

**HON. JOSIAH B. ALLEN,**  
Of the Supreme Court of Ohio,  
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Dr. Hartman is receiving hundreds of letters every day about his famous remedy for la grippe. Ordinary remedies seem of no use. Pe-ru-na is the only remedy that entirely eradicates this stubborn disease from the system. The reason for this is that Pe-ru-na is a scientific cathartic remedy; it cures catarrh in all stages and phases. La grippe is epidemic catarrh.

Hon. Josiah B. Allen, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Ohio, writes Dr. Hartman on the subject of la grippe as follows:

COLUMBUS, O., April 16, 1897.

The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufactory Company, Columbus, Ohio, for a free book on catarrh, written by Dr. Hartman, entitled "Winter Catarrh."

There is certainly something of exquisite kindness and thoughtful benevolence in the rarest of all fine breeding—Bulwer.

Good intentions are very mortal and perishable things. Like very mellow and choice fruit, they are difficult to keep.—Simmons.

Kind words prevent a good deal of that perverse which rough and impatient usage often produces in generous minds.—Locke.

None so little enjoy themselves and are such burdens to themselves as those who have nothing to do. Only the active have the true rest-life of life.—Jay.

**Sleepy Hollow Chair.**  
The magnificently upholstered chair displayed in our advertising columns by the John M. Smyth Company, 150 to 166 West Madison street, Chicago, and offered for \$5.25, shows what splendid value this great furnishing house offers to the public. This is but one of the hundreds of household articles shown in their mammoth and handsomely illustrated catalogue sent free on application. The John M. Smyth Co. ship goods to fatalities in nearly every State in the Union.

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Hundreds of the Boys of '63 have testified to the efficacy of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People in driving out malaria, rheumatism and other diseases contracted during their days of hardship and privation in the army. These pills are the best tonic in the world.

See Robinson, of Mt. Sterling, Ill., is a veteran of the Civil war, having served in the 10th Pennsylvania Volunteers. He went to the war a vigorous farmer's boy and came back broken in health, a victim of malarial fever. Most of the time he was unable for manual labor of any kind, and his sufferings were at times intense. He says: "Nothing seemed to give me permanent relief until three years ago, when my attention was called to some of the wonderful cures effected by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I had not taken more than half a box when I noticed an improvement in my condition, and I kept on improving steadily. To them I owe my restoration to health. They are a grand remedy."—Mt. Sterling Democrat Message.

At all drug stores, or sent postpaid, on receipt of price, 50c per box, by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Box V, Schenectady, N.Y.

**Costume of the Spreewald.**  
Consulting General de Kay writes a paper entitled "An Inland Venice" for the century. It is a description of life in the Saxonian Swamps, Venedland. Mr. de Kay says: "School out" at the village school of Burg is a pretty sight. The substantial brick building overlooks the ever-murmuring highway, and the boys and girls, instead of striding up a dusty road, tumble into punts and pole away for dear life—the boys much like other boys, but the girls resemble facsimiles of their mothers and elder sisters, clad in bright but short raincoat, and visible afar off through their strange mot-caps with wings. As one moves down stream from Burg by Leipe to Lubbenau, these wings grow smaller and collapse, while the skirts grow longer and more resemble the ordinary dress of women. At a dance the Spreewalders know instantly, by the peculiarities of her costume, from what village a woman or girl has come. At Leipe the multitudinous skirts of alarming girth are no more, the gown reaches the ankles, and the cap fits close to the head instead of resting on a framework as in Burg. Thus the dress in Leipe is perhaps more graceful, but it is more commonplace; it no longer testifies to that pride of the peasant father or husband which is shown by the number of yards in the skirts of his womanfolk and the variety of their caps, by the richness of their dress as well as their jewelry.

**Can Fear Be Cured?**  
Professor Angelo Mosso, of Turin, in his book on "Fear," which has recently been translated into English, says that fear is a disease to be cured. He particularly condemns the methods, which are sometimes practiced by parents and nurses, of governing and controlling young children through a sense of fear. Even more pernicious is the practice of awakening a sense of terror in children by stories of "boogies," hobgoblins and witches. According to Professor Mosso, mankind can be made more courageous by proper cultivation.

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**Portable Well Barrel.**  
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A powder to be shaken into the shoes. During winter your feet feel uncomfortable, nervous, and often cold and damp. If you have peevish, smarting feet or tight shoes, try ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE. It warms and relieves the feet and makes walking easy. Cures swollen and aching feet, blisters and callous spots. Relieves corns and bunions of all kinds and is a certain cure for Chilblains and Frost-bites. Buy it today. Sold by a drug store and shoe stores for 25c. This article mailed FREE. Address Allen S. Olmstead, Le Roy, N. Y.



**Good straight rye straw is probably as desirable material as can be secured for thatching.** To get rid of the grain, hold the bundle, without cutting the band, so that the cylinder of the threshor will strike the heads. When the grain is all removed throw the bundle to one side and do not let it go through the machine. The straw will then be straight and in good condition for thatching.

Arrange the rafters as for a shingle roof. Use for sheathing 4-inch boards placed about a foot apart. In thatching, the work is done on exactly the same principle as shingling. A course of small bundles (a) is first laid on all the way across the ridge of the roof. Then take a straight iron rod or the straight rye straw (b) and butts by standing the straw perpendicularly and lifting several inches from the floor, then letting fall suddenly. The end of a ball of strong string to the lower pieces of sheathing next to the cornice. Place the bunch of straw against it and pass the string over the straw down under the sheathing, back to the left and



THE WAY TO THATCH.

bring it up over the bundle the second time. Put in another bundle of straw and repeat the operation until the first course is completed.

Put on the second course in the same way, having the bundles in this case the cracks of the first course and the butts extending to the edge of the roof. The third and remaining layers are put on in the same way, except that the butts of these are always about a foot above the butts of the layer below, just as the lower edge of one row of shingles is several inches above the one just below it. In the engraving b, c and d show the relative positions of the third, fourth and fifth courses. Always cover completely the twine which holds on one course with the lower part of the next above it, just as the nails in one course of shingles are covered by the next layer. If the work is carefully done, the roof will be waterproof and will last for many years.



made mine of an old cultivator, with a pickle barrel that cost 25 cents. I first bend the barrel, as shown in the first illustration, at the spindle, then fit it around the barrel, then bend for the other spindle, using the grip shown at 1 for the hub, and the grip shown at 2 to fasten on the barrel. With this, a boy can carry 25 gallons of slop as easily as I can carry a bucketful. This device



HANDLING THE SLOP.

is left at the kitchen door, and the whole day's slop is put in it, and is all hauled away at once, at the same hour each day, so that the pigs are not squealing around the trough all the time. The trough projects through the fence, so I can dump the slop in to sixty head of hogs and not get my clothes soiled, as shown in the second picture. The device can be improved by cutting out a shallow curve from top of the barrel and riveting on a tin spout, as shown.—J. Bringinger, in Ohio Farmer.

**Corn Fertilizer in Winter.**  
The bare corn field is no better pulverized by winter freezing than if some fall crop were sown, and left in winter to cover its nakedness. Wherever crimson clover will live through the winter, that is, of course, best, as winter earth covering, for it will often make consid-

erable growth in the spring. But there should be something sown, if only one or two. A mixture of both these grains will probably make a better winter protection to the soil than either alone. These will not fire after heavy freezing, but their leaves will make a mat that will protect the surface from being beaten down by rains. When this mat is placed under, it should not be buried more than three or four inches. The earthy barrow will do it deeply enough.

**Pruning Peach Trees.**  
Peach growers are gradually learning that the peach tree will not only stand very severe pruning, but that it does best under such treatment. Where this is not practiced, long slender branches form, and these produce fruit mainly at their outer extremities. This overloads the branches and causes them to break down even when the tree is producing no more fruit than it could easily carry if properly distributed. If the branches were cut back to within two feet of the trunk they would throw out numerous fruit spurs and produce fruit close to the trunk and main branches where it could easily be supported. Trees handled in this way will also produce more perfect fruit. Such severe cutting back may be done without any injury whatever if performed while the tree is dormant. Although peaches are reckoned an American crop, it is still one of the most profitable fruits that can be grown in localities adapted to it. Select the finest varieties and give high culture and it will require but little fruit to give you a good money return.—American Farm News.

**Made Poultry Pay.**  
A writer in a Western paper says: I often read in the poultry journals that it is not much work to take care of poultry. Still I like it for the outdoor exercise and natural life I have for my pets. I also found it very remunerative, but I find there is as great a demand for that article called common sense in poultry raising as in everything else. The third year I gave poultry my attention I kept a strict account with the huddles. I had thirty-two Light Brahma hens and forty half-bloods for sitters. In the early spring I sold thirty-two sittings of eggs, twenty-two half-bloods for sitters, and raised nearly 700 chicks. I sold some for broilers and some for breeding purposes, and packed over 150 dozen eggs during the summer. I sold all the culs Thanksgiving, and at the end of the year the books showed a balance in my favor of \$714.24. Since that time I have kept no accurate account, but am satisfied to continue until I find something better.—Farmer's Review.

**A Cow for Every Acre.**  
We do not hear so much as we used to do about the importance of producing enough feed on an acre to keep a cow through the year. It can be done by growing corn as the main feed. But that is not always, nor generally, economical, for if all the land is kept in corn it must require more manure than where it can be every three or four years seeded with clover, and after all the soil would be less fertile than after a clover seeding. Besides, more depends on the milking character of the cows than on their number. The best dairy men prefer rather to reduce their herds in number, and still get as much milk and butter as formerly. This makes the labor much less, and if the lessened number of cows leaves more land not needed to keep them, it can probably be used to other uses that will pay much better.—American Cultivator.

**Guessing Weight of Stock.**  
One of the best ways of training the eye to judge both of live and dressed weights of animals is offered at "butchering time." If the farmer has some barn scales it is easy to secure the live weight of animals at any time. But there is great difference in the amount of waste in killing and dressing, even among animals of the same breed. It is this kind of knowledge that the buyer learns by long practice, and unless farmers want to be cheated in selling live stock they must learn also. The boy on the farm should be encouraged to make his guess as to how much each hog or beef would weigh, both alive and after it was dressed for marketing. It is knowledge that every boy on the farm should try to gain.

**Feeding Grain to Sheep.**  
There is nothing better than the V-shaped trough in which to feed grain to sheep. It is easily made, and should be set up high enough so that sheep will not put their feet into it. Nailing a narrow board a foot and a half above the trough will keep the sheep from stepping or jumping over it. Sheep will clean out all the grain in the bottom of the V, and if they do not it should be turned over after they have eaten, and left turned until ready to feed again, so that it will not fill with snow, which mounds and dirties the feed.

**Storing Apples and Grapes.**  
If apples are kept in the cellar they should be placed in the coolest and most airy part. It is best to keep them in a shed or garret until there is danger of freezing and then put in the cellar. To keep well, apples should be kept in receptacles as airtight as possible. The barrel should never be left uncovered. Open the barrel and take out a sufficient quantity to last a few days and then nail the cover on again.

**Do You Know Your Farm?**  
We want to ask you, farmer friend, if you are perfectly familiar with your whole farm? Have explored all its acres and know what is on the under side as well as on top? Do you know just how deep certain land should be plowed and what crops are best adapted to same? If you do, then you are on the high road to prosperity. Just keep right on, and you'll get there.—Farmer's Guide.

**THANK YOU TO MRS. PINKHAM.**

**Earnest Words From Women Who Have Been Relieved of Backache—Mrs. Pinkham Warns Against Neglect.**

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I have been thankful a thousand times, since I wrote you, for what your Vegetable Compound has done for me. I followed your advice carefully, and now I feel like a different person. My troubles were backache, headache, nervous tired feeling, painful menstruation and constipation.

I took four bottles of Vegetable Compound, one box of Liver Pills, and used one package of Sanative Wash, and am now well. I thank you again for the good you have done for me.—ELLA E. HANMAN, East Rochester, Ohio.

Great numbers of such letters as the above are constantly being received by Mrs. Pinkham from women whose health and happiness is restored to her advice and medicine. Mrs. Pinkham's address is Lynn, Mass. Her advice is offered free to all suffering women who are puzzled about themselves. If you have backache don't neglect it or try heroically to "work it down," you must reach the root of the trouble, and nothing will do this so safely and surely as Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Backache is accompanied by a lot of other aches and wearying sensations, but they nearly always come from the same source. Remove the cause of these distressing things, and you become well and strong. Mrs. S. J. SWANSON, of Gibson City, Ill., tells her experience in the following letter:



DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—Before using your medicine I was troubled with headache and my back ached so that I could not rest. Your medicine is the best I have ever used; it has relieved me of my troubles, and I feel like myself again. Thanks to Lydia E. Pinkham.

I would advise any one troubled with female weakness to take your medicine. I shall also recommend it wherever I can as a great reliever of pain.

**A Million Women Have Been Benefited by Mrs. Pinkham's Advice and Medicine.**

Nothing is so hard but search will find it out.—Herrick.

Reprove thy friend privately. Commend him publicly.—Solon.

Every one has a fair turn to be as great as he please.—Jeremy Collier.

It is easy finding reasons why other folks should be patient.—George Eliot.

There is no greater punishment than that of being abandoned to a self.—Queen's.

Human nature is so constituted that all see and judge better in the affairs of other men than in their own.—Terence.

**For Sprains.**  
If ankle, keep your sock on and fill it with dry flour; if knee, wrist or elbow, put the flour on a cloth and wrap it up. It will ease the pain in a short time. I have tried it on my ankle and knee. Each was badly sprained and I got immediate relief from pain in each case, and have not suffered any from them since. It took some time for them to get well and strong again.

A fashion paper says that "cents are to be worn longer this year." But we don't know how this can be done; there are only 365 days in the year.

A man may admit that he can't sing when he is in town, but he is always willing to try while driving in the country.

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The smallest worm will turn, being trodden on, the doves will peck, in safeguard of their brood.—Shakespeare.

Good breeding is the result of much good sense, some good nature and a little self-denial for the sake of others.—Chesterville.

Positiveness is a most absurd foible. If you are in the right, it lessens your triumph; if in the wrong, it adds shame to your defeat.—Sterne.

A true man never frets about his place in the world, but just slides into it by the gravitation of his nature and swags there as easily as a star.—E. H. Chapin.

**A Pleasant Tooth Powder.**  
Ten teaspoonfuls precipitated chalk; three teaspoonfuls powdered borax; three teaspoonfuls powderedorris root, one-half teaspoonful myrrh. These can be purchased at any drug store and cost but little. One may ask for "prepared" or "powdered" chalk if preferred. The druggist will understand and give exactly the same ingredients as in this prescription.

**Two by One.**  
Here are two new Brahms anecdotes told by Ika Horowitz-Barnay. A young Hungarian violinist, who was continually talking about his wonderful skill and great fame, had his fatherless addressed to Brahms cut short with the brusque remark: "More finger exercises and fewer phrases, young man." A young woman who played the pianoforte asked him as to the advisability of giving a concert in Vienna. "Are you all ready?" inquired Brahms. "Certainly, dear master; may I play something for you?" "Oh, no, no; I don't want to have you a new gown and gloves?" "Yes, sir." "Play; otherwise I should have advised you not to give the concert."—Deutsche Rundschau.

A Turkish grant of territory for Germany colonizing in Egypt goes to show it was not wholly a holy land trip Emperor William made.

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