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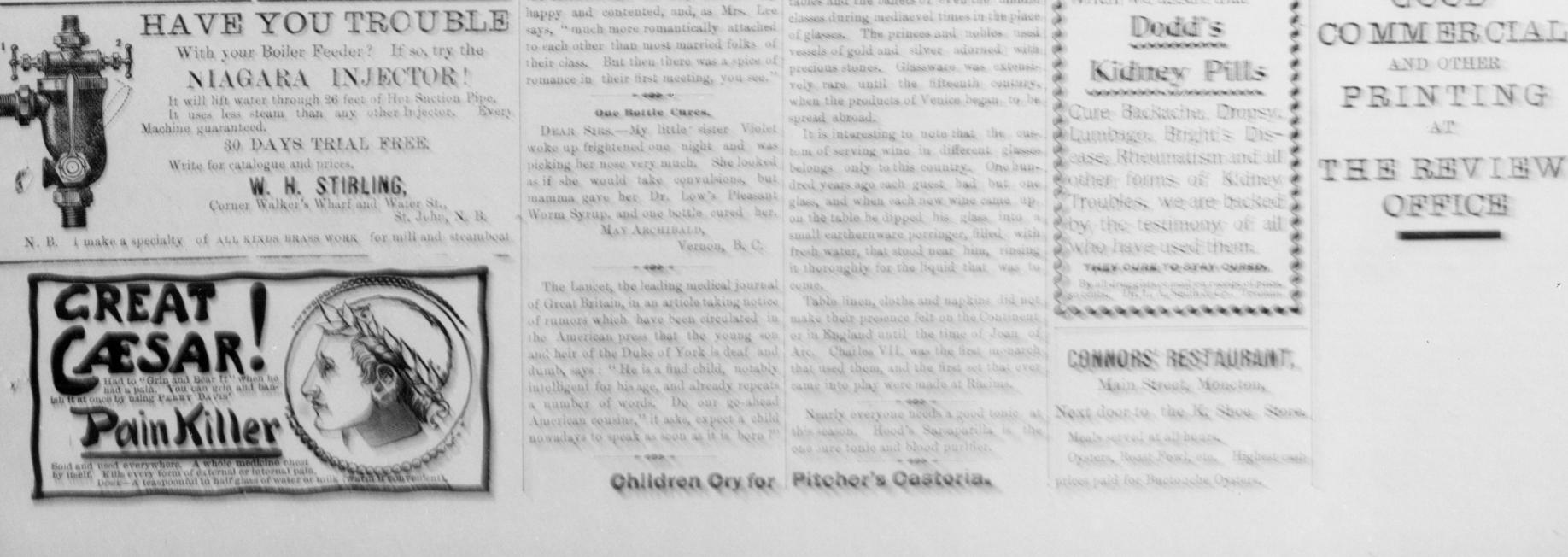
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house, Dandy, in a state of suppressed liest mention of forks in a historical statewriggle, keeping close to Doris' side, as much as to say, "I found you, you know. My master's all very well, but he hasn't book of history says that Galveston, a got a nose : and if it hadn't been for me you might have died there !"

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Needless to say, when the burglars tried "cracking their crib," they found a reception awaiting them little expected. Evans, arriving by a late train with plate and jewels, was amazed to find a detective and several gamekeepers in possession of the house, and was not behind in lending commented upon by the people of that them the aid of his strong arm

"That's a brave girl," said Frank Hall, with a glow in his eyes, telling Evans the story afterward. "She wouldn't buy her their hands, but with forks, and they carfreedom by betraying her trust."

Doris didn't see she had done anything so very brave. When her master and mistress praised her and thanked her warmly, and took great care of her, for Doris suffered from the shock of those hours a good deal, she said, simply :-

"There was nothing else to do, ma'am." The burglars were tried and convicted and sentenced to various terms of imprisonment, and all this necessitated the presence of Mr. Hall in that part of the country. It was not far from town, and on Sundays, or when not engaged professionally the detective found some reason for coming down and paying his respects at the house. Of course he must be sent to the housekeeper's room, where Doris generally sat sewing, and they found a ly eaten with the aid of the fingers, ligreat deal to say to each other.

\* \* \* \* \* \* Doris was married from her mistress house one day during the Christmastide of the next year, and Mrs. Lee dressed the pretty bride herself, and Mr. Lee dowered Frank Hall's young wife liberally, and never a Christmas passes but what he and Doris come down to " pay their respects' to the "family." Or, if this is not possible, the "family" sends its presents to the detective and his wife, who are very-

solid food with their fingers, which they So Hall took her carefully back to the afterwards washed in basins. The earl. ment that a few were in the treasury of John II., Duke of Burgundy, and an old favorite of Edward II. of England, owned "69 sil-ver spoons and 3 forks for eating

> pears with." In their early days forks had but two tines, from which circumstances they get their name. Henry III. was the first monarch to popularize their use. He had a considerable number made for him out of the finest silver, and they were much time. A paragraph from an old satire of

> the days of his court reads as follows: "Firstly, they never touched meat with ried it to their mouths in bending forward the neck and body upon their seat. They took salad with forks, for it is forbidden in that country to touch meat with the hands, however difficulty it may be to take and they prefer this little forked instrument rather than their fingers shall touch their mouths."

Ancient indeed is the spoon. In the seventeenth century, before the Christian era, the Egyptians are known to have used them, and in the Louvre several are now to be found, marked with delicate and rich ornamentation. Though there is no positive proof that these spoons were used at Egyptian dinner tables, there is every reason to believe that they were. for while solid food can always be readiquids demand a utensil of this sort.

Pompeii had them too, some very exthe ruins of that buried town, and there there is little question also that the Norse men and Germans had articles of this horn. It was not until the close of the them fourteenth century, however, that they became generally popular throughout Europe.

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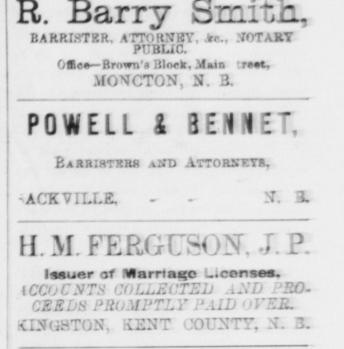
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