

Women Avoid Operations

When a woman suffering from female trouble is told that an operation is necessary, it, of course, frightens her.

The very thought of the hospital, the operating table and the knife strikes terror to her heart.

It is quite true that these troubles may reach a stage where an operation is the only resource, but a great many women have been cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound after an operation has been decided upon as the only cure.

The strongest and most gratifying statements possible to make come from women who by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound made from native roots and herbs, have escaped serious operations, as evidenced by Miss Rose Moore's case, of 207 W. 34th St., N. Y. She writes:—



MISS ROSE MOORE

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has cured me of the very worst form of female trouble and I wish to express to you my deepest gratitude. I suffered intensely for two years so that I was unable to attend to my duties and was a burden to my family. I doctored and doctored with only temporary relief and constantly objecting to an operation which I was advised to undergo. I decided to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; it cured me of the terrible trouble and I am now in better health than I have been for many years.

This and other such cases should encourage every woman to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound before she submits to an operation.

Mrs. Pinkham's Standing Invitation to Women

Women suffering from any form of female weakness are invited to promptly communicate with Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass. From the symptoms given, the trouble may be located and the quickest and surest way of recovery advised.

KINDNESS OF FRENCH HUSBANDS

Delicate Attention That Wins the Heart of Women.

The French husband has a faculty that amounts almost to a genius for bestowing the delicate attentions which rest little except the exercise of a modicum of tact and thoughtfulness, but which carry joy to every true woman's heart. He not only thinks to take home to her often (in the absence of the means to make a larger offering) a 10-cent bunch of violets, plums or roses from the flower market or the itinerant flower vender's barrow on his route, but he presents them gallantly with the compliment and the caress the occasion calls for; and that makes them confer a pleasure out of all proportion to their intrinsic worth.

He remembers her birthday or fete day with a potted plant, a bit of game, a box of bonbons, a cake from the pastry cook's or a bottle of good wine. He is marvelously fertile in expedients for making the time pass quickly and agreeably for her. He has a thousand amusing and successful devices for helping her to renew her youth. He projects unique and joyous Sunday and holiday excursions. He improvises dainty little banquets. He is a past master especially in the art of conjuring up amiable mysteries and preparing charming little surprises.

And in all these trifling enterprises he vindicates the old French theory that true courtesy consists in taking a certain amount of pains to so order our words and our manners that others "be content with us and with themselves."

The American husband is particularly solicitous to do the proper thing; the French husband to do the agreeable thing.—The Independent.

Slump of the Honey-moon

They had been married just seven months and nineteen days by the almanac. "To-morrow," she announced, "will be my birthday. What are you going to get for me, George?" "I haven't the least idea, my dear," replied her husband. "I read in last night's paper about a Kansas man who got a second-hand overcoat and \$2 for his wife, but I'll probably not be so lucky."

The black diamond fields in Brazil belong to the government, which farms them out, and makes a further profit by a 12 per cent export duty.

PROLIFIC GARDEN.

Englishman's First and Successful Attempts in Manitoba—Soil Produces Striking Results.

The Winnipeg (Canada) Free Press of a few days since contained account of the success that followed the efforts of William Knowles, an Englishman who located near Manitoba. This is but one of many letters giving experience of settlers and should be encouraging to those who are looking about for a new home in which they may better their conditions. The following is a copy of the article referred to:

William Knowles, who cultivates some twelve acres of land just below Middlechurch ferry on east side of the Red River, has probably as fine a display of horticultural products as any in Manitoba. The whole of his holding is in a high state of cultivation and literally crowded with splendid vegetable specimens, which have fortunately escaped damage by hail, although heavy storms have more than once occurred within a few miles. The potatoes are a wonderful crop, and he expects to raise 1,500 bushels from his patch of 4½ acres. A half-dozen of tubers selected yesterday average more than a pound each. Adjoining the potatoes may be seen a marvelous collection of tomatoes. There are 900 plants, all growing under an enormous weight of fruit. One single stock picked yesterday contained eighteen tomatoes and weighed four pounds. This extraordinary example of marvelous growth, together with some of the potatoes, were sent to the Free Press office.

The proprietor was the first in town with several specimens, including green corn. The season has been very favorable for onions, and one square patch of nearly an acre is looking remarkably healthy. In addition, there are good crops of cabbage, cauliflower, turnips, parsnips, carrots, pumpkins, marrow, cucumbers, celery, peas, lettuce, radish, etc. The floral department has not been neglected, and a charming display of all the well-known blooms were shown, including a specially choice lot of asters.

Mr. Knowles, who gained most of his gardening experience in England, is loud in his praise of Manitoba soil for vegetable raising, and is gratified with the result of his first attempt at extensive horticulture.

KIMBALL-LOUNDSBURY BATTLE.

Aunt's Dreaded Visits Are Robbed of Their Terrors.

That is the way it was always spoken of in the family—the famous week when Aunt Isabel Kimball and Barbara Loundsbury met and crossed swords. The first intimation of excitement came one morning at the breakfast table, when Mrs. Percy, glancing over the mail at her plate, looked up with dismayed face.

"Isabel is coming down Thursday to stay for a week!" she exclaimed.

The silence that followed the announcement was so penetrating that Barbara Loundsbury, sitting pretty near, began to laugh.

"Do forgive me if I am intrusive," she begged, "but you all seem so overwhelmed. May I ask who Isabel is?" "Her other name is Kimball," Cynthia said.

"She is father's stepmother," Agnes added.

"She is a lady," Ralph explained in a hollow voice, "who feels it her duty always to tell the truth."

"Oh, no, Miss Kimball, Cynthia has laughter broke out again. "You poor, poor things, is it so dreadful?" she asked.

"You just wait and see," Agnes retorted, feelingly.

Thursday afternoon, accordingly, Aunt Isabel appeared. The first impression was decidedly agreeable, for she was a woman of imposing appearance and distinguished manners. She had hardly greeted her relatives, however, before she began her observations: "Caroline, you are looking dreadfully! You really should see a doctor. How Agnes has grown! She is getting round-shouldered, too. Cynthia, your eyelids are very red. I hope it is nothing permanent."

She was interrupted by a clear voice: "Oh, no, Miss Kimball, Cynthia has splendid eyes. She got a cinder in one this morning, that's all. And don't you think Agnes has a splendid color?" "I hadn't noticed her color," Miss Kimball returned, stiffly, "but I see Ralph wriggles round in his chair the same old way."

"You should see Ralph 'wriggle round' in football," and Barbara's eyes met Ralph's encouragingly.

That was the beginning. Whether Aunt Isabel realized the state of affairs no mortal could ever tell—certainly her passion for truth-telling showed no diminution. It was the Percys who, under Barbara's inspiring leadership, rose to the demand of the hour. Instead of wringing under the blighting effect of unmitigated truth, they revealed a sudden and marvelous appreciation of each other's good points. As Ralph remarked, he began to feel as if, in time, his family might learn to appreciate him.

When Aunt Isabel, dimpled—and truthful—to the last, bade them farewell, the Percys with one impulse turned to Barbara.

"We shall never mind Aunt Isabel again," Mrs. Percy and Cynthia said in concert, while Agnes added gravely: "I never knew how nice we were before."

"Resolved; that hereafter we adopt Barbara's way in all times of depression," Ralph proposed, and it passed unanimously.—Youth's Companion.

Work Treatment in Disease.

Some interesting experiments conducted at the state institution at Macon, Ga., have completely demonstrated the great value of work as a means of healing in various forms of chronic illness, especially in mental and nervous disorders, alcoholism and epilepsy, says the Vienna correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette.

Under the supervision of Dr. Starlinger, the chief of the institution, no less than 54 per cent of the patients are engaged in some kind of occupation. The majority are employed in farm, dairy and garden work, while others turn their attention to mechanical trades, including the production of a newspaper, which is printed and also largely written by the inmates.

It has been found that mentally affected and those suffering from alcoholism make the most willing and efficient workers. Work has a quieting influence and renders the patients much more satisfied.

The favorable effect on their physical condition is shown from the fact that the number of deaths from tuberculosis have steadily decreased since the introduction of the work treatment, although the number of patients has constantly increased.

One other good effect of the work treatment is that the general public are found to lose much of their dread of asylums when they see the patients engaged in some useful occupation.

Millions for a Bridge.

To the average person the expending of \$2,300,000 for a bridge would seem a risky investment. To him it would scarcely seem that such an enormous sum could possibly be realized in any think like a reasonable period of time for a mere bridge. Nevertheless such was the cost of the new railroad bridge across the Mississippi river at Thebes, Illinois, one hundred and thirty miles south of St. Louis; and it may be unhesitatingly said that not a shadow of doubt is entertained by its builders that the bridge will prove a paying investment. In fact, the builders had arrived at the certainty of its paying before the plans for its construction were complete; and it is probable that by their figures one could learn just how many years will be required for the direct and indirect receipts of this bridge to balance its total cost and the compound interest thereon.—Technical World Magazine.

Result of Practice.

"He is a sharp one, is young Comenp. It doesn't take him any time to take people's measure."

"But don't you know before they struck off, he was in a tailoring establishment?"—Baltimore American.

Ever notice how a woman lowers her voice when she has occasion to ask a favor?

If a loafer would only take a hint as readily as he takes your time.

THE SHIP'S MUSIC.

Custom of Band Playing Abroad Originated by Germans.

The custom of band playing on merchant ships originated on the German liners, says Shipping Illustrated. Afternoon concerts were given by improvised bands, generally recruited in the steward's department, and the same bands who spilled sauce on the lapel of one's coat at breakfast could be seen earnestly blowing the trombone, while the band was murdering "Hell, dir in Siegeskram," or a selection from "Frischschütz."

These primitive musical attempts have progressed like everything else and to-day professional orchestras are by no means uncommon on passenger steamers.

The most conservative of British lines has been obliged to follow suit, and very soon it will be as impossible to escape from this flood of harmony on the broad Atlantic as it is now to find actual rest, and for a week at least to remain out of the reach of Wall street news. Whether this evolution of the steamship into a floating hotel, with all the discomforts of the latter, as well as its advantages, constitute a real improvement remains as yet to be proved. The question may be asked in all seriousness whether steamship companies are not now giving their patrons more than they really expect for their money, and certain it is that there are many—and among these genuine lovers of music—who would prefer to eat their dinner in peace and silence.

It is said that music as a feature of the dining room has become in vogue owing to the prevailing dullness of the present age. Conversation is a lost art and nothing better than music could be found to enliven the atmosphere while all are maintaining an awkward silence. To the few, however, who need the spice of agreeable talk to facilitate digestion, music at table is a positive nuisance. The man making a trip to banish unpleasant memories from his mind will not take kindly to the heartrending notes of "I Pagliacci!" or to Schubert's "Serenade." The flighty music of Puccini may become perfectly abhorrent to him who has just been apprised by wireless of enormous financial losses, while the inexperienced making his first trip, who may be thinking of "the girls he left behind him," will become unmoved when the orchestra unfeelingly reminds him that la donna e mobile. In short, music should be restored at sea to what it originally was. Nothing is better than an open-air concert on the boat-deck of a calm afternoon, but let the atmosphere of the dining room at least remain free from all melody save that produced by the soft murmur that rises over an assemblage of well-bred folks gently conversing.

THE PENALTY OF MIRTH.

The First Church of Lynn, one of the oldest organizations in the country, has lately celebrated its one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary. Accounts of the services, however interesting, contain nothing of so exciting a nature as do those of a former celebration. The occurrence marking the dedication of the "Old Tunnel Meeting House," in 1822, are recorded by an eyewitness and quoted in "Oldland Oldpaths," "Linn."

The formal ceremony of dedication of a church was held. The choir was in ye greete barne of Mr. Hood. While we were at table a powder flew to ye beam over our heads. Mr. Richardson, ye Newbury minister, in a very loud voice and stately mien proclaimed that the ye house was a noble temple it yet was but a fit casket for ye godly jewel of Linn. Whereupon a most lusty crew was set up by ye old crook ye beam, and he flapped his wings sending ye dust down onto ye table.

Ye compant hurried uples at ye misbehaving fowle, but not being of good aim did not hit, and with a whirring noise it flew to ye ground as if in disgust.

Mr. Gerrish was in a merrie mood. Not having his tools about him he endeavored ye discomous performance of gapping and laughing at ye same time. In doing so he set his jaws open in such a wise that it was beyond his power to bring them back again. His tongue was very grate and his joyful laugh was soon turned to grievous growling.

We did our utmost to stay the anguish of Mr. Gerrish, but could make out but little till Mr. Rogers, who knoweth something of anatomy, did bid ye suffer to sit down on ye floor, and taking his hand between his legs, turning ye face upward as much as possible, gave a powerful blow and sudden press which brought ye jaws again into working order. But Mr. Gerrish did not give nor laugh much more, neither did he talk much, for that matter.

Rather Indiscreet.

An Irishman was recently showing a friend an ash receiver he had bought at a church fair.

"An' phin's it made av, Billy?" asked the other.

"Shure, it's lava, Dan," said Billy.

"An' phin's it lava, Billy?"

"Why, Dan, don't ye know? It's phin's it lava fed 'em 'Israelites on 'em they wor forty years in 'th desert,"—Judge.

Infantine Chicken Broth.

Customer—What on earth is this broth made of, waiter? Surely it isn't chicken broth?

Waiter—Well, sir, it's chicken broth in its infancy. It's made out of the water that the heags are boiled in.

Refreshments for the Company.

Tommy—Ma, may I play make-believe I'm enterprising' another little boy?

Mother—Certainly, dear.

Tommy—All right; gimme some cake for him, then.—Philadelphia Press.

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Horses Saved by a Dog. A New Jersey farm laborer went to Egg Harbor City to do some shopping and when he emerged from a store his team had disappeared. No one had seen the driverless horses go and it was thought that they had been stolen. The man walked home and discovered that the house dog was also missing. Some days later the dog returned to the farm, got some food and drink and started away, barking furiously. He was followed and in a piece of woods several miles away the team was discovered. The horses had wedged the wagon between two trees and there they had stood five days without food or drink. They had gnawed the bark from the trees.

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Rob Peter to Pay Paul. The common expression, "Robbing Peter to pay Paul," found its origin in London in 1550 when an appropriation was made from Saint Peter's Cathedral (now Westminster Abbey) to make up a deficiency in the accounts of Saint Paul's, the other famous English cathedral. The action roused a good deal of adverse criticism on the part of the people, who coined the phrase for the occasion.

Great Tunnel Planned. Central Pacific to Pierce the Sierra Nevada Mountains. "The boring of what will be the longest tunnel in the United States, and one of the longest in the world, has very recently been determined upon by the Central Pacific Railroad Company," says J. Mayne Baltimore in the Technical World Magazine.

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