

What are Humors?

They are vitiated or morbid fluids coursing the veins and affecting the tissues. They are commonly due to defective digestion but are sometimes inherited.

How do they manifest themselves? In many forms of cutaneous eruption, salt rheum or eczema, pimples and boils, and in weakness, languor, general debility. How are they expelled? By

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THE HELPLESSNESS OF RUSSIA.

During four months past Russia, the greatest military power on earth, has been engaged in war with Japan, the latter not having yet come to be reckoned among the great powers. Among the great naval powers Russia stands third, her fighting strength at sea being only exceeded by that of Britain as first and France as second. Japan stands sixth in sea power, her naval strength being exceeded severally by Britain, France, Russia, the United States and Germany. In population Russia exceeds Japan in the proportion of between three and four to one. In area the Russian Empire equals fifty of Japan. So the contest is between a giant and a pigmy; and yet so far the achievement has been altogether on the side of the pigmy while the giant has presented a picture of helplessness unparalleled in history.

Of course there are causes for the existing situation, but they do not sufficiently explain it. Russia's population and the bulk of her army when the war began were many thousand miles from the scene of conflict in Korea and Manchuria, with only a single line of rails connecting. The Russian navy was divided into three fairly equal parts, one part of which was on the scene of action, another part shut up in the Black sea with the Sultan of Turkey holding the key to its only exit through the Dardanelles. The remaining third part of the Russian fleet was and still is in the Baltic Sea, some 14,000 sailing miles distant from Port Arthur, and for the greater part of that distance Russia has no coaling or docking stations at which her ships could take in fuel or repair possible damages. But, as we have said, these conditions, constituting an admittedly heavy handicap for Russia, are by no means sufficient to explain the

Japanese success and Russia's apparent helplessness.

At the outset Russia's fleet in the east was something greater in tonnage, guns and men than that of Japan. Had it asserted and maintained its superiority Japan would have been put upon the defensive from the first and could not have landed a soldier in Korea or Manchuria. But it was Japan, not Russia that took the offensive and has since maintained it. Her first swift attack upon Port Arthur and the Russian fleet there reduced the latter to a condition of such inferiority that it has not since attempted to strike an offensive blow. It has remained shut up in the harbor of Port Arthur under shelter of the shore batteries, to prevent its capture. In like manner four Russian cruisers have remained shut up at Vladivostok. A part of the time at least the Port Arthur fleet has been shut in by obstructions at the harbor's mouth. This has not been a matter of very great consequence, as the Russian commander has not the temerity to go out and fight against a superior force.

Thus helpless at sea, the northern Colossus has proved almost equally helpless on land. The Japanese were permitted to occupy the whole of Korea almost without striking a blow. At the Yalu where the first determined stand was made, Russia was beaten, her forces driven from strongly entrenched positions and forty guns were captured by Kuroki and the Japanese as trophies of their victory. The Russian troops fled northward to Liao Yang and Mukden, followed by their victorious enemy. Then followed the successful attack upon the Liao Tung peninsula by General Oku, the entire cutting off of Port Arthur, the utter defeat of the Russians at Kin Chou and Nan Shan Hill with the loss of seventy-eight guns, the seizure of Dalny and the beginning of the siege of Port Arthur. So far the Russian record in the struggle is a record of retreat, defeat and disaster by sea and land, without a single redeeming incident.

Surely it has been the unexpected that has happened in this war, at least the unexpected to Russia and her continental sympathisers. On the side of Japan there has been no boasting before or after her victories, but better than ever before she has shown the example of a nation who can keep her own counsel, of military and naval commanders who had clear-cut plans, whose preparations were made beforehand, who knew when and where to strike, who perpetually mystified and surprised their enemy. The courage and patriotism of the rank and file have been beyond all praise. Russia has been from the first arrogant and boastful, but unready and helpless. Like a great whale she has received the deadly thrusts of the swordfish without the ability to return them. At the end of four months of war she is a conspicuous instance of bulk and helplessness in the presence of an assailant the most alert, courageous and effective that has yet appeared in the fighting arena of the nations.

THE PUBLIC CONSCIENCE.

The public conscience of Prince Edward Island favors the entire suppression of the liquor traffic. Long ago our three counties put the Scott Act in force, and the enemy has abandoned any attempt to obtain its repeal. A few years ago the Provincial Prohibitory Law was enacted to cover the only remaining point where intoxicants could then be sold, in the city of Charlottetown. That law is in force today and better enforced than ever before. Now the proposal is mooted to repeal the Scott Act in the counties, but only to bring into force the stronger and better Provincial Prohibitory Law, which takes effect automatically whenever the Scott Act is repealed. It is not the opponents of the Scott Act that are doing this but its friends. The public conscience of Prince Edward Island is utterly opposed

Don't Lose Sight of the Fact

that our Aperient Fruit Salts is one of the most wholesome remedies you can use at this season of the year. Rids the blood of all impurities. Price 25c per large bottle. Prepared and sold only by **A. W. Reddin, Phm. B.** The Square Druggist, Sunnyside.

to the liquor trade. True there is still some liquor sold in town and country. So some men have stolen and murdered and borne false witness ever since the Decalogue was written. But it is safe to say that no illicit vendor of liquors is making much money in the trade these times. Most of them have been made to realize that the way of the transgressor is hard. But prohibition is firmly entrenched in the law of the land and in the public conscience.

ENDLESS DELAYS.

In many ways the people of Charlottetown are made to realize the truth of the proverb that "hope deferred maketh the heart sick." We are still paying double rates for half-time service by the telegraph company. Still there is no decision as to the location of the new railway station, or the extension of the railway track to the city wharves. The Hillsborough bridge is making little or no progress, although it has already become impossible to have it completed within the term of the contract. One pier is out of plumb and may have to be rebuilt. This is the more regrettable as the costly railway to Murray Harbor will remain useless until the bridge is completed. What would our Liberal friends now be saying if the Tory party were in power and these endless delays were apparent in the matter of promised public improvements? We are a patient people but there comes a time when the forbearance of the most patient may be exhausted.

The City Council last evening decided upon a slight increase in the rate of city taxation, which appears to have been rendered necessary by the larger demands of the School Board. The enlargement of the salaries of teachers was generally desired and must be provided for.

The demise of Mrs. Maurice Blake occurred yesterday afternoon about five o'clock from heart failure. The deceased lady had been ill of pneumonia but was thought to be recovering when she died. A large circle will feel a sense of personal loss and extend sincerest sympathy to Mr. Blake and the members of the family. The Guardian tender its condolence to the bereaved ones.

IS YOUR BACK LAME?

Does it hurt to stoop or bend down? Have you a heavy dull pain at the base of the spine? If so, the best remedy is **Nerviline**; it will invigorate the tired, sore muscles, make them supple and strong. **Nerviline** will drive out the pain and make you well in no time. Nothing so good as **Nerviline** for Lumbago, Stiff Neck, Rheumatism, Neuralgia and Sciatica. Buy a six bottle of **Nerviline** for one dollar, and try it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The members of Milton Rifle Association will meet for target practice at their range on Saturday June 11th, at 9 o'clock. By order S. R. Hooper Sec'y.

A friend reminds us that the last words attributed to Cecil Rhodes were practically a quotation from Tenyson's In Memoriam:

So many words, so much to do,
 So little done, such things to be,
 How know I what had need of thee
 For thou wert strong as thou wert true.

SURPRISE TO DOCTORS.

Most doctors are astonished at the results obtained by Dr. Chase's Ointment as a cure for eczema, salt rheum and itching skin diseases which are often considered well nigh incurable. By word of mouth from friend to friend the exceptional merits of Dr. Chase's Ointment have gradually become known. Until it is now standard the world over and has a record of cures unparalleled in the history of medicine.

Wanted at once a boy with some experience to work at the printing. Apply at this office.

For Sale a new 1/2 Plane Box Buggy Island manufacture. Fred Waller, carriage painter, Kent St. 61 d w 1 mo.

Members of the Quarterly official Board of First Methodist are reminded of the annual meeting at 7.30 in the parlor.

Carter's for Wall Paper.

\$1.00 buys a splendid \$1.50 quality hat at Weeks & Co's. Every man should see Weeks' special \$1.00 hats, best hats in town. 3 d w t f

LOST.—Near Vernon River, on June 4, a small tan colored grip. Finder please leave at this office, or notify The Slinger Mfg. Co., Charlottetown. 7d 21 pd

GRAND GUESSING CONTEST

Two Free Tickets AND EXPENSES, 18 DAYS AT \$1.50 PER DAY TO THE WORLD'S FAIR AT ST. LOUIS.

Via that magnificent railroad the C. P. R. This is the most liberal and generous offer ever made by any store in Canada.

Read the Conditions of the Free Guessing Contest No. 1.

Every person who buys a Gent's Hard or Soft Hat, value \$1.00 or over, will have a free guess, \$2.00 or over, two guesses, \$3.00 or over, three guesses.

THE PRIZE.

NO. 1. CONTEST—Is a free ticket to the World's Fair, lasting over 18 days, via the C. P. R.

Guess as Many Times as You Make Purchases. Contest No. 2.

Every man, woman, or child who buys \$1.00 and up to \$5.00 worth has one free guess; over \$5.00 and up to \$10.00, two guesses; over \$10.00, three guesses.

THE PRIZE.

NO. 2. CONTEST—Is a ticket to the World's Fair and expenses for 18 days not to exceed \$1.50 per day, via the C. P. R.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GUESS the amount of money there is in the big bottle in our store window. We do the rest. Contest opens today and closes Saturday, July 30th, at 10 p. m.

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 Ladies' Cotton Hose special per pair..... 10c
 Ladies' Imitation Cashmere Hose, special per pair..... 18c
 Fancy and Plain White Dress Muslins..... 10c
 New Wash Collars in pretty patterns..... 25c
 Good Black Sateen Underskirts..... \$1.20
 Best Quality Sateen Underskirts..... \$2.25
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HOME INSURANCE CO.—RE TORONTO FIRE.

THE HOME INSURANCE COMPANY,
 New York, April 25, 1904.

To our agents in Canada:—As you are no doubt interested we take this early opportunity to advise that "THE HOME'S" net loss in the TORONTO CONFLAGRATION is a trifle less than TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. Following our usual custom, our holders are now on the ground prepared to promptly and equitably adjust these losses, which will be immediately paid in cash and without discount. We also take the opportunity of again calling your attention to the following facts:

"THE HOME'S" Cash Capital is THREE MILLION DOLLARS. Its Cash Assets exceed EIGHTEEN MILLION DOLLARS, and its Surplus to Policy Holders is over NINE MILLION DOLLARS.

It is probably unnecessary to add that this configuration does not in the slightest degree affect our policy or lines, and that our facilities for assisting our worthy representatives are undiminished.

With kind regards, we remain
 Yours truly,
 (Signed) E. H. A. Correa, Vice President
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