DOCTOR DOVER, BUCCANEER. He Discovered Selkirk, Sacked Gauyaquil, and Invented Dover's Powder.

Not many persons who have taken a Dover's powder have any idea of the romantic career of the man who gave his name to the preparation. Prot. Osler of Johns Hopkins University, in a paper published in the Lancet, tells his scory.

Thomas Dover was born in Werwickshire about 1660, and after studying at Cambridge and with the famous Dr. Sydenham settled down at Bristol, for centuries the home port for adventurers, privateers, and slave traders. He was nearly fifty when he joined in a commercial and piratical venture with a number of Bristol merchants. Two ships, the Duke and the Duchess, were fitted out for a voyage to the South Seas, from which William Dampier, the circumnavigator of the world had b rought wonderful tales of Spanish riches

Dampier, who had come to grief in his last expedition to those regions, was taken along as pilot, while Dover went as third in command to Capt. Rogers, and appears in his narrative as Capt. Dover. The expedition was memorable for two events. On Feb. 1, 1708, the ships arrived off the the island of Juan Fernandez, and Capt. Dover, who was sent ashore in the pinance, brought back with him to the ship a couple of days later a man clad in goat skins, who had been left on the island four years and a half before. This was Alexander Se'kirk, the original Robinson Crusoe. Later the expedition sailed up the South American coast, and found what it was seeking in the two cities of Guayaquil, which it attacked and sacked. Dover led the van and cured the sailors of the plaugue which broke out after the capture of the cities. After crusing in the Pacific for another two years for the Spanish treasure ships they returned to England in 1711, having collected plunder to the value of \$150,000. Dover's share made him a wealthy man, and left him free to wander about the world for some years.

He settled down in London as a physician in 1731, carrying into his practice the pugnacious habits of his buccaneer's life. To attract public attention he published his bcok, "The Ancient Physician's Legacy to His Country; being what he has Collected Himself in Forty- Walker's Building. nine Years of Practice ; Designed for the Use of All Private Families." The book ran through eight editions, in 1771. On page 18, on the section on gout, is given the formula for his famous powder:

"Take opium one ounce, saltpetre and tartar vitrolated each four ounces ipecacuanha one ounce. Put the saltpetre and tartar into a redhot mortar, stirring with a spoon until they have done flaming. Then powder them very fine; after that slice in your opium, grind them to a powder, and then mix the other powders with these. Dose, from forty to sixty or seventy grains in a glass of white wine posset going to bed, covering up warm, and drinking a quart or three pints of the posset ; dank

while sweating. The publication of the book made a great noise, and brought Dover into many quarrels with his fellow practitioners, who treated him as a quack, as they did Sydenham for that mat.er. He carried on a bitter war against apothecaries, too, and died in 1742. His powder is still in the British pharmacor ceia- Ex.

He Was Not Worrying.

A young man about 25 years old was sitting in the waiting room of the Brush street depot with a year-old baby on his knee, and his alarm and helplessness when the child began to howl was so marked as to attract attention. By and by a waiting passenger walked over to him with a smile of pity on his face and queried:

"A woman gave you that baby to hold while she went to see about her baggage,

"Yes." "Ha! ha! ha! I tumbled to the fact soon as I saw you. You expect her back,

I suppose? "Of course."

"Ha! ha! ha! This is rich! Looking for her every blessed minute, ain't you?" "I think she'll come back."

"Well, this makes me laugh-ha! ha ha! I had a woman play that same trick on me in a Chicago depot once, but no one will ever agaiu. Young man your stuck You've been played on for a hayseed Betterturn that thing over to a policeman. and make a skip before some reporter gets onto you!

"Ob, sue'll come back," replied the young man, as he looked anxiously around. "She will, eh? Ha! ha! ha! Joke grows richer and richer! What makes you think she'll come back?"

"Because she's my wife and this is our first baby !"

"Oh-um-I see," muttered the fat man, who got over feeling tickled at once, and in his vexation he crossed the room and kicked a dog which a farmer had tied to one of the sea's with a piece of clothesline. -Detroit Free Press.

Her One Mood.

"Woman," began the corn-fed philosopler, in his generalizing way, "is a creature of many moods." "My wite ain't," ventured Mr. N. Peck.

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AS TO SACRED MUSIC. A Few Facts About its Production and th

Forms in Which it is Sold. There is a constant production of new s acred music, as of rew regular music; and of the sacred music as with the regular some succeeds while by far the greater part does not. Almost every composer except those who devote themselves to the very lightest forms of musical composition has tried his hand at sacred music. A great deal of it is written by church organists; it may be that the minister of the church furnishes the verses. When the work is ready, it is sent to a music publishing house, where it is submitted to an examiner as a book may be submitted to a reader in a book publishing house or a manuscript to an editor in the office of a newspaper. Sometimes, as has happened with books, a musical composition may tor one reason and another be declined by a number of houses and yet finally find a publisher and

About three-fourths of the sacred sheet music published is issued in octavo form, in which shape it is very much cheaper than in the ordinary form; the reduction in price has led to an enormously increased demand. The number of chorus choirs is increasing rapidly throughout the country, and there are choral or singing societies in every town and village. Most of the choirs and societies use the octavo music. While of the sheet music, in its older and more expensive form, they may have bought within a certain period, say one new composition, of the much less expensive octavo music, they may perhaps buy within a like period ten new compositions; and when this number is every time multiplied by the number of singers to be supplied, some idea of the sale of sheet music in this form may be had. Of sacred sheet music in its various forms there are sold altogether millions of copies annually.

There are not nearly so many successful sacred songs as there are successful secular songs, but some sacred songs have attained great success. A sacred so-g that becomes popular is of very ready sale, and while it may not sell as readily as a popular secular song, it outlasts it, and with its slower but steady sale it may in the end attain a sale as great. Some hymn books and religious song books have been extremely successful. Of "Gospel Hymns," the book used by Moody and Sankey, millions of copies have been soid, and it still sells steadily. It is said of this book that more copies of it have been sold, than of any book except the Bible.-N.Y.

To Keep Horses From Balling.

There is a well-known Detroit physician who has been looking for years for some plan to prevent snow "balling" on the hoofs of his horses. Yesterday he discovered what he has been looking for. For years he has tried every sort of device that he could conceive of or that had been brought to his attention by other people, but the snow was always "balling" up in the hoofs just the same, much to the danger of the horse and to his own discomfiture. Yesterday he was coming down Woodward avenue and the same uld trouble was wearing on his patience. Getting out o his buggy he went into a drug store, and, asking for some drug he wanted, incidentally remarked that he would like something too, that would prevent snow "balling" up on his horse.

"Well," said the druggist, "I should hink you ought to know how to stop that." Giving the doctor two ounces of glycerine, he told him to divide it evenly on the four hoofs of his horse. The physician took the prescription and applied it as told. He drove on down town, and getting out, looked at the horse, to find there was no snow whatever on any hoof. It seemed a complete cure.

Oil and lard have often been tried, but opposed by veterinarians on the ground that they keep the moisture away from the hoof, thereby doing it injury. This fails of application to glycerine, for it will mix with water. It will not injure the hoof, [and it seems will keep the hoof free from snow .detroit Free Press.

Disappointed.

"Madam," observed the man with the shiny hat and kinked trousers, "I have called to remind you that the premium on your husband's insurance is already over-"I den't care if it is," was the irate

answer; "I've told my husband to take out a policy in another company. "Wby, madam ? Our office-

"Your office, sir, is a deliberate fraud. My husband's paid your premiums these last seven years, and he isn't dead yet." Her irritation under the circumstances was obviously reasonable.-London Pick-

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THE CAT THAT CAME BACK. Carried into the Air by (a Bird and Turn-

ed White by the Fright. Says a Seaberry Settlement N. Y. let-

Something has happened to Ike Frazier's old cat Tom which is beyond the kin of the wisest Settlementers, and the like of which the oldest persons here do not remember having heard of, let alone known unharmed. Weak children about. The simple statement of tacts, as will have continuous colds given by Lem Lawton, Ike Frazier, and in winter, poor digestion in several other reputable cit zens, is to the effect that the cat was carried away by a large bird, the species of which is not known for certain, but presumably a snowy owl, on last Thursday night, just as several witnesses who were going home from the Post Office were opposite lke Frazier's.

The cat was a large, glossy, black one, with a wealth of tail and thick fur, whose to the weaker digestions of pelt would have been worth 95 cents to any fur buyer, and only a week ago Ike had an offer of a dollar ten for it. He almost wishes he had taken it now. It was a fighter, too, with a long list of victories, from Lem Lawson's yellow and white dog down to weasels and buck rabbits, its ordinary food. Last summer it ate a part of Miss Laura B. Lavigna's pug. The young lady was a summer boarder from Brooklyn, and the woodsmen all said she was prettier than ever after two days' weeping for the pug. The cat liked fishwould even lie in wait for chub on a log half in the creek. Its dexterity at lifting a three-inch minnow from the water with a paw was wonderful to the wood folk. Its one blemish was a gone eye. The

cat had once endeavored to rob a red-headed woodpecker's nest in a stump, and was attacked by both parent birds, one of which pecked out the cat's left eye. Still the woodsmen did not consider that a blemish, but rather a heightening of its intellectual appearance. Ike says that in all of its fights since it kept one paw spread over the remaining eye to protect it from possible injury, but only a few here believed that.

On Thursday night the cat was seen on the snow to the right of the road, walking leisurely along on the slight crust of the snow, when with an almost inaudible whirr a bird, which the observers agree was at least five feet from wing tip to wing tip, swept down and, without pausing in its flight, rose up with the screaming cat in its talons, and soon disappeared in the haze. Had the cat never been seen again no one here would have thought more about it, except Ike, who would have continued to mourn the \$1.10 he had refused for the cat's fur; but yesterday the cat returned. The beast walked into the kitchen, changed remarkably in appearance but with the old-time squint of its dead eye intact. Ike sat working at a fish rod, when on glaucing up he saw the cat. Then, with a shriek that brought in Bill Borson, who happened to be passing, Ike leaped from his chair and dashed through the front door in time to meet Bill, who was coming in on the double quick. Bill is eighteen pounds heavier than old Ike, but Ike's momentum was so much greater than both men went into the pathway together. with Bill on his back and Ike a-top and both faces tull of snow, When Ike got so he could see he said:

"That you, Bill? Where's th-the ghost ?"

"What ghost ?" asked Bill. "Why, Tom's: he came in the hind door z I came out."

"Did he? I'll go see," and Bill entered. Lying at full length under the stove was white cat, with two inches of its big tail as black as ever. On awakening it the cat was seen to be Tom. In his back were eight wounds such as a bird's talons would have made. The woodsmen believed that being carried high above the ground scared the cat white, and they explain the black tail tip by saying that the tail wasn't scared. Attempts to follow the cat's back track were futile. The oddest fact of all, to the woodsmen's minds, is that the animal's eye, which was normally yellowish green, is now a light pink, and it is believed by some here that Albinos in bird and animal lite are the result of overpowering fear.

The Blind Slave Girls of Canton.

Passing down the streets of Canton, at night, my attention was called to numbers dressed in brilliant outer garments, with their faces rouged and their hair ornamented with flowers. mented with flowers. A woman carrying a musical instrument, led several of these girls, and I have since learned that they were owned by this mistress, who conducted them, by night, to the lowest parts of the city, and by their playing singing, and in most disreputable ways, she secures an income through them that enables her to live in ease and comfort. I have seen no class of persons that seem so pitiable as these blind singing girls. It is regarded an affliction for a girl to be born in a Chinese family, and when the girl is blind, her life is one of ceaseless neglect and cruelty, and often, if the family is poor, she is sold for a small amount to one of these dealers in human bodies, who plies her nefarious business until death snatches her victim from her .- Baltimore Sun.

Whiskey from Sweet Potat es.

J. W. Crow has a small bottle of sweet potato whisky that is very interesting commodity in this section of the county, and not a familiar one to the world at large. The liquid is crude and white, as all new whiskey is, but it is the genuine old stuff, and not a counterfeit. Among the homeseekers who have been to this section lately was Mr. Hansbury, a German, who is skilled in the distillation of spirits. When he saw how abundantly sweet potatoes were raised in this section of the country it occurred to him that he could distill whiskey from them. Several bushels of sweet potatoes were shipped to him, and soon Mike Brown received a half gallon o weet potato whisky.

As a result of the success of the scheme arrangements are being made to distill the liquor for commercial purposes. If the residue can be converted into starch, the sweet potato will soon become one of the most valuable products of Southern soil.—Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle.



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