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China has a national biography, devoted entirely to women.

Psychology of the Setting Hen.
The hen patiently "sits" only through the overpowering pressure of a mysterious creative impulse that masters her restless impulses to be outside scratching and cackling. Instead of working for posterity.—Boston Herald.

\$100 Reward. \$100.
The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all instances, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CRESNEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

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Lofty Statue.
A huge statue of the Virgin has been successfully placed on the summit of the Dent du Geant, a mountain in Italy 13,000 feet high, near Milan. Divine service was performed on the summit in celebration of the event by the vicar of Courmayeur.

A Profitable Flower Bed.
Two hundred and twenty-one dollars and fifty cents' worth of violets were raised and sold by a young girl who employed her leisure time from household duties in flower growing. Her violet patch measured 20x25 feet the first season, and the violets were sold to a near-by florist at fifty cents a hundred blossoms, netting a profit of \$92.50. The second season, having transplanted more violet plants in about ten feet more of ground, \$129 was realized in the sales.—From How to Make Money.

To be a successful wife, to retain the love and admiration of her husband should be a woman's constant study. If she would guard well against the signs of ill health. Mrs. Brown tells her story for the benefit of all wives and mothers.



"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will make every mother well, strong, healthy and happy. I dragged through nine years of miserable existence, worn out with pain and weariness. I then noticed a statement of a woman troubled as I was; and the wonderful results she had had from your Vegetable Compound, and decided to try what it would do for me, and used it for three months. At the end of that time, I was a different woman, the neighbors remarked it, and my husband fell in love with me all over again. It seemed like a new existence. I had been suffering with inflammation and falling of the womb, but your medicine cured that, and built up my entire system, till I was indeed like a new woman.—Sincerely yours, Mrs. CHAS. F. BROWN, 21 Cedar Terrace, Hot Springs, Ark., Vice President Mothers Club.—\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be proved."

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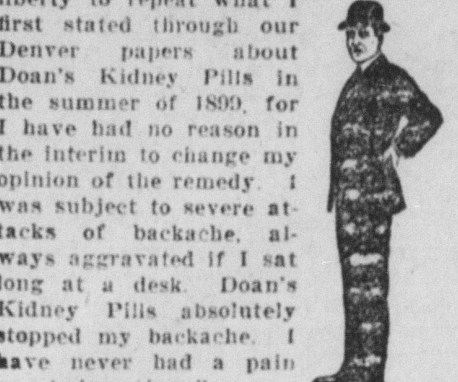
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THREE YEARS AFTER.
Eugene E. Lario, of 751 Twentieth avenue, ticket seller in the Union Station, Denver, Col., says: "You are at liberty to repeat what I first stated through our Denver papers about Doan's Kidney Pills in the summer of 1899, for I have had no reason in the interim to change my opinion of the remedy. I was subject to severe attacks of backache, always aggravated if I sat long at a desk. Doan's Kidney Pills absolutely stopped my backache. I have never had a pain or a twinge since."



Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all druggists. Price 50 cents per box.

The growth of the beet sugar industry in Colorado is constantly creating a demand for new factories. Lamar, Colo., is to have a new beet sugar factory which will employ 300 men at least five months in the year. The plant will handle the crops of the eastern part of the Arkansas valley and will be ready for the 1905 campaign.

FITS permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. 21 trial bottle and treatise free. Dr. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 531 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

A Guaranteed Cure For Piles. Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Druggists will refund money if Pazo Ointment fails to cure in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

Romania has ordered from Krupp 300 field guns.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c a bottle.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on box. 25c.

The Japanese are small eaters, and indigestion is almost unknown among them.

Itch cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. Never fails. Sold by all druggists. \$1. Mail orders promptly filled by Dr. E. Detchon Crawfordville, Ind.

India has 15,000 native species of flowers.

Buried Cats by Husband. The village of Parkville, near Baltimore, Md., is disturbed and trustees of the Hiss Methodist Episcopal church are indignant because Mrs. Sarah Rice has buried her two pet cats in the church graveyard beside the tomb of her husband. She has also planted lilies of the valley over the resting place of her defunct feline darlings.

One of the church trustees saw a newly made mound in the churchyard and as no interment permit had been issued, he investigated, finding that Mrs. Rice had buried her cats in her lot.

The board of trustees entered protest. Mrs. Rice ignored it, simply declaring the lot belonged to her and she would bury who and what she pleased in it.

The law was invoked, but when Mrs. Rice was summoned before a magistrate he dismissed the case there being no precedent to govern him.

Cow Made Fine Kick. Forgotten Sponges Killed Him. Ah Sing seems to have been a pretty rugged sort of a fellow, but finally he died. They had him at the City and County hospitals at San Francisco since Nov. 1, suffering, apparently, from a complication of diseases. The surgeons took turns in operating upon him, and so far as is known, the original maladies were overcome; but finally Ah Sing died from the effects of a sponge which the surgeon had carelessly left within his anatomy while conducting one of the operations.

HABIT'S CHAIN. Certain Habits Unconsciously Formed and Hard to Break. An ingenious philosopher estimates that the amount of will-power necessary to break a life-long habit would, if it could be transformed, lift a weight of many tons.

It sometimes requires a higher degree of heroism to break the chains of a pernicious habit than to lead a forlorn hope in a bloody battle. A lady writes from an Indiana town:

"From my earliest childhood I was a lover of coffee. Before I was out of my teens I was a miserable dyspeptic, suffering terribly at times with my stomach."

"I was convinced that it was coffee that was causing the trouble and yet I could not deny myself a cup for breakfast. At the age of 36 I was in very poor health, indeed. My Sister told me I was in danger of becoming a coffee drunkard."

"But I never could give up drinking coffee for breakfast although it kept me constantly ill, until I tried Postum. I learned to make it properly according to directions, and now we can hardly do without Postum for breakfast, and care nothing at all for coffee."

"I am no longer troubled with dyspepsia, do not have spells of suffering with my stomach that used to trouble me so when I drank coffee." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look in each pkg. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

THE KEYSTONE STATE
Latest News of Pennsylvania Told in Short Order.

Representative Ward Bliss, of Delaware, who will be chairman of the House Appropriation Committee during the legislative session, was at the new capitol arranging for rooms for his committee. Mr. Bliss favors the idea of a recess after the election of a United States Senator, and remarked, after going through the House Chamber, that the moisture on the walls at present is the cause of the inability to heat the great room. He thinks the session will not be a long one and that adjournment will come about April 20.

Frank Darrah, of Lansdale, was committed to jail by Justice of the Peace O. E. Lenhardt, on the charge of embezzling \$540 from the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company. He was employed as a clerk to the supervisor of the Bethlehem branch. It is alleged that Darrah added fictitious names to the pay roll, and would draw the pay checks for the extra name and keep the amount. It is alleged that he has been securing one check each month since July, 1903. He has a wife and five children, and was unable to furnish \$1000 bail.

Governor Pennypacker fixed February 15 for the hanging of Mrs. Kate Edwards, the Berks County murderess, and her negro accomplice, Samuel Greason. The couple were convicted of killing the woman's husband several years ago.

Fire destroyed several buildings on Market Street, in the business district of Chester, and a loss of \$100,000 resulted.

After litigation covering more than one year, Judge Isaac Johnson handed down an opinion at Media declaring the bill-board ordinance passed by the Councils of Chester to be void. The plaintiff in the case is Eugene H. Bryan. He came to Chester about eighteen months ago and arranged to erect corrugated iron billboards in opposition to the persons conducting that business in Chester. Council passed an ordinance prohibiting the erection of any additional boards, but permitting those already erected to stand. Bryan went ahead with the erection of his boards, but was arrested and fined by a magistrate, under the ordinance. This was repeated four or five times and the matter was then appealed to court. The court directs that an injunction be issued restraining the city authorities from interfering with Mr. Bryan in putting up billboards, and declares the ordinance void.

John Schrenck, aged 42, and his son, Roy, aged 18, of Lancaster, were arrested and committed to jail, bail being refused. They are charged with assaulting two 15-year-old girls, Maggie Miller and Virginia Stecke. The girls were going to Miss Miller's home, near her livery stable where the Schrencks were employed, when, it is alleged, they were stopped and enticed into the stable. Miss Miller fought desperately, defending herself with a hatpin. After escaping they hurried to Miss Miller's home, and the mother swore out warrants.

Since the Pottstown School Board referred to a committee the proposition that local graduation classes wear caps and gowns in the future the directors have been besieged by the high school girls with pleas for clemency. Take away anything but the dresses, say the girls. They will agree to lay the ax to fancy and expensive invitations, cards, programs and orchestras, but caps and gowns are too much.

The Old York Road Fire Company, of Elkins Park, has purchased a large lot on Montgomery avenue, at that place, on which a building will be erected in the Spring. The firehouse will be three stories in height, and in addition to the rooms for the storage of the apparatus, there will be a poolroom, a reading room and a large hall, which can be used for social purposes.

While a trolley car was passing Supervisor Frank Tracey's farm, in Plymouth Township, just outside Conshohocken, the high wind unroofed his barn, hurling the roof on top of the car, which contained a dozen passengers. The crash was deafening as the mass of timbers fell into splinters on all sides of the car. Instantly there was the greatest excitement among the passengers and trolley crew. The trolley pole was knocked off the wire and darkness added to the terror and perplexity of the passengers.

The County Commissioners of Lancaster accepted \$46,000 from the bondsmen of ex-County Treasurer E. H. Hershey, who defaulted in the amount of \$65,037.94. All claims against the bondsmen are settled by the payment. From the state bondsmen \$12,455.01 has been recovered and the county will lose only \$6,582.94 by the Hershey defaultation. The acceptance of the money was advised owing to litigation now pending in the estate of several of the bondsmen.

Beachman Brown, a negro, was arrested charged with having shot his father-in-law, Meridith Francis, in a row in his home in Chester. Francis was taken to the Chester Hospital, where it was found that he had a bullet wound in the right thigh. Brown was held without bail to await the result of Francis' injuries.

Robert Reber accidentally shot his friend, John Richards, in Frackville. The young men were buying Christmas presents when the accident occurred. The ball entered Richards' forehead and came out at the back of the skull. He died at the Miners' Hospital and before expiring said he forgave Reber, as the affair was purely accidental.

Mary Scheivert, a 17-month-old girl of Hanover, has the distinction of receiving a Christmas gift from her great-grandmother. The chain of five generations is made up as follows: Mrs. Mathias Myers, great-great-grandmother, aged 93; of Jefferson; Mrs. Henry Snyder, daughter of Mrs. Myers, 66 years old, of New Sinsheim; Mrs. Levi Albright, daughter of Mrs. Snyder, aged 45 years, of Hanover; Mrs. Frank Scheivert, daughter of Mrs. Albright, 21 years of age, of Hanover, and finally, Mary Scheivert, great-great-grandchild.

COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

New York, Dec. 23.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "Traffic returns continue favorable, railway earnings for December thus far exceeding last year's by 7.6 per cent. Foreign commerce at this port during the last week showed increases of \$1,415,359 in exports and \$2,083,050 in imports, as compared with the same week in 1903.

"Low water in the Connellsville region is the only disturbing factor affecting the iron and steel industry.

"There is less disposition to defer orders for steel rails, and a large part of next year's production has been engaged, or is now under negotiation. Other forms of railway equipment are more active. Jobbers are placing orders for pipe on a scale that indicates expectation of higher quotations, and there is unusual interest for this season in structural material. Wire and tinsplate works are reported as running close to their full capacity.

"Conditions in the cotton goods market are calculated to induce conservatism, and trading is restricted to immediate requirements. Prices are fairly well maintained.

"Irregularity continues in the hide market, buffa declining, while branded stock held firm, some packers having contracted for deliveries up to February 1. Limited receipts maintain previous advances in foreign dry hides. Seasonable quiet rules in leather.

"Failures this week numbered 251 in the United States, against 284 last year, and 32 in Canada, compared with 22 a year ago.

WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Baltimore.—FLOUR—Dull and unchanged; receipts, 2,305 barrels; exports, 1,191 barrels.

WHEAT—Firm; spot, contract, 1.12 @ 1.12 1/4; December, 1.12 @ 1.12 1/4; January, 1.12 1/4 @ 1.12 3/4; February, 1.14 1/4 @ 1.14 1/2; May, 1.17 1/2; steamer No. 2 red, 1.06 1/2 @ 1.06 3/4; receipts, 6,481 bushels; Southern by sample, 98 @ 1.12; Southern on quiet, 1.02 @ 1.12.

CORN—Quiet; spot, new, 50 3/4 @ 50 1/4; year, 50 1/4 @ 50 1/4; January, February and March, 50 1/4 @ 50 1/4; May, 51 1/4 @ 51 1/2; steamer mixed, 49 @ 49 1/2; receipts, 93,539 bushels; exports, 99,722 bushels; new Southern white corn, 43 1/4 @ 50 1/4; new Southern yellow corn, 45 1/4 @ 50 1/4.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 36 bid; No. 2 mixed, 35 1/2 sales; receipts, 10,381 bushels; exports, 50 bushels.

RYE—Dull; No. 2 Western, uptown, 86 @ 87; receipts, 6,366 bushels.

BUTTER—Steady and unchanged; fancy imitation, 20 @ 21; fancy creamery, 28 @ 28 1/2; fancy ladle, 17 @ 19; store packed, 14 @ 16.

EGGS—Easy and unchanged, 28.

CHEESE—Firm and unchanged; large, 11 1/4 @ 12; medium, 12 @ 12 1/4; small, 12 1/4 @ 12 1/2.

SUGAR—Strong and unchanged; coarse granulated and fine, 5 7/8.

New York.—BUTTER—Firm; receipts 5,230. Street prices: Extra creamery, 26 1/2 @ 27. Official prices: Creamery, common to extra, 17 @ 26 1/4.

POULTRY—Alive, easy; Western chickens, 9; fowls, 10 1/2; turkeys, 12 @ 13. Dressed, steady; Western chickens, 10 1/2 @ 15; fowls, 10 @ 10 1/2; turkeys, 15 @ 18.

FLOUR—Receipts, 26,215 barrels; exports, 12,549 barrels; steady, but quiet.

LEATHER—Firm. Acid, 21 @ 26.

TALLOW—Steady. City, \$2 per package, 4 1/4; country (packages free), 4 1/4 @ 5.

RUSIN—Quiet. Strained, common to good, 2 86 @ 2 82 1/2.

POTATOES—Steady. Long Island, 1 75 @ 2.00; State and Western, 1 25 @ 1.50; Jersey sweets, 2.00 @ 3.25.

PEANUTS—Steady. Fancy hand picked, 5 1/4 @ 5 1/2; other domestic, 3 1/4 @ 3 1/2.

CABBAGES—Firm; Flat Dutch, per 100, 2.00 @ 3.00.

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Dr. Hartman receives many letters from Catholic Sisters from all over the United States. A recommendation recently received from a Catholic institution in Detroit, Mich., reads as follows:

Dr. S. E. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio.
Dear Sir: "The young girl who used the Pe-ru-na was suffering from influenza and loss of voice. The result of the treatment was most satisfactory. She found great relief, and after further use of the medicine we hope to be able to say she is entirely cured."—Sisters of Charity.

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