

The bridge whist craze, which is just now engaging society people everywhere, has been recognized by at least one railroad in the United States. That road is the Colorado Midland, which has just issued neat little pads of bridge whist score cards, something which every player needs. These score cards are done in two colors, and will be sent to any address on receipt of five cents in stamps to pay postage. Address C. H. Speers, G. P. A., Denver, Colo.

Relic of Stranded Battleship.
Near the town of Arica, on the coast of northern Chile, there are said to be seen the huge boilers of an American man-of-war, the Wateree. This vessel was swept two miles inland on the crest of the tidal wave accompanying the great earthquake of 1863 and stranded there.

Wild Animals Dying Out.
Few wild animals are left in New Zealand. The government takes good care of the remnant, and seeks to add new varieties. Among recent importations are chamois from the Austrian Alps, which ought to flourish in the mountains of New Zealand.

Worth Knowing
—that Alcock's are the original and only genuine porous plasters; all other so-called porous plasters are imitations.

Some people bore you until you feel like a sieve.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.
For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, etc. a bottle.

Lots of people forget their Christianity when their clothes get shabby

WHO SHE WAS

SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF LYDIA E. PINKHAM

And a True Story of How the Vegetable Compound Had Its Birth and How the "Panic of '73" Caused it to be Offered for Public Sale in Drug Stores.

This remarkable woman, whose maiden name was Estes, was born in Lynn, Mass., February 9th, 1819, coming from a good old Quaker family. For some years she taught school, and became known as a woman of an alert



and investigating mind, an earnest seeker after knowledge, and above all, possessed of a wonderfully sympathetic nature.

In 1843 she married Isaac Pinkham, a builder and real estate operator, and their early married life was marked by prosperity and happiness. They had four children, three sons and a daughter.

In those good old fashioned days it was common for mothers to make their own home medicines from roots and herbs, nature's own remedies—calling in a physician only in specially urgent cases. By tradition and experience many of them gained a wonderful knowledge of the curative properties of various roots and herbs.

Mrs. Pinkham took a great interest in the study of roots and herbs, their characteristics and power over disease. She maintained that just as nature so bountifully provides in the harvest-fields and orchards vegetable foods of all kinds; so, if we but take the pains to find them, in the roots and herbs of the field there are remedies expressly designed to cure the various ills and weaknesses of the body, and it was her pleasure to search these out, and prepare simple and effective medicines for her own family and friends.

Chief of these was a rare combination of the choicest medicinal roots and herbs found best adapted for the cure of the ills and weaknesses peculiar to the female sex, and Lydia E. Pinkham's friends and neighbors learned that her compound relieved and cured and it became quite popular among them.

All this so far was done freely, without money and without price, as a labor of love.
But in 1873 the financial crisis struck Lynn. Its length and severity were too much for the large real estate interests of the Pinkham family, as this class of business suffered most from the fearful depression, so when the Centennial year dawned it found their property swept away. Some other source of income had to be found.

At this point Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was made known to the world,
The three sons and the daughter, with their mother, combined forces to

restore the family fortune. They argued that the medicine which was so good for their woman friends and neighbors was equally good for the women of the whole world.

The Pinkhams had no money, and little credit. Their first laboratory was the kitchen, where roots and herbs were steeped on the stove, gradually filling a gross of bottles. Then came the question of selling it, for always before they had given it away freely. They hired a job printer to run off some pamphlets setting forth the merits of the medicine, now called Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and these were distributed by the Pinkham sons in Boston, New York, and Brooklyn.

The wonderful curative properties of the medicine were, to a great extent, self-advertising, for whoever used it recommended it to others, and the demand gradually increased.

In 1877, by combined efforts the family had saved enough money to commence newspaper advertising and from that time the growth and success of the enterprise were assured, until today Lydia E. Pinkham and her Vegetable Compound have become household words everywhere, and many tons of roots and herbs are used annually in its manufacture.

Lydia E. Pinkham herself did not live to see the great success of this work. She passed to her reward years ago, but not till she had provided means for continuing her work as effectively as she could have done it herself.

During her long and eventful experience she was ever methodical in her work and she was always careful to preserve a record of every case that came to her attention. The case of every sick woman who applied to her for advice—and there were thousands—received careful study, and the details, including symptoms, treatment and results were recorded for future reference, and to-day these records, together with hundreds of thousands made since, are available to sick women the world over, and represent a vast collaboration of information regarding the treatment of woman's ills, which for authenticity and accuracy can hardly be equaled in any library in the world.

With Lydia E. Pinkham worked her daughter-in-law, the present Mrs. Pinkham. She was carefully instructed in all her hard-won knowledge, and for years she assisted her in her vast correspondence.

To her hands naturally fell the direction of the work when its originator passed away. For nearly twenty-five years she has continued it, and nothing in the work shows when the first Lydia E. Pinkham dropped her pen, and the present Mrs. Pinkham, now the mother of a large family, took it up. With woman assistants, some as capable as herself, the present Mrs. Pinkham continues this great work, and probably from the office of no other person have so many women been advised how to regain health. Sick women, this advice is "Yours for Health" freely given if you only write to ask for it.

Such is the history of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; made from simple roots and herbs; the one great medicine for women's ailments, and the fitting monument to the noble woman whose name it bears.

WORKING THE OATMEAL DODGE.

Shrewd Scheme by Which Thieves Victimized Grocer.
"It reminds me of the oatmeal dodge," said John M. Collins, Chicago's chief of police.
He was speaking of an ingenious swindle that had been worked successfully on a dentist.
"The oatmeal dodge," he continued, "was worked on a grocer in the suburbs."
"A man entered the shop and engaged the grocer in conversation. While they talked another man came in."
"Do you sell oatmeal?" the newcomer asked.
"Yes, sir," said the grocer, rubbing his hands. "The very best. How much?"
"But the man interrupted. 'I just wanted to know,' he said. 'Good-day.' And he walked out."
The grocer, looking a little disappointed, resumed his conversation with the stranger. In a few minutes a second man appeared.
"Do you sell oatmeal?" he asked.
"Yes," the grocer answered.
"Thank you. Good-day."
"And this man also disappeared."
"Well, what the deuce?" exclaimed the grocer. "But, as we were saying, he resumed, and the interrupted conversation went briskly on."
"Soon a third man entered the shop. He said:
"Do you sell oatmeal?"
"Yes," the grocer snapped.
"Thank you. Good-day."
"And this man departed—on a run. For the grocer, thoroughly enraged at last, had seized a club and rushed upon him. He had, however, a clear pair of heels. The grocer was unable to overtake him. So, after a chase of 100 yards or so, he returned breathless.

"He found the first man gone. The shop was empty. So was the till."
"Once more the oatmeal dodge had succeeded."

Secret of Content.
It isn't what a fellow has that clothes him with content. That puts him in that frame of mind where joy and peace are blent. And that's the man that's contented. And that's the man that's satisfied and glad that he's alive.
It isn't money stored in banks, there placed by his account.
It isn't mortgages he holds of fabulous amount.
Nay, none of these svenhthe worry's thorns as down life's path we saunt.
It isn't what a fellow has, but what he doesn't want!

Though wandering feet may be a curse, far more a itching hand. That grasp but never satisfy their cravings and demands. Though roving stones accumulate but very little moss. They don't like avaricious palms, keep smarting at their loss. And so the man of modest wants who keeps desire curbed. Strolls side by side with happiness when others are like perturbed. Possession ne'er makes man immune of cares that siege or haunt— It isn't what a fellow has, but what he doesn't want!

If one's wish and want imbued his days will all be spent In futile spurts upon life's road to overtake content. If one's desires modest be he'll find them all supplied And be a constant "Sunny Jim," with life well satisfied; And he'll be that man that makes for cheer nor stock that peace supplies. It isn't silver pleasure brings nor gold contentment, but it is that it isn't bank or treasury notes, though fistfuls you may flaunt— It isn't what a fellow has, but what he doesn't want! —Lealie's Weekly.

Where He Lacked Proficiency.
The young men were playing "socker." Their naked knees were red and chapped in the cold wind. Now and then, when one fell on the frozen field, he rose and caressed a bare leg from which oozed gout of red blood.
"Dribble the ball. Dribble the ball!" howled a coach.
Walter Camp laughed.
"I once saw this game played on a winter day in Glasgow," he said. "How gray and cold it was. Now and then a handful of snow fell through the still air."
"Near me sat an old man with a pocket pistol. Every little while he would shiver and uncork the pistol and take a comfortable drink."
"A younger man regarded him enviously. The ninth or tenth time the old man put the pistol to his lips the other said:
"Man, ye're a grand dribbler, but ye're a poor hand at the passin'!"

Embroidery Work for Men.
Of white brocaded satin, embroidered with gold, the vestment measured about three feet by five.
"It is \$500," the dealer said. "It is 200 years old."
He touched the heavy and bright embroidery.
"This gold work," he said, "is as fresh as though new, and it will always stay fresh, for it is worked with Holland gold thread—a thread of silver, gold plated, such as only the Dutch can make."
"With these stiff threads of silver plated with gold only strong men can embroider. The task is beyond the strength of women. All good ecclesiastical embroidery is men's work."

Wolf Killed by Children.
Emmett Caylen, aged 10 years, and his sister Lottie, two years his junior, children living not far from Georgetown, Colo., a few days ago ran down and killed a large gray wolf without assistance. The youngsters had set traps for the pests. One was caught, but snapped the chain and started off with the trap on one foot. The children followed and killed the wolf with a twenty-two-caliber rifle.

Denmark to Honor Writer.
The city of Odense, where Hans Christian Andersen was born April 2, 1805, has purchased his home for the purpose of transforming it into an Andersen house, in which may be preserved objects associated with Denmark's best known writer.

THE SCOOLEMASTER SPEAKS.

The wisest faces mark the shallowest minds.
The condensed milk of human kindness is a dollar in charity.
Language is like a harp. There's much music in it if you know how to play.
Fame, after all, is a matter of press notice—and what do we philosophers care?
He is poor whose health is poor, and poorer still is the man whose conscience is sick.
Knowledge and the ability to do things right are the commanding credentials of success for a young man.
It doesn't take some men long to say all they know, but it takes them a long time to get over, the consequences of what they have said.
When a man wears corsets to help his form, it is time he wore woman's clothes. Next to a tub of dough, nothing resembles it as much as your male person with a desire for corsets and petticoats.
A man fighting two battles, one without and one within, one with the world and one with himself; if he win the former he has yet lost all if he lose the last, for the conquest of life is self-command. Having that, a man dies game in any crisis and is great.
Men and women are very much like clocks. Some are always on time, some are never on time; some are always in order, some are never in order. And while you may be able to tell something of a family by its timepiece, you can tell more by the nature of the dog that greets you at the gate. A dog grows up after the fashion of its master or its mistress; a kind gentleman will not have any ugly brute on his place.—Chicago Evening Post.

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Sore Throat Develops Into Bronchitis
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Chronic Catarrh of Throat and Lungs
Mrs. Virginia Caviana, room 32, Cambridge Block, Portland, Ore., writes:

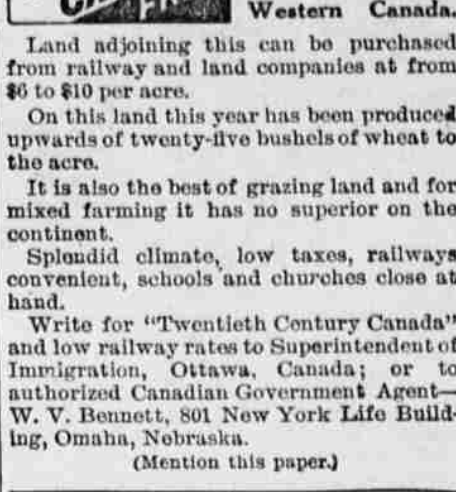
"I was a sufferer with catarrh of the throat and lungs for a long time before Peruna was recommended to me. I gave it a trial, although I thought at the time it would be just like other medicines and do me no good. I was pleased to find that my improvement began in less than two weeks and continued until I was entirely well. I gained nearly 15 pounds, have a splendid appetite and am grateful for what your medicine has done for me."



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