



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, leucorrhea, 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 Dances, run at a fast pace over an 11-mile route in and about Bangkok.

Home Donated. Dr. Peter Fahrney, 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**

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FARM FIELD AND GARDEN

Test the Cows.
The dairyman who does not test every cow in his herd, and inform himself regarding her value as a milk and butter producer, works in the dark, and is unable to determine which of the cows give a profit. There is no implement more serviceable in dairy management than the scales. When all food is weighed for each animal, and also the milk and butter, not only for a day or a week, but for a year, the unprofitable cows will be disposed of and better ones take their places. Daily tests of the animals will lead to improvement every year.

Beetles on Melon Vines.
Relative to the striped cucumber beetle on melon vines, a bulletin of the Oklahoma station says: In addition to the preventive measures of cleaning up rubbish and a thorough cultivation of the melon ground, the use of Bordeaux mixture as a repellent, and squash as a trap crop are among the most promising of the remedies recommended by those who have successfully dealt with this insect. Squashes are planted about four days before the melons. One or more rows of squashes should be planted, according to the size of the field. Some of the trap plants may be dusted with Paris green when the beetles gather on them. Others should be left to attract the beetles through the summer. It seems that spraying the young melon vines with Bordeaux mixture not only repels the cucumber beetle, but also poisons some of the insects which feed on the sprayed leaves.

The Market Fowl.
The market fowl is an insignificant object with those who advocate the standard, and they boldly proclaim their detestation of any mongrel grade, or breed that is not recognized by what they term the "infallible guide" to success with poultry. Our standard friends may be sound enough on the standard requirements, but we will say to them that when they begin to build up the breeds according to the standard by pulling out the pillars that support the poultry structure the falling ruins will crush them as well as those whom they despise. Like Samson, they will die with the Philistines, for the foundation of the standard breeds is the market poultry. But for those who "keep chickens" the fancy breeders would have no markets for their productions, and admitting that they displace the scrub altogether they must create new kinds or find the markets all supplied. The question as to the profitability of a breed and its use as a "thing of beauty" must be discussed in its plainest sense. To retain the standard and keep up the purity of the breeds it must be demonstrated that profit is sure to result, and unless that is done the labor will be but thrown away.—Poultry News.

Economical Handling of Manure.
The farmer who is a wise man will try to save all manure made on his farm and apply it to his land with one handling. He will keep all the live stock his land will carry and in order to increase his manure heap will provide a quantity of bedding. A good time to do this, is immediately after threshing; straw is thus saved that is loose around the stack and the stack thereby shaped up better. By bedding stock carefully, the quantity of manure is increased and the stock kept warmer and cleaner. When the straw stack is adjacent to the barn the straw should be allowed to run to it in day time. They will eat a portion, tramp down some, and more or less droppings will be mixed with it. All this should be hauled and scattered on plowed land. Of course, a manure spreader is the thing, but many a farmer cannot own one, so must depend on wagon or sled. If the haul is short and you are hauling old straw I would use a good sled, or if depending on a wagon by all means have a low one. In hauling out manure the volatile gases are best preserved by placing it in piles, say five or six to the load, and then scattering it just before the plow reaches it, thus turning under the manure fresh before the wind has carried off valuable gases. This makes extra work, so to save labor it will have to be scattered direct from wagon; again to save labor in hauling manure, I would load direct from stable and not throw out unless unavoidable.

Of course, a cow stable must be cleaned out daily, but for horses I would use roomy box stalls, keep them well-bedded and clean out and haul when I had a load direct to fields. Some will say it is a slovenly way, but by using good bedding your horse will be kept quite comfortable and it saves one handling; at best, it is a hard, heavy job, so let one effort put it on the field.—Hoosier, in The Epitomist.

Neglect of the Colt's Feet.
A writer in the Horseboots' Journal, in speaking of the effects which neglect of the weanling foal's feet may have, says:

We will take, for instance, two colts, weanlings, they are running together on the same soil, and they are cared for much the same. We will suppose that both thrive alike, maintaining about the same increase in weight, and at about six months old they are separated, one falling into the hands of a man who will take good care of

his young charge, and the other going to a careless, indifferent owner. The first, we will suppose, is looked over, and it may be noticed by the owner that he has the tendency, so common to all colts, of an overgrown hoof and the limb inclined inward, which, of course, carries the foot to the outward direction.

Turning to the case of the other colt, the owner is indifferent about the formation of his hoof and limb; he keeps on developing just as he is inclined, and so we may expect in the one case to find any class of bad conformation purely through the fact that he has never been watched. But it is altogether different with the case of the first colt, for the owner, the moment he realizes the tendency of the little fellow's growth, what does he do? The first thing that a careful owner will do is to reduce the hoof as much as necessity will demand, and in case conditions will allow, and if he can do so, he will produce from pressure, let it be ever so slight. Now this trouble remedied will be quite enough in itself to enable the foot to thrive in health and strength.

But to the limb. Many colts take the limb formation through the same neglect that the feet take theirs. Everybody knows that there are cases of toe-in, and many more of toe-out. The intelligent man knows that a little earlier care of the colt will stop this and produce a perfect shape to the limb and foot. When grazing, the colt throws his weight on the front limbs, which carries the foot outward; he sustains himself by taking this position, and as it will be seen at a glance, the heels are pointing inward and the toes out. And as the limb is thus shaped the hoof takes on its growth on the outside, which adds additional weight to the interior of the limb. Continual strain of this kind finally results in the foot growing just as it is allowed, and in the limb taking the form that it must because of the constant strain thrown upon it.

The careful owner, recognizing the shape which the foot or limb has taken will at once set about to remove the cause by both care of feet and giving the young quakers and joints that care which will remove the possibility of their becoming mal-formed. Some men wonder why there are so many of the toe-out class of horses. The above explains the reason why. Even the colt which might inherit mal-conformation can be straightened up and be made to wear a perfect limb and foot if he is carefully watched in babyhood, for once the limbs are set in their position, which is after the colt passes about his ninth month, it is useless to try and effect any change for the better, at least it is seldom that any improvement can be made after this period of age arrives, but very much is possible before this time.—Massachusetts Ploughman.

From a Shepherd's Note-Book.
Breed the best ewes to the best rams.

Sheep are always improving or they are deteriorating.

The way to keep ideal sheep is by trying to improve them.

An uneven lot of good sheep are better than an even lot of poor ones.

Stationary troughs and racks are not desirable in the sheep stable.

In fattening sheep, especially, punctuality in feeding should be strictly observed.

It is well to place the ewes on short pasture for a week or more after the lambs are weaned.

At weaning, if possible, the ewes should be placed in a field out of hearing of the lambs.

In many cases, after the corn is laid by, the sheep may be turned into the corn fields to a good advantage.

If a radical change in the rations is made too suddenly, growth of both body and fleece is liable to suffer a check.

Sheep are easily managed, are first-class fertilizing machines, good farm scavengers, and yield two harvests annually.

In some localities, at least, sheep should be looked upon as auxiliaries in keeping up the fertility of the land rather than a means of profit.

Sheep, independent of wool, are worth more than their cost in what they do for the farm and in the meat they furnish.—Massachusetts Ploughman.

The Duties of Friendship.
"When acquaintanceship ripens into friendship, something serious has come into one's life," writes Mrs. Henry Graham, in The Outlook. "I don't think that any one can or ought to afford to have more than one or two really intimate friends. If love has gone with friendship—that is, if the gates of Paradise have been opened to you, and the Guardian Angel has sheathed his flaming sword, and admitted you through the portals, then you must have given everything, and you have very little left to give. A man can have a man friend, and a woman a woman, because they are places where men meet men and women meet women alone, neutral ground where the other sex cannot enter because of its limitations, and there real friendship may live and thrive on the crumbs which fall from the rich man's table.

"For friendship implies something serious. You must give yourself, your real self; and once given it cannot be taken back. One has no right to give up a friendship unless the other person agrees, or unless it has become an absolute impossibility, and even then all the obligations of it may survive, while the delights of it die."

FARM TOPICS

THE BEST TURKEYS.
Always use as breeders turkey hens over one year old. Be sure they are strong, healthy and vigorous and of good medium size. In no instance select the smaller ones. Do not strive to have them unnaturally large.

The male may be a yearling or older. Do not imagine that the large overgrown males are the best. Strength, health, vigor, with well-proportioned medium size, are the main points of excellence.

Avoid close breeding. New blood is of vital importance to turkeys. Better send a thousand miles for a new male than to risk the chances of inbreeding. Secure one in the fall so as to be assured of his health and vigor prior to the breeding season.

No matter what variety of turkeys may be selected for keeping, they should, above all things, be strong, vigorous, healthy and well matured, but not akin. Better secure the females from one locality and the male from another to insure their non-relationship, rather than run the risk of inbreeding. In all fowls it is well to remember that size is influenced largely by the female and the color and finish by the male. Securing overlarge males to pair with small, weakly hens is not wise policy.

A medium sized male, with good, fair sized females of good constitutional vigor and mature age will do far better than the largest with the smallest females.—G. E. Mitchell, in the Massachusetts Ploughman.

SOIL BACTERIA.
The Agricultural Department, at Washington, D. C., issues the following instructions to farmers who desire bacteria for inoculating soils for legumes: "These organisms for the common legumes, such as alfalfa, peas, beans, clover and vetches, will be distributed to those applicants who desire to aid in testing the efficiency of these organisms in different parts of the United States. As a general rule, the quantity sent to each applicant will be sufficient to inoculate a little more than one bushel of the seed for which the inoculation is desired. In special cases, however, when large quantities of seed are to be inoculated, directions for preparing the culture liquid will be forwarded, and as much as desired can be made up at a cost of a few cents per gallon. In writing, state what legume you expect to sow and give approximately the date of planting, so that we may send the organisms in the best possible condition. This is necessary, as our methods require the inoculation to be made either before or at the time of planting the seed. Full directions for use are included in each package sent out. The bacteria are beneficial only in connection with legumes and are not applicable to other farm or garden crops. Even with legumes these bacteria are of no decided benefit, except when the proper nodules forming organisms are lacking in the soil, but a crop of legumes with nodules forming bacteria improves the form of succeeding crops. When applying for inoculating material, do not neglect to state the probable time of planting, kind of seed and amount to be treated."—Mirror and Farmer.

THE KICKING HEIFER.
A writer who evidently speaks from experience says: "I do not know of any cure for kicking heifers. When once the habit is established it is likely to crop out almost any time. I doubt if they can ever be cured—and stay so. I know of one way that is strictly humane in the way of device to prevent them from kicking, and that is to take a two-inch strap and long enough to strap the hind legs together above the hams, crossing the strap between the legs in figure 8 style, and draw up so snugly as to prevent slipping the legs out of the double noose. Let them have their dance out before making any attempt to milk them. Usually a dozen tyings so conquer them that they are very good afterwards. If they do revert to the habit, retie them several times, and let them know that kicking is followed at once by restraint, that they cannot kick loose from. Now and then this fails to cure. We have a young cow that for three years twice-a-day legtying does not keep her 'out of the air,' if the strap is not put on. But this is the single exception, after forty years' experience. Heifers rarely kick, if their calves are not allowed to suck, and they never know that there is any other way to take the milk from their udders than by hand milking. It is easy to see that a heifer possessed of a mother's instinct of feeding her offspring resents it when, a few days later, the owner attempts to both dispossess of her calf and appropriate its milk. It is natural she should 'kick,' and lift up her voice against the proceeding. We do not know the cause or remedies this subscriber has met and labored with, but eloquence, persuasion, or an 'appeal' to Caesar are as nothing as compared with a wide, well-buckled strap."—Mirror and Farmer.

Sartorial Suggestions.
The rest of the world may think a woman's husband is more or less of a hand-me-down. But she always thinks he is made to order—and orders him!

A plain dress costs very little. It is the trimmings that are expensive.

The chappie's love addresses are not the suit of a man; they are the suit of clothes.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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.

Ask Your Druggist for Free Peruna Almanac for 1905.

A Very Old Man.
A man recently died in Turkistan 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 he thought to have shortened his life some years.

In Bohemia.
New Yorker—"Oh, yes, I'm a thoroughbred 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 tobacco smoke!"—Detroit Free Press.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County.
FRANK J. CHENEY makes 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., 1898. A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

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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."

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