

Cures Woman's Weaknesses.

We refer to that boon to weak, nervous, suffering women known as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

Dr. John Effe one of the Editorial Staff of THE ECLECTIC MEDICAL REVIEW says of Unicorn root (*Helonias Dioica*) which is one of the chief ingredients of the "Favorite Prescription":

"A remedy which invariably acts as a uterine invigorator... makes for normal activity of the entire reproductive system." He continues "in Helonias we have a medication which more fully answers the above purposes than any other drug with which I am acquainted. In the treatment of diseases peculiar to women it is seldom that a case is seen which does not present some indication for this remedial agent." Dr. Effe further says: "The following are among the leading indications for Helonias (Unicorn root). Pain or aching in the back, with leucorrhoea; stonic (weak) condition of the reproductive organs of women, mental depression and irritability, associated with chronic diseases of the reproductive organs of women; constant sensation of heat in the region of the kidneys; menorrhagia (flooding), due to a weakened condition of the reproductive system; amenorrhoea (suppressed or absent monthly periods), arising from or accompanying an abnormal condition of the digestive organs and aemic (thin blood) habit; dragging sensations in the extreme lower part of the abdomen."

If more or less of the above symptoms are present, no invalid woman can do better than take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, one of the leading ingredients of which is Unicorn root, or Helonias, and the medical properties of which it most faithfully represents.

Of Golden Seal root, another prominent ingredient of "Favorite Prescription," Prof. Finley Ellingwood, M. D., of Bennett Medical College, Chicago, says:

"It is an important remedy in disorders of the womb. In all catarrhal conditions and general enfeeblement, it is useful." Prof. John M. Scudder, M. D., late of Cincinnati, says of Golden Seal root:

"In relation to its general effects on the system, there is no medicine in use about which there is such general unanimity of opinion. It is universally regarded as the tonic useful in all debilitated states."

Prof. R. Bartholow, M. D., of Jefferson Medical College, says of Golden Seal: "Valuable in uterine hemorrhage, menorrhagia (flooding) and congestive dysmenorrhoea (painful menstruation)."

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription faithfully represents all the above named ingredients and cures the diseases for which they are recommended.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Well Written and Interesting Document

Washington, Dec. 9.—Interest in both Houses of Congress centered yesterday in the President's message.

The message is a lengthy document, containing over 20,000 words. At the outset the President congratulated the nation on its financial standing and commended the financial management of its interests during the last seven years. He called attention to the imperfect currency system which it is expected the Currency Commission will remedy.

The President repeated what he had said in former messages in regard to railroads and corporations engaged in interstate business. "I believe that it is worse than folly," he said, "to attempt to prohibit all combinations as is done by the Sherman anti-trust law, because such a law can be enforced only imperfectly and unequally, and its enforcement works almost as much hardship as good. I strongly advocate that instead of an unwise effort to prohibit all combinations, there shall be substituted a law which shall expressly permit combinations which are in the interest of the public, but shall at the same time give to some agency of the national government full power of control and supervision over them. One of the chief features of this control should be securing entire publicity in all matters which the public has a right to know, and furthermore, the power, not by judicial but by executive action, to prevent or put a stop to every form of improper favoritism or other wrongdoing. The railways of the country should be put completely under the Interstate Commerce Commission and removed from the domain of the anti-trust law."

The President urged that telegraph and telephone companies engaged in interstate business be put under the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The Nation's Friends and Enemies

"It is to the interest of all of us," he said, "that there should be a premium put upon individual initiative and individual capacity, and an ample reward for the great directing intelligences alone competent to manage the great business operations of today. It is well to keep in mind that exactly as the anarchist is the worst enemy of liberty and the reactionary the worst enemy of order, so the men who defend the rights of property have the most to fear from the wrongdoers of great wealth, and the men who are championing popular rights have most to fear from the demagogues who in the name of popular rights would do wrong to and oppress honest business men, honest men of wealth; for the success of either type of wrongdoer necessarily invites a violent reaction against the cause the wrongdoer nominally upholds. In point of danger to the nation there is nothing to choose between on the one hand the corruptionist, the bribe-giver, the bribe-taker; the man who employs his great talent to swindle his fellow-citizens on a large scale, and, on the other hand, the preacher of class hatred, the man who, whether from ignorance or from willingness to sacrifice his country to his ambition, persuades well-meaning but wrong-headed men to try to destroy the instruments upon which our prosperity mainly rests. Let each group of men beware of and guard against the shortcomings to which that group is itself most liable."

The President went on to say that the opposition to government control of great corporations makes its most effective effort in the shape of an appeal to the old doctrine of states' rights. "Of course," he said, "there are many sincere men who believe in unrestricted individualism of business, just as there were formerly many sincere men who believed in slavery—that is, in the unrestricted right of an individual to own another individual. These men do not by themselves have great weight, however. The effective fight against adequate government control and supervision of individual, and especially of corporate, wealth engaged," he said, "in interstate business is chiefly done under cover; and especially under cover of an appeal to states' rights."

The President is firmly convinced that the way to solve the railroad problem is to give the government control and supervision of the interstate railroads. Of course that means government control of all the railroads, because there are comparatively few roads that are wholly within a state, and they are so connected with interstate roads that only confusion would follow the control of the interstate roads by the government and the intrastate roads by the states in which such roads are situated. It would suit him if the railroads should be completely withdrawn from the domain of the Sherman anti-trust law and put completely under the control of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the commission having the power to make rates and summarily enforce them. He favors giving them the right to make combinations, and to enter into traffic agreements, but only after the Interstate Commerce Commission has approved the combination and agreements. And he holds that the telegraph and telephone lines should be dealt with just as he proposes that the railroads shall be. It is probable that, with modifications, the railroads would agree to his plan for solving the railroad problem for the reason that they are finding it annoying, burdensome and injurious to be subjected to the exacting of the legislatures of the many states through which most of them pass. One legislature makes laws of

one sort for their regulation and control and another legislature makes other laws that conflict with them. There seems to be only one way to get rid of this condition of affairs, and that is to extend the control of the government over the roads. Some of the roads would, of course, like to be permitted to do as they please, but as that isn't to be thought of government regulation is in a fair way of being accepted. If the roads were permitted to make traffic agreements and combinations they might not find government control so objectionable.

Of course that would tend towards centralization. The power of the central government would be enormously increased, but the President argues that as business is being centralized—that as centralization, in fact, has already come—there is no potent reason why this power over the railroads shouldn't be in the general government. If such centralization is to come it will come by easy stages. The country isn't quite ready for it yet. It isn't convinced that the railroad problem cannot be solved in some other way. The railroads, however, would be willing to accept almost any solution to get from under the domain of the Sherman anti-trust law and state legislatures.

The President is very positive that a commission should have charge of the waterways and the harbors. His view is that the army engineers are not broad enough in their views for the successful handling of the problem which waterways and harbors present. It is a fact that a vast amount of money has been spent upon the rivers, and yet traffic on them is steadily declining. If this condition continues very much longer it will be impossible to get appropriations for waterways improvements, because the people will come to the conclusion that money spent upon them is simply wasted. It will be said that for the money spent upon them no reform is obtained.

One reason the President favors a commission probably is that some of the army engineers are understood to hold that forest preservation has no connection with river improvement. The President goes into a long argument to show that they are intimately connected. It stands to reason that if the floods are not held back by the forests, but are permitted to rush in torrents through the rivers to the sea, destroying river channels and the adjacent valley lands, there is an intimate connection between river improvement and forest preservation. If the President's views prevail a commission will be created to plan river and harbor improvements, and money enough to carry into effect its plans will be appropriated in a lump sum. Anything is better than the present system of improving rivers and harbors because in so far as the rivers are concerned but little if anything is being accomplished of a permanent character.

The picture the President presents of the evils that follow deforestation is so graphic that a strong public sentiment is likely to be created in behalf of forest preservation. Even Speaker Cannon may be won over to it and cease his opposition to the bill to make government parks of a part of the White Mountains and Appalachian range sections. There ought to be laws in every state for the conservation of the forests and these laws ought to be strictly enforced. If this isn't done the time will come, and that soon, when whole sections of the most fertile parts of the country will become deserts.

For the first time, probably, the President has made known the period the Filipinos will have to remain in preparation for self government. He expresses the hope that they will be ready to determine within a generation whether they want independence or prefer to remain a dependency of the United States. Many things will happen in that time. If the President speaks for his party, and that party remains in power, Philippine independence will not be seriously discussed within a quarter of a century.

Nothing seems closer to the President's heart, than the necessity for having the country prepared for war. The preparation must be made in time of peace. If the President could have his way young men would be in the responsible places in the army and navy and the old fellows would be retired before reaching the retiring age. Anyway, he insists that there shall be a bill passed giving a commission composed of army officers power to make promotions from among those who merit promotion. He doesn't believe in promotion by seniority. According to his view there are too many respectable incompetents in the army and navy and they should be given back seats. A good recommendation is that there shall be a training school for officers who are destined to instruct the National Guard. If it is to be brought up to a high state of efficiency it must have proper instruction, and it can have that only through instructors trained for the work.

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