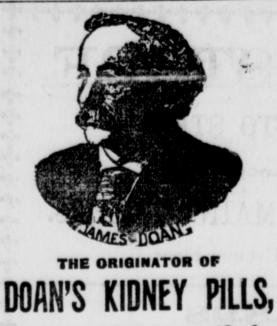
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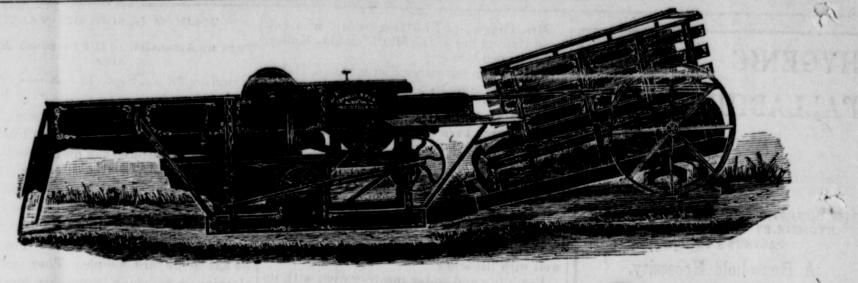
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(New York 'Daily, Tribune.') Affew years ago all we heard about the vast region now known as Rhodesia was news of fighting with Lobengula and his Matabeles, and tales of the alleged rediscovery of King Solomon's mines. For the last year or two little has been heard at all, the interests of Rhodesia having been concealed behind the more sensational doings in the Transvaal and other South African regions. True, a considerable force was recruited in Rhodesia and sent down to assist the British at the Cape. But of the actual progress of the great realm founded by Cecil Rhodes the world had heard little. Perhaps it has cared little. If so it has made a mistake. For Rhodesia is a factor to be reckoned with seriously. From being an outlying wilderness tributary to Cape Colony it has already

A New African Empire.

risen into an independent State, and the time may not be far off when in a South African Federation - United States, Commonwealth or Dominion-it will be the principal and dominant partner. At any rate, it contains within itself, as Mr. Spencer would say, the promise and potency of such an estate.

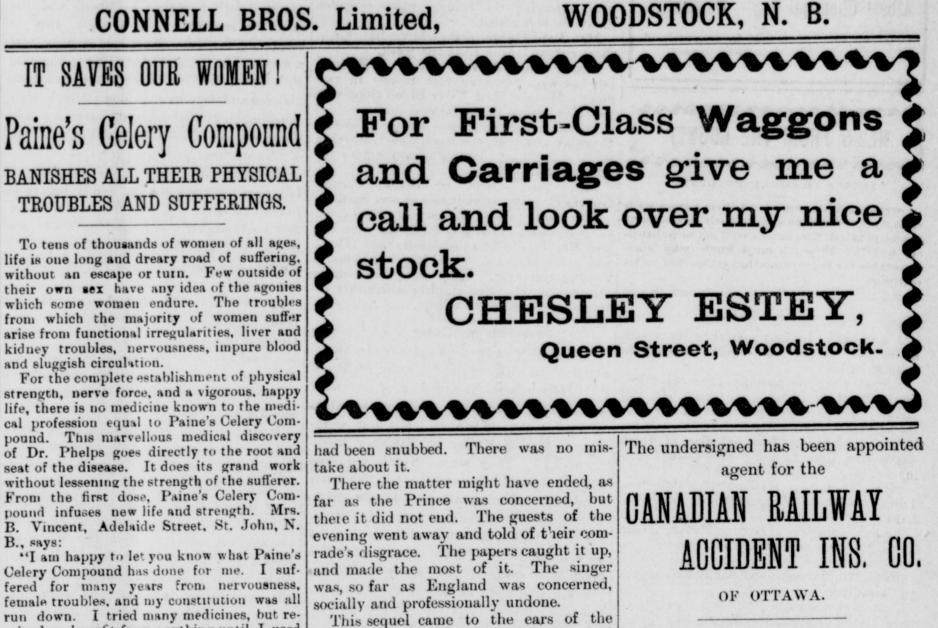
Rhodesia is not only vast in extent and in resources; it is making steady and even rapid progress toward development of those resources into full civilization. For some time it has had a civilized, organized and constitutional government, with all the appurtenances thereof. It has courts of justice and public schools. It is a member of the International Postal Union and has a fine system of daily mails. It has railways and telegraphs, and the gospel of 'good roads' is being preached there with gratifying results. At Buluwayo, which a few years back was Lobengu'a's kraal and human slaughter pen, there are now a public library and six large schools, of which one is non-sectarian, one Episcopalian, one Dutch Reformed, one Jesuit, one Dominican and one Jewish. The natives are being educated, too, in fine contrast to the old rule in the Transvaal. In one district there are 475 white and 1,325 colored pupils, and forty-four white and seventeen colored teachers. As the greater part of the country is from three thousand to five thousand feet above the sea, the climate is agreeable and salubrious, an 1 in winter it B., says: is positively bracing. There is a good water supply, and a campaign against mosquitoes is being scientifically waged, with the result that malarial fevers are being abolished. The chief industries of Rhodesia at present are gold and other mining and the gathering of India rubber. There is reason to believe that in the former parts of it will soon rival the Witwatersrand of the Transvaal, and that in the latter it will rank with Brazil and Congo. There is, however, at present more need of agricultural development than of anything else. Once the country was densely populated and was generally under a high state of cultivation. But now agriculture is sadly neglected, despite its wondrous possibilities. In most occupations good wages are paid. Thus, at Buluwayo, artisans, such as carpenters, brick and stone masons, painters, tinsmiths and plumbers, and miners get from \$5 to \$7 a day, in addition to lodgings. At Salisbury book-keepers, clerks, hotel cooks, shoemakers and tailors get from \$125 to \$150 a mouth. The hours of labor are from eight to nine a day. Even Zulu domestics get \$20 a month, with board and lodging. But when the cost of living is considered, these wages do not seem so large. Milk costs 25 cents a quart, and butter from 50 to 75 cents a pound. Salt and sugar cost from 10 to 12 cents a pound, potatoes 8 to 18 cents a pound, bread 12 to 18 cents, and fowls \$1.50 to \$2 each. A milch cow is worth \$100 or \$125, and a horse at least twice as much. Such conditions are common to new countries which have been opened up by miners.

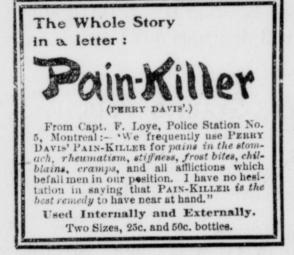


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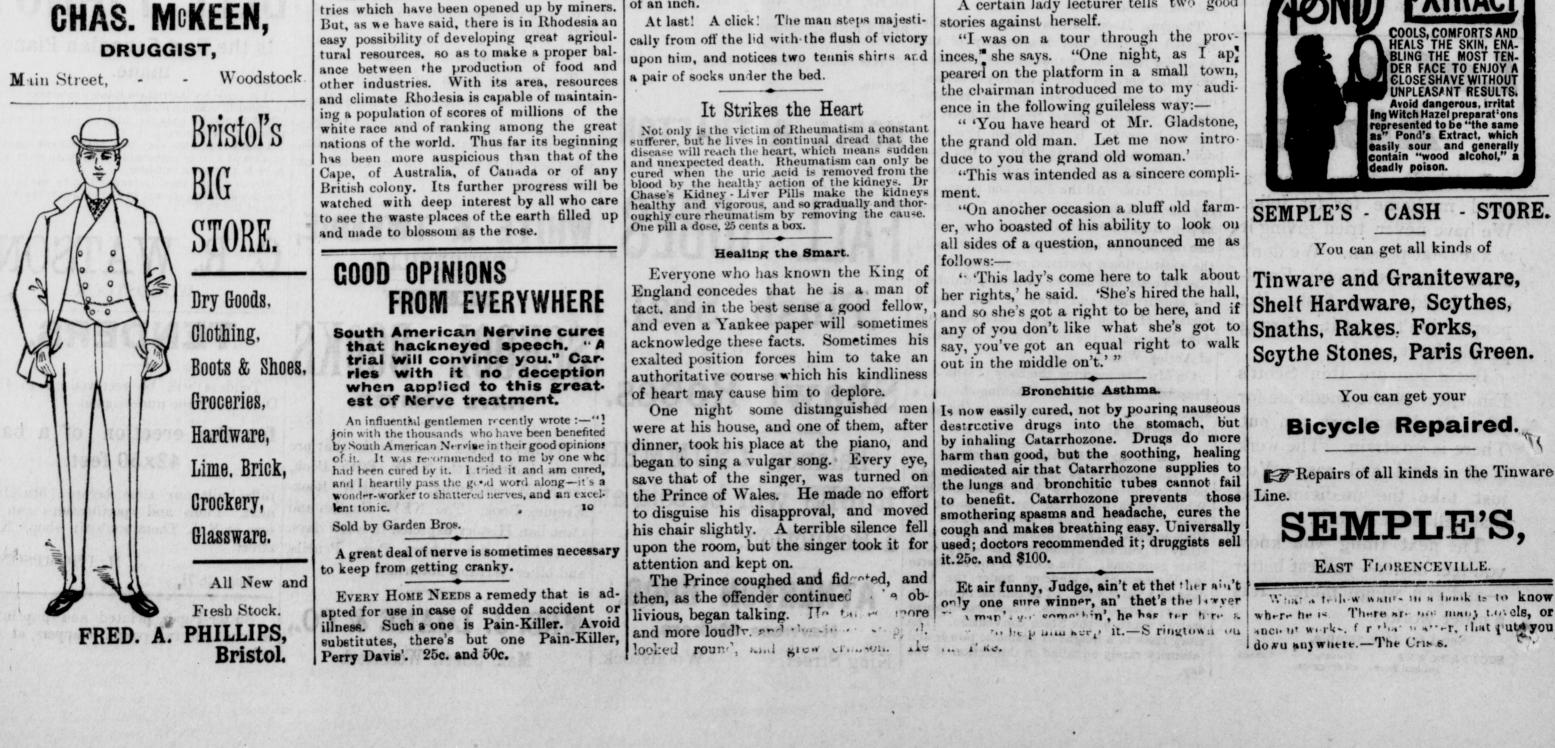
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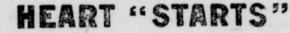
resembles a stormswept wheatfield. He wears no coat, and his collar has playfully broken away from his shirt-stud. Upon his prespiring face is the look Napoleon used to habitually wear when he called upon his neighbors. The man has observed his sister pack boxes.

Everything fitted in so nicely that the mic robes cried out that they were being sufficated; but he cannot make out how she did it. He thrusts his hands into his pockets and makes a few remarks. But they are for the box and not for publication.

At last a'l is over but the closing exercise, and the man mounts on to the lid. He leaps upon it with both feet, and pounds and jams it. But between the hasp and the slot there is a great gulf fixed, measuring one-sixteenth of an inch.

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Prince, and he was sorry. The man had deserved punishment, but he had not deserved ruin. So at the next entertainment where he sang the Prince and Princess of Wales were present. They sat in the front of their box and warmly applauded a man who had been punished enough without the interference of their fellows. Then they sent for him and his wife, chatted cordially with them, and See the man! He is not calm. His hair | did not forget to have the circumstances duly chronicled in the papers.



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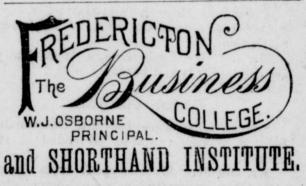
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