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## TO MOTHERS

Mrs. J. H. Haskins, of Chicago, Ill., President Chicago Arcade Club, Addresses Comforting Words to Women Regarding Childbirth.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Mothers need not dread childbearing after they know the value of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. While I loved children I dreaded the ordeal, for it left me weak and sick



MRS. J. H. HASKINS.

for months after, and at the time I thought death was a welcome relief; but before my last child was born a good neighbor advised Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I used that, together with your Pills and Sanative Wash for four months before the child's birth;—it brought me wonderful relief. I hardly had a ache or pain, and when the child was ten days old I left my bed strong in health. Every spring and fall I now take a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and find it keeps me in continual excellent health."

—Mrs. J. H. HASKINS, 3248 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill. —\$5000 forfeit if above testimonial is not genuine.

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Every farmer his own landlord, no pecuniary, his bank account increasing year by year, his land value increasing, his crops increasing, his children increasing, his school and church taxes increasing, his taxes increasing, his grain, low railway rates, and every possible comfort. This is the condition of the farmer in Western Canada—Province of Manitoba and districts of Assiniboia, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Thousands of Americans are now settled there. Reduced rates on all railways for homeseekers and settlers. New districts are being opened up this year. The new forty-page Atlas of Western Canada sent free to all applicants. F. Pedley, Superintendent of Immigration, Ottawa, Canada, or W. V. Bennett, Canadian Government Agent, 801 New York Life Bldg., Omaha, Neb.

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**PISO'S CURE FOR CURS WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS.**  
Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in time. Sold by druggists.

**CONSUMPTION**

**Length of Trips.**  
The 5,664,811 passengers carried over Santa Fe system lines the last fiscal year traveled in the aggregate 514,037,947 miles or a little more than 90 miles per passenger. Considering the fact that so many made long trips to California the percentage of "short-trippers" must have been quite large to bring the average down to less than a hundred.

It has been found that editors' journeys average only 50 miles, which fact effectually disposes of the musty joke about newspaper men riding on passes to save board bills. They apparently stay at home more than other folks do.

The head of the family is also the foot when the bills come in.

Storekeepers report that the extra quantity, together with the superior quality, of Defiance Starch makes it next to impossible to sell any other brand.

Love may not be blind at the start, but it is never able to see its finish.

**THOSE WHO HAVE TRIED IT**  
will use no other. Defiance Cold Water Starch has no equal in Quantity or Quality—16 oz. for 10 cents. Other brands contain only 12 oz.

There are about 900,000 more women than men in the German empire. The tongue is an organ and some people are too fond of giving free organ recitals.

**The Handsomest Calendar of the Season.**  
The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Co. has issued a beautiful calendar in six sheets 12x14 inches, each sheet having a ten-color picture of a popular actress—reproductions of water colors by Leon Moran. The original paintings are owned by and the calendars are issued under the Railway Company's copyright. A limited edition will be sold at 25 cents per calendar of six sheets. Will be mailed on receipt of price. F. A. Miller, General Passenger Agent, Chicago.

Better a distant friend than an intimate enemy.

**USE THE FAMOUS**  
Red Cross Blue Balm. Large 2-oz. package 5 cents. The Kuss Company, South Bend, Ind.

The blind man is willing to pay for his recovery on sight.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. SAMUEL, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

An old bachelor says that matrimony and not Wisconsin is the "badger" state.

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

A great mind will neither give an affront nor bear it.—Home.

**Drive Rheumatism Away**  
by the use of MATT J. JOHNSON'S OIL. It cures thoroughly and quickly.

Cupid makes the love matches and cupid is responsible for the other brands.

**Landseekers' Excursions**  
to Virginia, North and South Carolina. Good farm and stock lands cheap. No land taxes or heavy winters. For pamphlets and excursion rates address W. E. Clark, N. W. P. Agt. C. & O. Ry., 234 Clark St., Chicago.

Falling in love is getting exclusive in your affections.

**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 surfaces.

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.

The end of man doesn't always come when he sees his finish.

Dealers say that as soon as a customer tries Defiance Starch it is impossible to sell them any other cold water starch. It can be used cold or boiled.

**IOWA FARMS \$4 PER ACRE**  
CASH BALANCE 1 CROP TILLAGE, FERTILIZER, SEED, ETC.

There are no premiums with Defiance Starch, but it is the best starch in the world and 16 ounces for 10 cents. Other 10c starches weigh 12 ounces. Buy "Defiance" and you get one-third more starch and better starch.

If your grocer does not keep it send us his name and we will send you one trial package free.

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**\$20 A WEEK** Straight salary and expenses to men with rig to introduce Poultry Mixture in country. Year's contract; weekly pay. Address, with stamp, Monarch Mfg. Co., Box 1648 Springfield, Ill.

**DROPSY NEW DISCOVERY.** Gives quick relief and cures worst cases. Book of testimonials and 10 DAYS' treatment FREE. DR. H. H. GREEN'S SOBS, Box E, Atlanta, Ga.

**OKLAHOMA 500 HOMESTEAD CLAIMS**  
DICK T. MORGAN, El Reno, O. T.

## THE ISTHMIAN CANAL

**EASTERN PAPER SAYS THE SCHEME IS AN OLD ONE.**

**Spanish Monarch Planned the Work One Hundred Years Before the Pilgrim Fathers Landed at Plymouth—Had to Be Given Up.**

So we are to have an isthmian canal at last. It will seem odd to have a session of Congress without debates on that subject. The scheme is three times as old as the nation that is to carry it out.

The report of the isthmian canal commission is prefaced by an interesting review of the history of this project. The early explorers, as is well known, thought that they were going to be able to sail from Europe westward, straight to India. When they found a continent in the way, they thought for a long time that there must surely be some natural passage through it. But within seven years after the discovery of the Pacific by Balboa, the idea of connecting the two oceans by a ship canal had begun to take shape, says the Philadelphia Evening Post.

In 1520, just one hundred years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, Charles V. ordered surveys for such a canal to be made at Panama. The project was revived by another royal decree in 1534. The Tehautepac, Nicaragua, Panama and Darien routes were all urged as they have been nearly four hundred years later. In 1780, during the American revolution, Nelson was engaged in naval operations against the Spanish territories at Nicaragua, and he anticipated almost the very words of the advocates of the Nicaragua canal at the present day.

In 1814 the Spanish cortes voted to authorize the construction of a canal for vessels of the largest size, but circumstances compelled Spain to relinquish the enterprise.

As soon as the Spanish-Americans had secured their independence they promptly turned their attention to the canal question. In 1825 the young Republic of Central America notified the United States that an American company was ready to undertake the construction of the Nicaragua canal, and urged the conclusion of a treaty to promote the scheme. The inter-oceanic canal question was one of the chief subjects of discussion in the Panama congress of 1826. At that time the Republic of Central America had entered into a contract with the sanguine American company, the forerunner of so many others. The company agreed to begin work within twelve months, if possible, but at any rate, within six months afterward. That was just three-quarters of a century ago, and the canal is still patiently waiting. But now that Uncle Sam has taken hold of the undertaking things will probably begin to move.

**TRoubles of a Traveler.**  
Gave the Conductor a Chance to Make a Witty Retort.  
"I have almost become accustomed to the pranks played by the motormen of Brooklyn trolley cars on the long suffering traveling public," observed a resident of that borough the other day, "but I most strenuously object to being insulted by the conductor in the bargain. I boarded a 'standing room only' trolley car yesterday, and had just got inside the door and was looking about for a nice strap, on which to hang, when the motorman gave us a short stop. It meant a quick start for me. I went sailing through the car as if I'd been sent for. You couldn't have passed me with anything unless it had been thrown. I landed against the front door with a thud, and was just getting my bearings when the rascal on the front end did it all over again. It didn't seem so far going back, but when I crashed into the rear door the conductor yanked it open and snarled:  
"Do you want to get out here?"  
"No," said I. "I want to stay in."  
"Well," said he, "if you want to ride on this car you'll have to stop running up and down the aisle."  
"I'd be a bird if I could do that," said I.  
"Well, be a bird," said he, "but light somewhere."—New York Tribune.

**Snow from a Clear Sky.**  
The most wonderful snowstorms of all that may be seen every winter in the Adirondacks are those that prevail when the sky is cloudless. Of these there are several varieties. Every week or two we would see what looked like a fog form about the distant hills, and then come drifting across the creek valley. Doubtless it was a real snow-laden cloud that had been drifting along until it struck our level (1,300 feet above the sea) in the Adirondacks, when the conditions became favorable for the release of its feathery burden, says a writer in Scribner's. We saw these clouds fill the air with flakes that were driven along almost horizontally by a strong gale, although the tops of our old hemlocks and spruce rose into the clear air and obstructed sunlight above the highest level of the snow-producing air stratum. We even saw the snow so thick rees six feet above the earth were not in the air about us that the trunks of visible, although the treetops could be seen, and the sun shone down through the shallow storm with strength enough to cast distinct shadows. We have stood on a quiet, sunlit hilltop, and looked down into a valley less than 100 feet below us, where a snow-storm was raging with violence, and the temperature was frigid.

None of life's prizes are for the young man who is on a hunt for "a soft snap."

## BEAUTIFUL WOMEN WHO ENDORSE PERUNA.



MISS MATTIE DOUGLASS

MISS LENORE ALLEN.

Miss Lenore Allen, 407 Dowell Street, San Francisco, Cal., writes:  
"I consider Peruna an infallible remedy for catarrhal diseases. For several years I have been troubled with influenza, especially during our rainy season. I used to catch cold so easily that I was afraid to be out when the weather was the least bit inclement, or in the evening air. But since I have used Peruna I have nothing whatever the matter with me.  
"I am in perfect health, and find that Peruna acts as a tonic, and seems to throw all sickness and disease out of the body. I go anywhere now and in all kinds of weather, seem to have an iron constitution and enjoy life because I enjoy perfect health."

Miss Mattie Douglass, 138 Thomas Ave., Memphis, Tenn., writes:  
"From my early womanhood I have been troubled with occasional headaches. I took different powders and drugs, at times getting temporary relief. One of my friends advised me to try Peruna, which I did. I soon found that my general health improved, and my entire system was toned up.  
"I felt a buoyancy of body and lightness of mind I had not known before, and my headaches had entirely disappeared, and I have enjoyed perfect health for over a year. I gladly endorse Peruna."  
MATTIE DOUGLASS.  
Women from all parts of the United States and Canada are testifying daily to the virtue of Peruna. Only a few of these letters can ever be published. Write

for a book of testimonials, of the cures Peruna has made.

**Peruna Makes Clean, Healthy Mucous Membranes—Catarrhal Diseases Disappear Permanently.**

The mucous membrane is to the inside of the body what the skin is to the outside of the body. It lines every organ, duct and cavity. Catarrhal inflammation, attacking one part is liable to spread to other parts. A neglected cold or slight catarrh is often the cause of lingering and dangerous catarrh.

Women are naturally more susceptible to inclemencies of the weather than men. With them a cold is often the starting point of some severe pelvic derangement, causing much pain and suffering. Every woman needs a remedy upon which she can rely to keep her system fortified against the trying weather of winter and early spring. If Peruna is taken at the first symptom of a cold it will cure it before it develops into some annoying catarrhal derangement. If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis. Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

A quarrel is not supposed to be as good as new when it's patched up.  
**FITS** permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE \$2.00 trial bottle and treatise. DR. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 631 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

There are times when even the bright young "blade" feels dull.

**PUTNAM FADELESS DYES** do not spot, streak or give your goods an unevenly dyed appearance. Sold by druggists, 10c. per package.

Should the trombone player's salary be on a sliding scale?

**THE BEST RESULTS IN STARCHING** can be obtained only by using Defiance Starch, besides getting 4 oz. more for same money—no cooking required.

**WHY IT IS THE BEST**  
is because made by an entirely different process. Defiance Starch is unlike any other, better and one-third more for 10 cents.

Lots of worry and trouble is brought on by advice that is supposed to prevent it.



**DON'T STOP TOBACCO**  
Suddenly, it injures the nervous system to do so. Use BACO-CURO and it will tell you when to stop as it takes away the desire for tobacco. You have no right to ruin your health, spoil your digestion and poison your breath by using the filthy weed. A guarantee in each box. Price \$1.00 per box, or three boxes for \$2.50, with guarantee to cure or money refunded. At all good Druggists or direct from us. Write for free booklet.  
**EUREKA CHEMICAL CO., - La Crosse, Wis.**

## WOMAN'S GENTLE NATURE CALLS FOR GENTLE TREATMENT

Delicately formed and gently reared, women will find, in all the seasons of their lives, as maids or wives or mothers, that the one simple, wholesome remedy which acts gently and pleasantly and naturally, and which may be used with truly beneficial effects, under any conditions, when the system needs a laxative—is Syrup of Figs. It is well known to be a simple combination of the laxative and carminative principles of plants with pleasant, aromatic liquids, which are agreeable and refreshing to the taste and acceptable to the system when its gentle cleansing is desired.

Many of the ills from which women suffer are of a transient nature and do not come from any organic trouble and it is pleasant to know that they yield so promptly to the beneficial effects of Syrup of Figs, but when anything more than a laxative is needed it is best to consult the family physician and to avoid the old-time cathartics and loudly advertised nostrums of the present day. When one needs only to remove the strain, the torpor, the congestion, or similar ills, which attend upon a constipated condition of the system, use the true and gentle remedy—Syrup of Figs—and enjoy freedom from the depression, the aches and pains, colds and headaches, which are due to inactivity of the bowels.

Only those who buy the genuine Syrup of Figs can hope to get its beneficial effects and as a guarantee of the excellence of the remedy the full name of the company—California Fig Syrup Co.—is printed on the front of every package and without it any preparation offered as Syrup of Figs is fraudulent and should be declined. To those who know the quality of this excellent laxative, the offer of any substitute, when Syrup of Figs is called for, is always resented by a transfer of patronage to some first-class drug establishment, where they do not recommend, nor sell false brands, nor imitation remedies. The genuine article may be bought of all reliable druggists everywhere at 50 cents per bottle.



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