

What is a Backache?

IT IS NATURE'S WARNING TO WOMEN

Diseases of Woman's Organism Cured and Consequent Pain Stopped by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"It seems as though my back would break." Women suffer the words over and over again, but continue to drag along and suffer with aches in the small of the back, pain low down in the side, "bearing-down" pains, nervousness and no ambition for any task.



Miss Maude Morris

They do not realize that the back is the mainspring of woman's organism, and quickly indicates by aching a diseased condition of the female organs or kidneys, and that the aches and pains will continue until the cause is removed.

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"We consulted an old family physician, who advised that I try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I began taking it regularly and soon found that I could sleep and eat better than I had done for months. Within two months I became regular and I no longer suffer from backache or pain."—Miss Maude Morris, Sec. Ladies' Aid and Mission Society, 85 E. Hunter St., Atlanta, Ga.

CURIOS AND ODDITIES.

Only one woman in 100 insures her life.

Ellen Terry is passionately fond of cats.

Sarah Bernhardt has a huge bed 15 feet long.

Paoli sleeps with a silk scarf about her neck.

Brides in Australia are pelted with rose leaves.

In stature Eskimo women are the shortest on earth.

No photographs are ever taken of women in China.

A woman's brain declines in weight after the age of 30.

In Africa wives are sold for two packets of hairpins.

New York has 27,000 women who support their husbands.

Drunkness is rare, smoking common among Japanese women.

PROVERBS AND PHRASES.

He who would gather honey must bear the sting of bees.—From the Dutch.

When you make de fall too nice you better strenkin de hogen.—American Negro.

A sensible housekeeper begins to sweep her stairs from the top.—From the German.

An honest man does not make himself a dog for the sake of a bone.—From the Danish.

It is good to be a priest at Easter, child in Lent, peasant at Christmas, and fool in harvest time.—From the Danish.

As soon as the literary young woman has her first poem published, the laurel wreath begins to pinch.

BAD COMPLEXIONS

Depraved Blood Causes Pimples and Boils—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Make New Blood and Cure Follows.

"I abused my stomach, my blood got out of order and then my face broke out with pimples and boils," says T. E. Robertson, of 197 Addison street, Washington, Pa. "This was over two years ago. My stomach was in bad shape. After eating I would have to rest awhile or I would suffer the most severe pains in my stomach. On arising I would often be so dizzy that I could hardly stand up. The slightest exertion would start my back aching so that I often had to sit down and rest awhile. At times I experienced a pain around the heart which alarmed me but which I suppose came from my stomach trouble.

"I began to break out on the face with pimples and later with boils which confined me to the house a week or more at a time. One day I saw Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People advertised in a pamphlet which was left at the door and I thought I would give them a trial. I took several boxes of the pills before all the pimples and boils left me, but I am now glad to say that my blood is good. I do not have any eruptions and I no longer have the head and stomach troubles I have described. I am very grateful for what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for me and I have recommended them and always will advise those who are suffering from bad blood or stomach trouble to try them."

If you want good health you must have good blood. Bad blood is the root of most common diseases like anemia, rheumatism, sciatica, neuralgia, St. Vitus' dance, nervousness, indigestion, debility, partial paralysis and locomotor ataxia.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all druggists or sent, postpaid, on receipt of price, 50c. per box, six boxes for \$2.50, by the Dr. Williams Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

COUNT BONI IS CAST OUT.

French Chamber of Deputies Annuls Election of Castellane on Bribery Charge.

Paris.—Despite a protest from the count the French chamber of deputies the other day by 253 votes against 221



COUNT BONI DE CASTELLANE. (Husband of Anna Gould Ousted from French Chamber of Deputies.)

decided to invalidate the election of Count Boni de Castellane, husband of Anna Gould, as the deputy for the Basses Alpes.

Bereft first of his little American wife and no longer to scatter the millions she brought him from the coffers of Jay Gould, Count Boni found him-

self arrived at the limit of humiliation when the chamber of deputies ousted him from his seat and besmirched him with insinuations of political corruption and open charges of bribery in buying his election.

Truly the dapper little Frenchman finds that money makes the gentleman, the lack of it the fellow.

He now has few friends. Once the flattered little spendthrift of the boulevards, the pet of titled women, on whom he lavished diamonds and jewels until his wife shut off his supply of money, he has sunk into the position of a man ridiculed and laughed at. Former friends who fawned on him and reaped the fruits of his sensational methods of getting rid of his wife's money now look upon him as a fool who has permitted himself to be found out. Not until the present, however, was any thought ever taken that he might find enemies enough in the chamber to throw him out of his seat.

Now he is mournfully aware of how far fortune has turned against him and at one of the clubs from which he is not yet excluded he declared that the action of his fellow deputies was the result of his "painful family difficulties," made public through his wife's action for divorce.

How the French aristocracy regards Count Castellane in his actions is best shown by the fact that when he offered himself as a member of the Jockey club he was "pilled" by the largest number of black balls ever received by one man.

WHAT DEWEY IS DOING NOW.

THE ADMIRAL PREFERS HARD WORK TO LIFE OF EASE.

Rank Makes Him Independent of President or Secretary of Navy—Is Known as a Well-Groomed Man.

New York.—"What has become of Admiral George Dewey and what is he doing now?"

This inquiry, sent to a St. Louis newspaper, elicited the following information:

Taken all in all there is perhaps no man in the United States in the service of the government or out of it who is in a more enviable position than is Admiral Dewey. Congress has given him the rank, pay and allowances of an admiral of the navy, reserving the rank for his benefit. He is absolutely independent of the secretary of the navy and of the president of the United States.

He cannot be retired and he cannot be disciplined by reduction in rank or any of the other usual means employed. The place gives him an annual income of \$15,500.

If he chose to do so he could close down his desk, go home and never turn his hand over in the way of work, either for the navy or anyone else, and his pay and allowances would go on as long as he lives; but the admiral prefers to work and to work hard.

He is at the head of the navy general board, charged with the duty of devising general plans for improvement of the navy, the management of the ships, the handling of officers and men, and the control of the great government shipyards. Every day when he is not at sea for the maneuvers he is at his desk in his office or attending to the meetings of the board.

Admiral Dewey is much loved and much respected. He is a dapper little fellow, not much more than five feet in height. His clothes fit him like the naval uniform, without crease or bag anywhere.

They do say that the admiral's Chinese valet has no less than 20 new suits of clothes and ten pairs of shoes to take care of at a time. The admiral is not a dandy, merely a well-groomed man without seeming to have any thought of his personal appearance.

He has but one fad, if fad it may be called, and that is his love for animals. He has one of the finest

teams of driving horses in the city and also an ugly-looking English bulldog. The dog went through the battle of Manila Bay with Dewey, so they are real bunksies.

When the admiral was making a tour of inspection of the fleet the dog went along and was allowed the run of a vessel while his master was aboard. On one ship the admiral returned from the men's quarters just in time to encounter the dog sailing in most h. ed fashion from the officers' quarters with the toe of an officer's boot in hot pursuit.

Admiral Dewey was white with anger and surprise. In a second, when



ADMIRAL DEWEY. (The Distinguished Naval Hero is a Hard Worker Through Choice.)

the captain appeared, following the direction of the toe of his boot, the admiral, controlling himself as best he could, demanded:

"Sir, what do you mean by kicking my dog in that manner?"

The captain came to a swift salute and his face, it was noted, was as pale and drawn with suppressed anger as was that of the admiral.

"Sir," he said, "I would have kicked that dog if he had been the personal property of the Supreme Being; but, sir, I would not have kicked him, and did not kick him, until he had chewed the legs out of two \$15 pairs of uniform trousers and ruined a de luxe edition of the Naval Regulations, as well as killed the ship's feline mascot."

Then they both laughed.

San Francisco Home for Felines



HOME FOR CATS AT SAN FRANCISCO DESTROYED BY FIRE.

San Francisco.—Among the interesting places that the earthquake destroyed in San Francisco is the \$30,000 home for cats perched high on the slope of Telegraph hill. The woman who used to own the house, a two-story structure with an attic and sun parlor, was a great friend of cats. Every beat of her heart was

for the enemy of rats and mice.

When a big Maltese was not feeling well and had chills running down its back, with a quick pulse and high complexion, the mistress of the dwelling immediately opened her medicine chest and administered the proper remedies—everything from paregoric to squills. The time came, however, when the old lady, who could cure cats, even when they had fits, could not cure herself. Then she died but the cats were not neglected.

She left \$30,000 in cash to be used in behalf of the animals, who were given the house for a place of residence. Her will was carefully drawn and stipulated just what should be done and how the cats should be cared for. Probably no pussy was ever more astonished than when the earthquake came. For two blocks around Telegraph hill cat language interspersed with fur was flying in all directions. Unfortunately, the house was destroyed and the cats not killed were dispersed over the city in search of food.

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WHY OHIO IS PROUD.

Not much is heard of Ohio as a corn state, but only seven out of the other 44 beat it in the size of the crop. The average population of the counties of Ohio is about 50,000, but of the 88 only 20 or 21 exceed that limit. There are more men fit for military duty in Ohio than fought at Mukden, in the Japanese and Russian armies combined. If the people of Ohio stood side by side, with outstretched arms, touching finger tips, the line would reach from Boston to San Francisco, with a large margin left. The first settlements in Ohio were made in the southeastern part of the state, but now that section is less populous than almost any other. It contains no great city. No precious metals have ever been mined in Ohio, but the value of the coal and iron dug out of the Ohio hills every year exceeds that of the gold of Colorado or California. Only one state—Illinois—which is younger than Ohio is more populous. Illinois is much larger in area. No state later in date of settlement has more inhabitants in proportion to its size.

WISDOM'S WHISPERS.

Force of circumstances is a poor excuse for the taking of a wrong path. The bearer of unpleasant tidings rarely appreciates how hard he strikes. Hold fast to a truth without regard to what others may think of you. The value of wealth cannot be estimated by those who do not possess it. It does one no harm to call attention to the good that may be seen in others. An assumption of humility does not always carry with it the appearance of honesty. Because others may overestimate your value is no reason for your doing likewise. Jumping at conclusions without facts shows a ready mind, if not a well-balanced one. Words can be used so as to increase their importance even in telling an ordinary story. The ravages of time come creeping along no matter how effectively they may be concealed. Sunday School Teacher—What became of the swine that had evil spirits cast into them? Small Johnny—they were made into deviled ham.

BY THE GENTLE CYNIC.

Oratory is merely talk with a frock coat on. It's a poor fool that can't be worked both ways. If at first you don't succeed, do it over; but don't overdo it. The fellow who falls in love at first sight deserves another look. Putting up a sign "Post No Bills" won't keep them from coming through the mails. What is the good of a cookbook when it doesn't tell us how to keep a cook? The choir may sing "Peace on Earth," but that doesn't mean peace in the choir. God created the first woman, but the devil was hanging around and stole the pattern. Some men are born great, some shrink, and others never find out how small they really are. A girl's first proposal always convinces her that it will be necessary to establish a waiting list.

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