

## Lost Hair

"My hair came out by the handful, and the gray hairs began to creep in. I tried Ayer's Hair Vigor, and it stopped the hair from coming out and restored the color."—Mrs. M. D. Gray, No. Salem, Mass.

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### The Home of the Kindergarten.

The Japanese have the most perfect kindergarten system in the world. In fact, they originated this method of instructing by entertainment instead of by punishment inflicted. Their play apparatus for such purpose is elaborate, but all of it is adapted to the infant mind, which it is designed at once to amuse and to inform. The little ones of Japan even become somewhat interested in mathematics by seeing and feeling what a pretty thing a cone, a sphere or a cylinder is when cut out of wood with a lathe. They make outlines of solid figures out of straw, with green peas to hold the joints together, and for the instruction of the blind flat blocks are provided, with the Japanese characters raised upon them.

### Tea Output to Be Reduced.

At the annual meeting of the Ceylon Tea Planters' Association it was resolved to take steps to effect a combination with the Indian planters to restrict the output, says a Colombo correspondent. If the owners of 80 per cent of the tea acreage in India and Ceylon join in the movement a reduction of 10 per cent will be made in the output, or an equivalent amount of green tea be manufactured. On no other basis, it was considered, can the present unprofitable condition of the tea trade be remedied. Its growth in Ceylon having been so rapid as to overtake the demand. It was estimated that this year the shipments to London would be 9,000,000 pounds less than those of last year.

## THE SURGEON'S KNIFE

Mrs. Eckis Stevenson of Salt Lake City Tells How Operations for Ovarian Troubles May Be Avoided.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I suffered with inflammation of the ovaries and womb for over six years, enduring aches and pains which none can dream of but those who have had the same experience. I tried many doctors and remedies, but nothing did me any good until I found Mrs. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I then discontinued all other medicines and gave your Vegetable Compound a thorough trial. Within four weeks nearly all pain had left me; I rarely had headaches, and my nerves were in a much better condition. And I was cured in three months, and this avoided a terrible surgical operation."—Mrs. ECKIS STEVENSON, 250 So. State St., Salt Lake City, Utah.—\$5000 forfeit if above testimonial is not genuine.



MRS. ECKIS STEVENSON. Hence, Hundreds of dollars went to the doctor and the druggist. I was simply a walking medicine chest and a physical wreck. My sister residing in Ohio wrote me that she had been cured of womb trouble by using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I then discontinued all other medicines and gave your Vegetable Compound a thorough trial. Within four weeks nearly all pain had left me; I rarely had headaches, and my nerves were in a much better condition. And I was cured in three months, and this avoided a terrible surgical operation."—Mrs. ECKIS STEVENSON, 250 So. State St., Salt Lake City, Utah.—\$5000 forfeit if above testimonial is not genuine.

Remember every woman is cordially invited to write to Mrs. Pinkham if there is anything about her symptoms she does not understand. Mrs. Pinkham's address is Lynn, Mass.



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## DIFFICULTY WITH VERBS.

Troubles That Children Have in Learning to Talk.

It has been truthfully said that children learn more during their first six years of life than during the eight years spent in the ward schools. During this period the child shows remarkable precocity in learning the mother tongue, and appears to learn two languages as easily as one. He will learn a foreign language, if thrown among foreigners, better during these first six years, than he can in a complete course in school. This is proved by the thousands of six-year olds in this city who speak good English, while their parents cannot speak English at all.

The strenuous effort of these little ones to acquire a medium for the expression of their quaint ideas, as well as their own desire to speak correctly, was shown the other day in a conversation between a little student and her mamma. The child had experienced much difficulty in mastering the various forms of the verb "to be," and had been corrected times without number by the mother, who believes that the time to teach correct English is during the first stages of progress. The child persisted in mixing her "ams," "veres" and "beens" to an alarming degree, and had been corrected, until the mother had lost all patience, and at last told the child that in the future she would not answer questions not properly framed, thinking this plan would make the child more careful in the selection of words.

The other day the mother was sitting crocheting a jacket for the baby, and Lucille stood near, wondering what her mamma was doing. Finally her curiosity became so strong that she said:

"Mamma, what is that going to be?"  
The mother, busy counting stitches, failed to hear the question, and continued her count without answering. The child, thinking she had not answered because she had made another horrible blunder, thought a while and at last said:

"Mamma, what is that going to be?"  
This the mother heard, and simultaneously recalled the first question of the child. Wondering what would come next, she maintained silence, and the little one stood in perplexity, first on one foot, then on the other. After some weighty thinking, she said:

"Mamma, what are that going to be?"  
No answer, and another period of silence, then:

"Mamma, what am that going to be?"  
Still no answer, and tears filled the blue eyes, and the red lips became pursed with perplexity. The eyes filled and ran over, and still the mother sat unmoved, with a mischievous smile lurking in her eyes, waiting for further results, and determined to make up for all of this anguish by a bountiful supply of hugs and kisses.

In one supreme effort, as though realizing that this was her last chance, Lucille burst into a mighty sob, and breaking the bonds of self-restraint with which she had bound herself, screamed out:

"Mamma! What was that a'go'in' to was?"—Milwaukee Sentinel.

### A Moonlit Garden.

The following bit of description is from "Confessions of a Wife," by "Mary Adams," a new novel dealing with marriage, in the Century. It is a young woman who is speaking, and Job is her dog:

"For Job and I went out into the garden, and the world was as white as death, and as warm as life, and we plunged into the night as if we were plunged into a bath of warmth and whiteness—and I ran faster than Job. The yellow June lilies are out, and the purple fleurs-de-lis; the white climber is in blossom on the tree-house, and the other roses—oh, the roses! There was such a scent of everything in one—a lily-honey-lis-rose perfume—that I felt drowned in it, as if I had one flower trying to become another, or doomed to become others still. It was as quiet as paradise. I ran up the steps to Ararat, and Job stayed below to paw a toad. The little white rose followed me all over the lattice, and seemed to creep after me; it has a golden heart, and such a scene as I cannot describe; it is the kind of sweetness that makes you not want to talk about it. The electric light in the street was out, for this suburb, being of an economical turn of mind, never competes with the moon. There was moon enough—oh, there was enough, I think, for the whole world! For, when that happened which did happen, it seemed to me as if the whole world were looking at me."

### Old American Bottles.

In early American glassware the history of our national art progress has been written. Choice and precious indeed are the crude blue-green and brown amber bottles made early in the nineteenth century—the portrait bottles bearing busts of Washington, Franklin, Lafayette, De Witt Clinton, Zachary Taylor, Kossuth and Jenny Lind. Local decorative subjects on many lines of idea were treated by the first American bottle-makers; and the most exquisite Venetian bottle cannot outrank in value, to a patriotic American collector, the primitive old flasks ornamented with Indians, Masonic emblems, the eagle, stars, flags, log cabins, cannon and steamships, or such outdoor themes as the seasons, birds, fruits, trees, sheaves of wheat, the fisherman, deer, the gunner and his hounds, and the first bicycle. The earliest American railway, with a car drawn by a horse, is historically celebrated on a glass flask, as well as the bold Pike's Peak pilgrim, with his staff and bundle.—The Century.

The gold fields in Western Australia, covering 324,000 square miles, are the largest in the world.

## OIL WELLS OF JAPAN.

Modern Methods of Drilling Have Developed Petroleum Industry.

Mr. Rentiers, of the British Consulate service in Japan, has submitted to the British Board of Trade a report on the petroleum industry, which has of late attracted much attention and reached considerable dimensions in that country. The only place in which the oil is produced in large quantities is in the province of Echigo, on the west coast, the center of the industry being the town of Arase, where the largest oil company in the country has been at work since 1888 with machinery imported from the United States. Here wells are dug in the sea and carried above the sea level by a double ring of piles filled in with earth. In the northern part of the province oil was discovered in 1889 and led to a fever of speculation. In 1892 there were between 600 and 700 speculative companies with small capital at work in Echigo, and most of them failed. On their ruins arose large companies working on a great scale and with imported machinery. Hand boring has almost ceased to exist, and with improvement in methods of winning the oil came improvement in the transport of the oil to the refineries. Pipe lines were introduced to convey it from the wells to the refineries and from the latter to the railway stations, and it has been proposed to construct a pipe line all the way to Tokio, the capital, about two hundred miles away. In 1899 the total production of the oil in Japan was 18,838,915 gallons, of which 18,712,230 gallons were produced in Echigo.

### A Historic Punch Bowl.

The most revered piece of silver plate in the United States navy is the massive 18-pound silver punch bowl of the battleship Indiana, which bears the honorable scars of an historic battle. During that famous blockade and naval battle before Santiago de Cuba this rich piece of tableware was struck by a fragment of a mortar shell fired from the Socapa battery, and which burst in the ward room passage of the battleship. A five-pound bit of the shell struck the bowl on one of the stoutest parts of the body, yet where the seal of the State of Indiana forms the central portion of a beautiful decoration. The seal is still there, but not as the artist designed it, for it now forms a part of a large, irregular indentation, which, in the estimation of the officers and men of the battleship, enhances the value of the bowl a thousand times over.

### Portugal Halts Civilization.

The Portuguese sits at his cafe at the coast of his East African possession and collects custom dues on the sells stamped paper. For fear of the native he dares not march five miles beyond his seaport town, and the white man who ventures inland for the purposes of trade, or to cultivate plantations, does so at his own risk, as he can be promised no protection. The land back of Mozambique is divided into "holdings," and the rent of each holding is based upon the number of native huts it contains. The tax per hut is \$5.00 a year, and these holdings are leased to any Portuguese who promises to pay the combined taxes of all the huts. He also engages to cut new roads, to keep those already made in repair and to furnish a sufficient number of police to maintain order.

### All Newspapers Talk Weather.

There are over 2,000 daily papers in the United States, and each one of these prints in a conspicuous place the daily weather predictions. Did it ever occur to you that there is no other information that receives publication and attention by readers each day of the year in every daily paper of the country? There are 47 tri-weekly papers in the United States, 434 semi-weekly, and 14,734 weekly publications, the greater number of which publish the weekly weather crop bulletins of the bureau for their respective States.

St. Louis has nearly \$17,000,000 in bank or in sight for Exposition purposes, and has reason to expect a great deal more.

## HEADACHE, BACKACHE, DIZZINESS

(PE-RU-NA CURES PELVIC CATARRH.)



"I am perfectly well," says Mrs. Martin, of Brooklyn. "Pe-ru-na cured me."

Mrs. Anna Martin, 47 Hoyt street, Brooklyn, N. Y., writes:

"Pe-ru-na did so much for me that I feel it my duty to recommend it to others who may be similarly afflicted. About a year ago my health was completely broken down, had backache, dizziness and irregularities. Life seemed dark indeed. We had used Pe-ru-na in our home as a tincture for colds and catarrh, and I decided to try it for my trouble. In less than three months I became regular, my pains had entirely disappeared, and I am now perfectly well."—Mrs. Anna Martin.

Miss Marie Johnson, 41 Columbia, East, Detroit, Mich., is Deputy Vice Templar in Hope Lodge No. 6, Independent Order Good Templars. Miss Johnson, as so many other women also have done, found in Pe-ru-na a specific for a severe case of female weakness. She writes:

"I want to do what I can to let the whole world know what a grand medicine Pe-ru-na is. For eleven years I suffered with female troubles and complications arising therefrom. Doctors failed to cure me, and I despaired of being helped. Pe-ru-na cured me in three short months. I can hardly believe it myself, but it is a blessed fact. I am perfectly well now, and have not had an ache or pain for months. I want my suffering sisters to know what Pe-ru-na has done for me."—Miss Marie Johnson.

Miss Ruth Emerson, 72 Sycamore st., Buffalo, N. Y., writes: "I suffered for two years with irregular and painful menstruation, and Pe-ru-na cured me within six weeks. I cannot tell you how grateful I feel. Any agency which brings health and strength to the afflicted is always a welcome friend, and to-day the market is so

### Frog Farming.

After laughing at the French people for their frog-eating proclivity, the United States is doing very well in that line, for the Food Commission estimates that we catch in this country about 2,000,000 frogs. These frogs, which have been hopping for years more and more into gastronomic favor, are sought for in all parts of the country, furnishing a paying industry, not only for the hunters of them in their natural haunts, but for scores of persons who have frog farms and raise them as they might raise chickens. To these persons the frogs mean an annual investment of \$100,000, according to the report of the commission, and that means \$150,000 to the consumers.

The British Postal Department, in conjunction with the Belgium Government, are having made a telephone cable to connect the two countries under the North sea.

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It is no longer a question as to whether Pe-ru-na can be relied on to cure all such cases. During the many years in which Pe-ru-na has been put to test in all forms and stages of acute and chronic catarrh no one year has put this remedy to greater test than the past year.

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Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O.

### Guests Pass With Glaciers.

Hotelkeepers in the Alps have a new trouble and are complaining at the loss of patrons, who are moving away from the glaciers. Yes, the attractive glaciers are actually passing from the landscape, and as they recede the hotels along their borders find that their registers are shortened. These glaciers are not running away, by any means, but they are deteriorating slowly, with a persistence that means their final annihilation. Hotels that a few years ago stood very near to a great river of slowly moving ice now find themselves a considerable distance away, and the attractiveness of the site is lessened.

### Laid Up for Sixteen Weeks.

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"Wishing you every success in the sale of your Vogeler's Curative Compound and St. Jacobs Oil, I remain, gentlemen,

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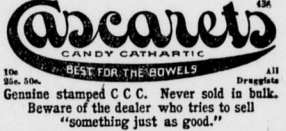
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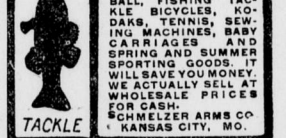
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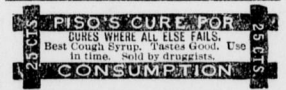


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