

Why Diamonds Increase in Price.
"Diamonds are very high now, and they are apt to go higher still," said Mr. Irving L. Russell.
Within the last two years the increase in the cost of diamonds has not been less than 40 per cent. The big South African company that virtually controls the diamond situation of the world claims that the ground which holds the stones is gradually giving out, and that with the end of production in sight the advance in price is natural and legitimate. Whether this claim is founded on fact, or whether it is an excuse for curtailing the output, no one outside of the company knows.

How's This?
We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.
WEEK & TRACY, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.
WALDING, KENNAN & MARTIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price, 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Her Opinion.
"I have been very much interested in these experiments with tetrahedral kites," said the man with the gold glasses.
"Yes," answered Mrs. Sumrox, complacently, "but I have about concluded that the surest way to get rid of all such things is to boil the drinking water."—Washington Star.

Catarrh cured at home. Three preparations in one package. Ask your dealer for "Dr. Harley's Great Remedy," of Baltimore, Md.

Getting the Money's Worth.
Mrs. Lane was young and inexperienced, but certain principles of economy had been instilled into her from childhood. She knew that since one could send ten words in a telegram for 25 cents and any smaller number cost the same amount, it was an obvious waste of money to send less than the ten.

She had also been taught by her eminently practical husband that in sending a telegram one should "keep to the matter in hand," and avoid all confusion of words. On the occasion of Mr. Lane's first absence from home, he sent a telegram from Chicago, saying, "Are you all right? Answer. Blank Hotel, Chicago."

Mrs. Lane knew she must be wise, economical and speedy, for Mr. Lane was making a flying trip, and had told her he could not stop on his whereabouts long enough ahead to have a letter sent. She spent a few moments in agitated thought, and then proudly wrote the following message:
"Yes. Yes. Yes. I am very well indeed, thank you."—Youth's Companion.

INDIGO'S UPS AND DOWNS.

Threatened by a Chemical Counterfeit It Now is in New Demand.

More than twenty years ago, and after an extended series of experiments, it was announced that chemists had discovered how to make artificial indigo, and it was soon ascertained that the new product was identical in its properties with the old.
A very few years elapsed before the new indigo was made in Germany on a commercial scale; and, as it could be sold at a cheaper rate than that derived from cultivation, the planters were threatened with ruin.

But a strange thing has happened. It has been recently found that when the two kinds of indigo, the natural and the artificial, are blended in equal proportions, a dye is obtained which is not only more durable but is brighter in hue than either by itself.

This discovery has naturally resulted in an increased demand for the old-fashioned indigo, and fresh impetus has been given to an industry which was much in need of support.—Chamber's Journal.

Hopeless!
A well-known Baltimore society man was recently spending a few days with his wife at Atlantic City and in connection with his visit he tells the following story: When he seated himself in the dining room on the evening of his arrival he discovered that he could not read the menu, as he had left his glasses in his room, and his eyes were useless without them. When he passed it to his wife she exclaimed that she was in the same predicament. At a loss to know what to do, the gentleman called the waiter to him, and pointing to the menu, said:

"Read that to me and I will give you a dollar."
Quick as a flash the waiter replied: "Sense me boss, but I ain't had much education myself!"

Tourists Spend Vast Sums.
American tourists who are spreading themselves over Europe little realize how carefully the money which they and others may spend is reckoned up in the various countries they patronize. The total spent by the tourists of all nations in a year makes a very considerable budget. The German statistician has just been tiring his brain over the exact amount. Here are some of the figures: Switzerland during the year has 3,000,000 visitors, who spend \$30,000,000. Italy, the Riviera and Spain between them net \$60,000,000. The various great capitals take in all \$25,000,000, culled from the pockets of the 900,000 visitors to Paris, the 600,000 to London, the 500,000 to Berlin, the 350,000 to Vienna, and so forth. Baths and seaside resorts have hordes of visitors, who spend more than \$16,000,000.

HOUSEHOLD MATTERS

To Select and Prepare Fruit.
Buy fruit that is fresh, firm, of best quality and not over-ripe. Never put fruit on a wet day or buy fruit that has been gathered after rain.

Dainty Slip Covers.
Slip covers are now often made with a French felt about a quarter of an inch in width, rather than the bindings formerly so much used. Those of the daintily flowered, glazed, chintz in about three-quarter inch stripes are especially attractive and "summery" looking.

After Sweeping a Carpet.
It is a good plan sometimes to rub it over with a cloth wrung out of ammonia and water. This will add to the cleanliness of the carpet and much improve the look of one that has become dingy. This method helps to keep the air of a sick room fresh, and there, of course, it is particularly necessary to avoid dust.

Putting Up Huckleberries.
The old-time way of preserving huckleberries in molasses for winter use excels all methods, says the New York Tribune. The molasses does not affect the flavor of the berries. It would, of course, ruin more delicate fruit. Huckleberries, being a coarse-skinned fruit, are not injured by being covered with the molasses. When needed, they can be carefully washed out and immediately made into pies.

If the berries are kept in a cold place they will last all winter. Some housewives add a cup of vinegar to every quart of molasses when they put the berries up for pies. To prepare them, use firm, large berries that are perfectly ripe; rinse carefully, rejecting the poor fruit and small leaves. Put them in a stone crock, cover with molasses and seal up. After setting them in a cold corner of the cellar do not disturb them until winter. When the frosts have come the crock may be unsealed and the berries used from time to time. The blueberry does not keep as well in this way as the common huckleberry, because its skin is more tender.

Plain Sewing.
Many a woman unable to leave home may earn a considerable sum by teaching plain sewing, says the Housekeeper, as mothers, nowadays, frequently find little time to instruct their daughters in this very essential accomplishment. The first thing necessary is to make an outline of the work to be taught, then arrange for pupils of equal ability to begin a course of twelve lessons.

Commence with teaching the use of scissors, thimble and properly knotting the thread. On strips of muslin about twelve inches long mark dots with red ink where stitches are to be made. Begin with five stitches an inch, and increase the number till twenty or more can be run in that space. Then, with stitching, remaking and filling, make short marks instead of the dots, to give the proper slant.
Continue with binding, facing, ruffing, darning, buttonhole making, hem-stitching, cat-stitching, and graduate, if possible, in teaching how to run the sewing machine. Keep specimens of each lesson's work in a sewing box made of leaves of any strong paper. Review each lesson, and give only one subject to a lesson. Give practice work to be done at home. Enliven the lesson hour by a five-minute recitation, and with some good physical culture exercises to rest the muscles.

A class of ten is a good size. Each one must receive individual attention. One lesson a week is often enough for girls under ten; older ones may take two. The course should bring \$5 a pupil. A good teacher of plain sewing may feel that while she is doing something to help herself she is conferring a blessing upon the rising generation. In that they are learning usefulness in a form that has become rare in these strenuous times.

Baked Sandwiches.—Dust thin slices of cold meat with salt and pepper, lay them between thin slices of bread, filling them as finished to five or six inches high. Run a skewer through and crisp them in a hot oven, basting with melted butter. Roll in the paraffin paper, unless to be served immediately.

Brown Robin.—To water for a dozen bottles add half an ounce of ginger, boil half an hour, then add half a pound of syrup, half a pound of sugar, a teaspoonful of cream of tartar and salt. Let it come to a boil, then empty into a "crock," or deep basin, and cool till it is lukewarm, when add a cupful of yeast.

Pickled Cauliflower.—Cut in pieces two cauliflowers, a pint of small onions and three red peppers of medium size. Let them stand over night in a brine made of a cupful of salt and water to cover them. The next morning drain. Heat two quarts of vinegar with four tablespoonfuls of mustard, add the mixture and boil fifteen minutes or until the cauliflower is tender.

Corn Chowder.—Cut a two-inch cube of fat salt pork into small pieces and fry out; add a small onion, sliced, and cook slowly for five minutes, stirring often to keep it from browning, then strain the fat into a saucpan. Cook a pint of sliced raw potatoes for five minutes in boiling water to cover, drain and add to the fat. Add also a pint of raw sweet corn cut or scraped from the ear, half a teaspoonful of salt, a tablespoonful of pepper and boiling water to cover. Simmer until both potatoes and corn are tender. Melt a rounding tablespoonful of butter, add an equal quantity of flour and gradually a pint of milk. Let it boil a few minutes, add to the chowder, season the mixture more if needed, boil up well and serve very hot with crackers. A cupful of tomatoes, pared and sliced, may occasionally be added with the potatoes and corn to give pleasing variety.

MEMORY HARD TO BEAT.

Colored "Auntie's" Claim That Was Almost the Limit.

In the days of Barnum, an old "Auntie" lived in East Tennessee who was reputed to be of great age. Like all of her kind she was extremely proud of the distinction, and never underestimated her age in the least. She had outgrown that weakness decades past.

Barnum heard of her, and concluding that if she was as old as rumor made her she would be a valuable acquisition to his show, he sent an agent down to make an investigation. She caught the direction of the wind very promptly, and was prepared for any test question that might be asked. Gradually the agent led up to the crucial interrogatory, and at last said:

"Auntie, do you remember George Washington?"
"Does I remember George Washington? W'y laws-a-massy, Mistuh, I reckon I does. I orter, orter! Fer I done nussed him. We played together evy day when he was a lil' chile."

"Well, do you remember anything about the Revolutionary war?"
"G'way, chile! Yes, indeed I does. Honey, I stoned dar lots er times, an' seed de bullets flyin' around, thick-er'n rain drops."

"Yes—well, how about the fall of the Roman empire? Do you recollect anything about that?"
"The old woman took a good, long breath. In fact, it amounted to a sigh. She reflected for a few moments, and said:
"De fact is, Honey, I was purty young den, an' I doesn't have a very extinc't remembrance 'bout dat; but I does 'member, now dat you speaks of hit, dat I did heah de white folks tell about hearing' some'n drap."

HAD CAUGHT THE FISH.

Typical Story of the East Told by Mrs. Gardner.

Mrs. John Lyon Gardner of Boston exhibited some beautiful asters at the recent show of the Massachusetts Horticultural society.

One evening some one narrated to Mrs. Gardner a humorous story of an exhibitor who had tried to bribe the judges of a flower show into giving him all the first prizes. She commented on the story thus:
"The man had probably heard of the cad of Bagdad. This cad had been in his youth a fisherman, and to keep himself in mind of his humble origin, there was always spread upon his dinner table a huge fishing net."

"People admired the cad for this exhibition of humility. He was rich, and his house was sumptuous. But amid all that elegance, the net, the sign of the man's lowly birth, was always prominently displayed.
"The story of the net spread through the city, and finally it reached the ears of the caliph. He, in due time, sent for the cad, took him into his favor and made him the grand vizier.
"Thus," said Haroun al Raschid, "we reward humility."

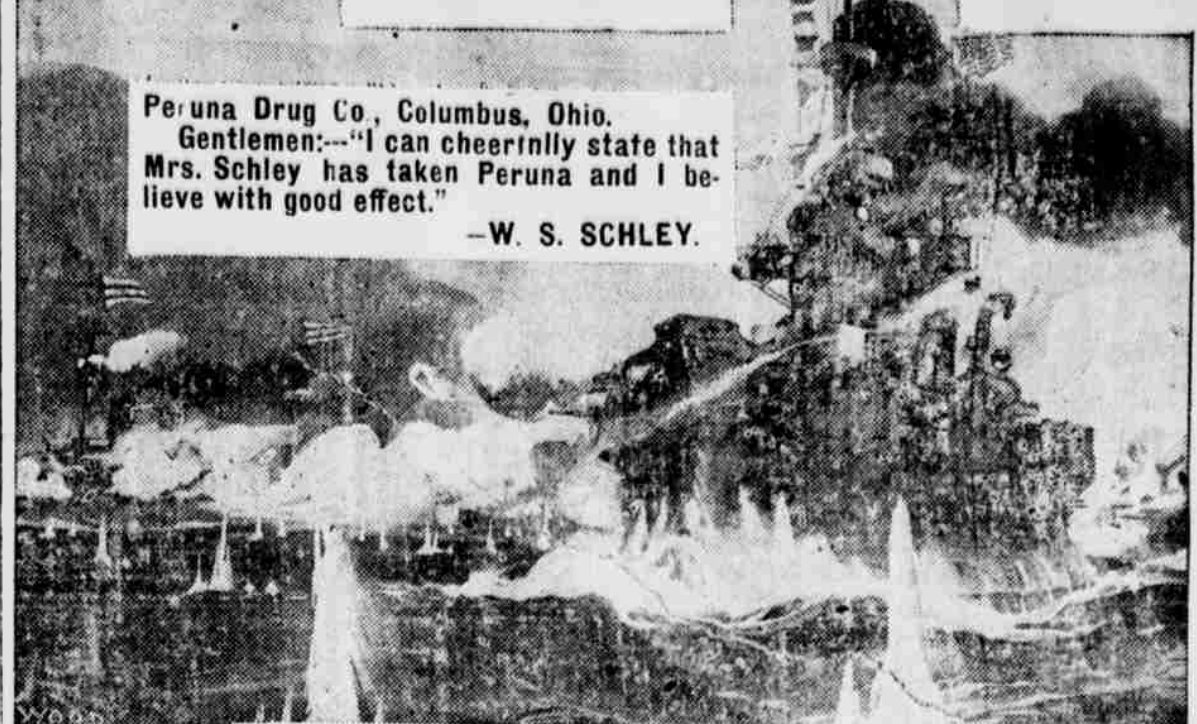
"From the day of the appointment the grand vizier ceased to exhibit his fishing net. It disappeared and it was never spoken of.
"Once though, a visitor, a man of considerable impudence, said to the vizier:
"Why is it, my lord, that your net is no longer spread upon your table?"
"The vizier smiled and quietly replied:
"It has caught the fish."

Aristocrats Travel Incognito.
It is said that in the past twelve months numerous European men of title have visited this country under assumed names, and the fact is explained in this way: When they come here their practice has been to associate themselves with a matrimonial venture. This is distasteful to those who are innocent of any intent to pick up an American heiress and fatal to those who really have such plans. Once put the tag "Fortune Hunter" on a bum baron or a spavined duke and his plans are ruined. For these reasons many of the members of the European aristocracy come over incognito.

Better Late Than Never.
"I believe you run an advertising column for 'personals,'" said the solemn man.
"Yes," replied the clerk.
"I want you to insert this advertisement: 'Will young woman who accepted seat of tall, thin man in cross-town car yesterday morning please pardon him for neglecting to thank her.' Sign it 'Absent-Minded Brute.'"
—Catholic Standard and Times.

BY PROXY.
What the Baby Needed.
I suffered from nervousness and headache until one day about a year ago it suddenly occurred to me what a great coffee drinker I was, and I thought maybe this might have something to do with my trouble, so I shifted to tea for awhile, but was not better, if anything, worse.
"At that time I had a baby four months old that we had to feed on the bottle, until an old lady friend told me to try Postum Food-Coffee. Three months ago I commenced using Postum, leaving off the tea and coffee, and not only have my headaches and nervous troubles entirely disappeared, but since then I have been giving plenty of nurse for my baby and have a large, healthy child now.
"I have no desire to drink anything but Postum and know it has benefited my children, and I hope all who have children will try Postum and find out for themselves what a really wonderful food drink it is." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.
Both tea and coffee contain quantities of a poisonous drug called Caffeine that directly affects the heart, kidneys, stomach and nerves. Postum is made from cereals only, scientifically blended to get the coffee flavor. Ten days' trial of Postum in place of tea or coffee will show a health secret worth more than a gold mine. There's a reason.
Get the book, "The Road to Wellville," in each pkg.

Admiral Schley Uses Pe-ru-na In His Home.



Battle of Santiago, Where Admiral Schley Made History.

Peruna Drug Co., Columbus, Ohio.
Gentlemen:—"I can cheerfully state that Mrs. Schley has taken Peruna and I believe with good effect."
—W. S. SCHLEY.
ONE of the greatest naval battles in the world was the Battle of Santiago. Never since the dispersion of the Spanish Armada has there been a sea-making victory in the onward march of civilization than in the notable event of July 23, 1898, in which the great hero, Admiral Schley, took a leading part.
It was a great naval battle. Without a moment's warning it began. Quick decision, undimmed courage, excellent discipline, resolute self-confidence—these combined in Admiral Schley to produce that dash and daring so characteristic of the American soldier.
A man must think quickly in these days. There is no time for slow action. New enterprises arise in an hour. Old ones pass away in a moment.
A multitude of great themes clamor for notice. A man must take sides for or against by intuition, rather than logical deduction.
One day this fighting admiral, Schley, happened to be in talking with one of our writers on the subject of Peruna was raised—its popularity as a natural remedy, its national importance, its extensive use.
The admiral's opinion. Without a moment's hesitation he said: "I can cheerfully state that Mrs. Schley has taken Peruna and I believe with good effect."
Like the battle of Santiago, the thought was springing upon him without any warning, and he disposed of it with the same vim and decision as he did with the Spanish fleet in the related Vico.
His words concerning Peruna have gone out into the world to be repeated by a thousand tongues, because he has said them.
Like the news of his victory over Cervantes, his words concerning Peruna will be repeated by a thousand tongues, because he has said them.
Except for an inborn manly independence, in a country of free speech, these words never would have been uttered by an officer in such a notable position as that of Admiral Schley. Except for a world-wide notoriety and popularity, such as Peruna enjoys, no remedy could ever have received such outspoken public endorsement by such a man.

Pigeon Hatched Out Hen's Egg.
William H. Cassidy of Webster is the owner of a pigeon which found a hen's egg in a nest in the barn and sat upon it industriously, with the result that there is a new chicken in the collection of Mr. Cassidy.

FIT'S permanently cured. No fit or convulsion after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve-Exhauster, \$2.00 per bottle and treatise free. Dr. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 301 Arch St., Phila., Pa.
There is \$300,000,000 worth of English money invested in submarine cables.

One-Dwelling Parishes.
The parish of Montenthorp, three miles from Oakham, contains a single house, with four inhabitants. The house is part of a hall nearly all fallen into decay. Occasionally the church service is read there. Ely court, three miles from Chestow, is another one-dwelling parish, with four inhabitants. It has a ruin of a church, where services are held at long intervals.

A Setback.
Henry James, after an absence of many years, has returned to America. Mr. James has come to be regarded, especially by the younger writers, as the greatest American novelist. Filibusterings are made to his beautiful English home in New York, and a word of praise from the master is esteemed of greater worth than a page of praise from an ordinary newspaper or review.
A young American novelist took occasion to visit Mr. James during a European tour that he made in the summer. This novelist is successful and prolific. His books sell with astonishing speed and with astonishing speed he produces them.
After giving a little perfunctory praise to Mr. James' own work, the young man said:
"What do you think of my work, sir?"
"I think you write too much," Mr. James said candidly. "I think you'll never reach posterity if you carry so much luggage."
Heavy Grape Crop in France.
It is reported that the past summer has been extraordinarily favorable to the vine in France and an unusual crop is expected.

Happy Women.
Mrs. Pare, wife of C. B. Pare, a prominent resident of Glasgow, Ky., says: "I was suffering from a most peculiar kind of kidney trouble. Besides a bad back, I had a great deal of trouble with the secretions, which were exceedingly variable, sometimes excessive and at other times scanty. The color was high, and passages were accompanied with a sending sensation. Doan's Kidney Pills soon regulated the kidney secretions, making their color normal and banished the inflammation which caused the scalding sensation. I can rest well, my back is strong and sound and I feel much better in every way."
For sale by all dealers, price 50 cents per box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

A Commode's Tip.
Commodore E. C. Benedict and his Wall street friend, L. D. Huntington, were fishing together recently when a casual acquaintance in another boat who thought it a golden opportunity to get a valuable tip maneuvered his craft so that it floated by quite near them.
"How do you think things are going, Commodore?" as asked, eagerly.
"Well," said Benedict, who is an enthusiastic steam yachtman, but has a holy horror of naphtha, "sailboats may go down, but naphtha launches are more likely to go up."

Grateful Change.
Clara—Did you have pleasant weather at the springs this summer?
Dora—No. It was hot, dreadfully so.
"Really uncomfortable, was it?"
"Awfully. Why, the weather was so warm that when a man with a cool million proposed to me I accepted him at once."—New York Weekly.

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TOWERS' FISH BRAND WATERPROOF OILED CLOTHING.
THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF QUALITY. MADE IN AMERICA.
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Cures all eye troubles, weak eyes, and Thompson's Eye Water.

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Knows the world over as the prompt, sure cure for

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES
Color more goods brighter and faster colors than any other dye. One tin makes colors rich, vivid and retains equally well and is guaranteed to give perfect results. Ask dealer or send post card for the name. Write for free booklet—New York, Dyeing and Finishing Co., MONROE DRIVE CO., Unionville, N.C.



Miss Agnes Miller, of Chicago, speaks to young women about dangers of the Menstrual Period—how to avoid pain and suffering and remove the cause by using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

To Young Women:—I suffered for six years with dysmenorrhea (painful periods), so much so that I dreaded every month, as I knew it meant three or four days of intense pain. The doctor said this was due to an inflamed condition of the uterine appendages caused by repeated and neglected colds.

"If young girls only realized how dangerous it is to take cold at this critical time, much suffering would be spared them. Thank God for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, that was the only medicine which helped me any. Within three weeks after I started to take it, I noticed a marked improvement in my general health, and at the time of my next monthly period the pain had diminished considerably. I kept up the treatment, and was cured a month later. I am like another person since I am in perfect health, my eyes are brighter, I have added 15 pounds to my weight, my color is good, and I feel light and happy."—Miss AGNES MILLER, 25 Potomac Ave., Chicago, Ill.

The monthly sickness reflects the condition of a woman's health. Anything unusual at that time should have prompt and proper attention. Fifty thousand letters from women prove that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound regulates menstruation and makes those periods painless.

READ WHAT MISS LINDBECK SAYS:
"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has greatly benefited me. I will tell you how I suffered. My trouble was painful menstruation. I felt as each month went by that I was getting worse. I had severe bearing-down pains in my back and abdomen.
"A friend advised me to try Mrs. Pinkham's medicine. I did so and am now free from all pain during my periods."—JESSIE C. LINDBECK, 1201 6th Street, Rockford, Ill.

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Remember, every woman is cordially invited to write to Mrs. Pinkham if there is anything about her symptoms she does not understand. Mrs. Pinkham's address is Lynn, Mass., her advice is free and cheerfully given to every ailing woman who asks for it. Her advice has restored to health more than one hundred thousand women. Why don't you try it, my sick sisters?

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