

**4 Monster Steel Plate.**  
A steel plate has just been turned out by an English firm that is said to be the largest made. After shearing it measures 76 feet 8 inches by 5 feet, and is six-tenths of an inch thick; it is without a flaw and weighs five and a half tons.

**A LETTER TO WOMEN**

From Mrs. James Corrigan.

For seventeen years I have suffered. Periods were so very painful that I would have to go to the doctor every month.

He said that I had an enlargement of the womb, and told my husband that I must undergo an operation, as I had tumors in the womb, and it was a case of life or death.

I was operated upon twice, but it did not seem to do me any good, it made me very weak. I was troubled with the leucorrhoea a great deal.

I also suffered with the sick headache, vomiting spells, back-ache all the time, terrible pain in my left side, chills, loss of appetite, and could not sleep nights.

After taking several bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, some Liver Pills, and using your Sanative Wash, I recovered.

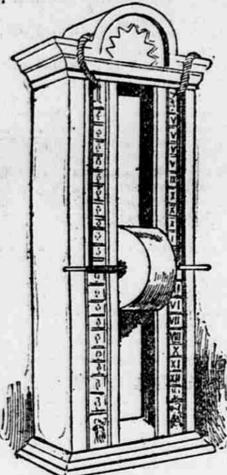
I can eat well, and every one that sees me tells me I am a different person. I can do all my own work, sleep well and feel well. I am growing stronger every day, and am able to go out and enjoy a walk and not feel all tired out when I return, as I used to. I doctored for sixteen years, and in all those years I did not feel as well as I do at the present time. I wish that every woman that is troubled as I was, would try that medicine. Oh! it is so good to feel well, and it is all owing to Mrs. Pinkham's kind advice and medicine.

—MRS. JAMES CORRIGAN, 284 Center St., Jamaica Plain, Mass.



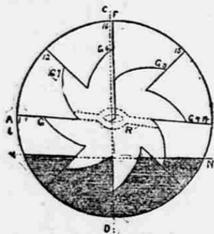
**CLOCK WITHOUT WHEELS.**  
It Runs 24 Hours and Works by the Law of Gravity.

A mysterious clock was found in a private collection by Director Davy, of the observatory of Montsouris, France. It dates from the time of Henry III, and is described in a treatise on clocks published in the seventeenth century by Father Alexander, a Benedictine monk. The clock on the outside looks like a little wooden cabinet; on the right side figures are carved along the edge in a vertical line, representing the



THE GRAVITY CLOCK.

hours from 5 a. m. to 12 midnight. A small metal cylinder with a rod through its axis is supported by two pieces of string, and by turning the cylinder up the two pieces of string will roll up on the rod. The interior of the cylinder is divided into eight compartments of even size. These compartments communicate by very small apertures—I, II, 12, etc.—with those next to them, and by canals—R—with those on the opposite side of the cylinder. The working power is simple. A specially prepared fluid is filled into the cylinder up to the line M-N. When the cylinder is rolled up and the fluid



THE CYLINDER'S INTERIOR.

allowed to settle, the cylinder will not fall down, but work its way down with a slow and steady movement. Each of the compartments in turn is slowly filled and emptied in that slow-running motion, and the rod on the outside shows the time as the downward motion of the cylinder proceeds.

**Oldest of the Old.**

The oldest inhabited house in the kingdom is Dunvegan Castle, in the Isle of Skye, the seat of the McLeods, of McLeod, part of which dates from the ninth century, or a couple of hundred years before the conquest by William the Norman.

The castle is built on a promontory at the head of a loch, and must have been a place of great strength in the days when the McLeods and McDowalds were at constant warfare.

Sir Walter Scott spent a night there in the "fair chamber," his experiences furnishing matter for one of his "Letters on Demonology."

The oldest family in the world is that of Mutsu Hito, the Mikado of Japan, the throne of that empire having been filled by members of his family for more than 2,500 years. The present Mikado is the 122d of the line. The first one was contemporary with Nebuchadnezzar, 606 years before the Christian era.

The oldest family in Europe is the Austrian house of Hapsburg, of 952. Mahomet was born in 570; his descendants are registered in a book kept in Mecca, and no doubt exists of the authenticity of the long line of Mahomet's descendants.

Most British geologists are now prepared to admit that the earth has passed through several glacial periods, instead of one, as is commonly supposed.

**TRUMPET CALLS.**

Ram's Horn Sounds a Warning Note to the Unredeemed.



There are always three present when two of God's children meet. Make it right to sell whisky, and nothing else can be wrong. Every man who thinks he can deceive God has already deceived himself.

The man who minds his own business will always have something to do. Step where God tells you to, and you will find your foot planted on the rock. The prayer that comes from a broken heart goes straight to the heart of God.

The more grateful we are for our blessings, the smaller our trials will look.

If God gives us much to do or endure it means that he will also give us much grace.

If we do too much for our children they will never be able to do much for themselves.

It is hard to convince some preachers that they are not needed most where the pay is the best.

It would puzzle an angel to make out what some people mean when they say, "Thy kingdom come."

Heaven's windows are still waiting to fly open for the man who will take the last tithes to the storehouse.

There is nothing in the Bible to encourage anybody in thinking that he can be saved by his own good works.

The preacher whose only usefulness lies in his ability to cure insomnia in his hearers, has misunderstood his call.

There is much praying done in public and private that falls short of a genuine calling on the name of the Lord.

Men have no patience with the man who fails at a vital point, but God bears with him, and gives him another chance.

One of the biggest fools in the world is the man who thinks the devil won't get him because his wife belongs to church.

Many a man who begins what he considers a promising journey in the Jericho road, meets the robbers at the first bend.

There is something wrong with the man who goes home from church mad, whenever the preaching is aimed squarely at the face of sin.

**REMAIN UNCHANGED.**

Goldbeaters' Tools and Cooks' Caps as They Were in Ancient Times.

In almost every kind of trade known to man the years have brought manifold changes in the way of tools, improved machinery, advanced ideas as to the manipulation of material and numberless arts from the fields of science, the workshop of the chemist, the inventor and the artist. But there is one trade in which no advance has been made and that is in the goldbeaters' trade. The same tools and the same appliances are used now as in the days when Solomon built his temple and the art flourished in ancient times.

When Tyre and Sidon ruled the seas, when Carthage disputed with Rome the supremacy of the world, the goldbeaters of those days worked with the same implements as those used nowadays. It is a very singular thing that in all this endless change, this rearranging and shifting, the goldbeaters' trade should still be conducted on its ancient basis and stand primitive in relations to the other trades and arts that have progressed so steadily and importantly.

Another curious feature of the trades is the badge of the cook's cap. It is the same cap nowadays as the cap worn by the cooks who served up nightingales' brains for Lucullus, Vitellius and the Roman epicures. The cooks of the days of Shakespeare, of Charlemagne, of all ancient time, wore the same shaped headgear—the inevitable cook's cap that the chef of a fashionable modern hotel wears. The times change and people change with them, but in this labyrinthine moving and changing it must be remembered that there still exist two symbols sent down through the ages as they were in the beginning.

**Smartness Accounted For.**

In these days of new and improved educational methods it is not surprising that the children are becoming wiser than their fathers.

Up in the North Carolina mountains says the Washington Star, an old man has a cabin which is a resort for hunters. He has a grandchild of whom he is very proud. She is a pretty, golden-haired girl and a pet of the hunters, who warm the cockles of the old man's heart by singing her praises.

On a recent trip one of the hunters, after a little skirmish with the child, went out to the old man, who was doing some work about the cabin, and said:

"I say, grandpop, Nellie is smarter than ever."

"Yes," responded the old man, proudly. "When she was in the city a-visitin' of her aunt she went to one of those McKinley-garten schools and learned a heap."

**American Feet Are Small.**

American women will be gratified to learn that an experienced Parisian saleswoman considers that after the women of Madrid, Peru and Chili they have the smallest feet of any nation in the world. The best shaped feet in Northern Europe are in Sweden.

If you want your grave kept in order, be good to an old maid before you die.

It requires some courage to be a true friend.

**RUTHLESS WAR.**

Horrible the Cruelties Once Practiced by the Spaniards in Holland.

No page of the world's history is more replete with tragic horror than that treating of the revolt of the Netherlands against the oppression of Spain. "It was," says Motley, "a war of wolfish malignity, wherein every man seemed inspired by a spirit of special and personal vengeance." Fortunate, indeed, were such as fell in the heat of battle, for in the eyes of the victors no refinement of punishment was too appalling. Cruelties too monstrous for description were daily perpetrated: men saw their towns converted into slaughter-houses and solitudes, while they themselves were torn limb from limb, "crimped alive like fishes," hanged, starved, roasted before slow fires, pinched to death with red-hot tongs, flayed alive and broken on the wheel. The women a worse fate befel. But while we execrate the ruthless cruelty of the Spaniards, we cannot hold their opponents blameless, for when occasion offered they often retaliated with a savage reprisal, priests and other non-combatants falling victims to their merciless rage. To calculate the number slain during this war is impossible. At the instigation of Alva alone 18,000 were executed, while the number of those who perished by battle, siege, starvation and massacre defies computation.

**The Popular Sweet Pea.**

The sweet pea, which has become a very popular flower, was first cultivated in Sicily about the year 1700, and of the four original varieties two came from Sicily and two from Ceylon. The time to plant the sweet pea is as soon in the spring as the soil can be turned without clogging.

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