





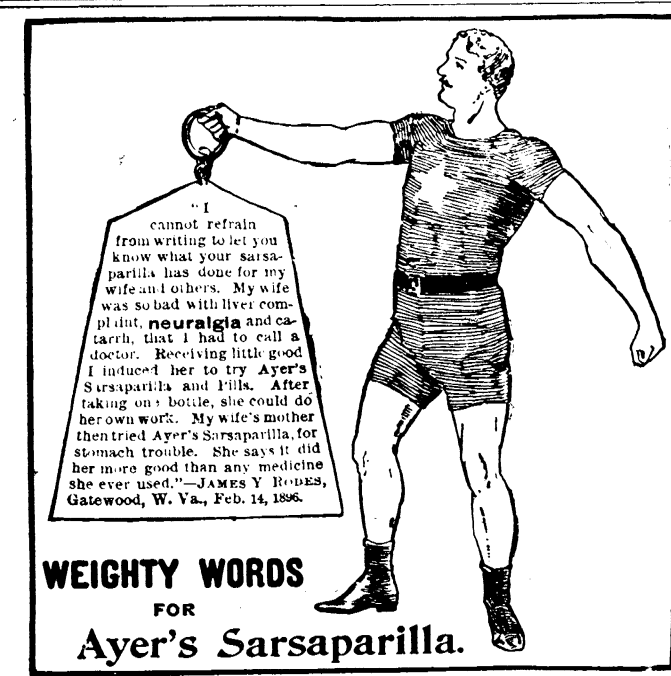








### WEIGHTY WORDS FOR Ayer's Sarsaparilla.



cannot refrain from writing to you to tell you what your sarsaparilla has done for my wife and myself. My wife was so bad with liver complaint, neuralgia and catarrh, that I had to call a doctor. Her doctor induced her to try Ayer's Sarsaparilla and Pills. After taking one bottle, she could do her own work. My wife's mother, in her old age, has stomach trouble. She says it did her more good than any medicine she ever used. Mrs. Y. H. Hays, Gateswood, W. Va., Feb. 14, 1896.

#### TENNESSEE CENTENNIAL.

The Lowest Rates Ever Made to an Exposition in This Country.

The Exposition in commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the admission of Tennessee into the Union is not a local affair by any means. It is a national event in extent of buildings, beauty of grounds, interesting exhibits and number of both foreign and home attractions any exhibition ever held in this country. It is the direct line of travel between the North and South, and can be visited en route with loss of but little time. The extremely low rates that have been established make it cheaper to go a little out of your way, even to take in this great show, while its own attractions will amply repay a special visit. Write Mr. C. P. Abner, General Passenger Agent, Louisville, Ky., for matter concerning it.

#### THE DEATH WARRANT

Of all insect pests is signed the moment you distribute *Gray Mineral Ash*. It kills off in their prime *Cabbage Worms*, *Tobacco Worms*, *Potato Bugs*, etc. *Gray Mineral Ash*, though deadly to all forms of insect life, is perfectly harmless to man, beast, and cannot injure the most delicate plants. A guarantee goes with it. All leading wholesale druggists carry a stock of *Gray Mineral Ash*. The National Mining and Milling Co., of Baltimore, Md., invite all who are interested to send for their "Bug Book" which they will gladly send free to any address.

This Company also offers \$1,000 cash for the most complete and successful insecticide season's work with *Gray Mineral Ash*. Only Farmers can enter this Contest. Send for full particulars and blanks at once, all free. Send name and address. Mention this paper.

#### DRUNK FOR TWENTY YEARS.

A correspondent writes: "I was drunk on and off for twenty years. I don't think I had money, sober when I had none. Many dear friends I lost, and numbers gave me good advice to no purpose, but, thank God, an angel hand came at last in the form of my poor wife, who administered my marvelous remedy, 'Anti-Jag,' and I am now well and completely transformed from a worthless fellow to a sober and respected citizen."

"Anti-Jag" cannot be had at your druggist, it will be mailed in plain wrapper with full directions how to give secretly, a receipt of One Dollar, by the Renova Chemical Co., 66 Broadway, New York, or they will gladly mail full particulars free.

#### Whoever you find a man selling goods with a short yardstick, you find one who is convinced in his own mind that the Bible is not true.

#### There is a Class of People

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called *GRAIN-O*, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over 1/4 as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cts. and 25 cts. per package. Try it. Ask for *GRAIN-O*.

#### Now is the Time to Get a Home.

The Chicago & North-Western Railway has just published a newspaper called the *North-Western Home-Seeker*, giving facts about the great State of North Dakota and the advantages it possesses for the pursuits of agriculture, dairying and cattle raising. Lands can be had at present upon most favorable terms, and there is every indication of large immigration into the state this season. Correspondence is solicited from intending settlers, and a copy of the paper will be mailed free upon application to W. B. Kniskern, 22 Fifth Avenue Chicago, Illinois.

#### TOO MUCH WORK

For a Healthy Existence.—That's Why the Kidneys so often Fail.

Nature has provided a certain amount of work for every organ of the human body; overtax them and disease eventually follows. There is not one portion of our organism that is so overworked as the kidneys; on them is placed the important function of filtering the blood of the impurities which naturally form in the regular action of life and digestion. The kidneys are consequently termed the sewerage of the system, and if this sewerage is not kept clean, the blood becomes tainted with poisonous uric acid, which brings on disease in many forms. The back is the first to show this stoppage. From there comes the aching note; it should be heeded, and the kidneys receive prompt attention. Doan's Kidney Pills will right the action of the kidneys quickly, relieve the back of pains and aches, and cure all troubles of kidneys and bladder. Read the following: Mr. Wm. X. is a well-known business man of Kalamazoo, he resides at 822 Portage Street, and his business is that of a grain buyer. He says: "For five years I have suffered from an inability to urinate, which resulted from that was said to be a stoppage of the bladder. During these years I have taken mineral and electric baths and used other means in expectancy of getting better, but they all proved unavailing. Some months ago I began using Doan's Kidney Pills, which I had heard highly recommended, and I can now say that the flattering reports were not greater than they deserved. I got better right along, and I am free from any trouble now. I feel better than I have done for three years past. If Doan's Kidney Pills were well known all over they would do an immense amount of good."

Sold by all dealers—price, 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-McBurg Co., Buffalo, N. Y., as agents for the U. S. Remember the name, Doan's, and take no other.

#### There is no money in feeding a cold flock of cockerels till they become 'old roosters.'

Sell them while they are spring chickens.

#### All these ereeping, crawling, stinging sensations, that combine to make up the torture of any itching disease of the skin are instantly relieved and permanently cured by Doan's Ointment. Take no substitute. Doan's never fails.

#### China is the most ancient Empire in the world and contains one fifth of the human race.

"My husband had two cancers taken from his face, and another was coming on his hip. He took two bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters and it disappeared. He is completely well." Mrs. Wm. Kirby, Akron, Erie Co., N. Y.

#### In 1816 Francis I. gave his Queen the equivalent of \$10,000 of our money to buy her a hat.

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup presents as a special providence to the little folks. Pleasant to take, perfectly harmless, and absolutely sure to give instant relief in all cases of cold or lung trouble.

#### The minimum fixed for marriage in Sparta was 30 for a man and 20 for a woman.

In case of burns, sprains, scalds, or any of the other accidental pains likely to come to the human body, Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil gives almost instant relief.

#### No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.

Guaranteed tobacco cure, makes weak stomachs, blood pure, etc. All druggists.

Mrs. Winslow's soothing syrup For children, soothing the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25 cents a bottle.

A typesetting machine was invented as early as 1842.

There is but one opportunity of a kind.

## ITEMS OF NEWS.

### IMPORTANT AND INTERESTING MATTERS IN BRIEF.

The Debate on the Dingley-Aldrich Tariff Bill Opened in the Senate by Senator Aldrich—Senator Vest Says the Democrats Will Not Obstruct It.

SENATE—4th day.—The consideration of the tariff bill was opened in the presence of a large attendance of Senators and crowded galleries. Senator Aldrich, of Rhode Island, chairman of the finance committee, opened the debate for the Republicans. After speaking of the suspension in which the country was being held awaiting the action of the Senate upon the bill he announced it as his purpose to keep the bill continuously before the Senate until it was finally disposed of. He then reviewed the principal amendments made to the House bill by the Senate committee and justified the proposed temporary tariff on tea and the revenue on beer by showing that in view of the proposed increase in the tariff on wool, tobacco, sugar, etc., such large importations had been made that the anticipated increase in revenue from those articles would not be realized for the next year. Mr. Aldrich said that the secretary of the University College Hospital, Lord Aveach had distributed a sum of \$25,000 between two charitable institutions, and Lady Wallace had bequeathed to the nation a collection valued at several millions of money. Moreover, the Mansion House Fund for the Relief of the Famine in India has already received a sum over \$400,000, notwithstanding the unusually numerous appeals for subscriptions which are being made during the public in connection with the Jubilee commemoration. The total amount contributed through the Mansion House for the relief of the famine in India in 1877-8 was \$15,200. This rapid accumulation of the fund on this occasion is causing general surprise, and little doubt is felt that a higher figure will be reached than was attained in those years.

### Shake Out Your Shoes

Allen's Foot-Powder, a powder for the feet. It cures itching, swollen, smarting feet and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It is the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Powder makes tight-fitting or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for sweating, callous and hot, tired, aching feet. Try it today. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores. By mail for 25c in stamps. Trial package FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

### A Warning.

The Telephone? Ding-a-ling-ling—(ad lib)—Clerk—Hello, who's that? —Employer—Jones, don't you know better than to waste time trying to find out who is calling us up? Haven't you anything to do? Next man that goes near that thing will be discharged.

### Cabinet Crisis Feared in Spain.

A heated debate in the Spanish senate at Madrid was followed by exciting discussions in the lobbies at the close of the session, and a dispute occurred between the duke of Tetuan, minister of foreign affairs, and Senor Comas, a Liberal senator, which ended in the duke boxing the senator's ears. The minister of foreign affairs at once resigned and the Liberal minority decided that it would attend no more sessions of the senate until the duke had made ample apology to Senator Comas and to the Liberal party. Later the duke and Comas selected seconds preparatory to fighting a duel but the seconds decided that the mutual aggressions were reciprocal a duel was not necessary.

### The Spanish premier, Senor Canovas del Castillo refused to accept the resignation of the duke of Tetuan because, he said, the government could not dispense with his services as minister of foreign affairs, as he alone was acquainted with and able to conduct important and delicate pending negotiations with foreign governments, meaning the United States. The Liberalists now absent themselves from the sessions of both branches of the cortes, and many of them predict that Premier Canovas will be thrown from power in a short time. Political passions are thoroughly excited and it is thought a ministerial crisis will result.

### Cuban Insurgents Win Another Victory.

Apparently reliable news of the most important insurgent success in months has just reached Havana. Gen. Calixta Garcia and Gen. Rabi fell on a Spanish force which was carrying food and supplies from Manzanillo to Bayamo, captured the convoy, routed Gen. Lono's columns and pursued him so vigorously that he fled to the coast with the remnant of his brigade, and took a ship at Cabocruz for Manzanillo. The engagement, which is regarded by Cubans at Havana as more important than any battle since the capture of Sagua, took place on the coast of the trocha, which is well called Cuba Libre.

### It is said that the Benton Harbor & Eastern electric railroad will be pushed through Sister Lakes to Dowagiac and Cassopolis, and will be in operation to Sister Lakes about July 1. Cleveland capital is behind the enterprise.

Haven't the joint investigation of the Ruiz case does not get along very swimmingly, and there is some danger that Special U. S. Commissioner Calhoun will find himself forced to withdraw because of delay and the tendency to politely ask and insist upon undesirable conditions. Consul-General Lee and Mr. Calhoun are determined to investigate fairly and fully, and to consent to no polite and agreeable scratching of the surface.

### President McKinley signed the bill appropriating \$50,000 for the relief of distressed Americans in Cuba as soon as it was received from congress.

It is reported that negotiations have closed for the sale of the South Haven & Eastern narrow gauge to the C. J. & M., and that a branch will be built to Benton Harbor, giving the C. J. & M. the long-overdue lake port. Another strong rumor is to the effect that the new Detroit, Lima & Northern will purchase the C. J. & M. with this new lake connection and will establish a line of steamers to Milwaukee.

Miss Mary Corcoran a well-known and beautiful girl of Escanaba, accidentally swallowed a short hat pin. An operation was performed, but she died a few hours afterward.

### Michigan's Legislators.

The conference committee on the specific railroad taxation bill patched up a compromise which is practically a victory for the Senate. It increases the taxes to be raised by the original Merriam bill only \$42,000 per year making the total tax to be raised from railroads under the terms of the bill about \$140,000, or an increase over the tax of the present law of about \$205,000. By the terms of the compromise the House conference committee gave in to the Senate committee just \$269,000 of annual taxes as compared with a concession of \$33,000 on the part of the Senate committee. In the Senate the compromise was explained by Senator Merriam and then Senator Thompson made a bitter attack upon Gov. Pingree in a lengthy speech in which he criticized the governor's recent railroad taxation message as a tissue of falsehoods that he has threatened to do, refuses to sign appropriation bills and keeps the legislature in session all summer—then the duty of the legislature, he said, was to impeach the governor. At the conclusion of Senator Thompson's speech the Senate concurred in the report of the conference committee without a negative vote, but Senators Hostwick, Mudge, Hughes and Moore refrained from voting. The Senate ordered the report printed in full in the legislative journal and also ordered 5,000 extra copies of the speech printed. Action on the compromise bill went over for the day in the House. Gov. Pingree returned to the legislature three bills which he had vetoed, viz: The bill to increase the salaries of Detroit justices, which he considered out of line with the hard times; the appropriation of \$3,000 for the Michigan Historical and Pioneer society; the appropriation of \$5,000 for improvements on Mackinac island. There was a beautiful row in the Senate over the uniform text book bill, which lacked one vote to pass, but was reconsidered and tabled. The second attempt to pass the bill to allow steam and electric railroads to exchange service was foiled by Col. Atkinson who said it was a scheme of the Grand Trunk to secure possession of the Detroit and Mt. Clemens electric road and out of competition. The bill was referred for future action. Bills passed by the House: To prevent the spread of noxious weeds; amending the law so the owners of land sold for taxes shall pay the cost of advertising the same; limiting the liability of hotelkeepers in case of loss or theft of guests' effects to the value of \$500, unless the guest gives previous notice of the contents of his baggage; amending the building and loan associations to borrow money and issue paid-up stock and create reserve funds, also to increase or decrease their capital stock; authorizing the commissioner of highways in townships to purchase machines for road-making. Bills passed by the Senate: Appropriations of \$80,000 for improvements to the upper peninsula; \$134,000 for normal schools; \$100,000 for the Michigan fire school; for the appointment of fire marshals in every county; doing away with engraving and enrolling legislative enactments in long hand and providing for a legislative proofreader; providing for a more accurate registration of deaths. Senator Thompson's attack upon Gov. Pingree received a red hot reply from Col. Atkinson, chairman of the conference committee, for his communication with railroad lobbyists while in secret session, which he terms a shameful scene. He jumps on Speaker Gordon for his appointments on the committee, intimating that the speaker was influenced directly by the railroads in making the appointments. The colonel says in this connection that unless the people clearly represent their will by rejecting them instead of the railroads the people deserve to be oppressed. He charges that the set speech of Senator Thompson was prepared for him by the railroad companies, and characterizes much of the speech as fiction and a barefaced attempt to prevent facts. The House in committee of the whole agreed to an increase bill, by which it is hoped to raise \$200,000 per year by a tax of one cent on all beer, ale and porter manufactured or imported into the state. The bill creates 32 new officers, to be known as excise inspectors, with a salary of \$1,000 per year, to be appointed by the auditor-general, and to act as member of county excise boards with the county treasurer and prosecutor of each county. These county boards are to issue liquor licenses in place of the common councils, as under the present system. The House passed the following bills: Providing half-pay pension for disabled and retired Detroit police, providing it never exceeds \$50 per month; amending the divorce law so as to protect the interests of minor children; providing that the reserve funds of mutual and co-operative benefit associations shall be deposited in the state treasury; changing the time for the sale of delinquent tax lands from December to May. Senator Blakeslee's hanging bill was favorably reported by the Senate committee on state affairs.

## Woman's Nerves.

### Mrs. Platt Talks About Hysteria.

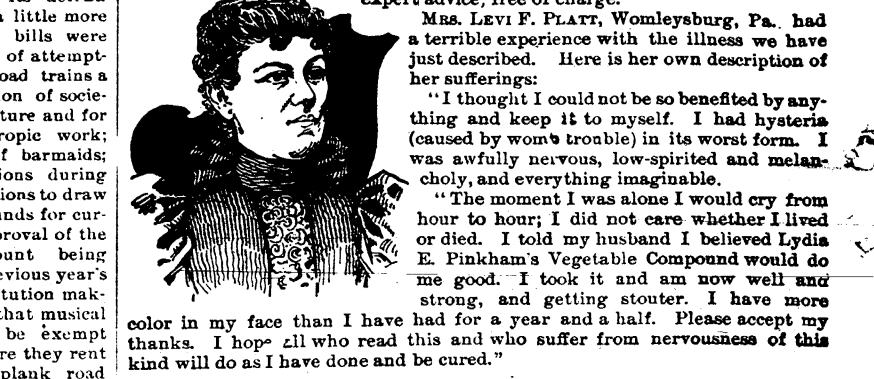
When a nerve or a set of nerves supplying any organ in the body with its due nutriment grows weak, that organ languishes. When the nerves become exhausted and die, so to speak, the organ falls into decay. What is to be done? The answer is, do not allow the weakness to progress; stop the deteriorating process at once!

Do you experience fits of depression, alternating with restlessness? Are your spirits easily affected, so that one moment you laugh and the next fall into convulsive weeping? Again, do you feel something like a well rising in your throat and threatening to choke you, all the senses perverted, morbidly sensitive to light and sound, pain in ovary, and pain especially between the shoulders, sometimes loss of voice and nervous dyspepsia? If so, you are hysterical, your uterine nerves are at fault. You must do something to restore their tone. Nothing is better for the purpose than Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; it will work a cure. If you do not understand your symptoms, write to Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., and she will give you honest, expert advice, free of charge.

Mrs. LEVI F. PLATT, Womlesburg, Pa., had a terrible experience with the illness we have just described. Here is her own description of her sufferings:

"I thought I could not be so benefited by anything and keep it to myself. I had hysteria (caused by womb trouble) in its worst form. I was awfully nervous, low-spirited and melancholy, and everything imaginable.

"The moment I was alone I would cry from hour to hour; I did not care whether I lived or died. I told my husband I believed Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound would do me good. I took it and am now well and strong, and getting stouter. I have more color in my face than I have had for a year and a half. Please accept my thanks. I hope all who read this and who suffer from nervousness of this kind will do as I have done and be cured."



### Thompson's Eye Water.

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### DROPSY'S NEW DISCOVERY.

Send for book of testimonials and 10 days' treatment free. No. 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200.

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- Because it is the most economical, costing less than one cent a cup.

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At the time of the Christmas Eve Convention in July. A home rate will also apply to any one returning to the reverse direction.

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