly which is seen in great numbers at midsummer, hovering about the flowers in gardens. It is especially fond of the sweet-scented phlox. This butterfly is very handsomely marked with rows of yellow spots near the margin of its wings, and on the hind wings, which are tailed, there is also a row of blue spots, and near the lower angle an orange-colored eye with a black dot in the center. The wings of this handsome insect expand from three to four inches.

SHADOW BUFF.

To play shadow buff, you should fasten a sheet up at one end of the room so that it will hang quite smooth. "Buff" (not blinded) seats himself on a low stool, with his face to the sheet, and a table, on which is a lighted candle, placed about five feet behind him. The rest of the lights in the room should be extinguished. Buff's playfellows next pass in succession between the candle and him, distorting their features in as grotesque a manner as possible—hopping, limping and doing ever, thing to make their shadows as unlike their natural looks as possible. "Buff" must try to guess to whom the shadows belong, and if he is correct the player whose shadow he recognizes takes his place. "Buff" is allowed but one guess for each person.

CHINESE CHILDREN.

Since nearly 3,000 years ago the Chinese are known to have irrigated their lands for agricultural purposes. Small plots of land about a third as large as an acre are made level and ditches put through and around them in such a way that after the land has absorbed as much water as it is needed it will flow on to the next plot, which is some inches lower than the first one. These strips of uneven land are to be seen throughout the great plain of China.

The most common way of obtaining water for irrigation is to raise it by manual labor from the rivers and creeks. Two children are placed on the bank holding the ends of a rope about ten feet long, to the middle of which is attached a large bucket. This is lowered into the water and with a horizontal pull at each end of the rope the bucket is raised to the tank and emptied. Two girls will in this manner raise from sixty to eighty gallons a minute. From morning till night these children may be found toiling in the dry season to keep the irrigating tanks filled. If windmills were used all this unnecessary labor would be done away with. There are no power mills for grinding grain in the country and all the flour is made by girls who work a primitive grindstone.

SOME FAMILIAR WORDS.

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CURIOUS BIRDS.

Africa has, perhaps, more queer birds than any other country. The weaver-bird is one. It is possessed of a long bill, which makes it very adept at constructing a hanging ball of grass, which is its home, and swings safely out of reach of marauding animals. These nests are usually in a hollow and hang on trees in a very exposed position. The weaver-birds are very industrious and their nests are very beautiful.

THE thread among the bars in intricate pattern impossible to unravel.

The big caterpillar's curiosity. It has a scarlet throat and is gorgeous in appearance, a flock of them being dazzling to the eye. The birds nest along the river banks in holes. The nests are in colonies about three feet apart, six feet above the river banks and are at the end of a tunnel excavated to a depth of

are all kite-flyers in search of recreation. The Boston Aeronautical Society holds that the kite is a scientific instrument of value, and worthy the attention of those who take an interest in scientific experiment. To encourage kite-designing and kite-flying the society has planned a competition, cash prizes amounting in the aggregate to one hundred and fifty dollars to be distributed among the more conspicuously successful kite builders. In addition to this inducement there is an offer by ex-President Octave Chanute, of the American Society of Civil Engineers, of a special prize of one hundred dollars for the best monograph on the kite, giving a full theory of its mechanics and stability, with quantitative computations appended. It is hoped that the Boston police authorities will not permit the Boston small boy to interfere with the kite-flying scientists when they assemble for their great competition in September.—Washington Star.

CONVERSING WITH ANIMALS.

The most important kindness we can do any animal that lives with us or that works for us is to talk to him. It is all very well to give our pets proper food and care, but it is not enough. If "man doth not live by bread only," the animal friends of man also have higher requirements. They need companionship; they need conversation. A team of horses that work regularly together have their way of talking with each other. A cat and her kittens, a pair of prairie dogs, any of our home pets which are fortunate in the companionship of their own kind, do not really need our intimacy; but they will never learn to love us unless we take the trouble to be agreeable to them, and they will never be half so intelligent in understanding what we expect them to do, if we omit to say clearly what we want and if we are unwilling to bear our part in a friendly conversation.

You talk to your pets, of course, boys and girls. We have not supposed that you do not. Was there ever a boy who wouldn't talk to his dog? The dog answers you. He wags his tail, looks up into your face, licks your hands, jumps about you, and when, in his opinion, the conversation grows too exciting to be carried on in an ordinary manner, he barks as loud as he can to give fuller expression to his feelings.

Now, a boy may have a dog for a pet, and some other member of the family may have a canary. The boy considers his dog the finest, cleverest fellow in the world; a canary he thinks is a stupid little thing that cares for nobody and is easily frightened. Let him go up gently to the canary and talk to it for a moment. The little bird will cock its head first on one side, then on the other, and will chirp a delighted answer, ending, very probably, in a burst of happy song. After a while it will know that boy's voice and will show the greatest joy when ever he enters the room. He can soon teach the little creature to come at his call, and to take its favorite hemp seed or a morsel of fruit from his fingers. If one pays no attention at all to an animal, it can not be otherwise than stupid. We know a sad story of a canary that had scrupulous care, but was left constantly alone. Its cage hung where it could not look out of the window and no amusement of any sort was provided for it. The poor little mite died of nothing in the world but solitary confinement.

A yet sadder story is told of a child. A woman who was not her mother simply fed and clothed a little girl. Day after day she let the child crawl around the room where she took in washing for a living. Not only did she never pet her; she never even spoke to her! Some good people noticed that the little girl showed no intelligence and could not talk. It was because she had never been taught a single word. The little girl is now bright and happy with kind friends.

Corsets for Men.

A warm discussion has opened in the English newspapers on the subject of corsets for men.

It has always been known that a certain number of army officers, dandies, and other exotic persons were in the habit of wearing corsets. They make a uniform fit well and create the impression of broad shoulders, a small waist, a straight back and a generally handsome figure. German officers are notoriously addicted to the habit.

In London there is a shop which exists solely for the purpose of supplying corsets for men. They are made to order, and are expensive at this establishment. Some of them are prettily trimmed and others are plain, but the latter are the more common. It is hardly necessary to say that some men in this country wear corsets. There is no establishment which caters specially to them, however, and they would no doubt be stigmatized by the average citizen as a disgrace to American manhood.

In England, too, it has hitherto been regarded by the general public as a mark of effeminacy and other contemptible qualities to wear corsets. But a change seems to be coming over public opinion.

One man asserts that corsets should form part of a rational or reformed dress for his sex. They are, he says, conducive to health and comfort. As woman has now established her right to adopt certain features of man dress, why should not he use any part of hers if it will add to his well being.

Apart from custom and prejudice the question remains to be decided whether corsets in any form are healthy and conducive to the well being of the wearer.

Wires and Sciences.

Cautionists have frequently cautioned at the kite-flying Chinaman. At first glance there is cause for laughter in the spectacle of a sedate person of mature years seriously engaged in what we have always regarded as the boyish amusement of directing the movements of an air-supported kite.

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A Safeguard.

Wilfred and Herbert Baddeley, well known as lawn tennis players and winners of the All England Doubles, are as alike as two peas, and always wear similar dress. On one occasion, it is said, that a curious remark was made by an Irish lady, who saw them changing over after a set, one going round one end of the net and the other the other. "Sure," she said to a friend, "they're afraid of getting mixed!"

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