



Mrs. Elizabeth H. Thompson, of Lillydale, N.Y., Grand Worthy Wise Templar, and Member of W.C.T.U., tells how she recovered by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I am one of the many of your grateful friends who have been cured through the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and who can today thank you for the fine health I enjoy. When I was thirty-five years old, I suffered severe backache and frequent bearing-down pains; in fact, I had womb trouble. I was very anxious to get well, and reading of the cures your Compound had made, I decided to try it. I took only six bottles, but it built me up and cured me entirely of my troubles. "My family and relatives were naturally as gratified as I was. My niece had heart trouble and nervous prostration, and was considered incurable. She took your Vegetable Compound and it cured her in a short time, and she became well and strong, and her home to her great joy and her husband's delight was blessed with a baby. I know of a number of others who have been cured of different kinds of female trouble, and am satisfied that your Compound is the best medicine for sick women."—Mrs. Elizabeth H. Thompson, Box 105, Lillydale, N.Y. \$5.00 for full bottle if original of above letter showing genuineness cannot be produced.

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Was Officially Dead.
A curious incident occurred in an English police court recently where a man named Travis was sentenced to a month's imprisonment for obtaining a postal order by false pretenses. He pleaded that he was "officially dead," and his story was that when with the British army in South Africa he deserted, obtained some clothes from the Kaffirs, made his way to the coast and worked his passage home. He then discovered that he was reported dead, and though he subsequently gave himself up as a deserter the war office gave an official assurance that he had "died at the front" and would not be hanged.

He Was From New York.
Rev. George C. Lorimer, when he was pastor of Tremont temple, in Boston, entered one evening a Boston hall where a lecture was in progress. Mr. Lorimer stood in the vestibule a little while, listening to the lecture, and the janitor, a colored man, approached him respectfully. "A fair lecture, sah," said the janitor. "Oh, more than fair, don't you think?" demurred Mr. Lorimer, "I would call this lecturer a brilliant man." "Seacely a brilliant man, sah," said the janitor. "Ah t'ink he's a fair man, sah, but not o' de prima facie class. He's a good man sah, a well meanin' man, but not a talented man. He's a New York man, sah."

TIMELY CALLING.
How the Pastor Saved a Life.
A man near Fort Gay, W. Va., made an entire failure in getting strength from the kind of food he ate and not knowing that the trouble was with the food kept on losing health until the doctors gave him up to die.
It was supposed to be consumption because he was wasting away steadily and slowly dying. His minister called from time to time and one day brought along a package of Grape-Nuts, thinking from what he knew of the famous food that perhaps it might help him. The sick man took to it at once and from that day began to get well. In writing he says:
"I walked to town today 3 miles. Have gained over 40 pounds in about 2 months and my neighbors don't know what to say. I frequently am told it was as if I am raised from the dead. Everybody here knows of my case, you can tell people to write to the Postmaster or Rev. L. D. Bryan. I will make a sworn statement that Grape-Nuts saved my life." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.
This is another illustration that where all other food fails one can be brought back to health and strength on Grape-Nuts. "There's a reason."
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RUSSIAN VICTORY

CLAIM MADE THAT JAPANESE VESSELS HAVE BEEN SUNK.

REPORTS, HOWEVER, CONFLICT

Rumors of Victory Spread Far and Wide Over St. Petersburg and Cause Much Excitement—A Japanese Rise Which the Russians Overcome.

ST. PETERSBURG.—Reports of a Russian victory at Port Arthur were current late Wednesday afternoon and early in the evening, and about midnight they seemed to have been definitely confirmed but in the absence of an official announcement, which is momentarily expected, the stories of the dimensions of this victory were most conflicting and confusing in character. The most circumstantial report was that the Japanese had attempted to bottle up Admiral Stark's fleet in Port Arthur by sinking two stone-laden vessels at the entrance of the harbor, employing the tactics which were considered, but not executed by the late Admiral Sampson, United States navy, with the Merrimac at Santiago during the Spanish-American war. According to this account two Japanese ships appeared off the harbor with a Japanese fleet behind them and ostensibly in pursuit. The Russians, however, suspected a ruse and their ships steamed out and sank the stone-laden vessels, engaged and defeated the enemy and drove them off. The reports of the loss inflicted, however, are conflicting.

All the stories include the feature of the vessels loaded with stones, but according to some versions the Japanese fleet was conveying transports with the purpose of effecting a landing at Pigeon bay, and after the failure of this preliminary maneuver, the Russians played havoc with both the Japanese warships and the transports, sinking four of the former and two of the latter.

One account even gives the name of the battleship Retvizan as the vessel which particularly distinguished herself by ramming and sinking one of the Japanese ships.

Rumors of this victory spread far and wide over the city during the early part of the evening and the crowds which had gathered in the streets in spite of the severe cold to discuss the news were greatly excited. One newspaper printed an extra relating the victory, based on a meager telegram from London, but as the night wore on without official information, the crowds dispersed except from around the newspaper offices. These remained thronged with officers and others who were resolved to await the official announcement.

LONDON.—A dispatch to the Central News from St. Petersburg gives another version of the reported Japanese defeat at Port Arthur, according to which the Japanese planned to sink some barges in the strait leading to the inner harbor of Port Arthur, thus blocking the exit. The Russian gun fire sank the barges before they arrived at the intended spot.

STORY OF THE FIGHTING.

What Viceroy Alexieff Says of the Recent Naval Engagement.
ST. PETERSBURG.—A telegram from Viceroy Alexieff to the czar says:
"At 2:45 o'clock on the morning of February 24, numerous Japanese torpedo boats attempted to attack the battleship Retvizan. There were several large steamers loaded with inflammables. The Retvizan was the first to observe the torpedo boats and opened a strong fire on them. She was supported by the land batteries. She destroyed two steamers near the entrance of the harbor; they were coming directly toward her. One of them went on the rocks near the lighthouse on Tiger peninsula, and the other sank under Golden Hill. The Retvizan observed four steamers in a sinking condition and eight torpedo boats departing slowly to rejoin the waiting Japanese warships. A portion of the crews of the Japanese vessels was drowned. The grounded steamer is still burning. The enemy is observed in the offing of Port Arthur in two lines.
"The Japanese crews saved themselves on boats, and it is possible that some of them were picked up by the enemy's torpedo boats.
"I am proceeding to examine the coast. The entrance of the harbor is open. I attribute the complete derangement of the enemy's plan to the brilliant action and destructiveness of the Retvizan.
"Floating mines are still visible in the roadstead. I have recalled the three cruisers sent in pursuit of the enemy in order, in the first place, to clear the roadstead of floating mines. We have no losses."

Uncle Sam's Cash.
WASHINGTON.—Today's statements of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, \$224,418,751; gold, \$102,424,769.

Lively Times in Wheat Pit.
CHICAGO.—Wheat for May sold Tuesday at \$1.08½ a bushel. A jump of 2½ cents above Saturday's final figures. The cause was a sensation advance in prices at foreign grain markets, apparently due to growing fear of European complications over the Russian-Japanese war. A terrific slump followed, due to profit taking. May wheat made a sheer descent of 4c, dropping to \$1.04½. The market developed an extraordinary whiplaw character, reacting quickly a full cent to \$1.05½.

Men Are Needed for Ushers.
CHICAGO.—The report of the special grand jury which investigated the Iroquois theater disaster will be framed Monday by a subcommittee and the jurors will be submitted to Judge Chytrous on Tuesday. In the report will be included a recommendation that legislation be enacted immediately forbidding the employment of theater ushers less than 21 years old. The jurors found that the Iroquois had enough ushers, but that they were boys who deserted their posts at the first alarm.

FOREMOST FRENCH PAINTER



Tony Robert Fleury, who has just been elected to the presidency to succeed Bouguereau, is a popular painter, who has two salon medals, is a chevalier of the Legion of Honor, and is mentioned for the Institute. The portrait printed herewith was drawn by himself.

WAR IN BALKANS.

Turkish Minister Says Advices Justify This.
WASHINGTON.—Chekib Bey, the Turkish minister at Washington, believes war in the Balkans is impending. In a conversation with a correspondent of the Associated Press the minister said:
"Illness has prevented my transmitting heretofore an important communication which I received from my government several days ago about the reported trouble in the Roumanian provinces. I hope to see the secretary of state some time this week and have a conference with him on this subject. To correct the false impression which has, I fear, already gained ground in this country about the attitude of my country toward the reforms in Roumania, I shall give you the substance of the cablegram from my foreign office. It is to this effect:
"The porte most strenuously denounces as maliciously false the reports which have been given wide circulation in certain European papers that trouble is brewing in Roumania because of the failure of the imperial government to carry out the promised reforms there. The facts in the case are that the imperial government is fulfilling to the letter its pledges, those reforms are being vigorously inaugurated and there is no trouble brewing in that section as reported."

Of the Balkans situation Chekib Bey, who has had considerable experience in that section, said:
"Although my advices are meager the news I get indicates that the Bulgarians are assuming an attitude and pursuing a course to which it would be impossible for the imperial government to submit much longer with patience. It is reported that they are arming the inhabitants, stirring up strife in Macedonia and doing everything possible to harass the imperial government. I hope this is not true, but if the reports be true hostilities in the Balkans cannot much longer be averted."
"Do you think it probable that Turkey will address a note to the powers on this subject?" the minister was asked.
"I was interested," he replied, "to see republished some days ago the note of last year, in which Turkey clearly announced her position and called the attention of the powers to the unbearable conduct of Bulgaria. While not new, the contents of the note were most timely and what was said then on this points can be, with truth, reiterated."
"Let me repeat that I hope the reports of the activity of the Bulgarians are exaggerated, but if they contain a measure of truth then the situation there is truly critical."

JAPS LAND MORE TROOPS.
Forty Thousand Disembarked at Chemulpo and Other Points.
LONDON.—Cabling from Che Foo, February 23, a correspondent of the Morning Post says 40,000 more Japanese troops have landed at Chemulpo and that he has received confirmation of the report that some Japanese have landed at Pigeon bay, others at Ta Lien Wan, and that an engagement occurred the night of February 12. The correspondent at Seoul of the Daily Mail reports a panic at Ping Yang, Korea, which is regarded as heralding the approach of the opposing armies.
According to the Standard's correspondent at Seoul, the Japanese bombarded Port Arthur at intervals between February 8 and 14, causing, however, only slight damage.
Internal Revenue Collections.
WASHINGTON.—The monthly statement of the collections of internal revenue shows that for the month of January, 1904, the total receipts were \$16,895,484, a decrease compared with January, 1903, of \$1,058,745.
For the seven months of the fiscal year the receipts aggregated \$139,943,931, an increase of \$1,495,320, as compared with the corresponding period last year.

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

RELY ON PE-RU-NA TO FIGHT CATARRH, COUGHS, COLDS, GRIP



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IN EVERY country of the civilized world the Sisters of Charity are known. Not only do they minister to the spiritual and intellectual needs of the charges committed to their care, but they also minister to their bodily needs.
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Sisters of St. Joseph, of the Deaf Mute Institute, 1849 Cass Ave., St. Louis, Mo., writes:
"We appreciate Peruna very much. It certainly does good work with catarrh and also with colds and la grippe. We have faith in Peruna and have inspired many others with the same. We do not like to be without it. It has certainly kept us from being very sick. It did a world of good last winter for our little ones. Thanking you for your kindness to us and our afflicted ones, we remain, yours gratefully."
SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH."

Dr. Hartman receives many letters from Catholic Sisters from all over the United States. A recommendation recently received from a Catholic institution in Detroit, Mich., reads as follows:
Dr. S. B. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio:
Dear Sir:—"The young girl who used the Peruna was suffering from laryngitis, and loss of voice. The result of the treatment was most satisfactory. She found great relief, and after further use of the medicine we hope to be able to say she is entirely cured."—Sisters of Charity.
This young girl was under the care of the Sisters of Charity and used Peruna for catarrh of the throat, with good results as the above letter testifies.
From a Catholic Institution in Central Ohio comes the following recommendation from the Sister Superior:
"Some years ago a friend of our institution recommended to us Dr. Hartman's Peruna as an excellent remedy for the influenza of which we then had several cases which threatened to be of a serious character.
"We began to use it and experienced such wonderful results that since then



Peruna has become our favorite medicine for influenza, catarrh, cold, cough and bronchitis."
Another recommendation from a Catholic institution of one of the Central States written by the Sister Superior reads as follows:
"A number of years ago our attention was called to Dr. Hartman's Peruna, and since then we have used it with wonderful results for grip, coughs, colds and catarrhal diseases of the head and stomach.
"For grip and winter catarrh especially it has been of great service to the inmates of this institution."
SISTERS OF CHARITY
All Over the United States Use Pe-ru-na for Catarrh.
A recommendation recently received from a Catholic institution in the Southwest reads as follows:
A Prominent Mother Superior Says:
"I can testify from experience to the efficiency of Peruna as one of the very best

me to try Peruna. After using two bottles I found myself very much improved. The remains of my old disease being now so slight, I consider myself cured, yet for a while I intend to continue the use of Peruna. I am now treating another patient with your medicine. She has been sick with malaria and troubled with leucorrhoea. I have no doubt that a cure will be speedily effected."
These are samples of letters received by Dr. Hartman from the various orders of Catholic Sisters throughout the United States.
The names and addresses to these letters have been withheld from respect to the Sisters, but will be furnished on request.
One-half of the diseases which afflict mankind are due to some catarrhal derangement of the mucous membrane lining some organ or passage of the body.
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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.

Extirminating the Hippopotamus.
It seems that the hippopotamus is to be exterminated. It is hardly probable that the hippopotamus will enjoy this, but it will be a good thing for mankind, according to the London Globe. The intelligent animals constantly attacks boats, fields and gardens, and "what he does not eat" (says an authority) "he sits on." Now he is himself to be sat on. We trust that those in charge of the campaign will remember the advice of one of our foremost naturalists, and "shoot the hippopotamus with bullets made of platinum." For if they use the other kind, his hide will surely flatten 'em.

Red Heads Seldom Bald.
Red headed people are less subject to baldness than others. A doctor explains the matter thus: The hair of the red headed is relatively thick, one red hair being almost as thick as five fair or three brown hairs. With 30,000 red hairs the scalp is well thatched, whereas with the same number of fair hairs, one is comparatively bald. It takes nearly 160,000 fair and 105,000 brown hairs to cover adequately an ordinary head.

Got the Right Kind.
Gainesville, Texas, Feb. 22nd.—Mrs. L. E. Burton of 507 Glad street, this city, writes the following letter:
"I have been awfully troubled with my kidneys; I was in a bad fix and had been doctoring with the Doctors, but was getting no better. I tried a remedy called Dodd's Kidney Pills and I found they did me lots of good. I had a slight return of my trouble and I went to the Drug Store and called for Dodd's Kidney Pills. They said there was no such pills. I told them there was. They said they had the best pills that were made and persuaded me to try a box of another kind, not Dodd's. As I needed some medicine, I bought a box, but they did me no good so I went elsewhere and got the real Dodd's Kidney Pills and very soon was completely cured. I took a box up to the Drug Store and showed them that there was such pills and asked them to order some, but as I haven't needed any more I haven't called to see whether or not they got them."
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Hon. H. F. Hunter, S. D., says, "Salzer's Northern Grown Alfalfa Clover cannot be beat. I have solved the question of stock raising here. Salzer's Alfalfa is good for 3 rousing crops of hay, Salzer's Speltz for 60 bu. of grain and 3 tons of hay, Salzer's Macaroni Wheat for 65 bu. best hog fattening wheat, and Salzer's Hanna Barley, for arid, dry land, is good for 70 bu. per acre. These are all great hog, sheep and cattle fatteners, and last but not least, Salzer's Victoria Rape for sheep, and Salzer's Teosinte, good for 80 tons of green food for cattle, and Salzer's Billion Dollar Grass Bromus Inermis for lots and lots of good hay. These things make it possible for me to grow live stock by the thousands.
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