

Spring Medicine

Your blood in Spring is almost certain to be full of impurities—the accumulation of the winter months. Bad ventilation of sleeping rooms, impure air in dwellings, factories and shops, overeating, heavy, improper foods, failure of the kidneys and liver properly to do extra work thus thrust upon them, are the prime causes of this condition. It is of the utmost importance that you

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A Comprehensive Monument.
After considerable hesitation, which must have been justified, the park commissioners of Philadelphia have accepted the \$500,000 bequest of Richard Smith for a memorial to himself in Fairmount park. The estimable Mr. Smith gains this distinction by the scope of his memorial, which is to be adorned with statues of McClellan, Hancock, Meade and Reynolds, and bronze busts of other famous Pennsylvanians—Andrew G. Curtin, General Hartranft, David D. Porter, John A. Dahlgren, General Beaver, General Crawford—to whom are added John B. Gess, executor of the estate, and James H. Windrim, architect of the memorial. The inscription "Richard Smith, type founder of Philadelphia," is to be placed on the main column and a statue of Mr. Smith is to be placed at the right of the entrance. It will be a curious thing.

Appearances Were Deceiving.
"We don't seem to have any No. 13 collars," said the haberdasher, after looking through his stock. "People are not wearing 13s now, anyhow. Won't a No. 14 do just as well?"
"I think not," stily answered the young man on the outside of the counter. "I may have a little neck, but I am not a clam."

MRS. GOULD'S GRATITUDE

HOW SHE WAS RESTORED TO HEALTH.

Condition Before and After the Birth of Her Child.

From every city, town and hamlet of this vast continent, come letters from suffering women; from those whose physicians have been unable to assist them, or from that numberless class whose confidence in Mrs. Pinkham's advice and the curative properties of her Vegetable Compound is unbounded. Every letter received from women is recorded, and hundreds of volumes of cases treated aid in furnishing practical information for the women of to-day. No letters are published without the request of the writer. The strictest confidence is observed. The following letter represents thousands:

"I always enjoyed good health until six months before the birth of my babe. Then I was very weak; my back ached all the time. My physicians said I would be all right after the birth of the child, but I was not, although at that time I had the best of care. The pains in my back were almost unbearable. I had leucorrhoea in its worst form; menstruations were painful.

"Any work or care would entirely unnerve me. When my babe was 11 months old, friends persuaded me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Before I had taken one bottle I felt the effects. My back did not ache so badly, and I felt stronger. After taking four bottles I felt well. My ambition returned, menstruations were painless, leucorrhoea entirely cured, and I could take care of my babe and do my housework. I shall always recommend your Vegetable Compound for all women, especially for young mothers."—Miss H. L. Gould, Oregon, Wis.

If Mrs. Gould had been well before the birth of her child, subsequent suffering would have been avoided. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound should always be taken before and after birth, in order that the system may withstand the shock.

NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

WOMEN AS MARINERS.

Two young women hold licenses to command steamers on the Mississippi River, Captain French and Captain Leathies. The latter is a good pianist, and embroiders beautifully. It is confidently asserted that these gallant young captains remain steadily at their posts through fair and foul weather, the sound of the foghorn at night exciting no other feeling than that of increased vigilance.

MRS. STANTON'S BLOOMERS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton was the first woman to wear the bloomer costume, nearly half a century ago. She wore it all the time, and everywhere, considering it sensible, till one day her true femininity got the better of her and she discarded it, because it was "ugly."—New York Advertiser.

A WOMAN OF WAR.

Mme. Gith, cantiniere of the Fifth Regiment of Chasseurs d'Afrique, of the French army, who has just been decorated with her eighth medal, has a military record that not many men can boast. Now in her fifty-first year, Mme. Gith in her lifetime has seen service in the Crimea, in Italy, in Syria and in Mexico. At sixteen she was under fire when aiding the wounded before Sebastopol.

FOR THE LOW HEEL.

A shoemaker says that people who run down their heels and those who have weak ankles should always wear laced boots, the latter being particularly careful to secure a snug fit about the instep. Weak ankles require stiff counters and low heels. If there is any play in the instep the ankle turns in walking and the heel runs down on one side. If the shoe is laced the wearer can draw it together tightly and it supports the ankle. Persons who run down their heels should always have star plates, which are made of iron, or a half circle of iron nails fastened on the edge of their heels. The steel nails really wear much better than the iron, but they are dangerous, as they are apt to cause one to slip. Wearing shoes with run down heels make the feet tender and ruins their shape.

WHITE APRONED FEMINITY.

The stout woman should, if she wears white aprons, make them as she does her skirts, with a narrow pointed or rounded yoke, so that the fullness comes well below the waist line. White aprons for slender women are also more becoming if the fullness about the waist, especially in front, is lessened by shirring it down with from four to six narrow rows of shirring. A pretty apron after a new pattern has the fullness attached to the rounded yoke as suggested. In front there is a bib gathered into a narrow space at the waist line, but broader at the top. This bib, which is nearly two-thirds the length of the waist, has fastened to it at each corner wide revers that spread out over the shoulder and are continued in the back. Well below the shoulder blade these collars or revers each terminate in a strap. The straps cross each other and are fastened to the belt under the large bow made by the strings. The apron, made of white muslin, with embroidered frills at the bottom and on the revers, is becoming when an elaborate apron is desired. Deep muslin cuffs with a frill at the top add the somewhat coquettish, somewhat matronly effect of the apron.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

FOR SUMMER GOWNS.

The new batistes are prettier even than last year, and are in even greater variety. The lace striped ones, called linen grenadines, are very handsome. They will be made with plain, full skirts, mounted over bright taffetas, and have blouse waists with elbow sleeves trimmed with ruffles of embroidered batiste or beige lace, and relieved with chine ribbons. This sounds very like the description of a last year's gown; and the economist can take this comfort for her heart—the changes are so slight that any of last season's gowns can be brought up to date with but a few freshening touches. The polka-dotted and striped batistes are shown in many colors on the natural linen, and there are also dark and blue ones dotted with white, and a few other combinations. The all-over embroidered batiste is much used for pairs of blouse waists, as yoke and cuffs, or the entire front of the blouse, with the back and sleeves of the plain fabric.

Dotted Swiss muslins, lawns and organdies are in exquisite designs of barred and overlapping flowers in soft and delicate colors, plainly suggested by the popular chine effects in silk and ribbons, though not copied from them, and achieving an original beauty of their own. Sheer fine lawns and muslins come also in the modish Persian and Oriental patterns, which gain an added softness and charm from these sheer fabrics. They will be made up with plain, full skirts, gored in front and on the sides, with straight back breadths and hung over white or colored lawn or taffeta skirts. The ruche or double frill of narrow Valenciennes or Chantilly will be again seen as a finish at the foot, and lace and chine or dark satin ribbons will trim the full waists and flous. More elaborate gowns will have many rows of

THE GREAT ANT-EATER.

Is the Most Showy Quadruped in South America.

With the exception of the jaguar, the great ant-eater, the ant-bear, or crested ant-bear, whichever you choose to call him, is the most showy quadruped in all South America; nor am I at all sure he is not entitled to first place, says a writer in St. Nicholas. In height and bulk a full-grown specimen is about as large as a Newfoundland dog, and is really quite bear-shaped in body and legs. Its tail is long and strong, and bears a tremendous brush of coarse, wiry, brown-black hair, which makes this organ very noticeable. Its head is too small and its muzzle so fearfully prolonged that it reminds one of the head and beak of an ibis. Its mouth is a narrow slit across the end of that curious muzzle, its tongue is like a big angle worm, a foot long, and it has no teeth whatever! Its covering is a rough coat of long, coarse, brown hair, most strangely marked by a black band underneath the throat, which on the chest divides in a long, wedge-shaped stripe of black that extends backward and upward across the shoulder.

To me it has always been a puzzle why this creature should possess such a luxuriant coat of hair in so hot a climate. Another point still more open to criticism is his clubbed fore feet. He walks on his claws, and the outer edges of his fore feet, in a most awkward and even painful way, for which there seems to be no adequate excuse—unless his feet were formed that way to vex the souls of wicked taxidermists. Put them as you will, they will not look right; but to the living animal their big, strong, hooked claws are very useful in tearing the bark off decayed logs, or ripping open ant hills for the insertion of that sticky, worm-like tongue. I have often been told by South American hunters that the ant-bear uses his long, bushy tail to sweep up ants with, so that they can be devoured more expeditiously, but I fancy that is only a "yarn."

Even where it is most plentiful the great ant-eater is a rare animal. Although I have hunted it many days, I never saw but two specimens alive, one of which was a young one in captivity at Ciudad Bolivar, on the Orinoco, and the other was a magnificent large specimen in Forepaugh's menagerie. Owing to their lack of teeth and the peculiarities of their diet, they are difficult to keep alive in captivity. North of Panama this species is found only in Guatemala and Costa Rica, and is very rare in both these countries. It lives upon the ground, and its worst enemies are the jaguar and the puma.

Banking in Russia.

In Russia the State bank advances money at 4½ per cent. a year on all kinds of goods in amounts as high as two-thirds of their value. It takes money on deposit at 1½ per cent. A little while ago, to assist the grain trade, the government bought largely direct from the producers, and will soon be the largest holder of grain in the country. It has nearly completed the absorption of private railroad lines, has acquired the monopoly of the manufacture of spirits and the control of the retail trade, is about to take the wine and sugar trade into its hands, and very likely the coal trade as well.

Where Tea is Not Popular.

If you call for tea at a restaurant in Caracas, the proprietor will send to the nearest drug store for it, and express a regret that you are ill. The native Venezuelan regards tea as a most unpleasant beverage, and to be used only medicinally. It is not kept in any of the hotels, and when it is especially ordered the quality is simply abominable—for all the world like a dose of senna.

James Russell Lowell's Home.

There is concern in Boston about the future of James Russell Lowell's magnificent old home in Cambridge, at the gateway of Mount Auburn Cemetery. The house is the property of the poet's daughter, but the land adjoining it is in the hands of real estate agents, and the fine estate will soon be cut up into building lots unless the property is rescued.

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Mrs. Glyn, a sister of Mrs. Nowell, is a professional nurse, and was familiar with the symptoms of her sister's sickness. Mrs. Nowell was away on a visit when a reporter called upon her, but Mrs. Glyn, who lives at No. 416 East 129th Street, told the story of her sister's recovery.

A doctor was called when Mrs. Nowell's condition became serious and he prescribed small pink pills which, in a short time, relieved the woman's pain as no other medicine had done. "After awhile," Mrs. Glyn told the reporter, "you learned that the medicine the physician was giving my sister was nothing more than Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Knowing by experience how excellent a remedy these pills were, Mrs. Nowell bought some at a drug store and continued taking them. The effect was most gratifying, for in six months my sister was perfectly well and the pain in her back was nothing more than an unpleasant memory. Both she and I have recommended the Pink Pills to other people, who have not failed to find them all that is claimed. All the doctors my sister had been treated by, before taking the pills, had done her no apparent good."

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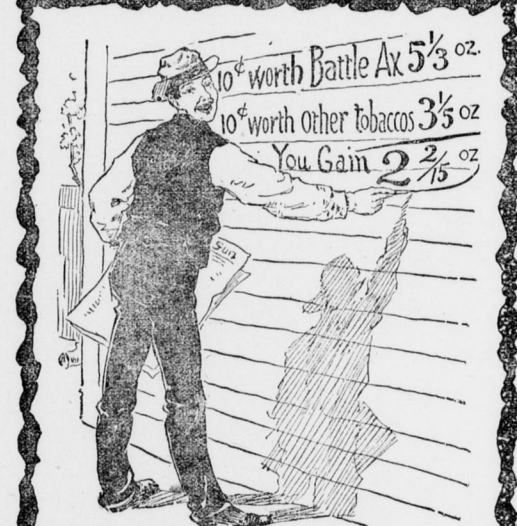
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