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Beneficial Habit of Hard Drinking Opposed by King Edgar.

King Edgar must be credited with doing a noble work in the reformation of his subjects from the baneful habit of hard drinking. This monarch nearly anticipated by a thousand years the legislation proposed by the United Kingdom Alliance. Acting on the advice of Dunstan, says Strutt, he put down many ale-houses, suffering only one to exist in a village or small town. He further ordained that pins or nails should be fastened into drinking cups or horns, at stated distances, so that whoever should drink beyond these marks at one draught should be liable to a severe punishment. Archbishop Dunstan was equally zealous in checking intemperance in the church. The following extracts are from a code drawn up by him:

"Let no drinking be allowed in the church. Let men be very temperate at church wakes and pray earnestly and suffer there no drinking or unseemliness."

"Let priests beware of drunkenness, and be diligent in warning and correcting others in this matter."

"Let no priest be an ale-sop, nor in any way act the gleeman."

The Danes drank to great excess, and during the time their kings occupied the throne of England drunkenness cast a blight over the land.

Many important changes in the social life of the country were brought about by the Norman Conquest. One was the decrease of drunkenness. Sobriety was not the least of the virtues of the Normans. The custom of pledging has come down to us from an early period in our annals, and few of us, as we perform the ceremony at the festive board, call to remembrance the ancient historical associations connected with the usage. It is generally agreed that the word "pledge" is derived from the French "pleige," a surety or gage. Some students of the past say we derive the saying, "I'll pledge you," from a practice instituted in the days when the Danes were a power in this country.

It is asserted that it was no uncommon occurrence for the treacherous invaders to invite the Saxons with whom they came in contact to drink with them, and while drinking to plunge a knife or dagger into their throats. It came to pass that a man would not drink with a stranger until someone undertook to give a pledge for his safety. The pledger then held up his knife or sword to protect the person drinking. An unprotected man was an easy victim for a foe when engaged in the act of taking a drink.

Some curious notes on this theme appear in the "History of Great Britain," by the Rev. Robert Henry, D.D. In the second volume, published in 1774, it is stated: "If an Englishman presumed to drink in the presence of a Dane, without express permission, it was esteemed a great mark of disrespect, that nothing but his instant death could expiate. Nay, the English were so intimidated that they would not adventure to drink even when they were invited until the Danes had pledged their honor for their safety. The man who pledged the drinker stood by weapon in hand to protect him."

It is generally believed that young Edward the Martyr was in 979 assassinated at the instigation of his false-hearted step-mother, the infamous Elfrida. He was stabbed in the back while drinking stirrupcup at Corfe Castle. The object of the murder was to place Elfrida's son on the throne. Some writers believe that from this tragedy we derive the custom of pledging.

This ailment is one of the most severe of skin diseases, and, besides being very obstinate and difficult to cure, is the cause of much distress, and, indeed, keen suffering on account of the dreadful itching and burning sensations.

Eczema or Salt Rheum.

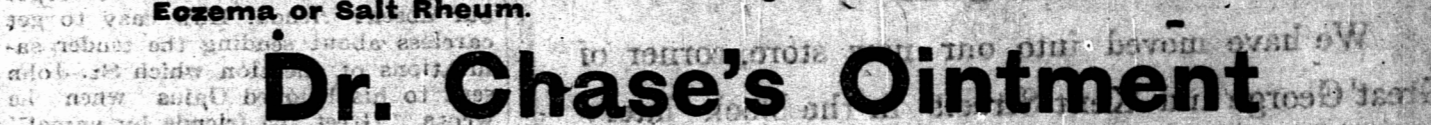
Eczema may develop on any part of the body, but is most likely to affect the scalp, face, ears and neck, the legs below the knees. In other cases it is scattered over the body, attacking several parts at the same time, and is likely to develop into psoriasis or chronic eczema, which seems to fasten itself upon the whole system.

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A moment's consideration of the scores of uses to which this preparation can be put will convince you of its usefulness in the home, not for the old or young alone, but for every member of the family. In fact, if the family medicine chest were to contain but one remedy it is doubtful if there could be found anything of greater usefulness than Dr. Chase's Ointment.

Mrs. Ann McDonald, Kingsville, Ont. states:—"For about three years I was a great sufferer from eczema. At times the patches of raw, flaming flesh would extend from my waist to my neck and from the knees to the ankles. The intense itching almost drove me crazy, and though I tried all the local physicians they could not even relieve the suffering. The flesh would crack open, and I don't believe anyone ever suffered more than I did. I was told of Dr. Chase's Ointment, but did not believe that it could help me. After the first application of this preparation I began to feel the benefit of its soothing, healing effects and now attribute a cure to the persistent use of this wonderful remedy. It is truly worth its weight in gold, and I never tire of recommending it to other sufferers."

Mr. G. H. McConnell, Engineer in Fleury's Foundry, Aurora, Ont., states:—"I believe that Dr. Chase's Ointment is worth its weight in gold. For about thirty years I was afflicted with eczema which could not obtain any cure. I was so unfortunate as to have blood poison, and this developed into eczema, the most dreadful of skin diseases. I was so bad that I would get up at night and scratch myself until the flesh was raw and flaming. The torture I endured is almost beyond description and now I cannot say anything too good for Dr. Chase's Ointment. It has cured me and I recommend it because I know there is nothing so good for itching skin."



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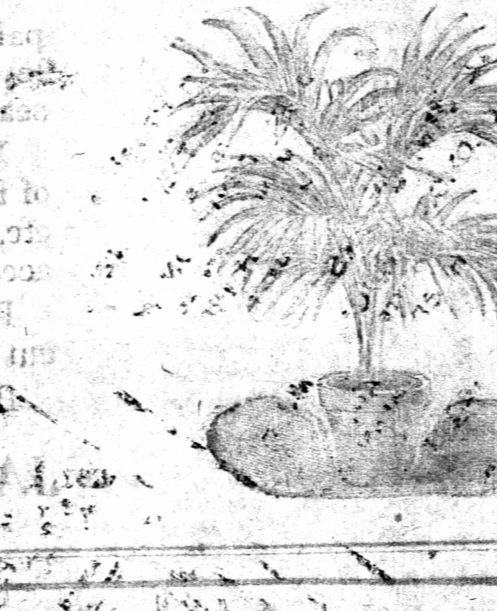
It happened in a crowded railway carriage. A very fat and bumptious man was making a general nuisance of himself to the other occupants of the carriage, explaining in a loud voice his cuteness and success in most things. Some of the people in the carriage smiled pityingly, some merely looked bored, but one solemn individual eyed the fat boaster with a stony and immovable stare. The latter at last became uneasy under this unwinking scrutiny and, turning to the man, said blusteringly: "Well, what yer looking at me like that for? Want to eat me?" "No," was the crushing rejoinder. "I'm a Hebrew."—London Answers.

The Best Thing. "What do you mean by kissing me, Herr Frisch?" "My aunt told me to. She told me to come and help myself to the best thing I could find in the kitchen."—Flegende Blatter.

When the Moon Had a Bad Effect. Your grandmother or veteran aunt can tell you that when hogs were killed in the wrong time of the moon the slices of ham would shrivel up more than half and sitch would all fry away, leaving only small cracklings. Apples or any kind of fruit dried in the wrong time was certain to mold or become wormy and elder vinegar to refuse to become sharp.

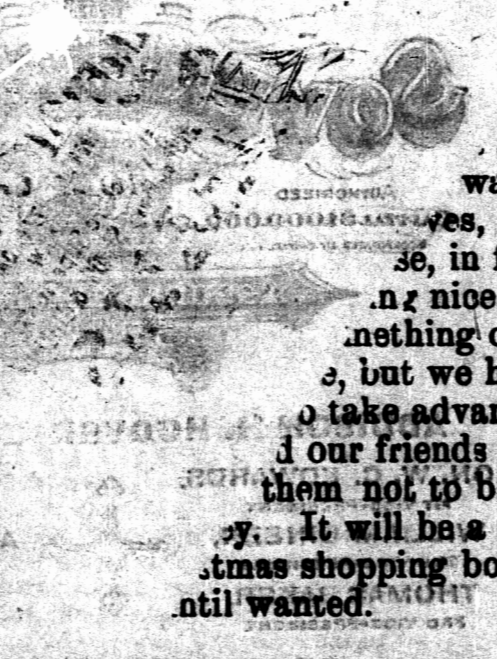
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