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For Sale by J. G. POWELL.

The blessed women want the earth and are not disposed to give up anything when once they get it. A New York girl claims that she was entitled to the engagement ring after breaking off the engagement, as a compensation for affections expended on a poor investment and also as an offset for the gas and coal used in the courtship. He settled the case in the court, which decided in her favor, and she still has the ring.

Buckien's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. 25 cents per box. For sale by Tarrush & Son.

At the present time it costs about $35 per head to ship an average fat steer from Chicago to England. The cost varies from $25 to $30 per head, according to space rates on vessels and other conditions. The amount of dressed beef exported includes the trip to very little more than the cost of the animal on the voyage they often lose from $10 to $20 per head. No wonder Western cattle are expensive.

Sent it to My Mother in Germany.

Mr. Jacob Eckensen, who is in the employ of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Co., at Des Moines, Iowa, writes: "I got some medicine back to my mother in the old country, that I know from personal experience is a good medicine, and to my benefit for several years. It is called Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It always does work." 50 cent bottles for sale by S. P. Hamby, Druggist

There are some people who have appearance in the pages of history, and yet who would have never been noticed with any public mention had they not acted this or that party. Exactly it is amusing to hear those persons alluded to as Judas Iscariot and Benedict Arnold, stuff is interesting. We have seen among them the names of many who are standing in out of the cool, and about whom others would say nothing unless they knew them. Let up on the gloom.—[Commercial-Advertiser.

Accidents in the yellow locomotive press, the people who are flocking to hear Bryan speak are simply "rank and file," "fools," "liars," "republican fools" and "cowards." Isn't this a fair factor and comment on the wide-awake influence of the gold bug press?—Ex.

Montgomery, Ala., has more than held her own during the past twelve months, says the Advertiser of that city. The proportion of cotton received there, as compared with the year, is greater than in most cotton towns showing that her territory has not been invaded. Merchants are very hopeful of a fine trade as soon as the

CASTORIA

The fac simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

The Cynthiana Courier-Democrat says: "There is a great deal of talk and less argument, more politics and less patriotism in Cynthiana this way place in the world. We long safely and more churches and less whiskey more instruments and less noise."

The 1,000 persons who attended the grand concert recently at Plattsburgh, New York, Thursday, saw C. J. Hamlin's sea pyramid buy some 1,000 feet, defeat all the crack trotters of the North and close out on nothing.

Some naturalists affirm that the human soul is all, while others declare that their sense of hearing is the most acute. A confirmation of the latter statement is found in the fact that the hum of a mosquito is audible at a great distance for the supposed small.

Tim is not served as a beverage in the home of Governor Waite. When guest orders it he is thought to be ill by the proprietor, who makes a bee-line for the bar, and prepares a dose of brandy for the supposed invalid.

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The liver is the great "driving wheel" in the mechanism of man, and when it is out of order, the whole system becomes deranged and disease is the result.

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IN THE BAHAMAS.

BY WILFRED RENDALL.

Amongst the numerous British and colonial possessions, perhaps, almost unknown to the average Englishman is none less than the Bahama Islands, a group of June—of the Pink Pond—of the Oleander, as they have been variously called, but each seems more accurate for this. The islands lie apart from the track of the ordinary traveler, and are not on the course of the great steamships; they are in no direct communication with England, however, nor with the nearest British colony, Jamaica, except by the mail steamer which calls at Nassau on their homeward trip. But between preserve the security and importance of the export and import trade with the United States, and the only regular communication with the islands is furnished by the American steamers which run from Florida to Nassau, and at Nassau, and proceeding to Cardenas on the south coast of Cuba; and by the Bahama Shipping Company, which runs a steamer every three weeks between New York and Nassau.

The islands are largely patronized by Americans, who resort there in the winter season, and some thither to escape the search climate, and as a traveling American myself, I am sure, every stranger is assumed to be American unless he declares himself otherwise.

The Bahamas consist of a group of some 630 islands (only 29 inhabited), with scattered, the extreme being something over 400 miles apart. Many of these are only partially explored, and some of the smaller ones scarcely visited. The total area is given as very nearly 5,500 square miles, or 4,000, of which about 99 per cent. are uninhabited.

Nassau, the capital (and indeed the only town), is situated on the island of New Providence, and contains about one-sixth of the entire population of the islands. It is said to be the most picturesque of the West Indian ports, and from the harbor the fort, the hospital and the local the West Indies. It is only open from November to May, as during the rest of the season an attack—more serious than from the winter, although so far as the writer's experience goes, the mists are over in October and the weather is cool and delightful from that time onwards to the winter. The thermometer during the winter months varies between 70 and 80 degrees.

At other times of the year accommodation is difficult to get, for the hotels and at various boarding-house-keepers, who let apartments to visitors, and without which no visit to Nassau would be complete. Imagine a large, wide street, planted with oleanders, and with a broad pavement on each side, and you have a picture of Nassau. Then there are chances of a drive in the surrounding country, which may never be heard of here.

Nassau is a place where such a plan of life as I have described is possible, and in fact, in some places necessary. The houses are all built of limestone, which is found in the various churches and other buildings, and is very white and pleasant to look upon. The negroes do not, as a rule, live in the town, but in villages in the country, and come in every morning to their work, returning to their homes as far as practicable in the evening. The negroes are not, as a rule, very industrious, and the quality of the labor other parts of the world, and the cost of living is very high, owing to the fact that almost all the provisions are imported from the United States. The natives on the meagre basis of fish, yams, and bananas, and are otherwise supplied, usually getting their meat once a week, and sometimes oftener. Some sometimes in the islands, one of the principal articles of food is the conch, a species of shell-fish, the flesh of which is very nutritious, but not very tempting to look at.

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"One of the boys was in his room downstairs, and he came down and said that I wasn't here but out at the mines, and that he thought if he didn't stay there he could get the first train. He was from Montana, and he thought that I lived there. He had a machine that he had been working on for years, and he wanted to know where Thompson was. He wanted to see Thompson. I told him Thompson was down in Lynn. Now, Thompson is a man who has been getting rich from Boston. The fortune told him the road and he started to Lynn, and he didn't come back there for the next day. I guess he got there, but they don't bother me any."

PAPER GARMENTS

The Latest Fad for People Afraid of Contagion.

A glass bowl had a feather ball used to keep it suspended in the middle of it. The ball would twirl there for hours at a time, and the bowl was filled with water. Then there are old-fashioned things that are coming into use—for instance, the old Dutch oven. The Yankee cook will not have a stove, but will have the old Dutch oven, and the people to try.

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This is particularly the case if a bit of the house is built of paper. The side of this should be placed a piece of paper, and then the other thickness could also be laid folds of a newspaper, and so on.

The paper suit is also a good thing for the summer. A paper suit may be purchased with from seven to ten cents, and it will last for a week or two. Then it can be burned up and a new one purchased.

A WOMAN'S HOUR.

A Mark Twain Has a Good Joke for Friday. More Complaints.

"Well," she said, after a moment's pause, "I suppose you have a right to your opinion, but I don't see why you should have placed it over the platform of the car. I don't see why you should have placed it over the platform of the car. I don't see why you should have placed it over the platform of the car.