OPERATION AVOIDED

EXPERIENCE OF MISS MERKLEY

She Was Told That an Operation Was Inevitable. How She Escaped It

When a physician tells a woman suffering with ovarian or womb trouble that an operation is necessary, the very thought of the knife and the operating table strikes terror to her heart, and our hospitals are full of women coming for ovarian or womb operations.

There are cases where an operation is the only resource, but when one considers the great number of cases of ovarian and womb trouble cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound after physicians have advised operations, no woman should submit to one without first trying the Vegetable Compound and writing Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., for advice, which is free.

Miss Margret Merkley of 275 Third Street, Milwaukee, Wis., writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—

"Loss of strength, extreme nervousness shooting pains through the pelvic organs, bearing down pains and cramps compelled me to seek medical advice. The doctor, after making an examination, said I had ovarian trouble and ulceration and advised an operation. To this I strongly objected and decided to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. The ulceration quickly healed, all the bad symptoms disappeared and I am once more strong, vigorous and well."

Ovarian and womb troubles are steadily on the increase among women. If the monthly periods are very painful, or too frequent and excessive—if you have pain or swelling low down in the left side, bearing down pains, leucorrhœa, don't neglect yourself: try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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"I followed the trail from Texas to Montana with a FISH BRAND Slicker, used for an overcoat when cold, a wind coat when windy, a rain coat when it rained, and for a cover at night if we got to bed, and I will say that I have gotten more comfort out of your slicker than any other one article that I ever owned."

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Scalp Humor Cured by Cuticura Soap and Ointment After All Else Failed.

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It is stated that an "inner circle" of police is to be formed for the protection of the Czar. It will consist of 500 army officers, specially drafted from the service.

In 1890 the last instance of boiling to death took place in Persia.

I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—JOHN F. BOYER, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

Copper money in France is being replaced by aluminum.

There have been 319 statues of the Kaiser erected in Germany to date.

PILES

"I have suffered with piles for thirty-six years. One year ago last April I began taking Cascarets for constipation. In the course of a week I noticed the piles began to disappear and at the end of six weeks they did not trouble me at all. Cascarets have done wonders for me. I am entirely cured and feel like a new man." George Kryder, Napoleon, O.

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A JOKE ON SOMEBODY.

Calling on a maid one evening,
In the season of good cheer,
William saw green decoration
Hanging on the chandelier.

William was a bit near-sighted,
But you couldn't call him slow;
And he thought he knew his business
When he sighted mistletoe.

Then he up and kissed the maiden.
Kissed her for an hour or two,
But she merely smiled demurely
As shy maidens often do.

"Tell me why you smile?" he asked her,
When they parted in the hall.
"Really, can't you guess?" she giggled—
"That's not mistletoe at all!"

—*Yonkers Statesman.*

JUST FOR FUN

Dyer—I took a ride in an automobile last week. Duell—Where did you go? Dyer—To the hospital.—Town and Country.

Little Willie—Say pa, what is meant by "courting danger?" Pa—Why, er—any kind of courting, my son.—Chicago Daily News.

"Are you sure that this baby food is all right?" "Absolutely. Why, it contains an inexhaustible lack of nourishment."—Life.

Diner—I've been waiting half an hour for that chicken I ordered! Waiter—You have an uncommon amount of patience, sir.—Judy.

Brother—You can't think how nervous I was when I proposed. Sister—You can't think how nervous she was until you did.—Town and Country.

Giles—Cleaver the butcher is a paradoxical chap. Miles—How's that? Giles—Why, everything he sells he gives a weigh.—Chicago Daily News.

She—They say, "Pansies are for thoughts." I wonder why? He—Well, this time o' year they make you think twice before you buy 'em.—Philadelphia Press.

City Friend—Do you keep a cow? Mr. Outlotz (of Drearyhurst)—What I have to pay my milkman every week certainly ought to be enough to keep two or three cows—Chicago Tribune.

"For goodness' sake! What's that noise?" "The girl next door is having her voice cultivated." "Huh! Apparently the process of cultivation has reached the harrowing season."—Philadelphia Press.

"Pa, what's a preferred creditor?" "The kind I prefer is the one who is willing to take it for granted that I'll pay him just as soon as I can conveniently spare the money."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"D'Auber is very careful of his canvases. His pride in them, of course, is quite fatherly—they're his offspring, as it were." "Yes; but his fatherly interest leads to the hope that they'll all be hung."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"What! fifty cents for a box of strawberries!" she exclaimed. "Exorbitant! Besides, they're half green." "I know, ma'am," replied the dealer, "but they ain't enough in a box to hurt yer."—Philadelphia Press.

The Preacher—I was surprised to see your husband get up and walk out of church while I was preaching! The Wife—Oh, don't think anything of that. You know he's troubled with somnambulism!—Yonkers Statesman.

"You wouldn't sell your vote, would you?" "No, suh," answered Mr. Erastus Pinkley. "But if a gemmen what's runnin' for office was to give me two dollahs, common gratitude would make me vote foh him."—Washington Star.

"I understand," began the large, scrappy-looking ward politician, "dat youse had a piece in your paper callin' me a thief." "You have been misinformed, sir," said the editor, calmly; "this paper publishes only news."—Cleveland Leader.

Mrs. Hiram Offen—How long were you in your last place? New Servant—Jist a month, ma'am. Mrs. Hiram Offen—Indeed? What was the trouble? New Servant—The trouble was that I got sick an' couldn't I'ave no sooner.—Philadelphia Press.

Mother—Oh, doctor! I'm so glad you've come. We have just had such a scare. We thought at first that the baby had swallowed a five-dollar gold piece. Doctor—And you found out he hadn't? Mother—Yes; it was only a quarter.—Washington Life.

"Don't you want to do something to which you can point with pride when you get out of Congress?" "No," answered Senator Sorghum. "This ambition to point with pride has been the means of getting too many people out of Congress."—Washington Star.

Mrs. Caller—So Rhymer's baby is dead! What was the matter with it? Mrs. Neighbor—Writer's cramp. Mrs. Caller—Oh, you must be mistaken. Mrs. Neighbors—No, I'm not. The poor little fellow chewed up a poem his father had just written.—Chicago Daily News.

Tibbles—How do you expect to hear what the party at the other end of the line says unless you hold the receiver to your ear? Baker—I don't want to hear. It's my wife I'm talking to, and it isn't often I get the chance to do all the talking and none of the listening.—Boston Transcript.

Friend—Well, your ol dlove has married your rival, I see. Discarded Suitor (fiendishly—S'death! I've got even with him! They will quarrel the first week, fight the second, and separate forever in the third. Friend—Great snakes! What have you done? Discarded Suitor—I presented the bride with one of those fluffy red-eyed, snarling, barking pet dogs.—New York Weekly.

FINANCE AND TRADE REVIEW

STEADY DEMAND.

Orders Are Constantly Growing and Plants Are Assured of Activity for Many Months to Come.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: Trade returns are increasingly satisfactory, continued high temperature accelerating distribution in all the leading lines. The closing days of March brought greater confidence regarding the future, and results for the first quarter of 1905 proved even more favorable than was anticipated when the year opened. Sanguine expectations of manufacturers who made extensive preparations are now being realized. Reports from the South indicate that the period of hesitation is about over and agricultural sections are stimulated by prospects of a good season for planting. Freight congestion has followed the heavy shipment of spring merchandise, and railway earnings in three weeks of March were 8.2 per cent. larger than in 1904.

Official returns make the cotton crop fully a third larger than the one preceding, and still prices are far from demoralized. With the subsidence of floods the mills have resumed, water traffic is heavy, and the percentage of unemployed is seasonably reduced. Buyers are arriving in large numbers at the leading jobbing centers.

Immigration continues to surpass all records and international markets improve as conclusion of the war seems imminent. Foreign commerce at this port for the last week showed a gain of $2,404,617 in imports and a decrease of $817,924 in exports, as compared with 1904.

A steady demand is noted in all departments of the iron and steel industry, orders constantly coming forward and most plants are assured of activity for many months, while some mills decline contracts for shipment any time before 1906. Mild weather improves the quality of hides, especially from the Southwest, and the tone of the market is decidedly firmer. New England footwear factories are receiving a fair amount of new business from salesmen at the West, and duplicate spring contracts also arrive, calling for immediate delivery. A better feeling is noted in the primary market for cotton goods. More inquiries are received from China, but there is little prospect that desired deliveries can be made, as some lines are under order up to next February. Woolen and worsted duplicate trade is quiet.

MARKETS.

PITTSBURG.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

Wheat—No. 2 red	$ 1 08	1 09
Rye—No. 2	90	91
Corn—No 2 yellow, ear	52	53
No. 2 yellow, shelled	50	51
Mixed ear	48	49
Oats—No. 2 white	35	36
No. 3 white	34	35
Flour—Winter patent	5 80	6 00
Fancy straight winters	5 50	5 60
Hay—No. 1 Timothy	12 75	13 00
Clover No. 1	12 75	13 00
Feed—No. 1 white mid. ton	22 00	22 50
Brown middlings	19 50	20 00
Bran, bulk	20 50	21 00
Straw—Wheat	7 50	8 00
Oat	7 50	8 00

Dairy Products.

Butter—Elgin creamery	$ 31	32
Ohio creamery	20	22
Fancy country roll	16	18
Cheese—Ohio, new	13	14
New York, new	13	14

Poultry, Etc.

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

Fruits and Vegetables.

Apples bbl	2 50	4 00
Potatoes—Fancy white per bu	45	50
Cabbage—per ton	16 00	17 00
Onions—per barrel	2 40	2 50

BALTIMORE.

Flour—Winter Patent	$ 5 50	5 85
Wheat—No. 2 red	1 08	1 09
Corn—Mixed	-9	50
Eggs	16	18
Butter—Ohio creamery	21	23

PHILADELPHIA.

Flour—Winter Patent	$ 5 50	5 75
Wheat—No. 2 red	1 09	1 10
Corn—No. 2 mixed	50	51
Oats—No. 2 white	36	37
Butter—Creamery	24	25
Eggs—Pennsylvania firsts	17	18

NEW YORK.

Flour—Patents	$ 6 00	6 50
Wheat—No. 2 red	1 14	1 15
Corn—No. 2	55	56
Oats—No. 2 white	37	38
Butter—Creamery	24	25
Eggs—State and Pennsylvania	17	18

LIVE STOCK.

Union Stock Yards, Pittsburg.

Cattle.

Extra, 1450 to 1600 lbs	$5 60	5 80
Prime, 1300 to 1400 lbs	5 45	5 55
Medium, 1200 to 1300 lbs	5 25	5 45
Tidy, 1050 to 1150	4 25	4 85
Butcher, 900 to 1100	3 00	3 75
Common to fair	2 00	2 75
Oxen, common to fat	2 75	4 00
Common to good fat bulls and cows	2 50	3 50
Milch cows, each	16 00	45 00

Hogs.

Prime heavy hogs	$ 5 65	5 65
Prime medium weights	5 65	5 65
Best heavy yorkers and medium	5 50	5 65
Good pigs and lightyorkers	5 40	5 50
Pigs, common to good	4 70	4 80
Roughs	3 76	4 15
Stags	3 25	3 50

Sheep.

Extra	$ 6 40	6 65
Good to choice	6 00	6 25
Medium	5 25	5 75
Common to fair	2 50	4 00
Lambs	5 50	8 75

Calves.

Veal, extra	5 50	7 50
Veal, good to choice	3 50	4 50
Veal, common heavy	3 00	3 70

SIMPLE PROBLEM IN SUBTRACTION.

Knicker—The President wants to collect statistics on divorce.

Bocker—That's easy; one minus one equals two.

THE WAY SHE PUT IT.

Edith—Papa won't refuse you. He's generous to a fault.

Tom—Yes; but I'm no fault.—Detroit Free Press.

HOW TWO BEAUTIFUL WOMEN ESCAPED PELVIC CATARRH BY AID OF PE-RU-NA.

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Mrs. Mable Bradford, 13 Church street, Burlington, Vt., Secretary Whittier Oratorio Society, writes:

"Peruna is certainly a wonderful medicine for the ills of women. I have heard it spoken of in the highest praise by many, and certainly my experience is well worthy of a good word.

"I began to have severe pains across my back about a year ago, brought on by a cold, and each subsequent month brought me pain and distress.

"Your remedy was prescribed, and the way it acted upon my system was almost too good to be true. I certainly have regained my health and strength, and I no longer suffer periodical pains and extreme lassitude."—Mable Bradford.

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The women have not been slow to discover that a course of Peruna will do more toward restoring youthful beauty than all the devices known to science.

Many a girl has regained her faded beauty, many a matron has lengthened the days of her comely appearance by using Peruna.

In Peruna these women find a prompt and permanent cure.

Thousands of testimonials to this effect are received by Dr. Hartman every year. The good that Peruna has accomplished in this class of cases can scarcely be overestimated.

If you do not derive 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

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The monks at the Hospital of St. Jean de Dieu, at Ghent, have in their leisure moments decorated the walls with gorgeous landscapes, glowing with color and full of life, formed entirely by means of postage stamps of all the nations of the world.

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Portrait of James G. Blaine.

A portrait in oil of the late James G. Blaine, painted by Thorpe, is now in the committee room of Representative McCleary at the Capitol, Washington, and will be hung among the portraits of former speakers. At present there is only a crayon portrait of Mr. Blaine at the Capitol.

They Compromised.

"Will you be my wife, Guenivere?"

"No, Charles. I think far too much of you for that. I still want your friendship. Let me be your stenographer. That is the only way in which I can submit to man's dictation."—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

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London's Oldest Man.

London's oldest inhabitant is John McNally, born in Ireland 108 years ago, and a scaffolder by trade. He is now an inmate of a Roman Catholic home for the aged. He is fully possessed of all his faculties, is an inveterate smoker and fond of chatting with visitors.

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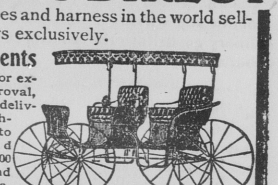

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P. N. U. 14, 1905.

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