



To be a successful wife, to retain the love and admiration of her husband should be a woman's constant study. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Potts tell their stories 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 of the ovaries, kidney troubles, nervous excitability, and that 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."

Suffering women should not fail to profit by Mrs. Brown's experiences; just as surely as she was cured of the troubles enumerated in her letter, just so surely will Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound cure other women who suffer from womb troubles, inflammation of the ovaries, kidney troubles, nervous excitability, and nervous prostration. Read the story of Mrs. Potts to all mothers:—



"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—During the early part of my married life I was very delicate in health. I had two miscarriages, and both my husband and I felt very badly as we were anxious to have children. A neighbor who had been using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound advised me to try it, and I decided to do so. I soon felt that my appetite was increasing, the headaches gradually decreased and finally disappeared, and my general health improved. I felt as if new blood coursed through my veins, the sluggish tired feeling disappeared, and I became strong and well.

"Within a year after I became the mother of a strong healthy child, the joy of our home. You certainly have a splendid remedy, and I wish every mother knew of it.—Sincerely yours, MRS. ANNA POTTS, 510 Park Ave., Hot Springs, Ark."

If you feel that there is anything at all unusual or puzzling about your case, or if you wish confidential advice of the most experienced, write to Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., and you will be advised free of charge. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has cured and is curing thousands of cases of female troubles—curing them inexpensively and absolutely. Remember this when you go to your druggist. Insist upon getting

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Mr. Beecher and the Medium. While in England Henry Ward Beecher was entertained by a gentleman who believed in spiritualism and was himself a medium. One day he asked if Beecher would like to talk with the spirit of his father, Dr. Lyman Beecher. Mr. Beecher replied that it would please him immensely. After the seance was over he was asked how it had impressed him, at which, with the twinkle in his eye, Beecher responded: "All I have to say is that if I deteriorate as fast for the first ten years after I am dead as my father has, I shall be a stark-naked fool."

The Strapholder's Grievance. The Ontario Legislature has before it a promising bill for the relief of "strapholders" in street cars, the proposal being to authorize the passenger who cannot get a seat to tear his ticket into equal parts and give up one of the halves in full payment for a standing ride. In other words, the unseated passenger would pay but half fare. The tendency of a law to this effect would be no doubt to cause traction companies to put on more cars during "rush" hours.

Hoxsie's Croup Cure. The life savor of children. 50 cents. A woman who never thinks of anything but dress is more ornamental than useful.

WOMEN BREAK DOWN.

Sometimes women drift into a condition of "half invalid." Continual languor—all tired out, run down, backache, nerves shattered, headache, terrible pain, no appetite, poor digestion. In nine cases out of ten it's because the kidneys fail to do their work of filtering the poisonous system waste from the blood. The kidneys are weak and need the strengthening help of Doan's Kidney Pills. Read how these pills repair a weakened physical condition when this condition is caused by sick kidneys.

Mrs. Sadie Mettles, of 394 W. 4th Ave., Columbus, Ohio, says: "Prior to the year 1898 I suffered considerably from backache, pain in the head, languor and depression and weakness of the action of the kidneys. The pain was always worse in the morning and I felt miserable. I was induced to procure a box of Doan's Kidney Pills and I began their use. They proved prompt and effective. They cured me, and there has been no return of the trouble since taking them. I owe all the credit to Doan's Kidney Pills."

A FREE TRIAL of this great kidney medicine which cured Mrs. Mettles will be mailed on application to any part of the United States. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all druggists, price 50 cents per box.

Careless Letter-Writers.

Ten million pieces of mail went to the dead letter office last year, mostly as the result of the sender's carelessness. Barring serious accident to the means of transportation, like the burning of a mail car, for example, there is need for scarcely a miss in the safe delivery of mail matter—and if delivery is not accomplished, ample means are provided for return to the senders.

The chief difficulty, the superintendent says, is found in the failure of senders to give their names and addresses in letters or on parcels. Sometimes, no doubt, the failure is intentional; but often it is simple carelessness.

Business men now universally use correspondence paper and envelopes with printed addresses, and if for any reason their mail is not delivered, they find out the fact in due season. Private correspondence is generally conducted on the opposite plan, with the element also of all manner of carelessness.

A Great Heat Producer. Acetylene burned in a Bunsen burner or an apparatus similar to the oxyhydrogen blowpipe produces great heat. M. Fouché has developed an instrument of this type. The flame is formed by the combustion of a mixture of acetylene and oxygen in a jet under pressure of about six pounds. This rather high pressure is necessary in order that the flame may not travel quickly. It melts most metals quite readily and will solder iron and steel, and it is said that even lime and silica may be fused.—Electrical Review.

PEARLS OF THOUGHT.

What makes life dreary is want of motive.—George Eliot.
A heart unspotted is not easily daunted.—Shakespeare.
The highway of loneliness is along the commonest road of life.—Pearse.
Wit is a desirable guest only when it does not crowd kindness out of the house.
Gentleness is the modest diadem which nature designed for the brow of strength.
A soul occupied with great ideas best performs small duties.—James Martineau.
The best way for a man to get out of a lowly position is to be conspicuously effective in it.—Thomas Jefferson.
It strikes me that, being a man of average composition, I shouldn't pray for justice, though fear that the prayer might be granted.
We become heavenly-minded by living to make others happy. If it is the aim and work of your life to be a blessing to others, you are living already the heavenly life.—E. H. Sears.

Tea Drinking in America.

In the course of a letter regarding the tea trade of the world during the present year, Messrs. Brook, Bond & Co. of London give the following account of the United States market: "Until lately America has been a coffee drinking country, and the small quantity of tea she consumed, and China, came almost entirely from Japan. Now tea is becoming popular, and imports of British grown tea have risen in a few years nearly 100 percent. Two clubs in New York make a feature of afternoon tea. Men who drink it are not laughed at even by their enemies. There are very few villages, no matter how small, where it is not possible to get good tea. These changes are owing almost entirely to the enterprise of certain tea-producing firms in India and Ceylon. The utmost pains, assisted by wonderful machinery, are devoted to preparing tea, particularly green tea, for the American market. Green tea has always been more drunk in America than black. As it is found that the same kind of tea does not suit all parts, samples of water from all the great cities in North America are sent out and tea is manufactured to suit them. Both in the United States and in Canada people are learning that a pound of British-grown tea produces two or three times as much beverage as a pound of China or Japan tea, and also that the strong Indian and Ceylon teas are as sustaining as coffee.—Pittsburg Press.

A Remarkable Relief.

The pope has returned to the Church of San Silvestro in Rome, frequented by the English colony, one of the most precious relics of the Roman church. It is the head of St. John the Baptist. According to a tradition ten centuries old, the head which was demanded by the daughter of Herod as a reward for her dancing was carried from Palestine to Rome. It reached the Eternal City a thousand years ago, being brought by certain Greek monks, who deposited it in the Church of San Silvestro in Capite, which at that time was a monastery. Innumerable miracles were wrought by the agency of the head of the saint, and in such estimation was the relic held that regular pitched battles were fought for its possession. In 1411, while the head was being carried in procession, certain unruly Florentine attacked the cortege, but they were successfully repulsed by the Romans, who were led by the Prince Colonna of the time. After this, fearing that the precious object might be lost, the popes ordered that it was never to leave the Church of San Silvestro, and it remained there until 1870, when Rome was besieged by the troops of Victor Emmanuel. It was then carried, by the order of Pius IX. to the Vatican. The present pope, however, thinks that there can be no danger in returning the relic to its ancient resting place. The holy head is contained in a valuable silver reliquary weighing over one hundred pounds.

Some Signs of a Long Life.

Women are supposed to be longer lived than men.
Some experienced persons say that every woman carries signs that will tell if her life is to be a short or a long one.
The woman who desires long life must have eyes round and wide rather than long and narrow, and if they are brown or hazel will be longer than if they were black or violet.
The brow must be ample and slope back slightly from an absolute perpendicular. The head must be wide behind and over the ears.
The brow must be full and well set, and the chin square and firm.
The nose must be wide and full through its whole length, and have open, easy dilating nostrils. This indicates a good heart and good lungs.
If the orifice of the ear is low, indicating a deeply-seated brain, there is a better chance of long life.
The woman who appears taller in proportion when sitting down than when standing has a good chance to live long. If the body is long in proportion to the limbs, the heart, lungs and digestive organs are large.
The pulse should beat with full and normal stroke. Limbs and joints should be large and well formed, the flesh neither too hard nor too soft.—Washington Times.

FINANCE AND TRADE REVIEW

BUSINESS IS BACKWARD.

Some Branches of Steel Trade Show Signs of Improvement.
R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: Tardy spring weather, following an unusually severe winter, makes it difficult to restore satisfactory trade conditions, but it is encouraging to find at many points this unseasonable weather the only cause of complaint, and there is always hope that the early losses may be made up at least in large measure when their normal conditions become apparent. In the meantime sales of dry goods are restricted and stocks in all positions from producer to consumer are larger than is desirable. Aside from the cotton States, where business is brisk, the week's dispatches indicate that early gains were maintained, but little further progress occurred. Labor controversies are still an adverse factor. Railway earnings in the first week of April were 7 per cent smaller than last year. No definite check to progress in the iron and steel industry is discerned, although it lacks uniformity and in some departments it is difficult to find encouraging signs. In so far as pressure for immediate delivery is concerned, bar iron and steel are most prominent, makers of agricultural implements being notably importunate. Not only is it difficult to secure early delivery of bars, but shipments four weeks hence are considered prompt and some orders run up to the end of the year. Floods in the West have made it impossible to begin the much proposed structural work and aside from supplies for repair shops, the railways are still operating on a moderate scale. The ore situation remains unsettled. Firmness and activity continue in the Chicago packer hide market, and foreign dry hides are held steady by the prompt absorption of arrivals. Although quotations are unchanged in the leather market, some improvement in tone is noted. Failures this week number 225 in the United States against 212 last year and 16 in Canada compared with 16 a year ago.

MARKETS.

PITTSBURG.

Grain, Flour and Feed.
Wheat—No. 2 red.....\$ 98 99
Rye—No. 2.....83 84
Corn—No. 2 yellow.....58 59
No. 2 yellow, shelled.....58 59
Mixed ear.....49 50
Oats—No. 2 white.....48 49
No. 3 white.....47 48
Flour—Winter patent.....4 75 4 76
Straight winter.....4 50 4 50
Hay—No. 1 timothy.....15 25 15 50
Clover No. 1.....13 00 13 00
Feed—No. 1 white mid. ton.....43 00 43 00
Brown middlings.....30 50 31 00
Barley.....20 00 20 50
Straw—Wheat.....9 00 9 50
Cat.....9 00 9 50

Dairy Products.

Butter—Elgin creamery.....\$ 27 28
Ohio creamery.....24 25
Fancy country roll.....17 18
Cheese—Ohio, new.....12 13
New York.....12 13

Poultry, Etc.

Hens—per lb.....\$ 15 16
Chickens—dressed.....17 18
Turkeys, live.....14 15
Eggs—Pa. and Ohio, fresh.....18 19

Fruits and Vegetables.

Potatoes—Fancy white per bus.....1 25 1 30
Cabbage—per bbl.....2 25 2 30
Butter—Creamery, extra.....32 33
Apples—per barrel.....3 00 4 00

BALTIMORE.

Flour—Winter Patent.....\$53 54
Wheat—No. 2 red.....1 04 1 05
Corn—mixed.....51 52
Eggs.....46 47
Butter—Creamery.....46 47

PHILADELPHIA.

Flour—Winter Patent.....\$53 54
Wheat—No. 2 red.....1 04 1 05
Corn—No. 2 mixed.....50 51
Oats—No. 2 white.....48 49
Butter—Creamery, extra.....32 33
Eggs—Pennsylvania firsts.....17 18

NEW YORK.

Flour—Patent.....\$50 51
Wheat—No. 2 red.....1 05 1 07
Corn—No. 2.....57 58
Butter—Creamery.....32 33
Eggs—State and Pennsylvania.....30 31

LIVE STOCK.

Union Stock Yards, Pittsburg.

Cattle.
Prime heavy, 1470 to 1600 lbs.....\$ 10 50 10 55
Prime, 1350 to 1400 lbs.....9 50 10 00
Medium, 1200 to 1300 lbs.....8 70 8 85
Fat heavy, 1000 to 1200 lbs.....8 00 8 40
Butcher, 800 to 1000 lbs.....7 00 7 40
Common to fair.....6 00 6 50
Fat, common to fat.....5 00 5 50
Milch cows, each.....25 00 25 00

Hogs.

Prime heavy hogs.....\$ 5 50 5 60
Prime medium weights.....5 00 5 10
Best heavy Yorkers and medium.....5 35 5 60
Good pigs and light Yorkers.....5 20 5 30
Fat, common to good.....5 10 5 20
Hogs.....4 60 4 80
Stags.....3 50 4 00

Sheep.

Extra, medium wethers.....\$ 4 50 4 60
Good to choice.....3 75 3 85
Medium.....3 75 3 85
Common to fair.....2 50 3 00
Spring Lambs.....6 00 10 00

Calves.

Veal, extra.....\$ 4 75 5 25
Veal, good to choice.....4 00 4 40
Veal, common heavy.....3 00 3 50

A Wise Urchin.

Chief Justice Shaw is said to have been a very dull child. The earliest indication of his gift of the mastery and unerring judgment which distinguished the truth and reason of things was, however, noticed when he was a very small boy. His mother one day had a company at tea. Some hot-buttered toast was on the table. When it was passed to little Lemuel he pulled out the bottom slice, which was kept hot by the hot plate beneath and the pile of toast above. His mother reproached him quite sharply. "You must not do that, Lemuel. Suppose everybody were to do that?" "Then everybody would get a bottom slice," answered the wise urchin.—Exchange.

Brick Only Stood the Test.

A test of the fireproof qualities of building stone and brick was held in Baltimore and the result showed conclusively that the stone used is not and unerringly that the brick is not fireproof. Several kinds of stone and brick were subjected to the test, and only the ordinary clay brick came through intact. The other material was found to be cracked and crumbled.

A MICHIGAN MAYOR SAYS:

"I Know Peruna is a Fine Tonic For a Worn Out System."



Hon. Nelson Rice, of St. Joseph, Mich., knows of a large number of grateful patients in his county who have been cured by Peruna.

Hon. Nelson Rice, Mayor of St. Joseph, Michigan, writes: The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio: Gentlemen: "I wish to congratulate you on the success of your efforts to win the confidence of the public in need of a reliable medicine. I know Peruna is a fine tonic for a worn out system and a specific in cases of catarrhal difficulties. You have a large number of grateful patients in this country who have used Peruna and have been cured by it, and who praise it above all other medicines. Peruna has my heartiest good wishes."—Nelson Rice.

MARCH, APRIL, MAY.

Weak Nerves, Poor Digestion, Impure Blood, Depressed Spirits.

Gentlemen: "I wish to congratulate you on the success of your efforts to win the confidence of the public in need of a reliable medicine. The sun has just crossed the equator on his yearly trip north. The real equator is shifted toward the north nearly eighteen miles every day. With the return of the sun comes the bodily ills peculiar to spring. With one person the nerves are weak; in another person, digestion poor; with others the blood is out of order, and still others have depressed spirits and tired feeling.

All these things are especially true of those who have been suffering with catarrh in any form or in grippe. A course of Peruna is sure to correct all these conditions. It is an ideal spring medicine. Peruna does not irritate—it invigorates. It does not temporarily stimulate—it strengthens. It equalizes the circulation of the blood, tranquilizes the nervous system and regulates the bodily functions. Peruna, unlike so many spring medicines is not simply a physic or stimulant or nerve-tonic. It is a natural tonic and invigorator. If you do not receive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis. Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

MOTHER GRAY'S SWEET POWDERS FOR CHILDREN. A Certain Cure for Everlastingness, Constipation, Headaches, Stomach Troubles, Teething, Worms, and Diarrhea. New York City. A. S. OLMSTED, Le Roy, N. Y.

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Paxtine is in powder form to dissolve in water non-poisonous and harmless. It contains antiseptic alcohol which irritates inflamed surfaces, and has no cleansing properties. The contents of every box makes more Antiseptic Solution—lasts longer—goes further—has more uses in the family and does more good than any antiseptic preparation you can buy.

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