Hopeful Words to Childless Women.

The darkest days of husband and wife are when they come to look forward to a childless and desolate old age.

Many a wife has found herself incapable of motherhood owing to some great lack of strength in the organs of generation. Such a condition is nearly always due to long continued neglect of the plainest warnings.

Frequent backache and distressing pains accompanied by offensive discharges and generally by irregular and scanty menstruation, indicate a nerve degeneration of the womb and surrounding organs, that unless speedily checked will result in barrenness.

Read Mrs. Wilson's letter:

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—No one could have suffered from female troubles more than I. I had tumors on the womb, my ovaries were diseased, and for fifteen years I was a burden to myself. I was operated upon three different times, with only temporary relief; also tried many doctors. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was recommended to me by a lady friend, and after taking four bottles I was like a new woman. I had been married nine years, and had no children. I now have a beautiful little girl, and we feel assured she is the result of my taking the Compound.—MAY B. WILSON, 323 Sassafras St., Millville, N. J.

Modern science and past experience have produced nothing so effective in treating diseases of the female organs as Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Sanative Wash used according to special directions.

If you know any woman who is suffering and who is unable to secure relief, or who is sorrowful because she believes herself barren, tell her to write to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., and ask her advice. The thousands of Mrs. Pinkham's cures are all recorded for quick reference, and a reply will be promptly sent wholly without charge, that will direct her what to do.

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Out of one hundred and seventy-four men of the Yale class of 1898 who have reported their present occupation, only five are studying theology. That is only about 3 per cent., though among the one hundred and one members of the class who were not heard from, the proportion of theological students may be greater. Twenty-five years ago, about 12 per cent. of the Yale graduates studied for the ministry; fifty years ago, 25 per cent.; seventy-five years ago, 40 per cent. The pulpit seems to be losing its attraction for Yale men

Common Mistakes.

To sleep exposed to a direct draft any season.

To take off heavy underclothing because you have been over heated.

It is a mistake to work when you are not in fit condition to do so.

To conclude that the smallest room in the house is large enough to sleep in.

To think that the more a person eats the healthier and stronger he will become.

To imagine that if a little work or exercise is good violent or prolonged exercise is better.

After a man becomes old, two days seem to go at a time.

Some people's idea of good taste is to buy the highest priced article offered.

Flowering plants should never be watered with cold water.

Coffee grounds make a good fertilizer for house plants in winter

Seed bearing is the heaviest draft on the vitality and tends to exhaust the plant.

If a young man is bright you can't keep him long in the dark.

Most of our troubles arise from trying to uphold the blunders we make.

The happiest day in some men's lives is the day before their marriage.

A blush is the pink of propriety.

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Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels, cleanses the system effectually, dispels colds, headaches and fevers and cures habitual constipation. Syrup of Figs is the only remedy of its kind ever produced, pleasing to the taste and acceptable to the stomach, prompt in its action and truly beneficial in its effects, prepared only from the most healthy and agreeable substances, its many excellent qualities commend it to all and have made it the most popular remedy known.

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The late shah of Persia bequeathed his entire harem to his personal friends. Shah, that's a queer idea of friendship.

When Weyler says the Cubans are "hard on the run" he ought to know from the difficulty he has to keep safely in front.

The Princess de Chimay has eloped with a fiddler, but it is not positively settled yet whether she will lecture or elevate the stage.

WOMEN AND THE WHEEL.

From the Gazette, Delaware, Ohio

The healthfulness of bicycle riding for women is a disputed question.

Used in moderation it surely creates for women a means of outdoor exercise, the benefit of which all physicians concede. Used to excess, like any other pastime, its effect is likely to be dangerous.

The experience of Miss Bertha Reed, the seventeen-year-old daughter of Mr. J. R. Reed, 335 Lake street, Delaware, Ohio, may point a moral for parents who, like Mr. and Mrs. Reed, have experienced some concern for their daughters who are fond of wheeling. In the fall of '96 Miss Bertha, who had ridden a great deal, began to fail in an alarming manner. Rest and quiet did her absolutely no good. A physician found her pulse at 104—a very high rate. Thinking this may have been due to temporary nervousness when he examined her, he watched her closely, but her pulse continued at that rate for two weeks. He was satisfied then, from her high pulse and steadily wasting condition that she was suffering from anæmia or a bloodless condition of the body. She became extremely weak, and could not stand the least noise or excitement. In this condition of affairs they were recommended by an old friend to get some of that famous blood medicine, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. They did so, and almost from the first dose Bertha began to improve. She continued to take the pills and was by their means made entirely well and more grateful people than her parents cannot be found.

She Rides Well

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have proved a boon to womankind. Acting directly on the blood and nerves, they restore the requisite vitality to all parts of the body creating functional regularity and perfect harmony throughout the nervous system. The pallor of the cheeks is changed to the blush of health; the eyes brighten; the muscles grow elastic, ambition is created and good health returns.

Some guns kick; revenge is one of them.

CURES RHEUMATISM, ETC.

A Recent Discovery That Is Working Wonders.

The most prevailing afflictions that for a century have been engaging the most scientific skill of the medical world are rheumatism, neuralgia, catarrh, asthma, la grippe and their kindred ailments. The country is full of sufferers from these complaints. Although the most learned experts of the medical profession have labored for a century to produce a curative, until quite recently no positive results were effected. To the Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co., 167-69 Dearborn street, Chicago, belongs the credit for having produced the new remedy. It is being extensively advertised under the trade mark of "Five Drops." The trade mark is self-explanatory. Five drops make a dose. The effect is magical. In days gone by other alleged cures have been marketed with the promise to take effect in thirty days or more. Five Drops begins to cure at once. Immediate relief is felt. In order to more effectively advertise its merits the company will for the next thirty days send out 100,000 of their sample bottles of this positive cure for 25 cents a bottle by mail prepaid. Large bottle, 300 doses, $1 (for thirty days 3 bottles $2.50). Those suffering should take immediate advantage of this generous offer and write them to-day.

There are 1,500,000 coal miners.

Shall we endure or cure ACHES AND PAINS? Ask those who have used St. Jacobs Oil, For they know the comfort of prompt relief.

THINGS SEEN ON TRAINS.

Conductors Know Certain Occasions as Freak Nights and Look for Them.

"Freak night on a railroad train."

The conductor of the express for New York, which leaves the Reading terminal every morning five minutes after midnight, spoke slowly. "There's not many people know what freak night is; hardly anyone but we conductors, and then mighty few of us. But it's a fact that certain trains on certain days of the week have 'freak nights.' It's so regular that you know when to expect it. It's sure to come.

"It's this way," continued the conductor. "On this midnight to New York emigrant tickets good on the smoking car are issued at a reduced rate. Six nights of the week we have just the poorer people that wait all day, sit in the car all night and are waked in New York at 4 o'clock in the morning, all for the opportunity of going over for a half dollar cheaper. They're the kind of people you see everywhere and anywhere on the streets. But on one night of the week, just as regular as death or taxes, all the queer fish that are traveling around seem to gather together on one train. They are people you would stop and look at when they passed you. They are very fat, very thin or very drunk; funny looking people, ugly people; in fact, 'freaks.' They never travel without each other. You don't see one freak in a car load of ordinary people. All are plain, everyday people, or else all are freaks. It's got so that I can predict what a train load is going to be. If I see one or two ordinary people getting on, why I know it's an ordinary night; but if I see one of these freaks, then I know I'll have only freaks. They generally come Saturday or Monday nights, but there is no rule. Sometimes we won't have any for a month, and then we'll have three or four 'freak' nights together. In 1896 I counted we had between forty and fifty—about one night a week, you see. If you'll come into the smoker I'll show you, for it's freak night to-night."

There were five people only in the car. Freaks don't carry heavy baggage as a rule. Away up in front a stout man was embracing a friend, and both were singing the German welcome song, "Hallee! Hallow!" for all it was worth. "You don't see anything peculiar in that maybe, but I'll show you." "Stop that singing," he said, loudly. "There's a woman in the car and she wants to sleep." Both men turned around. They were unmistakably Irish. "And singing a German song, too," chuckled the conductor. Two others in the car had "freak" written all over them. One was a man who must have been six inches over six feet tall. He was thin and dressed in rusty black. He had turned over the seat ahead of him and, by putting his feet up, had elevated his knees, thin and gaunt, two feet above his head. The other was a strange looking foreigner, remarkable for his ugliness. Belonging to some Eastern race, he was dressed in ordinary clothes, which did not fit him. His face was pitted and a harelip drew his mouth into an evil position. At first glance he seemed to have no nose, so small, so sunken was it. "Wouldn't like to meet him on a country road at night," said the conductor.

There was one other person in the car, a woman, one of those small, swarthy Italians who patronize the owl trains so often. "No, there's nothing freakish about that woman on first sight. But come up here with me." He led the way to the woman. "Look there," he said. On one arm the woman held a baby, on the other arm another baby; on the seat a third baby. They were triplets. "So you see it's freak night," said the conductor, genially. "It's a good thing for you you did not get in that smoking car."

An inquiry among the conductors of trolley cars had revealed the curious fact that the same conditions prevail there. They, too, have "freak nights," although but once a month on the average. Just as on the railroad, the freaks travel only at night in the "owl" cars. They are never seen with ordinary people, but flock together. Although they have this affinity for each other, their neighbors' peculiarities never have any interest for them. They have occupied the center of interest too long; they are too accustomed to being wondered at. So they never wonder themselves.—Philadelphia Times.

Way He Was Welcome.

"Here, Harry, is a dime for you," said Mr. Harper to the little brother of the one he loves. "Have you ever heard Miss Bessie say anything about me when I wasn't here?"

"Oh, lots of times," replied the sweet child.

"And what does she say, Harry?"

"She says she's always glad to have you come here when she's feelin' all wore and tired."

"And," continued the delighted young man, "does she ever explain why she likes to have me come at such times?"

"Yes. She says you're so easy she can go to sleep and still keep you guessin'."—Cleveland Leader.

Cortez's Flag.

The flag carried by Cortez, the Spanish conqueror of Mexico, nearly 400 years ago, was until recently preserved at a little church in the capital of the State of Tlaxcala.

Inviting Ostracism.

Mabel—I wonder what's come between Myrtle Seymour and Tom Sedgwick?

Mildred—Oh, haven't you heard? He openly declares that he doesn't intend to get a chainless wheel this year.

We notice that girls with steadies never have fascinating girls come to visit them.

Sympathy often moves the people when patriotism fails; sympathy caused the late war

Spring Medicine

These two words emphasize a necessity and indicate a remedy.

SPRING—the season when the blood is most impure as a result of the winter's closer confinement, higher living, slower action of the kidneys and liver; when humors of all kinds, boils, pimples and eruptions are most liable to appear; when the weak, languid condition of the whole bodily structure demands and welcomes help.

MEDICINE—that to which the millions turn at this season—Hood's Sarsaparilla. The *original* and *only* preparation especially adapted to the present needs of the human family; that which makes the blood pure and clean, as shown by its thousands of wonderful cures of dreadful blood diseases; creates an appetite and cures dyspepsia, as shown by its "magic touch" in all stomach troubles; steadies and strengthens the nerves, as proved by the people formerly nervous, now calm and self-possessed, thanks to

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Very Much Run Down,

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One maple tree in Vermont sometimes yields twenty-four gallons of sap, or six pounds of sugar. New maple syrup in that State sells for $1 a gallon. It may be judged from the fact that not much of it gets scattered over the country.

Maine people are shipping pine cone to the treeless plains of the west.

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"No man can help his belief." Unless he has brains.

A poor picture is not helped by being put in a good light.

The dullest man has in him something original. It is sin.

The man is usually in the right who owns himself in the wrong.

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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 gets 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.

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