

# Nothing in the Wide World

has such a record for absolutely curing female ills and kidney troubles as has Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Medicines that are advertised to cure everything cannot be specifics for anything.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will not cure every kind of illness that may afflict men, women and children, but proof is monumental that it will and does cure all the ills peculiar to women.

This is a fact indisputable and can be verified by more than a million women.

If you are sick don't experiment, take the medicine that has the record of the largest number of cures.

Lydia E. Pinkham Med. Co., Lynn, Mass.

## War Preferred.

"Henri, do you love me well enough to fight for the Boers?"  
"I do, little one."  
"Then go to Marie du Voix and tell her that I am the next best beautiful woman you ever saw."  
"Pardon me, little one, I will go to the war instead."—Pickk-Me-Up.

## Do Your Feet Ache and Burn?

Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It makes tight or New Shoes feel Easy. Cures Corns, Bunions, Swollen, Hot and Sweating Feet. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

## Not So Fair as It Looks.

"A Topeka woman has asked the governor of Kansas to have a law passed that will force her husband to stay at home three nights in the week."  
"That seems fair."  
"It does to any man who isn't acquainted with Kansas women."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## A HINT FOR SPRING.

When Housekeepers Are Brightening the Interiors of Their Homes.

Now that the backbone of this remarkable winter is broken, housekeepers are remarking the dingy look of the home interior. The question of new wall coverings is up. Paper is dear and short lived; kalsomines are dirty and scaly; paint is costly. The use of such a cement as Alabastine, for instance, will solve the problem. This admirable wall coating is clean, pure and wholesome. It can be put on with no trouble by anyone; there is choice of many beautiful tints; and it is long lasting.

## If You Want a Mackintosh

Ask your local dealer to show you samples of "GOLD SEAL" MACKINTOSHES. If he has none he can get them from Goodysar Rubber Co., St. Paul. A Mackintosh that bears a "Gold Seal" label is guaranteed.

## He Believed It.

"They say there is arsenic in playing cards."  
"Well, I thought I'd been holding some mighty 'pizen' hands lately."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Country Publishers and Farmers

and all who need power should get catalogue of Gasoline Engines issued by J. Thompson & Sons, Beloit, Wis. It is sent free to anyone. They also make a full line of farm implements. The firm is thoroughly reliable and you will make no mistake in writing them.

## Perhaps the Shethen Could.

Mr. Stubb (reading)—The sermon of the returned missionary struck a chord in every heart, and many society women gave in their diamonds for the heathen.

Mrs. Stubb—They might just as well have just diamonds, John. The heathen could never tell the difference. —Chicago News.

## HAVE IT READY

Minor accidents are so frequent and such hurts so troublesome no household should be without a bottle of

## St. Jacobs Oil

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## THE WAYSIDE POND.

A Refreshing but Little-Noticed Feature of Rural Scenery.

The wayside ponds in England are one of the most refreshing, if least noticed, feature of rural roads, beloved of all the weary animals, but not celebrated in verse or prose, and rarely painted, because they are too confined in area, and have no "vista" beyond them. They are all alike; shallow by the road and deep under the farther bank, from which oaks or elms, or often one single tree, rise with an upward curve, with a woven mass of roots and rootlets going far down below the surface level. The field ponds, often set at the corner where four fences meet, so as to afford water to four fields equally, are prettier and more varied, but often so overhung by masses of thorn and briars that the fallen leaves make the waters thick, and when still on their parent branches shut out the light and air.

When these ponds lie in the center of the meadows they are really beautiful objects. In the more waterless counties, such as Suffolk and Essex, they are numerous and very ancient. Rare, indeed, is the farm on which history records the making of any one of them. At one end the cattle enter to drink, and the way down is made broad and easy. There the tall water plantains, with pale gray flowers, and the water grasses grow. Beyond, the whole surface is covered with a narrow-leaved surface plant, more beautiful than the water lily leaves, because they lie pointing all ways, like the leaves of frost crystals, just separated by narrow settings of water. The finest hawthorns and the oldest pollard oaks, full of polyphyd fern on the lower side, hang over these ponds, and in them dwell a tough and ancient race of carp, proof against all weather and drought, and killed only by the hard winters, which seal the field ponds with ice from lip to lip. In the clay counties, and in places where there was little running water, the larger ponds were only half left to nature. They were dug for fishpools, or purely for ornament, though the fish were mainly carp and tench, and not the good trout of the southern pools. The grass is still kept smooth upon their banks, and the sides of the pools are planted with the trees in fashion eighty years ago. The quince was the favorite pondside tree of our ancestors. It grows best by water, and from spring, when the pink blossom and gray leaves cover the drooping branches, till late in autumn, when the golden fruits dropped into the pool, and were gathered thence after a week's bath, which was believed to improve their flavor, the tree was always an ornament to the margin.—London Spectator.

## SHE KNEW HAWTHORNE.

Mrs. On a Sedgwick Tells of Her Experience with the Noted Author.

I do not recollect Hawthorne's talking much at the table. Indeed he was a very taciturn man. One day, tired of seeing him sitting immovable on the sofa in the hall, as I was learning some verses to recite at the evening class of recitation formed by Charles A. Dana, I darily took my book, pushed it into his hands, and said, "Will you hear my poetry, Mr. Hawthorne?" He gave me a sidelong glance from his very shy eyes, took the book, and most kindly heard me. After that he was on the sofa every week to hear me recite. He was one evening alone in the hall, sitting on a chair at the farther end, when my roommate, Ellen Slade, and myself were going upstairs. She whispered to me, "Let's throw the sofa pillows at Mr. Hawthorne." Reaching over the banisters, we each took a cushion and threw it. Quick as a flash he put out his hand, seized a broom that was hanging near him, warded off our cushions, and threw them back with sure aim. As fast as we could throw them at him he returned them with effect, hitting us every time, while we could hit only the broom. He must have been very quick in his movements. Through it all not a word was spoken. We laughed and laughed, and his eyes shone and twinkled like stars with laughter. Wonderful eyes they were, and when anything witty was said I always looked quickly at Mr. Hawthorne; for his dark eyes lighted up as if flames were suddenly kindled behind them, and then the smile came down to his lips. We laughed merrily, and went off to bed, vanquished, without a word. I suppose Mr. Hawthorne's face must have worn that wonderful smile, which always seemed suddenly kindled behind his eyes, twinkled there for a second, and then ran swiftly over his intensely grace face.—Atlantic Monthly.

## A Queer Caller.

A writer in Cassell's Little Folks tells a story of a runaway hippopotamus, whose keeper succeeded in recapturing him in an unusual manner. In the days when Mr. A. D. Bartlett was king of the Zoo the hippopotamus once managed to break out of his house. It employed its freedom very properly to make a friendly call on Mr. Bartlett. He was not pleased to see this huge charge out of bounds, and sent for one of the elephant keepers to come and secure it. To this man the "hippo" had taken extreme dislike, and when he shouted to it, it turned and chased him. Away flew the keeper at the top of his speed toward the hippo's den the big beast in hot pursuit. The keeper darted through the gate, and boited up the stairs to the platform over the hippo's tank. Here he was safe. Meanwhile, Mr. Bartlett, who had been following the runaways, had securely closed the gate, and the hippo was again in prison.

## Johnnie's Responsibility.

Johnnie's father was leaving home on business. Just before starting, he said to the child:

"Johnnie, while I'm away I want you to take great care of mother. I leave her in your charge."  
That night when Johnnie knelt at his mother's knee, saying his evening prayer, he said, as usual:  
"Please, Lord, bless grandma and take care of her; bless father and take care of him; but you needn't trouble about mother, because I'm going to take care of her."

## Are You Using Allen's Foot-Ease?

It is the only cure for Swollen, Smarting, Burning, Sweating Feet, Corns and Bunions. Ask for Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to be shaken into the shoes. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

## A Daniel Webster or a Billy Mason.

"Don't you think my friend is very eloquent?"  
"I haven't decided yet," answered Miss Cayenne. "It is very hard these days to make up one's mind whether a man is eloquent or merely talkative."—Washington Star.

## FREE GIFTS TO AGENTS.

We want 100,000 Agents, men and women, boys and girls all over the United States to sell our wonderful Lekko Scouring Soap, Lekko and other Toilet Soaps. Big profit, easy work. Prize with every cake. Write today. C. H. Marshall & Co., Dep't 10, Chicago, Ill. Factory 118-128 No. May St. Ref., any bank in Chicago.

## She Had Him.

Belle—I wouldn't marry the best man on earth.  
Clare—I guess you wouldn't. He has promised me he'll never marry again, even if I should die.

## Well, Dogs Never Spend Any.

"Do you see that dog?"  
"Yes. But what is there so wonderful about him?"  
"He's worth \$50,000!"  
"Good gracious! How did he save the money?"—Life.

## AGENTS WANTED—Lightning seller; indispensable to every woman. One agent made \$15 in two hours; sample 25c. N. W. Novelty Co., 39 Fire Marine Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

## True Enough.

"De Kanter's a funny fellow. He says even the smallest drink of whisky always goes to his head."  
"Well, that's the truth."  
"What? An old toper like he is?"  
"Certainly. He could not drink it through his feet."—Philadelphia Press.

A vigorous growth and the original color given to the hair by the LITTLE BALM FOR THE HAIR. HIRZKORNS, the best cure for corns. 15c.

## Good All Round.

Smith—I understand you are working half time now.  
Jones—Yes, and loafing the other half.  
Smith—Well, working half the time is better than nothing.  
Jones—Yes, and half a loaf is better than none.—Judge.

A poor man may be well enough to do anything, but that doesn't make him well-to-do.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Whitefield was the son of an innkeeper at Gloucester.

The dutiful letter carrier goes his rounds on the square.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

The average age of widowers when marrying is forty-two and of widows thirty-one.

The winning pool player pockets the game.

Good ink is a necessity for good writing. Carter's is the best. Costs no more than poor ink.

Jolly old Santa Claus is never Kriss cross.

It doesn't take much of a bookkeeper to "fill the bill."

Send for "Choice Recipes," by Walter Baker & Co. Ltd., Dorchester, Mass., mailed free. Mention this paper.

Shakespeare was the son of a wool stapler.

I am sure Piso's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. THOS. ROBBINS, Maple Street, Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1900.

John Jacob Astor once sold apples in the streets of New York.

# FAIR WOMEN SPEAK.

Pe-ru-na Works Wonders for the Gentler Sex in Catarrhal Ailments.



MRS. COLONEL HAMILTON.

MISS ANNIE WYANDOTTE.

MISS CLARA STOECKER.

That Pe-ru-na has become a household remedy in the home of Mrs. Colonel Hamilton is well attested by a letter from her, which says: "I can give my testimony as to the merits of your remedy, Pe-ru-na. I have been taking the same for some time, and am enjoying better health now than I have for some years. I attribute the change to Pe-ru-na, and recommend Pe-ru-na to every woman, believing it to be especially beneficial to me." Mrs. Hamilton's residence is 259 Goodale street, Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Margaretta Dauben, No. 1214 North Superior street, Racine City, Wis., says: "I feel so well and good and healthful now that pen can not describe it. Pe-ru-na is everything to me. I feel healthy and well, but if I should be sick I would know what to take. I have taken several bottles for female complaint. I am in the change of life and it does me good."  
Have you catarrh of the head, throat, lungs, stomach or any other organ of the body? If so, write to Dr. Hartman at once. He will send you directions for treatment without charge. Address Dr. Hartman, Columbus, O.

Silence Is Golden.  
Mrs. Stubb—John, would you refer to a gun as feminine?  
Mr. Stubb—I should think not, Maria.  
Mrs. Stubb—And why not?  
Mr. Stubb—Because guns can be silenced.—Chicago News.

The More Synonymous.  
It is told of a retired farmer that, after returning from a continental tour, on which he had long set his heart, he was narrating, one evening, to his friend, the doctor, how he had visited "the majestic Lake of Geneva and trodden the banks of Blue Leman."  
"Excuse me," interrupted the doctor, "Lake Geneva and Lake Leman are synonymous."  
"That, my dear sir," replied the farmer, "I know very well; but are you aware that Lake Leman is the more synonymous of the two."—New York Tribune.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surface.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.  
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.  
Sold by Druggists, 75c.  
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

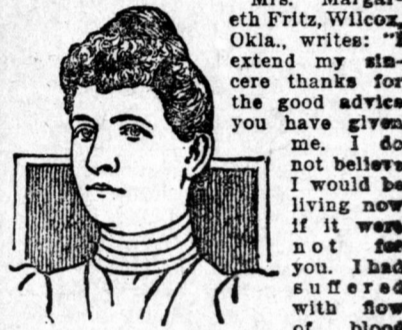
Read the Advertisements.  
You will enjoy this publication much better if you will get into the habit of reading the advertisements; they will help you in the way of getting some excellent bargains. Our advertisers are reliable; they send what they advertise.

Oliver Cromwell was the son of a London brewer.

Miss Annie Wyandotte, queen of the operatic stage and dramatic soprano, says: "Fifteenth St. and Jackson Ave., Kansas City, Mo."  
"Dr. Hartman:  
"Dear Sir—Pe-ru-na has been my salvation. It has given me back a beautiful voice, a gift of God; it has brought me once more to my old profession. I can talk now, and sing, where before I could scarcely whisper. Can you wonder at my delight? I wish every person who is suffering as I suffered might know Pe-ru-na. Only those who have been afflicted can ever know the intense satisfaction and gratitude that comes with a complete cure. My voice was completely gone. April 15 I felt so elated over the restoration of my voice that I inserted an advertisement in The Star for vocal pupils. The advertisement, which cost me 65 cents, brought me five pupils, and that was the beginning of my present large class. Yours gratefully, "Annie Wyandotte."

A congestion, inflammation or ulceration of the mucous membrane, whether of the head, stomach, kidneys, or other organ, is known to the medical profession as catarrh. It is known by different names, such as dyspepsia, Bright's disease, female complaint, diarrhoea, bronchitis, consumption and a host of other names. Wherever there is a congested mucous membrane there is catarrh, acute or chronic.

for four months, and the doctors could help me but little. They operated on me three times. It was very painful and I only obtained little relief. I was so weak I could not turn in bed. Then I applied to Dr. Hartman. I did not know whether he could help me or not, but I followed his advice, and used only three bottles of Pe-ru-na and Man-tilin. Now I am well and as strong as I ever was, thanks to your medicine. Pelvic catarrh has become so frequent that most women are more or less afflicted with it. It is usually called female disease."



Miss Clara Stoecker says: "I had chronic catarrh for over a year. I tried many remedies, but found no relief until I saw an advertisement in the paper of your treatment for chronic catarrh. I tried it and I think I am now well. I recommend Pe-ru-na to all my friends who are afflicted with catarrh." Mrs. Margaretta Fritz, Wilcox, Okla., writes: "I extend my sincere thanks for the good advice you have given me. I do not believe I would be living now if it were not for you. I had suffered with flow of blood

## W. L. DOUGLAS \$3 & 3.50 SHOES UNIQ MADE

Worth \$4 to \$6 compared with other makes. Indorsed by over 1,000,000 wearers. The genuine have W. L. Douglas's name and price stamped on bottom. Take no substitute claimed to be as good. Your dealer should keep them—if not, we will send a pair on receipt of price and \$2 extra for carriage. State kind of leather, size, and width, plain or cap toe. Cat. free. EAST CALVERTON, N. Y. W. L. DOUGLAS SHOE CO., Brockton, Mass.

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If you take up your home in Western Canada, the land of plenty. Illustrated pamphlet, giving experience of farmers who have become wealthy in growing wheat, reports of delegates, etc., and full information as to reduced railway rates can be had on application to the Superintendent of Immigration, Department of Interior, Ottawa, Canada or to Ben Davis, 154½ East Third St., St. Paul, Minn.

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Stops the Cough

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NOTE—Every druggist from Klondike to Cuba sells Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets for Colds and Grip. In fact it is the only Cold and Grip prescription sold throughout this vast territory, which is striking evidence of its virtue and popularity. This signature appears on every box of the genuine article. No Cure, No Pay. Price, 25c.