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Miss Nettie Blackmore, Minneapolis, tells how any young woman may be permanently cured of monthly pains by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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"Young Women:—I had frequent headaches of a severe nature, dark spots before my eyes, and at my menstrual periods I suffered untold agony. A member of the lodge advised me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vc zetable Compound, but I only scorned good advice and felt that my case was hopeless, but she kept at me until I bought a bottle and started taking it. I soon had the best reason in the world to change my opinion of the medicine, as each day my health improved, and finally I was entirely without pain at my menstruation periods. I am most grateful."—Nerthe Black-Mone, 28 Central Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.—\$5000 forfelt if original of above letter proving genuinness cannot be produced.

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If there is anything about your case about which you would like special advice, write freely to Mrs. Pinkham. She will hold your letter in strict confidence. She can surely help you, for no person in America can speak from a wider experience in treating female ills. She has helped hundreds of thousands of women back to health. Her address is Lynn, Mass.; her advice is free.

Variable Stars Discovered

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The researches being carried on upon photographs of the two magellanic clouds have resulted, the Harvard Observatory announces, in the discovery of more than one hundred variable stars in the so-called large cloud. The two clouds have long been objects of careful study on account of the extraordinary physical condition which prevails in them, but heretofore they have not been known as regions in which variable stars are numerous.

The only place on earth where fresh water is secured from a salty sea is in the Persian Gulf. There are fresh water springs in the bottom, from which divers fill goatskin bags.

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The daily mileage of the trains of this country is 2,750,000.

Care of the Hnir.

It is now generally agreed that many of the shampoos in use are injurious to the hair. The best treatment is frequent brushing and absolute cleanliness. Wash the hair in a lather of Ivory Soap and rinse thoroughly. Let the last water be cool, as it closes the pores of the skin and prevents colds.—ELEANOR R. PARKER.

There is one doctor to every 800 inhabitants in Germany.

Iamsure Piso's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. Thomas Ron-eins, Maple St., Norwich, N.Y., Feb. 17, 1900

Prussia has 2033 associations of stenographers, with 51,291 members.

Cascara Bark,
Cascara bark peeling has become an active industry in the forests of Western Washington, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. The bark is taken from the barberry or chittimwood trees that grow profusely in the Graves. trees that grow profusely in the Grays harbor district. It has a commercial

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An Ohio Fruit Raiser, 78 Years Old, Cured of a Terrible Case After Ten Years of Suffering.

Sidney Justus, fruit dealer, of Mentor, Ohio, says: "I was cured by Doan's Kidney Pills of a severe case of kid-



Kidney Pills of a severe case of kidneys. I suffered the most severe backache and other pains in the region of the kidneys. These were especially severe when stooping to lift anything, and siften I could hardly straighten my back. The aching was bad in the daytime, but just as bad at hight, and I was always lame in the morning. I was bothered with rheumatic pains and dropsical swelling of the feet. The urinary passages were painful, and the secretions were discolored and so free that often I lead to the secretions were discolored and so free that often I lead to the secretions were discolored and so free that often I lead to the secretions were discolored and so free that often I lead to the feet. The urinary passages were painful, and the secretions were discolored and so free that often I lead to the feet. The urinary passages were painful, and the secretions were discolored and so free that often I lead to the feet. The urinary passages were painful, and the secretions were discolored and so free that often I lead to the feet. The urinary passages were painful, and the secretions were discolored and so free that often I lead to the feet. The urinary passages were painful, and the secretions were discolored and so free that often I lead to the feet. The urinary passages were painful, and the secretions were discolored and so free that often I lead to the feet. The urinary passages were painful, and the secretions were discolored and so free that often I lead to the feet. The urinary passages were painful, and the secretions were discolored and so free that often I lead to the secretion were discolored and so free the feet.



A Catnin Tea.

One day sleek Mistress Tabby Cat Asked in her friends to tea, And they all came, dressed in their best, A goodly company.

With pleasant purrs they took their seats.
And filled the table up,
And then the hostess briskly poured
For each a brimming cup.

The tea was catnip, freshly brewed, Bright fragrant catnip tea, Which is a drink excelled by none, As pussies all agree.

And as they sat and gossiped there, With many a blink and wink, Old Towser he came strolling in, Thinking to get a drink.

All round the room he slowly walked And sniffed the catnip tea; And then, disgusted, left, because No dognip could he see!

—Will S. Gidley, in Little Folks.

Sea Lions Smart Feeders.

Those who are constantly associated with animals at a zoo see many comical and interesting sights, and keepers of such places have many stor-ies to relate. The sea lions are very much "smarter" than their appearance much "smarter" than their appearance suggests, and while they are always interesting, their method of feeding is one of the most interesting things in the gardens. The keeper brings to the edge of the pond a pail of fish, which average, perhaps, a foot in length, and flings each one as far out as he can, when the sea lions, with amazing rapidity, swim to get them. I think that I have never yet seen a fish strike the water, as a lion catches it before it has time, and swallows it head first.—St. Nicholas.

Dosing a Sick Tiger.

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In the Washington (D, C.) zoo is a very beautiful tiger, said to be the largest one in captivity. But if he would only move about as if he felt at home, and not be so dignified, we should be better pleased with him; yet the poor creature is excusable, because he has dyspepsia, and his sufferings make him cross. One day the keeper decided to administer a dose of medicine, so with the bottle and a whip he climbed to the top of the cage. Was that tiger cross? You would have thought so if you had seen him throw back his great head and snap at the whip. The keeper, after enraging him, poured a little medicine down the last, which he gradually withdrew, until in its place there was a tiny medicinal stream, at which the tiger kept biting and snapping, too much surprised, it seemed, to distinguish between whip and liquid. When he turned away his head the medicine was poured over his paws, and when he had licked them clean that day's treatment was completed.—St. Nicholas.

Photographing Lightning.

Any boy or girl who has a camera and a good stock of patience may secure a photograph of lightning. The patience is needed in waiting for the lightning. When a thunder shower comes at night, keep a sharp lookout for an opportunity to secure your picture. You cannot get a picture of lightning during every though show lightning during every thunder show-er. Clouds or a heavy downpour of rain often conceals the flash from view, and we have "sheet lightning." It is useless to photograph this, but

It is useless to photograph this, but you may by its light get an interesting picture of the landscape.

When the sharp "chain-lightning" comes, select a window from which you can see it well, or, if it is not raining, go out of doors and set the camera on the tripod focused as for a distant view and pointed toward that quarter of the heavens in which the lightning is most frequent. The diaphragm should be set to the largest opening that is ever used, the slide harbor district. It has a commercial value of eight cents per pound. An ordinary tree yields from 50 to 100 pounds of the dried bark. Whole families are engaged in collecting the bark and selling to dealers. Some men make \$5 a day at the work. Entire sections are contracted by Eastern buyers, and peelers engaged to supply the bark. There is talk of petitioning the Legislature to enact laws for preserving the trees, which are more valuable than any timber grown in the native forest. The bark is used for fresh plate.-St. Nicholas.

Katrinka was the youngest member of a large family, but her remarkable beauty had so endeared her to her mother's heart that Katrinka's sisters

modest simplicity of her manner,
Katrinka had for her own use a
closed carriage, a dog-cart, a low phaeton, and for winter enjoyment a charming little red sleigh. These were
made by Katrinka's mother's brother, painful, and the secretions were discolored and so free that often I had to rise at night. I felt tired all day, Half a box served to relieve me, and three boxes effected a permanent cure."

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Stats.

Like the Original.

"The church is slowly gaming in England. The years ago the communicants numbered only one in 18 of the population, now the proportion is one in 15.

Were the Original.

"Yes?" replied Miss Chellus, with a curl of her lip.

"Yes." The face is very natural, don't you think?"

"Of course; it's painted."—Philadel.

Even the milk dealer is not satisfied.

One June day Katrinka was removed from her city home to a pleasant cottage in the country, where she was to spend the summer. The prettiest, gayest little brook imaginable flowed under a group of willow-trees at the edge of the lawn, and the first glimpse of the brook surgested on idea to Ka of the brook suggested an idea to Ka-

or the brook suggested an idea to Katrinka's mother.

"Bob," she said to her brother,

"Katrinka ought to have a boat. Can't
you make her one?"

"All right," said Bob. "You fix her
up a yachting suit and I'll have a boat
ready for her by the time you're
done."

Katrinka's mother returned to the Katrinka's mother returned to the house at once and set to work on the yacnting suit. It was made of blue, with white trimmings, and proved most becoming to Katrinka. A white hat with blue streamers set jauntily on her yellow curls. The boat, a graceful cance, was ready; Katrinka was placed on board, and the cance was carefully launched. carefully launched.

Just as Katrinka began to feel the delight of sailing there was an outcry from the house, "Bob! Bob!" shouted some one. "Buz has caught a squirrel! Bob!" Bob hastily moored Katrinka's boat among the rushes at the edge of the stream, and he and Katrinka's mother ran to the rescue of the unfortunate. ran to the rescue of the unfortunate squirrel. When they returned, fifteen minutes later, there was no boat to be seen, nor any trace of Katrinka. Had the current been too strong? In vain the heart-broken mother searched

Had the current been too strong? In vain the heart-broken mother searched all up and down the banks. Katrinka had disappeared.

Bob at last pronounced further search useless, and led his weeping sister to their mother.

"O mamma," sobbea Katrinka's mother, "she was the very prettiest paper doll I ever saw and I can't bear to think of her all drowned and wet and sop-sop-soppy!"

"Sweetheart," said mamma, "once I followed that, little brook ever so far on its way. It flows through pastures, where I saw dear little sunburned girls picking berries, and then it runs out beside the road and under a bridge, where I know children must love to wade and sail boats. Of course I don't know what has happened to Katrinka, but Bob's boats don't overturn easily, and perhaps Katrinka will just float quietly down the brook until some little child sees her and draws her ashore to be her own."

"It's only a 'perhaps!'" sighed Katrinka's mother; but she dried her eyes and felt a little comforted.

That night, wnen Katrinka's mother was being tucked into bed, she began, "Mamma, Katrinka's clothes—" and then she stopped to swallow hard. "Shall I paint another Katrinka to

then she stopped to swallow hard.
"Shall I paint another Katrinka to
fit them, dear," suggested mamma,
gently, or wouldn't it ever be the same
to you?"

Katrinka's mother shook her head.

"I was thinking, you know," she said,
"about those little girls who may have
found her. They mightn't know about
making things for her, and Katrinka
never could live in just a yachting
suit! Do you spose Bob would make
another boat, and we could send her
clothes down stream the way Katrinka
went?"

"I'll ask Bob," said mamma; and
Bob came and promised to make the

Till ask Bob," said mamma; and Bob came and promised to make the boat that night.

"I'm sorry about Katrinka," he said.
"It was all my fault. You pack up her things early in the morning and we'll ship them after her before breakfast."
This time the boat was a very solid-looking, square-bottomed one. There was a slender flagstaff at the prow, and mamma had fastened to this a pale. mamma had fastened to this a pale blue banner with "Katrinka" outlined upon it in gold. The fifteen party frocks, the five street sults, the ridinghabit and the three morning dresses were packed in an envelope, marked, "For Katrinka, with her mother's love," and fastened securely into the

boat. Then mamma and Bob and Katrin-ka's mother carried the boat to the willows and launched it; and so, with the blue banner fluttering in the breeze, Katrinka's wardrobe sailed merrily down the stream to find Ka-trinka—Hannah G. Fernald in Youth's Companion.

Swarming Bees. native forest. The bark is used for medicinal purposes. It is estimated that one pound of dry bark will make enough liquid extract to sell for \$2 at wholesale.

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of one, two, five or even twenty minutes, until a bright flash comes within the field of view of the camera, when the lightning takes its own picture. Then cover the lens, push in the slide and you are ready to try again on a farsh property of the camera, when the lightning takes its own picture. Then cover the lens, push in the slide and you are ready to try again on a farsh property of the camera, when the lightning takes its own picture. Then cover the lens, push in the slide and you are ready to try again on a farsh property of the camera, when the lightning takes its own picture. Then cover the lens, push in the slide and you are ready to try again on a sand of flying bees, the hum of which sands of flying bees, the hum of which can be heard a great distance. After a while the bees gradually settle on a bush or branch, and hang there for several hours. This process is called "swarming," and the bees thus hanging are called a "swarm." These bees are not, as is popularly supposed, the young bees, but are the old bees and old queen, who have left the old home, as this has become too small to accommodate its rapidly increas. home, as this has become too small to accommodate its rapidly increasing population. The bees are wise folk, and, knowing that they will need food for their journey, and honey with which to build combs in their new home, they have, therefore, gorged themselves with honey before leaving the hive; and herein lies the secret why swarming bees are so doche and can be so easily handled. A bee cannot sting without bending the cannot sting without bending the abdomen; and, at swarming time, the abdomen is so distended with honey that the little fellows simply cannot sting, however much they may wish to.—Country Life in America.

The consumption of spirits is on the decrease in Canada, Holland, Italy, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Switzerland and the United States.

## FIRESE AND TRADE REVIEW

SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT.

Considerably Better Business on Hand Than Customary at This Season, Especially in the South.

From almost every quarter of the ountry from which the International Mercantile Agency has received spec-ial reports this week there are signs of an improvement in trade, with quite a considerable better business

of an improvement in trade, with quite a considerable better business on hand than is customary at this season of the year, and few cancelations as a result of the rather calamitous reports that have been sent out the last few days from the spring wheat sections in the northwest.

Locally the strike of the men in the packing house trade is of small consequence, while indications in the west are that it will soon be settled. In Chicago, Kansas City, Minneapolis and St. Paul, cities that would naturally be affected by the disturbances, there is very little trace of a reaction in trade. It is equally significant that these same sections should report a very satisfactory distribution of merchandise, in view of the estimates that have been made of damage by rust to spring wheat.

In some of the countries of North and South Dakota there has been a material setback, but the damage figures that have been made up to help along a big bull speculation in wheat are being generally discredited.

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The best reports are from the South and Southwest. It is evident that preparations are being made by merchants in those sections for an unprecedented business. Louisville, St. Louis and Dallas all tell the same story of a present good demand, with satisfactory collections and the prospect of a much better business. Traveling men are sending in larger orders than they have been known to at this season of the year.

Fallures for the week in the United States are 230, against 220 last week, 231 the preceding week, and 178 the corresponding week last year. Fallures in Canada number 18, against 18 last week, 20 the preceding week, and 19 last year.

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Disease Among Fishes. Disease Among Fishes.

The disease which caused the death of thousands of menhaden fish in Narraganset bay two or three weeks ago has at last been determined by Professor F. B. Gorham of Brown University, who has worked on the case at Woods Hole at the United States Fish Commission laboratories. He has discovered that a germ existed in the blood of every fish examined which caused a disease known as non eve.

Even the milk dealer is not satisfied until his sales reach the high-water mark.

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Old Monitor Is Not Easily Reduced

Old Monitor Is Not Easily Reduced To Scrap.

Officials at the Navy Department have been much interested in reports from Richmond regarding the breaking up of the old monitor Montauk, which was recently sold for scrapiron. The difficulty experienced in tearing the old vessel to pleees is a revelation in regard to the skill of shipbuilders even when the metal ship was in its infancy.

The iron sides of the Montauk will go into the melting pot at some foundry. Dynamite is being used in the work, but even with this powerful agent progress is very slow. This old Civil War monitor was a forerunner of the modern steel battleships. After seeing service the Montauk went out of commission when the war dosed. For many years, with other monitors, she lay at anchor in the James river, below Richmond, but about five years ago was taken to League Island Navy Yard. At the outbreak of the war with Spain these vessels were made ready for service, but were never in commission. Recently the Montauk, with several other old vessels of the same type, was condemned and sold at public auction. auction.

The Greatest Living Orator

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President Eliot is as conspicuously the foremost American orator of this generation as Wendell Phillips was of the last, and Webster of the one preceding. His pre-eminence marks the changed temper of the public, which, though it may still be spellbound by revivalists and by political speakers, nevertheless trusts those who, like Mr. Eliot, address its reason and not its emotions. After 25 years all classes are more eager than ever to hear him. His voice alone, so rich, so cultivated, with its 'cello notes, sets him in a class by himself. At first, you may miss the purple patches which you expect the orator to supply, but on acquaintance you discover that he has the power to state a fact, which you thought commonplace or valueless, so that it shines like a jewelless, so that it shines like a jewelless, so that it shines like a jewellas if he picked up a dull-pebble, and through some hidden virtue in him, it turned to opal or ruby in his hand. He never made a speech which you could not read the next day or the next year without wondering what had evaporated from it since you heard him speak it.—World's Work.

A Peculiar Accident

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A peculiar accident occurred on the Huntington and Broad Top railroad, a few miles above Cumberland, Md., A loaded coal train was descending the long grade below Petersburg when the ax'e of a coal car broke, wrecking it and three other cars. The four cars jumped the track and went over an embankment. The rear portion rejoined the forward portion of the train at the bottom of the grade, the automatic couplers joining the train as if nothing had happened. The crew was not aware of the accident. Three miles below three more care were wrecked. The trackwalker states the train was coupled together when it passed him, but the brake rigging was dragging and this, it is supposed caused the second accident.

Ruins of City Found.

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More than a thousand years ago there was a great city in Centra's Africa which was the capital of the empire of the Songhais in the Nigerian Sudan. The empire of the Songhais was the largest and most powerful black empire which ever existed. Even after the fall of the empire Kouklya was a very prominent city, but about one hundred and fifty years ago it was utterly destroyed by the Touaregs and its very site was forgotten. The Academy of Paris recently sent out a mission to discover the ruins and they have just been found by Lieutenant Desplagnes, about one hundred miles south of Gogo on the banks of the Niger.

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