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Miss Gannon, Sec'y Detroit Amateur Art Association, tells young women what to do to avoid pain and suffering caused by female troubles.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I can conscientiously recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to those of my sisters suffering with female weakness and the troubles which so often befall women. I suffered for months with general weakness, and felt so weary that I had hard work to keep up. I had shooting pains, and was utterly miserable. In my distress I was advised to use Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and it was a red letter day to me when I took the first dose, for at that time my restoration began. In six weeks I was a changed woman, perfectly well in every respect. I felt so elated and happy that I want all women who suffer to get well as I did."

—Miss GRACE GANNON, 359 Jones St., Detroit, Mich., Secretary Amateur Art Association. —\$5000 for full original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

When one considers that Miss Gannon's letter is only one of the countless hundreds which we are continually publishing in the newspapers of this country, the great virtue of Mrs. Pinkham's medicine must be admitted by all.

Reason Enough.

Father—"You know how necessary it is that I should get you married and off my hands. Why did you refuse that handsome young widower?"

Miss Malmchance—"Because he hasn't any relatives to whom I can send his children."

Consumption is a rare disease in Japan. Even in winter chills are of rare occurrence, and this despite the fact that the real Japanese do not heat their rooms with anything more than anhiabachi—a tiny charcoal stove.

Government Pays Low Wages. The British Government continues to be denounced by the workers' union for the low wages paid at Government work shops, shipyards, arsenals and gun factories, but all denunciations and resolutions seem to have no effect.

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.

WEST & TRACY, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. WALKING, KINSAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure internally acting directly upon the blood and mucous surface of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price, 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Swiss Law Little Observed. The killing of birds is forbidden in the Swiss Canton of Tessin, and last year the rural police confiscated over 20,000 traps and nets. Nevertheless, the birds are offered for sale in the markets with impunity.

Fishermen Bleed Shad. "Speaking of Shad," said the clubman, "the Susquehanna fishermen have a practice that they believe makes the fish more palatable. Each shad, as soon as it is taken out of the water, is bled by bending one of the sharp gills and forcing it into the opening it covers. In this way a quantity of blood is taken from the fish as it dies. This, these men believe, helps to make the meat whiter and does away with much of the 'fishy' flavor that spoils it for the epicure. I don't know how much there is in this manner of killing the shad, but the Susquehanna species is admittedly greatly superior to those taken from other waters."—Philadelphia Press.

TOLD IN CALIFORNIA:

Helping the kidneys is helping the whole body, for it is the kidneys that remove the poisons and waste from the body. Learning this simple lesson has made many sick men and women well.

Judge A. J. Fetter, of 318 So. E St., San Bernar, Calif., says: "For 18 years my kidneys were not performing their functions properly. There was some backache, and the kidney secretions were profuse, containing also considerable sediment. Finally the doctors said I had diabetes. Doan's Kidney Pills wrought a great change in my condition, and now I sleep, and feel well again."

A FREE TRIAL of this great kidney medicine which cured Judge Fetter will be mailed you as part of the United States. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sold by all dealers; price 50 cents per box.



THE PEACH AGAIN.

The time is to come when we are to have the peach again, as in the old days when we were boys. We know how to treat the trees now; so let us set to work and put in a few peach trees every year, on some northern and eastern slope, where a warm spell in winter will not be apt to start the buds. Get the best sorts, and take care of them, and we will have peaches of our own raising.—F. H. Sweet.

BLACKBERRIES PAY.

Perhaps it is safe in asserting that in proportion to labor and capital invested no crop pays so large a profit as blackberries. Growers who complain that blackberries do not pay should first estimate the expense. There are blackberry fields that have borne crops for ten years, which have never received a pound of fertilizer or manure, and outside of cutting away the old canes, with rough cultivation in the spring, have received no labor. What blackberries would do for the grower if treated like strawberries is yet to be demonstrated by some.

NOT TOO THICK.

It is not well to have the plants too thick in the hotbed. Those removed may be transplanted in flower pots, egg shells, old fruit cans or small boxes, and if well cared for they will grow fast and be of fair size when the time arrives for planting them in the garden. Tomatoes and early cabbage may be thus treated, and it will be found of great advantage. Age assists greatly in hastening the bearing period of tomatoes, and by giving the plants care in the beginning, such as covering them at night, they may be grown out in the open air without fear of danger should the nights become cold. The same plan may be pursued with many other vegetables.

PRUNING ROSES.

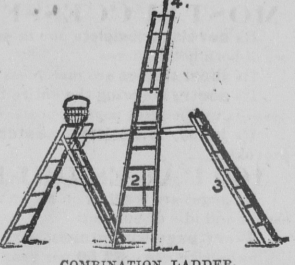
Everblooming roses, the trees, are benefited by a good pruning. If cut back to about six inches of the old wood, strong new shoots start out and furnish abundance of bloom. In the more northern States the plants are usually winter pruned, i. e., they freeze down quite closely to the ground; in that case all that is necessary is to cut away the injured portion. Further south, where the wood is not frozen, the bushes should be cut back about one-half. Hardy roses bloom better for more moderate cutting. Yellow roses scarcely ever need any pruning. The whole matter must be regulated by habit of growth. Trim to neat shapely appearance, taking out all dead or diseased wood just before growth starts in spring.

STRAWBERRIES.

Are you arranging to set out a new patch this year? It will pay to do it, and will also pay to set the very best plants obtainable. "Blood will tell," and it is true of strawberry plants as well as of everything else. Were the strawberries mulched last fall? If so, all right, if not it will pay to mulch close around the hills and thoroughly between the rows after they have been out. The berries will be much cleaner, and far less liable to rot if the season strawberry grower attributed much of his success to his management of the vines when in blossom, never allowing the sun to shine on them three days in succession without thoroughly sprinkling them. If you have a hose, sprinkler or sprayer, try it and note results.

A COMBINATION LADDER.

A new ladder especially adapted for fruit growers' use has been brought to our attention by one of our subscribers in Colorado, and from the fact that it appeals to us in every way we are glad to call our readers' attention to the same and illustrate the same herewith. As will be noted from the illustration it is a combination of the step ladder, top picking ladder and scaffold. The three combined in one and with a weight of only thirty



COMBINATION LADDER.

pounds for the entire outfit. In the illustrations you will note that Fig. 1 the ladder is in use as a step ladder in picking from low limbs or around the tree, while Fig. 2 the same ladder will be seen fully extended for top picking. No. 1, 2 and 3 combination form a scaffold, which is handy for various purposes and is complete by using extension in Fig. 4. We consider it one of the best inventions that has come to our notice.—National Fruit Grower.

Occupation and Character. It is curious how every man's character in India seems to be determined by his occupation. Bricklayers are always active and energetic, swineherds lazy and immoral, shoemakers poor, ignorant and despised, goldsmiths clever and plausible rogues and blacksmiths gossips of the first water.

FINANCE AND TRADE REVIEW

OUTLOOK IS FOR DULL TRADE.

Crops Make Excellent Progress Owing to More Seasonable Weather in the Southwest.

Reports to the International Mercantile Agency from special correspondents throughout the country indicate some improvements in general business during the last week. This has been most noteworthy in the south and southwest, where excellent sales have brought the volume of orders above last year's total.

Hats and caps are active, but boots and shoes in certain sections have not done as well as usual. The St. Louis district reports increased prosperity in most lines of trade owing to the influx of exposition visitors. Increased travel to St. Louis is also helping business in contiguous territory. Jobbers in many sections report improved business, although country merchants in some instances have been prevented from visiting trade centers, owing to increased business at home, since farmers have finished planting.

Retail trade is strong and if fall business turns out as well as advices now indicate the total for the year to September 1 will average fully as much as that reported during the corresponding period of 1903. Labor difficulties on the Great Lakes appear to be nearing solution, with the prospect that most of the congestion in traffic will be relieved within a fortnight or so. At Milwaukee the strike has already been partially broken and negotiations at other points are progressing satisfactorily.

Iron is still stagnant, most branches of the industry being virtually at a standstill. The only exceptions are structural materials and raw pipe, where a large business is reported. Half the merchant furnaces in the Pittsburgh district are likely to be out of blast by July 1, which will materially lessen coke production. The outlook is for dull trade during the summer.

Crops have made excellent progress, owing to the prevalence of more seasonable weather in many sections of the southwest. Corn has been to an extent retarded by too much moisture, but the present acreage ranks probably as the largest ever planted, so that the actual harvest may exceed expectations.

Business throughout New England is still depressed by unsettled conditions in manufacturing, due to the shutdown of the cotton mills. Wool prices are uncertain and mills run on orders only. Some activity is reported in leather goods, but the tendency everywhere manifested is to "go slow."

MARKETS.

PITTSBURG.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

Wheat—No. 2 red.....	\$ 99	1 00
Rye.....	50	51
Corn—No. 2 yellow.....	60	61
No. 2 yellow, shelled.....	59	60
Mixed ears.....	45	46
Oats—No. 2 white.....	45	46
No. 3 white.....	45	46
Flour—Winter Patent.....	5 30	5 35
Straight winters.....	5 10	5 20
Hay—No. 1 Timothy.....	14 50	15 00
Clear No. 2.....	12 50	13 00
Feed—No. 2 white mid ton.....	45 00	46 00
Brown middlings.....	23 00	23 50
Brn. bulk.....	22 00	22 50
Straw—Wheat.....	11 50	12 00
Oat.....	10 50	11 00

Dairy Products.

Butter—Elgin creamery.....	\$ 20	21
Ohio creamery.....	17	18
Fancy country roll.....	18	19
Cheese—Cheddar.....	8	9
New York.....	8	9

Poultry, Etc.

Hens—per lb.....	\$ 14	15
Chickens—dressed.....	16	17
Turkeys, live.....	20	21
Eggs—Pa. and Ohio, fresh.....	18	19

Fruits and Vegetables.

Potatoes—Fancy white per bus.....	1 25	1 30
Caulage—per bush.....	2 50	2 60
Onions—per barrel.....	3 25	3 30
Apples—per barrel.....	3 00	3 50

BALTIMORE.

Flour—Winter Patent.....	\$1 50	5 25
Wheat—No. 2 red.....	1 03	1 04
Corn—No. 2 white.....	45	46
Butter—Creamery, extra.....	21	22
Eggs—Pennsylvania firsts.....	17	18

PHILADELPHIA.

Flour—Winter Patent.....	\$1 55	5 35
Wheat—No. 2 red.....	1 04	1 06
Corn—No. 2 white.....	45	46
Butter—Creamery, extra.....	21	22
Eggs—Pennsylvania firsts.....	17	18

NEW YORK.

Flour—Patent.....	\$ 5 00	5 50
Wheat—No. 2 red.....	1 04	1 10
Corn—No. 2 white.....	45	46
Oats—No. 2 white.....	44	44
Butter—Creamery.....	20	20
Eggs—Standard Pennsylvania.....	17	17

LIVE STOCK.

Union Stock Yards, Pittsburg.

Cattle.

Prime heavy, 1450 to 1600 lbs.....	\$ 5 80	6 00
Medium, 1200 to 1400 lbs.....	5 50	5 65
Med. utm, 1200 to 1400 lbs.....	4 90	5 05
Butcher, 900 to 1000 lbs.....	4 80	5 00
Common to fair.....	3 80	3 70
Oxen, common to fat.....	2 80	3 00
Common to good fat bulls and cows.....	2 50	2 60
Milk cows, each.....	25 00	30 00

Hogs.

Prime heavy hogs.....	\$ 5 05	5 10
Prime medium weights.....	4 90	5 05
Best heavy Yorkers and medium.....	5 00	5 05
Good pigs and light Yorkers.....	4 90	5 00
Pigs, common to good.....	4 70	4 85
Southern.....	4 50	4 65
Stags.....	3 00	3 25

Sheep.

Extra, medium wethers.....	\$ 5 00	5 15
Wool to choice.....	4 75	4 90
Medium.....	4 50	4 65
Common to fair.....	2 50	3 00
Spring Lambs.....	5 00	5 00

Calves.

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

The Democratic national convention of 1852 was in session for six days and forty-nine ballots were taken on the nomination of a candidate for President. Franklin Pierce did not receive a vote until the fortieth ballot, when 29 were cast for him. On the forty-ninth ballot he was unanimously nominated.

CATARRH IS THE CAUSE OF MOST KIDNEY DISEASES.

PE-RU-NA CURES CATARRH.



Samuel R. Sprecher, Junior Beadle, Court Angelina, 3422 I. O. F., 205 New High St., Los Angeles, Cal., writes:

"I came here a few years ago suffering with catarrh of the kidneys, in search of health. I thought the climate would cure me, but found I was mistaken. But what the climate could not do Peruna could and did do. Seven weeks' trial convinced me that I had the right medicine, and I was then a well man. I know of at least twenty friends and members of the lodge to which I belong who have been cured of catarrh, bladder and kidney trouble through the use of Peruna, and it has a host of friends in this city."—SAMUEL R. SPRECHER.

Catarrh of the Kidneys a Common Disease—Kidney Trouble Often Fails to Be Regarded as Catarrh by Physicians.

Catarrh of the kidneys is very common indeed. It is a pity the fact is not better known to the physicians as well as the people. People have kidney disease. They take a course of medicine, hoping to get better. They never once think of catarrh. Kidney disease and catarrh are seldom associated in the minds of the people, and, alas, it is not very often associated in the minds of the physicians. Too few physicians recognize catarrh of the kidneys. They doctor for something else. They try this remedy

CHILDREN AND CANDY.

Physician Blames Sweets For Young Folks' Deterioration.

In the course of a lecture delivered in London recently, Professor Ogston said that after many years of medical experience among children he was convinced there were many in whom the tendency to sugar gluttony had become so strong that their infatuation for it resembled the craving of a drunkard for liquor. Such saccharomania showed early disappearance of the teeth and other grave troubles. He thought future scientists would place the evils of sugar gluttony on a pedestal as conspicuous as the drink question, as causing deterioration of individuals and races.

No wonder Professor Ogston spoke so strongly; it is a terrible evil. The children, of course, buy where they can get the most for their money, and get these goods, every line of which, it is not saying too much, is poisonous or dangerous and injurious to health. Not only the question of ingredients, but the conditions under which these sweets are made, ought to be closely inquired into.—London St. James' Gazette.

King Gay.

"One of the tiny islands of the Hawaiian group is owned outright by an American named Gay," said Mr. E. T. Cornwell of San Francisco. "As a matter of fact, this little domain of 70,000 acres is a monarchy over which King Gay is king, but he is one of the kindest and most philanthropic despots ever known. Instead of oppressing his subjects he does them the greatest good and pays them well for the service they render him. His principal business is the raising of sheep, and from it he derives a revenue that supports him and his wife royally. The other inhabitants, to the number of 100, are a very good people, and are absolutely loyal to King Gay, whose slightest wish is their law."—Washington Post.

Fine Manuscript Bible.

The most beautiful volume in the Congressional Library at Washington is a Bible which was transcribed on parchment by a monk in the sixteenth century. The general lettering is in the German text, each letter is perfect and there is not a scratch or blot from lid to lid. Each chapter begins with a large illuminated letter, in which is drawn the figure of a saint, some incident of whom the chapter tells.

It is said that when the tomb of Childeric, a king of the first Frankish dynasty in the fifth century, was opened in the seventeenth century hundreds of golden bees were found in it. So when the French Empire was established the golden bee was adopted as one of its emblems.

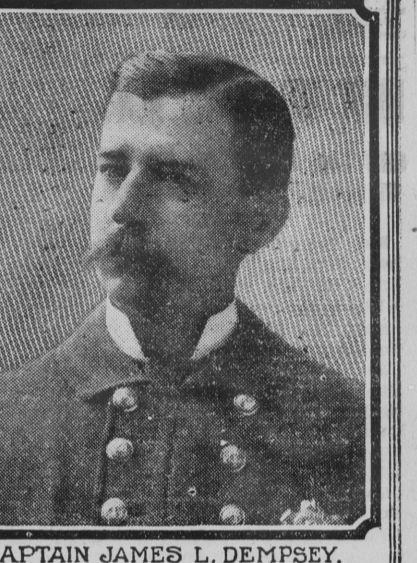
Captain James L. Dempsey, Captain 2nd Precinct Troy Police Force, writes from 185 Ferry St., Troy, N. Y., as follows:

"From my personal experience with Peruna I am satisfied it is a very fine remedy for catarrhal affections, whether of the head, lungs, stomach or pelvic organs. It cures colds quickly, and a few doses taken after undue exposure prevents illness. Some of the patrolmen under me have also found great relief from Peruna. It has cured chronic cases of kidney and bladder troubles, restored men suffering from indigestion and rheumatism, and I am fully persuaded that it is an honest, reliable medicine, hence, I fully endorse and recommend it."

—JAMES L. DEMPSEY.

Officer A. C. Swanson writes from 607 Harrison St., Council Bluffs, Ia., as follows:

"As my duties compelled me to be out in all kinds of weather I contracted a severe cold from time to time, which settled in the kidneys, causing severe pains and trouble in the pelvic organs. I am now like a new man, am in splendid health and give all praise to Peruna."—A. C. Swanson.



CAPTAIN JAMES L. DEMPSEY.

Pe-ru-na Removes the Cause of the Kidney Trouble.

Peruna strikes at the very centre of the difficulty, by eradicating the catarrh from the kidneys. Catarrh is the cause of kidney disease. Remove the cause and you remove the effect. With unerring accuracy Peruna goes right to the spot. The kidneys are soon doing their work with perfect regularity.

Thousands of Testimonials.

Thousands of testimonials from people who have had kidney disease which had gone beyond the control of the physician are received by Dr. Hartman every year, giving Peruna the whole praise for marvelous cures.

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In local treatment of female ills Paxtine is invaluable. Used as a Vaginal Wash we challenge the world to produce its equal for thoroughness. It is a revelation in cleaning and healing power; it kills all germs which cause inflammation and discharges. All leading druggists keep Paxtine; price, 50c a box; if yours does not, send to us for it. Don't take a substitute—there is nothing like Paxtine. Write for the Free Box of Paxtine to-day. R. FAXTON CO., 7 Pope Bldg., Boston, Mass.

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"For months I had great trouble with my stomach and used a great deal of medicine. My tongue has been actually as green as grass, my breath having a bad odor. The genuine Paxtine Toilet Antiseptic cured me after using them I can willingly and cheerfully recommend it to every one who has sore throat, or any other ailment. I therefore let you know that I shall recommend it to every one suffering from such troubles. Chas. H. Halpin, 109 Livingston St., New York, N. Y."



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