

PERIODS OF PAIN.

How Three Women Found Relief.



While no woman is entirely free from periodical suffering, it does not seem to have been the plan of nature that woman should suffer so severely. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the most thorough female regulator known to medical science. It relieves the condition which produces so much discomfort and robs menstruation of its errors.

The three letters here published should encourage every woman who suffers:

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\$5000 REWARD.—We have deposited with the National City Bank of Lynn, \$5000, which will be paid to any person who can find that the above testimonial letters are not genuine, or were published before obtaining the writer's special permission. **LYDIA E. PINKHAM MEDICINE CO.**

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 WE USE FAST COLOR EYELETS
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Etched in the Rain.
 Twilight in Madison Square. Rain falling gently, yet steadily. The streets almost deserted, and the clean, wet asphalt gleaming in the gray light. The sidewalks, the paths of the park wet and shining as the streets. The trees, raising their bare branches heavenward, show black against the gray.
 In the background, wrapped in fog, stands the tower of Madison Square Garden, crowned with golden Diana, almost invisible on her lofty perch. The outlines of the tower show dimly through the gray rain and mist, and the lights burn a pale yellow. Few signs of life, and little noise. Gray streets, gray walks and rain, black trees and sullen sky. Madison Square in the dull dusk of this rainy April day offered an etching worthy of Whistler.

All goods are alike to PUTNAM FADELESS DYES, as they color all fibers at one boiling. Sold by all druggists.
 Only one colored soldier wears the Victoria cross—Lance-Sergeant Gordon, of the West Indian regiment.
 France changed its Constitution four times during Queen Victoria's reign.

Ask Your Dealer for Allen's Foot-Ease.
 A powder to shake into your shoes, relieves the feet. Cures Corns, Bunions, Swollen, Sore, Hot, Callous, Aching, Sweating Feet and Ingrowing Nails. Allen's Foot-Ease makes new or tight shoes easy. At all druggists and shoe stores, 25 cts. Sample mailed FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Lefroy, N. Y.

Some of the Japanese railways terra cotta sleepers are used. They are far more durable than those of wood.
If You Have Dyspepsia
 Send no money, but write Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis., Box 148, for six bottles of Dr. Shoop's Restorative; express paid. If cured, pay \$5.50; if not, it is free.

Austria and Mexico have resumed intercourse for the first time since the execution of Emperor Maximilian.
Hoxsie's Croup Cure
 Was checked a cold in one hour, and cured Croup in a few minutes. 50 cents.
 Spain's kingdom of Asturias boasts of twenty-eight centenarians in a population of 600,000.

Cheap in Price.
 But as a medicine worth its weight in gold is Crab Orchard Water. Many have been restored to perfect health by its use.
 The largest body of water in the world having no outlet in the ocean is the Caspian Sea, it being 180,000 square miles in extent.

Happiness cannot be bought, but one of the great hindrances to its attainment can be removed by Adams' Peppin Tutti Prutti.
 Newport, Ky., has passed an ordinance requiring sufficient fire escapes on all houses over two stories high.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures windcolic, 25c a bottle.
 In 1862 a "dog's home" was founded in London for homeless and ownerless dogs.
Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for consumption.—N. W. Sargent, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1899.

Lignum vitae is the toughest wood known. It cannot be worked by splitting.
 J. C. Simpson, Marquess, W. Va., says: "Hall's Ostarth Cure cured me of a very bad case of ostarth." Druggists sell it, 75c.

England spends about \$600,000 a year in the purchase of canary birds.
 FITS permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kilne's Great Nerve Restorer. \$2 trial bottle and treatise free. Dr. R. H. KLINE, L.L., 931 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

About fifteen of the capitals of the States in Mexico have an altitude of 5000 feet or more.
 There is more false hair worn in the United States than in all the rest of the world put together.

IN WET WEATHER A WISE MAN WEARS TOWER'S FISH BRAND OILED WATERPROOF CLOTHING.
 WILL KEEP YOU DRY NOTHING ELSE WILL.
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BUDGET OF FUN.

EFFORT.
 Man falls—but, rising, tries again—
 Ofttimes with patience glad;
 And just because, I must explain,
 His failure makes him mad.
 —*Chicago Record-Herald.*

CIRCUS FEATS.
 "Great is the man behind the gun."
 "I don't know; the woman who gets fired out of a cannon is no small potatoes."
 —*Baltimore World.*

THE HENCENESS OF THE CHILL.
 Smith—"Brown seems to act coolly toward you. Does he owe you money?"
 Jones—"No, but he wanted to."
 —*Baltimore World.*

BUILT THAT WAY.
 "What makes men of genius often so irritable?"
 "Because they would be irritable if they hadn't any genius."
 —*Chicago Record-Herald.*

AN ADEPT.
 "That bookkeeper of yours never seems to be sick."
 "No; he's the most expert germ-dodger we've ever had in the establishment."
 —*Chicago Tribune.*

A MAN OF PEACE.
 Biggs—"There goes a man who will fight at the drop of a hat."
 Diggs—"Who is he?"
 Biggs—"Justice of the peace."
 —*Ohio State Journal.*

THE HAT GOT IT.
 Dashleigh—"Did Miss Avoirdupois make an impression on you at the reception last night?"
 Flashleigh—"No, I am happy to say it was my hat."
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JUST EIGHT FEET.
 "Cats were much larger formerly than now."
 "When those Kilkenny cats fought on the line there were eight feet between them."
 —*Philadelphia Times.*

WILLING.
 "If I were you I would take Mr. Thornton with a grain of salt," said Miss Frock.
 "I'd be willing to take him any way at all," replied Miss Swayback, who was much in love.
 —*Detroit Free Press.*

LEFT.
 Wylkyns—"Did you ever run for office?"
 Watkyns—"Yes."
 Wylkyns—"What luck?"
 Watkyns—"The office ran about twice as fast as I did."
 —*Somerville Journal.*

THE HUMORS OF TRAVEL.
 "Did Clara bring home an interesting lot of photographs of her foreign tour?"
 "Yes—dreadfully funny; she didn't write names on them and can't tell what more than half of them are."
 —*Philadelphia Press.*

SLEEP, BABY, SLEEP.
 "See here," exclaimed Mr. Popleigh, "I don't propose to have that burglar alarm in our bedroom. We'll put it down stairs in the hall."
 "Nonsense!" replied his wife. "Then we won't hear it when it goes off."
 "Neither will the baby. That's the main point."
 —*Philadelphia Press.*

HOW TO LIVE LONG.
 "Scientists say that a man would live longer if he walked on all fours, as he used to do."
 "Of course; other men would look him up in a cage and take care of him."
 —*Chicago Record-Herald.*

SWELL AFFAIRS.
 Miss Fortysummers—"Now, I remember the time when hoopskirts were considered quite the proper thing."
 Alex Smart—"I guess they were swell affairs in those days."
 —*Ohio State Journal.*

HAD TO KEEP BOTH LIGHTED.
 He looked down in her wonderful eyes.
 "Light of my life!" he faltered.
 "Niti!" she answered. "No turn out the gas to-night. Pop's been kickin'."
 —*Indianapolis Sun.*

ON THE CONTRARY.
 "I understand that visionary chap is regarded as being twenty years ahead of his time."
 "No," answered the grave-looking citizen. "I am his landlord, and I know better than that. He is about six months behind time."
 —*Washington Star.*

HER COMMENT.
 "Fame," said the youth with the earnest intellectual expression, "is so hard to attain! It is so difficult for one to get himself talked about!"
 "Humph!" rejoined the woman with cold blue eyes and a firm jaw. "You just ought to live up in our neighborhood."
 —*Indianapolis Sun.*

THE COMPLETION.
 "I have written an article on 'How to Live on \$2.50 a Week,' he explained to the editor.
 "Well," said the editor, "you had better write the sequel to it."
 "I do not understand."
 "Why, 'How to Get the Two-fifty.'"
 —*Baltimore American.*

NO REASON IN EITHER.
 "Aw, really, Miss Pert, it's rather rude to say you don't like my face. Why don't you?"
 "Oh, because."
 "Because? There's no reason in that answer."
 "Neither is there any in your face."
 —*Philadelphia Press.*

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