



**Young women may avoid much sickness and pain, says Miss Alma Pratt, if they will only have faith in the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.**

Judging from the letters she is receiving from so many young girls, Mrs. Pinkham believes that our girls are often pushed altogether too near the limit of their endurance nowadays in our public schools and seminaries.

Nothing is allowed to interfere with studies, the girl must be pushed to the front and graduated with honor; often physical collapse follows, and it takes years to recover the lost vitality,—often it is never recovered. Miss Pratt says,—

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"I recommend it to all young women who suffer from female weakness."—MISS ALMA PRATT, Holly, Mich. — \$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

**McClure's for April.**

McClure's for April is fairly stunning in its effect. The first of a series of articles on "The Enemies of the Republic," by Lincoln Steffens, which will consider the misgovernment of states, takes up Missouri and gives the reader a shock he will not soon forget. It is almost paralyzing in its relentless array of fact and logic concerning corruption as a custom, a system, a revolution in government. It is the bribe-giver, not the bribe-taker, who is really responsible for the bad government, Mr. Steffens points out.

**Insist on Getting It.**

Some grocers say they don't keep Defiance Starch because they have a stock in hand of 12 oz. brands, which they know cannot be sold to a customer who has once used the 16 oz. pkg. Defiance Starch for same money.

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Won't spill, break, freeze nor spot clothes. Costs 10 cents and equals 20 cents worth of any other bluing. If your grocer does not keep it send 10c for sample to The Laundry Blue Co., 14 Michigan Street, Chicago.

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**Labouche's Numerous Libel Suits**  
Henry Labouche, the stormy petrel of British journalism, has just fought his forty-fourth action for libel and he lost, being condemned to pay \$5,000 damages for saying that a certain physician was not duly qualified and that he was a quack. This is the heaviest verdict every brought against the editor of Truth, but as he is a very rich man, it is possible he thinks the run worth the money. Of the forty-four suits he won nineteen, lost eight, in two the juries failed to agree, five were settled out of court, and ten were withdrawn by plaintiffs who did not care to face trial.

**The April Atlantic.**  
Following are among contents of the Atlantic Monthly for April: Christian Science, The Frenchwoman's Son, An American Primer, Life's Tavern, The Scilian Highlands, The Common Lot, The Ethics of Business, Invocation, Lugging Boat on Sowadnehunk, Part of a Man's Life, Some Recent Aspects of Darwinism, Notes on the Scarlet Letter, The New American Type, The Age Limit, An Odd Sort of Popular Book, When I Practiced Medicine, Books New and Old: Byways of Literature.

**More Flexible and Lasting,** won't shake out or blow out; by using Defiance Starch you obtain better results than possible with any other brand and one-third more for same money.

**The Only Parlor Left.**  
Here is a story from the veldt. When Joseph Chamberlain traveled to De La Rey's country he found that the only hall available was very small for the audience he wished to address, and accepted De La Rey's offer of "his parlor." When he reached the ruins of De La Rey's house, however, he found a platform built out on to the open veldt. "But where is the parlor?" asked the statesman. "That is the only parlor you have left me," replied the soldier.

With a decent supply of good will any man can be honest on a desert island.

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I, FRANK J. CHENEY, do hereby certify that the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

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We have paid our members over \$60,000 in losses. Cannot you help some of your neighbors to its benefits?

B. R. STOFFER, Sec'y., South Omaha, Nebr.

It is with tears that wives water the sometimes sickly plants of their lords' generosity.

**In the April Century.**

There will be four color-pictures in the April Century: "The Easter Hymn," frontispiece, by Violet Oakley; "The Easter Bonnet," by Anna Whelan Betts; and drawings, by Maxfield Parrish, of the famous Villa d'Este at Tivoli and the pool of the Villa d'Este. These last two will illustrate, with other drawings in black and white by Mr. Parrish, Edith Wharton's paper on "Villas Near Rome." The woodcut in Timothy Cole's Old Spanish Masters series will be Morales' exquisite "Madonna of the Little Bird." Another notable feature of the issue will be a double page drawing, by Jules Guerin, of "Easter in Greeley Square, New York City," showing the flower market in its Easter array.

A similarity of tastes in jokes is a great assistant to marital felicity.

The United Mutual Hail Ins. Ass'y is the oldest, is the strongest, is the best; has paid \$159,000.00 more for losses than the combined payments of all other companies. Paid \$53,596.10 in 1903. Has paid \$200,911.80 for losses since its organization. Wants good representatives in every precinct. Address Home Office, 116 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Neb.

It is sometimes better to stay where you are than to jump at conclusions.

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

The spilled milk of human kindness is worth crying over.

Lewis' "Single Binder" straight 5c cigar. No other brand of cigars is so popular with the smoker. He has learned to rely upon its uniform high quality. Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

There is just as much worry over money as over the lack of it.

**NEWS IN NEBRASKA**

**THE STATE IN BRIEF.**

A fire at Oxford destroyed property valued at \$7,000.

The Scribner hotel has been sold to Kansas City parties for \$17,000.

All saloons in Columbus will hereafter be closed on Sunday by order of the mayor.

A large party is about to leave Albion for a western tour, covering many weeks.

Sheriff Bauman of Dodge County has a mare thirty-two years old that is just nursing her first colt.

Ten cars of stock were contributed to a special train at Leigh, all of them except one being shipped by farmers.

Henry M. Willis of Blue Springs, aged forty-seven years, was adjudged insane and taken to the state hospital for insane.

S. L. Wright, county judge of Thurston county, died of grip and pneumonia. He was 69 years of age and leaves a large family.

Plans have been completed to hold a summer Chautauquan assembly in Albion under the management of Dr. C. M. Love of Genoa.

Rev. Father Loecker of the Holy Trinity church of Hartington has resigned as priest-in-charge, the condition of his health demanding rest.

The home of George Staats of Saunders County, five miles southwest of Fremont, was burned to the ground. The house was a new one, built two years ago at a cost of \$2,000.

A new depot building for West Point is now an assured fact. Deeds to the property were turned over to the railroad company and the old buildings on the lots are advertised for sale.

At a meeting of the board of county supervisors of Seward county a court house proposition was discussed at some length. That the county is badly in need of a court house is well known.

Articles of Incorporation and by-laws of the Tecumseh Building & Loan Association have been approved by the state banking board and the incorporation articles filed with the secretary of state.

The board of directors of the Commercial club of Beatrice extended an invitation to the Southeastern Nebraska F. A. R. association to hold the district reunion in that city during the coming summer.

After twenty-five years' service as pastor of the St. John's Lutheran church and teacher of the German school at Harper, about four miles north of this place, Rev. A. Bergt handed in his resignation.

Rev. W. M. Morrow, the Methodist Episcopal minister at Table Rock, has gone with his family to Washington county, New York, having been chosen to a pastorate in the New York conference in that county.

The new music building in process of erection for York college will be known as the Hultit conservatory, in honor of John Hultit of Hillsboro, O. The college authorities decided to make this building a memorial to Mr. Hultit in consideration of his benefactions, amounting to \$5,000.

A special school bond election has been called in West Point by the local board for the purpose of submitting a proposition to the voters for the issuance of \$8,000 bonds for the erection of an addition to the public school building and equipping the same.

While demented and brooding over business troubles Mrs. Caroline Pfiser, a widow, living near Butte, attempted suicide by hanging. She tied a rope over the doorway at her home and standing on a trunk tied the other end of the rope around her neck and kicked the trunk from under her feet. She was almost dead when rescued.

Farmers of Sarpy county are moving in the matter of building an elevator.

Several huge cribs of corn belonging to the J. H. Lynds company were burned at Dawson, with 3,000 bushels of corn and a large quantity of oats. The blaze originated from a spark blown into the chaff from a traction engine used in operating a corn sheller close at hand.

Warren Lloyd of North Platte, owner and manager of the opera house, and one of the oldest engineers on the Union Pacific, died last week of pneumonia, at the age of seventy-four years. He commenced railroad work in 1850, and has been an engineer almost constantly ever since in various parts of the country.

While H. W. Burkett, who resides southeast of Plattsmouth, was looking over the effects of the late Rachael Kearney he discovered a \$5 county script drawn on the York bank of York, Pa., bearing interest at the rate of 1 per cent per annum, which was issued in 1828. Correspondence followed and a reply came from the bank that the face value of the scrip would be paid upon presentation.

At a meeting of the Beatrice Driving Association it was decided to open the season with a matinee, to be held the first week in May. The grounds at the new park are being improved, and many of the local horsemen are now engaged in getting their horses in shape for the racing season.

Aaron Steuvers, 20 years old, son of Montz Steuvers, living nine miles south of Oakland, was accidentally shot while examining a shotgun. The discharge mangled his right hand and entered his side. The accident will prove fatal.

**FIREMAN FALLS FROM ENGINE.**

Body Is Later Found in Creek With Life Extinct.

**PLATTSMOUTH.**—The fast Burlington meat train, No. 70, which runs from Omaha, through this city to Chicago daily, pulled into Glenwood, Ia., with a double-header and stood for twenty minutes awaiting orders before the engineer discovered that his fireman was missing. Investigation showed that he was not in the yards and a searching party was sent back along the track. At a bridge a mile and a half from town were found unmistakable evidences that it was there that the fireman had fallen from the engine. His hat was found near the edge of the creek and on the steel girders of the bridge blood was discovered. The dead body was brought up from the bottom of the creek. It is thought he was dead before he struck the water. The victim of the accident was H. C. Carlson, aged 24, unmarried, and made his home at Creston, Ia. He was well known by railroad men and at one time resided in Plattsmouth.

**BURIED IN GRAIN HOPPER.**

**Two Falls City Boys Killed While Playing in Elevator.**

**FALLS CITY.**—Lester Kermode, seven years old and Alfred Boyd, fifteen years old, while playing in a hopper containing forty thousand bushels of corn in Heacock's elevator, lost their lives.

The men in charge of the elevator started to load a car from the hopper, not knowing the boys were above in the grain.

The corn went out with such a rush that the boys were drawn in and smothered before the elevator men discovered that they were in danger. Fred Harris, one of the men in charge was the stepfather of one and the brother-in-law of the other of the boys.

Alfred Boyd has worked about the elevator and was supposed to know the dangers to be met there. No blame is charged up to the elevator people.

**The Burlington Is Prosperous.**

The Burlington last year made just \$2,156,513.05 more than it did the year previous, above all of its expenses, including taxes paid and operating expenses. The Burlington this year quotes its gross earnings at \$15,562,600.81 for the year 1903, and for 1902 it returned the gross earnings to the state board at \$12,674,838.71, an increase in its gross business for one year of \$2,887,762.10. To get this increased business the Burlington spent \$722,365.53 more for operating expenses last year than it did the year before, in 1903 its operating expenses being \$8,290,615.69.

**Money Is Pouring In.**

**LINCOLN.**—Money is pouring into the permanent school funds in the state treasurer's office at the rate of \$1,000 per day. Fifty-nine thousand dollars in available cash is now awaiting investments in state warrants. Over \$400,000 of warrants are in sight, to be taken up during next six months. The call for \$50,000 of warrants, which was issued by Treasurer Mortensen, the first of April, will take effect Tuesday. Another call will be made in a few days for another \$50,000.

**High Price for Corn.**

**BEATRICE.**—Farmers who bring their grain to Beatrice receive good prices. A wagon load of corn was sold on the street for 43 cents per bushel.

**Will Plant Potatoes.**

Farmers are preparing to plant large acreage of potatoes in Nebraska this year. Potatoes will be the principal crop in the irrigated districts lying along the Platte river in Western Nebraska. A tract of 366 acres in Scotts Bluff county has been leased by a Kansas city produce firm for the raising of potatoes, and this is but one instance in many. Secretary Dobson of the state board of irrigation says many farmers and ranch owners will put large tracts in tubers.

**Shear Sheep by Machinery.**

**SCHUYLER.**—Fourteen thousand sheep that are quartered and being fed at the Crescent stock and feeding yards of Folda & Haley are being sheared by machinery. A six-machine plant was put in, and the six men employed shear 700 to 900 animals per day.

**House Famine in West Point.**

**WEST POINT.**—Empty houses are becoming so scarce in West Point, that vacant store buildings are being used as dwellings.

**Proud to File Suits.**

The Board of Educational Land and Funds instructed Attorney General Prout to proceed and file his suits of ejectment against the settlers in the famous Boyd county land cases. The supreme court at its last sitting gave permission to Mr. Prout to file his suits in that court. It is said the settlers will raise the question that the state has no interest in the matter inasmuch as all of the land, with the exception of about eighty acres, has been leased to other parties, and they are the ones to bring the suits.

**'PE-RU-NA TONES UP THE SYSTEM IF TAKEN IN THE SPRING.'**

**SAYS THIS BEAUTIFUL YOUNG GIRL.**



**MISS MARJORY HAMPTON, OF NEW YORK.**

Miss Marjory Hampton, 260 Third Avenue, New York City, writes: "Peruna is a fine medicine to take any season of the year. Taken in the spring it tones up the system and acts as a tonic, strengthening me more than a vacation. In the fall and winter I have found that it cures colds and catarrh and also find that it is invaluable to keep the bowels regular, acting as a gentle stimulant on the system. In fact, I consider it a whole medicine chest.—Miss Marjory Hampton.

**PURE BLOOD.**

**Blood Impurities of Springtime—Cause, Prevention and Cure.**

Dr. Hartman's medical lectures are eagerly scanned by many thousand readers.

One of the most timely and interesting lectures he ever delivered was his recent lecture on the blood impurities of spring.

The doctor said in substance that every spring the blood is loaded with the effete accumulations of winter, deranging the digestion, producing sluggishness of the liver, overtaxing the kidneys, interfering with the action of the bowels and the proper circulation of the blood.

This condition of things produces what is popularly known as spring fever, spring malaria, nervous exhaustion, that tired feeling, blood thickening and many other names.

Sometimes the victim is bilious, dyspeptic and constipated; sometimes he is weak, nervous and depressed; and

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