

**Stone in Bridges.**  
In this age of steel, stone has by no means been put out of use in building important viaducts and bridges. The second largest stone arch bridge in the world was recently completed at Salcano, Austria. Its span is 279 feet.

**Drape Hearse in Green.**  
At Lancaster, England, the other day, at the funeral of W. Wingate Saul, a former army surgeon, the hearse was draped in green, the drivers wore green and chestnut horses were used.

# WHO SHE WAS

## SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF LYDIA E. PINKHAM

And a True Story of How the Vegetable Compound Had Its Birth and How the "Panic of '73" Caused it to be Offered for Public Sale in Drug Stores.

This remarkable woman, whose maiden name was Estes, was born in Lynn, Mass., February 9th, 1819, coming from a good old Quaker family. For some years she taught school, and became known as a woman of an alert

restore the family fortune. They argued that the medicine which was so good for their woman friends and neighbors was equally good for the women of the world.



The Pinkhams had no money, and little credit. Their first laboratory was the kitchen, where roots and herbs were steeped on the stove, gradually filling a gross of bottles. Then came the question of selling it, for always before they had given it away freely. They hired a job printer to run off some pamphlets setting forth the merits of the medicine, now called Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and these were distributed by the Pinkham sons in Boston, New York, and Brooklyn.

The wonderful curative properties of the medicine were, to a great extent, self-advertising, for whoever used it recommended it to others, and the demand gradually increased.

In 1877, by combined efforts the family had saved enough money to commence newspaper advertising and from that time the growth and success of the enterprise were assured. Until today Lydia E. Pinkham and her Vegetable Compound have become household words everywhere, and many tons of roots and herbs are used annually in its manufacture.

Lydia E. Pinkham herself did not live to see the great success of this work, she passed to her reward years ago, but not till she had provided means for continuing her work as effectively as she could have done it herself.

During her long and eventful experience she was ever methodical in her work and she was always careful to keep a record of every case that came to her attention. The case of every sick woman who applied to her for advice—and there were thousands—received careful study, and the details, including symptoms, treatment and results were recorded for future reference, and to-day these records, together with hundreds of thousands made since, are available to sick women the world over, and represent a vast collaboration of information regarding the treatment of woman's ills, which for authenticity and accuracy can hardly be equaled in any library in the world.

With Lydia E. Pinkham worked her daughter-in-law, the present Mrs. Pinkham. She was carefully instructed in all her hard-won knowledge, and for many years assisted her in her vast correspondence.

To her hands naturally fell the direction of the work when its originator passed away. For nearly twenty-five years she has continued it, and nothing in the work shows when the first Lydia E. Pinkham dropped her pen, and the present Mrs. Pinkham, now the mother of a large family, took it up. With woman assistants, some as capable as herself, the present Mrs. Pinkham continues this great work, and probably from the office of no other person have so many women been advised how to regain health. Sick women, this advice is "Yours for Health," freely given if you only write to ask for it.

Such is the history of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; made from simple roots and herbs; the one great remedy for women's ailments, and the fitting monument to the noble woman whose name it bears.

### PENS NOW MADE OF TANTALITE.

This Substance Said to be Unaffected by the Ink.

In December the widely known electric firm of Siemens & Halske of Berlin obtained German letters patent for a new writing pen, advises Consul-General Guenther of Frankfurt-on-the-Main. This pen is made of tantalite, an extremely hard metal, according to the Boston Transcript. On Jan. 17, 1905, the latest progress in lamps, the new tantalite lamp of the firm of Siemens & Halske, was for the first time exhibited before the Electro-Technical association of Berlin.

On this occasion Dr. Werner von Bolton delivered an introductory address concerning the method by which he had succeeded in producing the metal tantalite in a pure state and declared that it possessed a very extraordinary hardness. Sheets made of tantalite were so hard that with a diamond drill, which worked for three days and three nights with 5,000 revolutions per minute, hardly a noticeable impression was made and the drill itself was dulled. At that time it was stated that the firm intended to manufacture tools and other articles of tantalite. This latest patent is the result of experiments to make use of the properties of tantalite.

The tantalite pen resists chemicals to a very high degree. It is much harder and more elastic than the steel pen and on that account indestructible. It is even more elastic than a gold pen and it is predicted that if it will be placed upon the market at a moderate price it will supersede both steel and gold pens.

### REPORTER NOT ALL TO BLAME.

Correspondent Sent Wrong Man to Secure Interview.

David Jayne Hill, the American minister to the Netherlands, is one of the most brilliant scholars in the diplomatic service of the United States government. When he was assistant secretary of state a reporter was sent to him for a story about the foreign policy of the government. It was one o'clock in the morning when the reporter reached the home of Dr. Hill, who leaned out of the second story window and gave the desired information. Dr. Hill used a great many French, Latin and Spanish phrases. The next morning Dr. Hill read the story in print, and was surprised to see that the reporter had written exactly the reverse of what he had been told.

Later in the day Dr. Hill met the correspondent who had sent the reporter to Dr. Hill. He asked: "What kind of a reporter was that you sent to my residence last night? He entirely misunderstood what I told him." Dr. Hill was asked to repeat the story. He did so, using the same French, Latin and Spanish expressions that he had used the night before. "Oh," said the correspondent, "I made a mistake. I should have sent a linguist instead of a reporter."

**A Ballade of Pianos.**  
What becomes of the needles and pins, of commission or worse for wear, Fashioned, they say, to punish our sins? Nobody knows nor seems to care. Another puzzle the mystery has— Where do all the pianos go?

On its mysteries, for they're deep, I swear, Where do all the pianos go? Sad is our lot when discord grins, From some upright or rusty square, And the greatest of our "hings" Waken the demon from his lair, Shrouded of maelstrom horror there. Voiceless in their overpowering woe— They could tell, as they vanish in air, Where do all the pianos go?

**Rainfall in China.**  
In northern China the average annual rainfall is under forty inches; it increases to the southward and decreases from the coast toward the interior of the empire, and in individual years it is subject to large fluctuations. In Korea the annual fall is about thirty-six inches on the west coast and is generally more than forty inches on the east and south coasts.

### What Was He Thinking Of.

"I went to dinner with some friends out in Missouri one night," said Col. Bill Zevely of the Indian territory, "and the man of the house was a bit late in getting home. We all sat around the parlor waiting for him. The mistress of the house, a charming lady, and a fine musician, played a bit of Chopin on the piano to amuse us. "After she had finished and the husband hadn't appeared she turned to a man who was sitting on her left. "Would you like to have a sonata now?" she asked. "I guess I could stand it," he said, "although I had a couple on the way up."

**Irrepressible.**  
"Do you think there is any further revenue to be drawn from impolite personal journalism?"

"We needn't be impolite," replied the editor of Town Whoppers. "There isn't any law to prevent us from complimenting people, is there?"

**Seek Gen. Nogi's Signature.**  
Gen. Nogi, of Port Arthur fame, is paying the penalty of popularity at the hands of autograph seekers. But the form which this has taken in Japan has about it a touch of sentiment, inasmuch as the relatives of soldiers who fell before Port Arthur are seeking the general's autograph inscriptions to place on the tombstones of the dead.

**Largest Horse in America.**  
"The largest horse I can find in the United States," says a writer in Farm and Fireside, "is Royal Prince, who was raised in Crawford county, Pa. He is a dapple gray, stands nearly seven feet high at the shoulder, weighs 2,800 pounds when fat, wears a No. 30 collar and a No. 9 shoe and is very finely proportioned."

**Price Fighter Dies at 84.**  
Bill Benjamin, who twice fought Tom Sayers, being defeated each time, died recently at Shire Newton, England. He was eighty-four years old, a remarkable age for a former prize fighter to attain.

### Habit-forming Medicines

Whatever may be the fact as to many of the so-called patent medicines containing various ingredients as broadly published in some journals of more or less influence, this publicity has certainly been of great interest in arousing needed attention to this subject. It has, in a considerable measure, resulted in the most intelligent people avoiding such foods and medicines as may be fairly suspected of containing injurious ingredients. Recognizing this fact some time ago, Dr. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., "took time by the forelock" as it were, and published broadcast all the ingredients of which his popular medicines are composed. Thus he has completely forestalled all harping critics and all opposition that might otherwise be urged against his medicines, because they are now of known composition. Furthermore, from the formula printed on every bottle wrapper, it will be seen that these medicines contain no alcohol or other habit-forming drugs. Neither do they contain any narcotics or injurious agents, their ingredients being purely vegetable, extracted from the roots of medicinal plants found growing in the depths of our American forests and of well recognized curative virtues.

Instead of alcohol, which even in small portions long continued, as in obstinate cases of chronic disease, becomes highly objectionable from its tendency to produce a craving for stimulants, Dr. Pierce employs chemically pure, triple-refined glycerine, which of itself is a valuable remedy in many cases of chronic diseases, being a superior demulcent, antiseptic, and supporting nutritive. It enhances the curative action of the Golden Seal root, Stone root, Black Cherry bark and Bloodroot, contained in "Golden Medical Discovery" in all bronchial, throat and lung affections attended with severe coughs. As will be seen from the writings of the eminent Drs. Grover Coe of New York; Bartholow, of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia; Scudder, of Cincinnati; Ellingwood, of Chicago; Hale, of Chicago, and others, who stand as leaders in their several schools of practice, the curative action of this very best ingredients that Dr. Pierce could have chosen to make up his famous "Discovery" for the cure of not only chronic coughs, but also of chronic catarrh in all its various forms wherever located.

### Noblemen in Demand.

Not long ago a Roman nobleman advertised in newspapers in Chicago and New York, offering his hand (empty) and heart in exchange for an American heiress. He has thus far received 254 replies. Several correspondents wanted to know whether, in view of the prospective husband's title, they would be asked, father and mother included, to all the balls and dinners given by the king and queen of Italy. —Harper's Weekly.

### Ice Preserves Body.

In an almost perfect state of preservation and easily recognizable, the dead body of a guide named Nagi, a native of Aosta, Italy, who fell into a crevasse in 1877, near the summit of Monte Rosa, has just been recovered from the ice. Nagi was descending the mountain in company with two Milanese Alpinists when he suddenly disappeared, and the cord which bound him to the others was cut by a sharp piece of ice.

### Who Was Unknown Genius?

The expression "to cut a melon" was bound to be used again when once heard, so charged is it with the lickerish suggestion of good things to be divided. But who was the bright soul who started the metaphor on its juicy way has failed of record. Dated instances of the employment of the expression should be supplied for the benefit of future students.

### Wanted Obedient Employees.

This is told of James Lick, the eccentric San Francisco millionaire, who founded the famous observatory bearing his name. When taking anyone into his service he always asked the person to plant a tree upside down—the roots in the air, the branches underground. If there were any protest the man was at once sent away. Lick saying that he wanted only men who would obey orders strictly.

### Some People Learn to Fear Treachery

by studying their own natures.

### Some women are a choice combination of fool and fiend.

### Worth Knowing

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### Sin is setting appetite before authority.

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For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

### Lots of people forget their Christianity

when their clothes get shabby.

### THE SCOLMASTER SPEAKS.

The wisest faces mark the shallowest minds.

The condensed milk of human kindness is a dollar in charity.

Language is like a harp. There's more music in it if you know how to play.

Fame, after all, is a matter of press notice—and what do we philosophers care?

He is poor whose health is poor, and poorer still is the man whose conscience is sick.

Knowledge and the ability to do things right are the commanding credentials of success for a young man.

It doesn't take some men long to say all they know, but it takes them a long time to get over the consequences of what they have said.

When a man wears corsets to help his form, it is time he wore woman's clothes. Next to a tub of dough, nothing resembles it as much as your male person with a desire for corsets and petticoats.

A man fighting two battles, one without and one within, one with the world and one with himself; if he win the former he has yet lost all if he lose the last, for the conquest of life is self-command. Having that, a man dies game in any crisis and is great.

Men and women are very much like clocks. Some are always on time, some are never on time; some are always in order, some are never in order. And while you may be able to tell something of a family by its time-piece, you can tell more by the nature of the dog that greets you at the gate. A dog grows up after the fashion of its master or its mistress; a kind gentleman will not have any ugly brute on his place.—Chicago Evening Post.

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## SAVED FROM CATARRH OF LUNGS' SO COMMON IN WINTER BY TAKING PE-RU-NA.

Sore Throat Develops Into Bronchitis

Mrs. Addie Harding, 121 W. Brighton Ave., Syracuse, N. Y., writes: "I have been a user of Peruna for the past twelve years. With me it is a sure preventive of colds and many other ills."



Mrs. Addie Harding.

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Mrs. Virginia Caviana.

Chronic Catarrh of Throat and Lungs  
Mrs. Virginia Caviana, room 32, Cambridge Block, Portland, Ore., writes:

"I was a sufferer with catarrh of the throat and lungs for a long time before Peruna was recommended to me. I gave it a trial, although I thought at the time it would be just like other medicines and do me no good. I was pleased to find that my improvement began in less than two weeks and continued until I was entirely well. I gained nearly 15 pounds, have a splendid appetite and am grateful for what your medicine has done for me."

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