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Mrs. Anderson, a prominent society woman of Jacksonville, Fla., daughter of Recorder of Deeds, West, who witnessed her signature to the following letter, praises Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:— There are but few wives and mothers who have not at times endured agonies and such pain as only women know. I wish such women knew the value of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It is a remarkable medicine, different in action from any I ever knew and thoroughly reliable. I have seen cases where women doctored for years without permanent benefit, who were cured in less than three months after taking your Vegetable Compound, while others who were chronic and incurable came out cured, happy, and in perfect health after a thorough treatment with this medicine. I have never used it myself without gaining great benefit. A few doses restores my strength and appetite, and tones up the entire system. Your medicine has been tried and found true, hence I fully endorse it."— MRS. R. A. ANDERSON, 225 Washington St., Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. Reed, 2425 E. Cumberland St., Philadelphia, Pa., says: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:— I feel it my duty to write and tell you the good I have received from Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."

"I have been a great sufferer with female trouble, trying different doctors and medicines with no benefit. Two years ago I went under an operation, and it left me in a very weak condition. I had stomach trouble, backache, headache, palpitation of the heart, and was very nervous; in fact, I ached all over. I find yours is the only medicine that reaches such troubles, and would cheerfully recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to all suffering women."

When women are troubled with irregular or painful menstruation, weakness, leucorrhoea, displacement or ulceration of the womb, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation of the ovaries, backache, flatulence, general debility, indigestion, and nervous prostration, they should remember there is one tried and true remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once removes such troubles.

The experience and testimony of some of the most noted women of America go to prove, beyond a question, that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will correct all such trouble at once by removing the cause and restoring the organs to a healthy and normal condition. If in doubt, write Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., as thousands do. Her advice is free and helpful.

No other medicine for women in the world has received such widespread and unqualified endorsement. No other medicine has such a record of cures of female troubles. Refuse to buy any substitute.

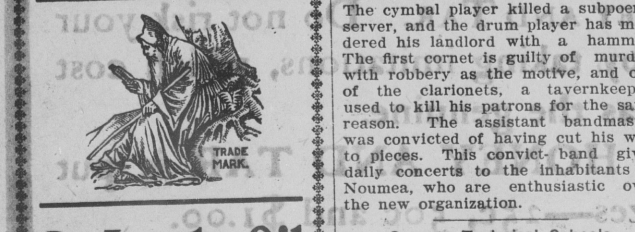
\$5000 FORFEIT if we cannot forthwith produce the original letters and signatures of above testimonials, which will prove their absolute genuineness. Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

Nature Beats Culture. It has been discovered that the wild silkworm produces a silk with more luster than does the pampered worm of captivity. Those who are up on silk culture claim that the tame worm has lost much of its power because it is taken care of so well.

Women Not Counted. Mere woman is not counted as a personal entity in the census of Siam, but the Queen appears in bloomers and a fancy blouse at public receptions. Electric street cars, controlled by Danes, run at a fast pace over an 11-mile route in and about Bangkok.

Home Donated. Dr. Peter Fahney, a wealthy Chicago manufacturer, has donated a large estate in Washington county, Maryland, where he was born, to the German Baptist, or Dunkard, church. It will be used as a home for the aged and shelterless members of the denomination.

Nothing is so sensitive to cold as a nerve and this is the cause of **Neuralgia**.



St. Jacobs Oil by friction and penetration warms, soothes and cures the worst cases. Price 25c. and 50c.

If afflicted with weak eyes, use **Thompson's Eye Water**.

LITTLE THINGS Worth Knowing

Over 75,000 rats were killed on the London wharves by the health authorities last year, but a greater crusade will be waged against them next year, as it is thought that the rodents are still increasing.

A Mexican cactus is eaten by Indians during their religious ceremonies to induce visions. An English naturalist, Dr. Dixon, has been testing upon himself its extraordinary properties, and reports that the air seemed filled with vague odors of perfumes, a halo of musical sounds surrounding him, and a marvelous display of every changing brilliant colors passed clearly before his vision.

The Government Fish Commission has been making investigations about the suitability of fish skins for clothing. It has been found that salmon skins make excellent leather, and have been used for boots by the Eskimos for this purpose for years. These Northern people also use tanned codfish skins for coats and waterproof garments. The Fish Commission has also found that whale skin makes beautiful leather and takes color well.

The letters addressed to the President average 1200 a day. Eighty per cent of them never reach the eye of either the Chief Executive or his private secretary. They are sorted by the clerks under the direction of Private Secretary Porter and sent to the proper departments for attention. The largest proportion of the letters ask for financial assistance. The next largest number pray for the President's assistance in purely personal matters.

Germany possesses a miniature but most useful railway to which no parallel is found in this country. It peculiarity is that its trains have no drivers. It is used for carrying salt from the salt mines at Stastfurt. The trains consist of thirty trucks, each carrying half a ton of salt. The engines are electric, of twenty-four horse power each. As it approaches a station, of which there are five along the line, the train automatically rings a bell, and the station attendant turns a switch to receive it. He is able to stop it at any moment. To start it again he stands on the locomotive, switches the current and then descends again before the engine has gained speed.

Perfumes.

"The manufacture of perfume by natural processes or from the natural flower," said Mr. James H. Galisher, of New York, at the Rennett, "is antiquated and particularly out of commission. How wonderful is nature is indicated when I tell you that all our perfumes are made from the synthetic odors of coal tar and that the retaining body is ambergris or civet—the first a foul, waxy secretion cast off from the stomach of the sperm whale, the second an equally offensive matter from the civet cat. These retaining bodies, by the way, have a high value—especially the ambergris, a piece of which worth \$20,000, was found a few days ago by a fisherman off Cape Cod. Toilet wafers, formerly secured by distillation, are now secured by percolation, and, in fact, the whole business of perfume making has been revolutionized. The genuine oil of roses from Bulgaria is about the only article now distilled from the fresh flowers. The artificial oils are the ionine, for violet; heliotrope, for heliotrope; illicine, for lilac and so on, in every case being a perfect substitute for the natural odor.

"But what is the need of the substitute? Is it a question of economy?" "Not at all. The artificial perfumes are no cheaper, but the chemical process saves time. When the pomades were used it was necessary to freeze and wash them early in the winter for the entire year's supply. Now we have our oils ready at hand and in forty-eight hours we can turn them out in the finished perfumes. It is purely a question of time and convenience."

The fancy basket is going out of style, according to Mr. Galisher. "Instead," he said, "the square, round, octagonal and vari-formed box, in oriental colors and designs, is the popular thing for your perfume bottles. Here is one, for instance—a famous Byzantine plaque; here is a lot of boxes decorated in Japan and imported direct; here are some Grecian and Egyptian modes. The entire tendency is toward the Oriental effects, and we are making no efforts to maintain the old styles."—Baltimore Sun.

Fences a Luxury in Japan. Only the very rich have fences around their farms in Japan. The Japanese do not like to spare the square feet a fence would take up. If a border around a field is necessary, it is made of mulberry trees, the leaves of which are good for silk-worms. It is said that 100,000 acres that would otherwise be taken up with fences are thus used.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Camels and Sunflowers. A Kansas man is going to try to raise camels in that State. As the camel is reputed to be able to go without drinking longer than any other animal, the experiment may be successful—in Kansas.—Omaha Bee.

Before the Second Royal Fusiliers of the British Army leave Aldershot for India this month all ranks are to be inoculated against typhoid fever.

FINANCE AND TRADE REVIEW

CONFIDENCE IN FUTURE.

Manufacturing Plants Report Increased Output, but Water Shortage is Felt in Coke Region.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: Wall street's severe reaction was not due to any setback in the commercial world, all measures of legitimate trade showing wholesome progress, and confidence in the future is unshaken. Railway earnings in November averaged 9.2 per cent, greater than in the same month of 1903, and the distribution of merchandise sufficiently heavy to produce for the trades at several points.

Manufacturing plants report increased output in almost every instance except where inadequate water supply provides a temporary interruption. This difficulty is most severely felt at coke ovens and paper mills in Pennsylvania. Seasonable weather has stimulated retail trade in wearing apparel, and holiday goods are in great demand. Foreign commerce at the port of New York shows a gain of \$2,929,971 in exports as compared with the same week last year, while imports increased \$2,008,591. Each week there is an increase in the number of steel mills and iron furnaces in operation, output steadily increasing despite the fact that this is normally the dull season. The railways are placing orders freely for practically all forms of equipment except rails, and this class of business will probably materialize next week when it is believed that the old list price of \$28 will be reaffirmed. Quotations of finished steel are very firm. Persistent advances in the miner metals have at last received a check. Strength continues in the hide markets. Footwear is strong, and while no change is noted in current prices, a general advance of five cents is demanded on future business. Notwithstanding the sharp decline in raw cotton goods, the cotton goods market has remained fairly steady. More sales of heavy woolsens and worsteds are reported at former prices.

Failures this week numbered 239 in the United States against 331 last year, and 26 in Canada compared with 20 a year ago.

MARKETS.

PITTSBURG.
Grain, Flour and Feed.
Wheat—No. 2 red..... \$1.05 1.08
Rye—No. 2..... 90 93
Corn—No. 2 yellow, ear..... 52 53
Corn—No. 2 yellow, crib..... 48 49
Mixed ear..... 45 46
Oats—No. 2 white..... 38 39
Flour—Winter patent..... 6.20 6.30
Flour—Spring patent..... 5.70 5.80
Straight winter..... 12.50 12.60
Hay—No. 1 timothy..... 13.00 13.10
Clove No. 1..... 22.00 22.10
Feeds—No. 1 white ton..... 18.00 18.10
Brown middlings..... 16.00 16.10
Soyabean meal..... 10.00 10.10
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Dairy Products.
Butter—Elgin creamery..... 28 29
Ohio creamery..... 13 14
Country roll..... 11 12
Cheese—Ohio, new..... 11 12
New York, new..... 11 12

Poultry, Etc.
Hens—per lb..... 12 13
Chickens—dressed..... 15 17
Turkeys, live..... 16 18
Eggs—No. 1..... 25 26
Eggs—No. 2..... 24 25

Fruits and Vegetables.
Potatoes—New per bu..... 50 55
Cabbage—per bu..... 25 1.00
Onions—per barrel..... 1.50 1.60
Apples—per barrel..... 1.50 1.25

BALTIMORE.
Flour—Winter Patent..... \$5.50 5.60
Wheat—No. 2 red..... 1.12 1.13
Rye—No. 2..... 90 93
Corn—No. 2 yellow..... 52 53
Oats—No. 2 white..... 38 39
Butter—Creamery..... 28 29
Eggs—Pennsylvania..... 24 25

PHILADELPHIA.
Flour—Winter Patent..... \$5.15 5.75
Wheat—No. 2 red..... 1.10 1.11
Rye—No. 2..... 88 89
Corn—No. 2 yellow..... 50 51
Oats—No. 2 white..... 36 37
Butter—Creamery, extra..... 25 26
Eggs—Pennsylvania..... 24 25

NEW YORK.
Flour—Patent..... \$6.00 6.50
Wheat—No. 2 red..... 1.14 1.15
Corn—No. 2 yellow..... 54 55
Oats—No. 2 white..... 40 41
Butter—Creamery..... 30 31
Eggs—Pennsylvania..... 26 27

LIVE STOCK.
Union Stock Yards, Pittsburg.
Cattle.
Extra heavy, 1400 to 1600 lbs..... \$5.90 5.90
Prime, 1400 to 1400 lbs..... 5.10 5.25
Medium, 1200 to 1300 lbs..... 4.50 5.00
Butcher, 900 to 1100 lbs..... 3.60 3.75
Common to fair..... 2.80 2.75
Oxen, common to fat..... 2.75 2.90
Common to good fat bulis and cows..... 2.50 2.50
Milk cows, each..... 16.31 50.00

Hogs.
Extra heavy hogs..... 4.80 4.68
Prime medium weights..... 4.50 4.55
Best heavy Yorkers and medium..... 4.50 4.65
Good pigs and light Yorkers..... 4.30 4.35
Pigs, common to good..... 4.20 4.35
Roughs..... 3.75 3.15
Stags..... 3.25 3.55

Sheep.
Extra, medium wethers..... \$4.60 4.85
Good to choice..... 4.25 4.45
Medium..... 3.75 4.15
Common to fair..... 3.25 3.50
Spring Lambs..... 4.00 6.00

Calves.
Veal, extra..... 5.00 7.50
Veal, good to choice..... 3.50 4.50
Veal, common heavy..... 3.00 3.75

Alligator Hunters Wanted. Alligator hunters are wanted in Venezuela, where those animals are said to exist in untold numbers. The hunting is good sport, the skins are valuable, and the oil, which is used for medicinal purposes, also fetches a good price.

Age of Writers. Sir Walter Scott began to write his celebrated novels at 40. Milton began "Paradise Lost" at 50. When "East Lynne" appeared its author, Mrs. Henry Wood, was 45. Cromwell was 41 when he began his public career. The year of the Hegira was the fifty-third of Mohammed, and Marlborough reached his independent command at the same age. In spiritual examples Abraham was 75 when called of Charan, and Moses was 80 when he stood before Pharaoh as the champion of Israel.

THE OLD FOLKS AT HOME

Are Never Without Pe-ru-na in the Home for Catarrhal Diseases.



Under date of January 10, 1897, Dr. Hartman received the following letter: "My wife has been a sufferer from a complication of diseases for the past twenty-five years. Her case has baffled the skill of some of the most noted physicians. One of her worst troubles was chronic constipation of several years' standing. She was also passing through that most critical period in the life of a woman—change of life.

"In June, 1895, I wrote to you about her case. You advised a course of Peruna and Manalin, which we at once commenced, and have to say it completely cured her.

"About the same time I wrote you about my own case of catarrh, which had been of twenty-five years' standing. At times I was almost past going. I commenced to use Peruna according to your instructions and continued its use for about a year, and it has completely cured me. Your remedies do all that you claim for them, and even more."—John O. Atkinson.

In a letter dated January 1, 1900, Mr. Atkinson says, after five years' experience with Peruna: "I will ever continue to speak a good word for Peruna. I am still cured of catarrh."—John O. Atkinson, Independence, Mo., Box 272.

Mrs. Alla Schwandt, Sanborn, Minn., writes: "I have been troubled with rheumatism and catarrh for twenty-five years. Could not sleep day or night. After having used Peruna I can sleep and nothing bothers me now. If I ever am affected with any kind of sickness Peruna will be the medicine I shall use. My son was cured of catarrh of the larynx by Peruna."—Mrs. Alla Schwandt.

Why Old People Are Especially Liable to Systemic Catarrh. When old age comes, n. catarrhal diseases come also. Systemic catarrh is almost universal in old people. This explains why Peruna has become so indispensable to old people. Peruna is their safeguard. Peruna is the only remedy yet devised that entirely meets these cases. Nothing but an effective systemic remedy can cure them. A reward of \$10,000 has been deposited in the Market Exchange Bank, Columbus, Ohio, as a guarantee that the above testimonials are genuine; that we hold in our possession authentic letters certifying to the same. During many years' advertising we have never used, in part or in whole, a single spurious testimonial. Every one of our testimonials is genuine and in the words of the one whose name is appended.

Ask Your Druggist for Free Peruna Almanac for 1905.

A Very Old Man. A man recently died in Turkestan who was said to have been born in 1762, and there was good proof that this was so. He was an inveterate smoker, however, and this is thought to have shortened his life some years.

In Bohemia. New Yorker—"Oh, yes, I'm a thorough Bohemian! My artistic nature requires atmosphere. There is so much in that, you know." Cousin-from-out-of-town—"Yes, I suppose so. I never was in but one Bohemian place, and I thought there was a good deal in that atmosphere—it was principally toba co smoke!"—Detroit Free Press.

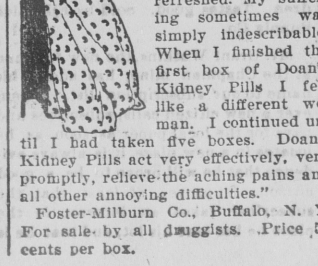
STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss. LUCAS COUNTY. FRANK J. CHENEY make oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE. FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D., 1886. A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

A Chronic Case. "Oh he's never satisfied with a job. He's kicking about the one he's got now." "Why, I understood it was a cinch. He told me he had absolutely nothing to do." "Yes, but he's kicking because he has to do it."—Philadelphia Press.

The matter of a safe and pure water supply is a vital problem for every city in the land. The discovery by Dr. George T. Moore, by which any water supply, however large, may be made and kept pure, by means of copper, is of an importance and value beyond all estimate. The story of Dr. Moore's work has been prepared for the December Century by Gilbert H. Grosvenor under title of "The New Method of Purifying Water."

COMPLETELY RESTORED. Mrs. P. Brunzel, wife of P. Brunzel, stock dealer, residence 3111 Grand avenue, Everett, Wash., says: "For fifteen years I suffered with terrible pain in my back. I did not know what it was to enjoy a night's rest and arose in the morning feeling tired and unrefreshed. My suffering sometimes was simply indescribable. When I finished the first box of Doan's Kidney Pills I felt like a different woman. I continued until I had taken five boxes. Doan's Kidney Pills act very effectively, very promptly, relieve the aching pains and all other annoying difficulties." Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all druggists. Price 50 cents per box.



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"I have been using Cascarets for insomnia, with relief. I have been afflicted for over ten years, and I can say that Cascarets has given me more relief than any other remedy. I have ever tried. I shall certainly recommend them to my friends as being all they are represented." Theo. Gillard, Elgin, Ill.

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