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Mr. J. C. Wilson, a carpenter here, was almost a hopeless case, and is now completely free from asthma. He took but four bottles.

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NAPOLEON'S ORDER.

THE LEGION OF HONOR AND HOW IT WAS FOUNDED.

Despite the Ridicule the Project at First Invited Its Inauguration Proved That Napoleon Knew French Human Nature.

France owes the Legion of Honor to Napoleon. All orders of chivalry had been abolished by the revolution and had left a gap which it was not easy to fill. "They are mere geegaws," said Monge, the chemist, who had taught the revolutionists how to make gunpowder out of plaster of paris. "Geegaws, if you will," the first consul answered, "but people like them. Let us approach the question frankly. All men are enamored of decorations—the French more than any. They positively hunger for them, and they have always done so."

This was at Malmaison in 1802. In May the conseil d'etat was invited to consider the project of the institution of the Legion of Honor. It was ridiculed by many, notably by Moreau, who as victor of Hohenlinden was bitterly jealous of the victor of Marengo. At a dinner party he sent for his cook and said to him in the presence of his guests: "Michel, I am pleased with your dinner. You have indeed distinguished yourself. I will award you a saucenap of honor." Mme. de Stael was also satirical upon the subject. "Ah, one of the decorated?" she used to ask each guest who was shown into her salon.

But Napoleon had gauged human nature correctly. His Legion of Honor did meet a felt want, and it was definitely inaugurated on July 14, 1804. Among the eminent men of science and men of letters on whom it was then bestowed were included Laplace, the mathematician; Lalande, the astronomer; Cuvier, the naturalist, and Legouve, the poet. The most notable name omitted was that of Bernardin de St. Pierre, just then in disgrace for championing Mme. de Stael, whom Napoleon had banished, but he got the decoration later on the entreaty of Queen Hortense.

After Jena Goethe was decorated. A little later high promotion in the order was given to General Lamarque, to whom Sir Hudson Lowe had surrendered at Capri. "What did you do with him?" asked Napoleon. "The king of Naples had him exchanged for a Neapolitan general who was a prisoner in Sicily." "Very well; there is no harm in letting this English colonel go. He is not dangerous." It seems not unlikely that Sir Hudson Lowe remembered this sarcasm when he was Napoleon's jailer a few years afterward.

After Napoleon's downfall the question of suppressing the Legion of Honor arose. Chateaubriand, whom Napoleon had not decorated, strongly urged its abolition. So did Puzzo di Borgo. Marshals Victor, Marmont and MacDonald opposed. After debate it was decided to recognize and retain the order, not on any high moral or patriotic grounds, but because Louis XVIII. could not afford to make himself more unpopular than he was already by stripping people of their decorations. Chateaubriand and Lamartine consented to accept the red ribbon, but it was also conferred upon a great number of worthless personages and so brought into contempt.

There have been many Legion of Honor scandals since those days, but one of them surpasses all the others in magnitude. This is, of course, the Wilson scandal, the history of which, though intricate, is worth recalling.

The trouble may be said to have begun on the day on which Mlle. Allee Grevy fell in love with an opera singer who need not be mentioned here. He wanted to marry her, and she wanted to marry him, and the papers were beginning to couple the two names in a manner most embarrassing to the president of the republic. The president, however, sent the opera singer about his business and found his daughter another husband, not a very good husband, but the best husband he could procure on the spur of the moment.

His choice fell upon M. Daniel Wilson, who had long been one of M. Grevy's political supporters and was a financier of some mark.

No sooner was M. Wilson established at the Elysee than he proceeded to enrich himself by various means. Among other things, he founded a paper called Le Moniteur de l'Exposition Universelle, which really covered a traffic in decorations. The whole story came out in a state trial toward the end of 1887. It was proved that Wilson had made a regular practice of selling the Legion of Honor, or, rather, of inviting people who wanted it to bribe him to use his influence to obtain it for them. His overtures were presented through his jackals, Generals d'Audlan and Cafferel and Mmes. Limousin and Ratazzi, and the whole party had to stand in the dock together.

Wilson was sentenced to two years' imprisonment, a fine of 3,000 francs and five years' deprivation of civil rights. He appealed, and the court of cassation annulled the judgment. The accused, said the judges, was obviously guilty of everything that he was charged with, but as his offenses were not anticipated by any punitive law he could not be punished. So he retired to the country and tried to live down his bad name. As he ultimately got himself elected conseiller general, one must suppose that he succeeded in this object.

His Mission.

A lawyer was passing along the street carrying under his arm a law-book when he was accosted by a self-righteous individual: "Ha, Mr. Blank! And where are you going to preach today?"

"I don't preach, I practice," replied the lawyer.

How to Distinguish Tender Beef.

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The Uses of the Sword.

The uses to which the sword has been put seem to have been almost as varied as its appearance when we recall the anecdote told of Charlemagne, who said, as he used the pommel of his sword to put his stamp on treaties, "I sign them with this end, and with the other I will take care that they are kept."

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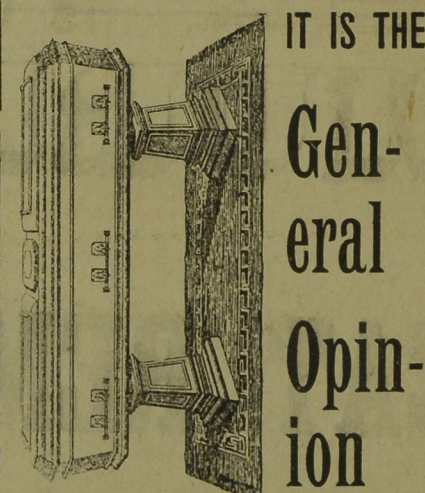
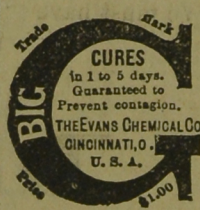
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