

Drugs & Medicines

Some Old Prescriptions. A certain General who was careless in regard to his person, although very brave on the field, complained to Judge Bushe, of Ireland, of the intense rheumatic pains which he had to endure.

Another striking prescription, or, more properly speaking, antidote, was that suggested by Charles Mathews the elder, the comedian. During his last illness, a friend attempted to give him some medicine, and by mistake gave him a drink of ink.

Still another prescription, equally as good, was given by Sir Richard Jebb, a physician of renown, who, when asked by a patient what he should and should not eat, said: "You must not eat the poker, shovel or tongs, for they are hard of digestion; nor the bellows, because they are windy; but eat anything else you please."

It is not always safe to follow prescriptions, as is shown in the case of one of Dr. Cheyne's patients, for whom the latter wrote a prescription. Calling the next day, the Doctor asked if he had followed his prescription, and was answered in the negative.

Somewhat similar to this is an old one known in France during the reign of Francis I., which reads: "Rising at five, and dining at nine, Supping at five and bedding at nine, Brings the years of a man to ninety-and-nine."

The Uses of Coal Tar.

It is no longer than thirty years back that coal tar was almost entirely valueless. In London it was sold at a halfpenny per gallon, and that was considered a very good price for a product which, in most of the towns in England, was given away by the manufacturers of illuminating gas for nothing, only to get rid of the "nuisance and embarrassment."

Glycerine and Glue.

A German chemist named Puscher, a native of Nuremberg, reported to the tradition of that place, that he met with great success in using glycerine together with glue. While generally, after the drying of the glue, the thing to which it is applied is liable to break, tear, or spring off, if a quantity of glycerine equal to a quarter of the glue be mixed together, that defect will entirely disappear.

The Advance in Pepper.

From the Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter. After a long period of dullness the black pepper market shows signs of increasing strength and activity, both of which promise to become intensified in the near future.

Several months ago the leaders of this syndicate, whose sources of information are evidently superior to those of the trade generally, learning that this year's crops were to be exceptionally light bought up the article, both spot and to arrive, quietly but so effectually, that they now hold almost entire control of the market.

It follows from the condition of affairs as thus outlined that an active and excited pepper market may be expected for a considerable time. In addition to the artificial soda imported into Greece and the Orient for the use of soap makers, the carbonate of soda from the soda lakes near Memphis, in Egypt, are important.

A curious report is in circulation among the drug trade of New York,—that the chief official of the Republic of Venezuela is about to embark in mercantile pursuits, or to speak more definitively, as the prime mover in an attempt to control the crop of tonqua beans in that region.

Where several hundred envelopes are to be sealed by moistening the gummed flap, or a large number of adhesive stamps to be attached, the ordinary method of moistening by the lips has been found to be impracticable. To meet this difficulty a new device has been made of a wick enclosed in a tin box which supplies it with moisture.

A clerk in Smith & Pratt's drug store at Blissfield recently gave Mrs. Chas. Kurtz tartar emetic in the place of rochelle salts, which were called for. The lady took a teaspoonful of the emetic and came near dying from the effects of it.

A Surprised Doctor.

The simplest remedies often prove the most effective cures. "Well, how are you to-day?" asked the doctor of a young married lady the other day. "My rheumatism has gone. I rubbed my knee for an hour with your lotion," replied the patient. "Your knee! But you said it was your arm." "Yes? but the exercise cured me!"

Wholesale Price Current.

Table listing various commodities such as Acetic acid, Ammonia, Balaams, Berries, and others with their respective prices and quantities.

Table listing various commodities such as Sarsaparilla, White (Powd 30c), Valerian, and others with their respective prices and quantities.

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DELINQUENT DEBTORS.

Table listing names of delinquent debtors and their respective amounts owed, including G. S. Clark, Geo. J. Averill, and others.

J. R. Harrison reports the following: Earl Blowers, gone north \$ 2 75; Wm. Bodine, Howard City 32 92; H. Berrell, Kent City 18 47.

Gideon Noel reports the following: John Fuller, Winterfield \$4 25; Luman Cole, Winterfield \$ 4 00.

LUMBER, LATH AND SHINGLES.

Table listing various lumber and shingle products and their prices, including Uppers, 1 inch, Uppers, 1 1/2 and 2 inch, etc.

COAL AND BUILDING MATERIALS.

Table listing various coal and building materials and their prices, including Ohio White Lime, Louisville Cement, etc.

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Table listing various oysters and fish products and their prices, including New York Counts, Plain Selects, etc.

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TRADE IN "OLD CLO."

How Second-hand Suits are Renovated—Making into Shoddy.
From the Chicago Tribune.

The trade in old clothes in Chicago is considerable, over \$250,000 being paid for "old clo" annually. When bought by the dealer they are "graded;" pants that have been oftener sat upon than trod upon are put in one heap, and coats that are glazy and "out at elbow" put along with them. Suits are then made up and repaired, when possible, set about. Little else is done with clothes of this description, and they are sold to the very poor. On the other hand, "all-wool" suits that have been little worn and have been purchased from the better classes, who have sold them owing to a change of fashion or because they have tired of them, are cleaned, pressed, and relined, and sold as "the latest, only \$7." Evening suits, which used to be worthless as a selling commodity, are now the most valuable, as lately a considerable trade has sprung up in letting dress suits out at so much per night. If you are introduced or make the necessary deposit you may now blossom out for one night only as one of the upper ten, clawhammer and all complete, for the small sum of \$2. Old hats are ironed and relined, and in most cases sold as new, the trade in second-hand hats being almost nil.

The old clothes trade in this country, however, is not nearly as brisk as it is on the other side, as there is not the same market. The chief market for England is the colonies and the islands of the south Pacific. Thousands of cases of old clothes are every year exported from England to India, Japan and Ceylon. In the hill districts of India a coolie has to wear something warmer than in the low country, and, although he cannot bear a leg covering, he has always an old coat on. It is ludicrous sometimes to see a coolie with not a stitch of clothing on except a clawhammer coat and a plug hat. The South Sea Islands have lately been a great factor in the "old clo" trade. Whenever a heathen there has been converted the first thing he is taught to believe is that it is wrong to go naked, and, as when a thief is converted the whole tribe usually follow suit, there is often a great dearth of old clothes.

The Jews are the chief if not the only dealers in old clothes, and they owe a good deal to the Christians in this respect, as without the missionaries, the heathen would still be going about in the state of our first parents. Last year there was some trade between Chicago, San Francisco and Japan in old clothes, about 150 cases being shipped. Ever since the Japs imbibed a taste for Western civilization they have been great in European clothes. When the "disease" first broke out the streets of Yokohama more nearly resembled a street where a fancy dress ball was disbursing than anything else. The stores of all the old clothes dealers in Europe and America were put under requisition to supply Japan, and costumes of the days of the Pilgrim Fathers were common in the streets.

Clothes that are too old and soiled, old socks, and underwear are all of use. Along with old paper they are sent to the mill to be made into new paper, and old cloth can be remade into "shoddy." In point of fact, most of the "this style for \$7" is made out of this material. Lately chemistry has shown us how to make the most delicious perfumes out of the refuse of the cow house, and there is really nothing that we throw away as "waste" but what is turned into useful purposes and enriches others.

More Butter Tests.

Of course only a chemical analysis can tell what really composes the mysterious mass facetiously called "butter." But it does seem as though some simpler test might help to decide between butter which deserves the name and oleomargarine which usurps it. One housekeeper has put into print her way of telling which is which. She cuts or presses the conundrum with a knife. If it is butter, the milky moisture, which is one of the products of churning, will ooze out. If it is oleomargarine, there will be no such moisture. Another house-wife says that if the suspected substance be spread out with a knife, the edges of oleomargarine will have a ragged appearance, whereas butter will separate more evenly. Still another homely method is to melt the "butter" and cool it rapidly, as by ice. If it be real butter, it will show the same consistency; but if it is "bosh" butter, the ox or pig fat will sink and the real butter will rise, being of less specific gravity. These are rude and doubtful methods. Any chemist or honest dealer who knows a better one will do a public service by letting it be known.

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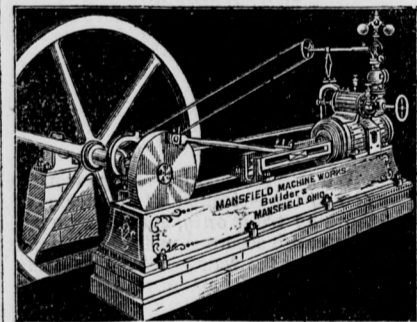
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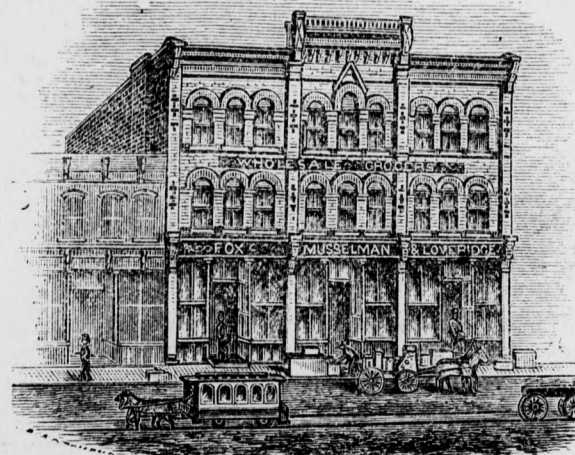
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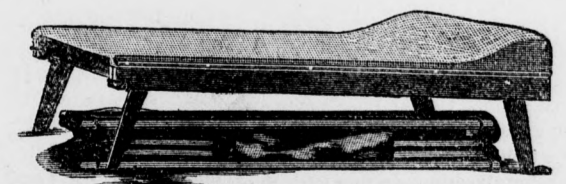
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Dry Goods.

Table listing various dry goods such as Pepperell, Pequot, and Peppercorn with their respective prices.

Table listing various checks and bank-related items with their prices.

Table listing various bleached cottons and other textile items.

Table listing various corset jeans and other clothing items.

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CARPETS AND CARPETINGS.

Table listing various carpet and rug items with their prices.

Table listing various extra super items and other carpeting materials.

Table listing various wool filling and mixed items.

Table listing various oil cloths and other household items.

Table listing various millinery goods and hats.

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