

Problems For Which the Serious Mind ed Are Needed to Solve.

bere is nothing that women cannot do, but the work must be planned with a thoroughness that precludes failure and done with a modesty which is the inherent charm of the superior sex, says the Woman's Home Companion.

As I said, every community has its own problem. Most of these originate outside of the home. Pure water, pure food, pure air, clean streets, sanitary schools and tenements, district nurs-the education of the ignorant in

A STRANGE SENTENCE.

Punishment For Murder That Was More Cruel Than Death.

In 1801 a man died in the Catskills who mad been condemned by one of the strangest sentences on record. Ralph Sutherland was born in 1701 and fived in a stone house near Leeds. He was a man of violent temper and morose disposition, shunned by his neighhors and generally disliked. Not be-ing able to get an American servant, he imported a Scotchwoman, and, according to the usages of the times, vir-

passage money had been refunded.
Unable to endure any longer the raging temper of her master, the girl ran away. Immediately upon discovering her absence the tunn set off in an angry chase upon his horse and soon overtook her. The poor woman never reached the house alive, and Sutherland was indicted and arrested on the charge of murder. At the trial he tried to prove that

his horse had taken fright, von away, pitched him out of the saddle and dashed the girl to death upon the rocks, but the jury did not accept the defense, and Sutherland was sentenced

to die upon the scaffold.

Then came the plea of the insufficiency of circumstantial evidence and the efforts of influential relatives. These so worked upon the court that the judge delayed the sentence of death until the prisoner should be ninety-nine years old.

It was ordered that the culprit should be released on his own recognizance and that, pending the final execution of his sentence, he should keep a hangman's noose about his neck and himself before the judges Catskill once a year to prove that he were his badge of infamy and kept his crime in mind. It was a more cruel decision than the sentence of immediate death would have been, but it was no doubt in harmony with the spirit of the times.

Thus Ralph Sutherland lived. He always lived alone. He seldom spoke. Years followed years. At each session of the court the broken man came before the bar of justice and silently showed the noose that circled

At last his ninety-ninth year came the time when the court had ordered that the utmost penalty of the law executed. For the last time the man tottered before the judge's penc... t new judges had arisen in the land new laws had been made, old him or execute sentence. nieed the wful restriction that had round his life so intimately to the ermatica of

his crime was now legally removed.

But the spirit of self punishment continued, and when Sutherland, after he had passed his hundredth year, was discovered dead, alone in his house, his throat was found to be encircled by the rope which had been placed there nearly three-quarters of a century be-

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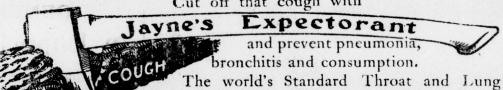
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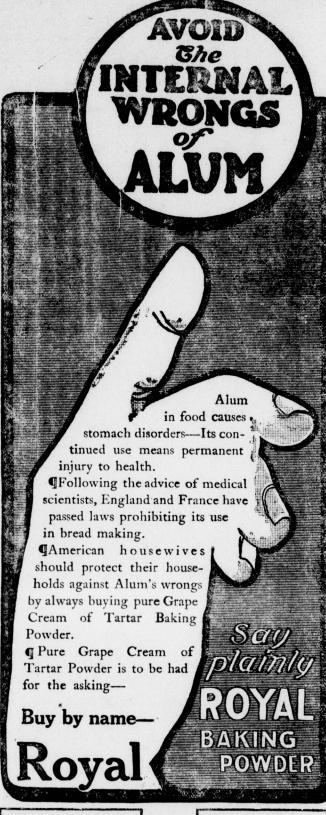
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