

**Most Curious of Plants.**  
Perhaps the most curious fad pursued by the wealthy land owners of England is the training of various vines and shrubs to represent human figures and pieces of household furniture, like chairs and tables. In one case a large brush had been pruned and trained until it assumed the shape of a round table laden with spirit decanters and wine glasses, perfect in every detail. A famous group of shrub people are the Siamese twins and the Princess of Wales. Thousands of people have gone to the estate where these unique shrubs are planted and paid an admission to see them at close range.

**Working Elephants.**  
In India elephants over twelve and up to forty-five years of age are deemed best to purchase, and will generally work well until they are eighty years old.

**It's Your Own Fault.**  
How long have you had lame back? It's your own fault. St. Jacobs Oil would have cured it promptly, and will cure it now, no matter how long it has remained neglected.

**Canada's Southern Boundary.**  
The southern boundary of Canada stretches over fully 4,000 miles, along which southern Ontario has the latitude of central Italy, Manitoba and Vancouver that of central Germany.

**His Own Epitaph.**  
Randolph H. Waters, an inmate of the Soldiers' Home at Leavenworth, Kan., visited a cemetery at Elmwood, Kan., and read the epitaph over a grave which was supposed to be his. His sister had placed the headstone over the grave two years ago. Waters ran away from home at the beginning of the civil war, and after it was over he went west.

**What Cuba's Loss Means to Spain.**  
The loss of Cuba means to Spain the loss of the very sustenance of the nation. In the same way the loss of your appetite means starvation to your body. If any reader of this notice wants to fully enjoy hearty meals, we can recommend Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It cures indigestion, dyspepsia and constipation.

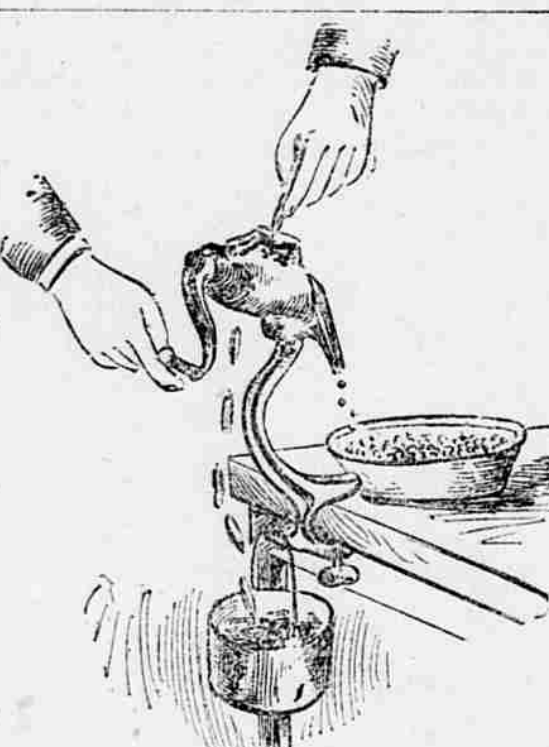
**A Big Meteor.**  
A special dispatch to the London Daily Mail from Cape Town says that a meteor, that is described as being half the size of St. Paul's Cathedral, has fallen at Port Alfred. It made a hole in the ground fifty feet deep, 120 feet long and 60 feet wide.

**Lighted the Sea Bottom.**  
At Toulon recently the bed of the sea was lighted up from a balloon attached to a tug, in the hope that a lost torpedo would be detected. The experiment was successful.



**How to Test the Oven.**  
Put half a sheet of white kitchen paper on the shelf of the oven on which the cake is to be placed, and shut the door. If at the end of five minutes the paper is charred, the heat is too great. Cool the oven by leaving the door a little way open for a minute or two, and then test again with another sheet of paper. If it is dark brown after being in for five minutes, the oven is right for baking small pastries and thin cakes. The temperature of a few degrees below this—tested by a piece of paper turning a light brown—will be suitable for baking ordinary pound cakes, pie crusts, etc. When the paper turns only a dark yellow the heat is suitable for puff pastes, sponge cake mixtures and meringues.

**Shelling Peas with a Machine.**  
This novel device, it is said, removes all peas from the pod without crushing or bruising them, and it automatically



**deposits the peas and pods in separate receptacles. The sheller is operated with a crank, and is mounted on an arm that can be clamped to a kitchen table, as shown in the illustration. The whole thing is not over seven inches high. It is made of galvanized iron and can be washed without injury to the parts.—New York Tribune.**

**Potato Yeast Recipe.**  
In the evening take a handful of hops and pour a quart of hot water over them and boil with four large potatoes, until the potatoes are done. Scald a tencupful of flour, in a deep china bowl, with the water from the hops; mash the potatoes up finely in the scalded flour; and set this aside until cool; then stir in two yeast cakes that have been dissolved in warm water, and two big spoonfuls of sugar—mix thoroughly, cover with cloth and set in a warm place over night. Next morning stir in some meal and let rise two hours; then stir in again cornmeal enough to make it roll, cut in round cakes, dry one week before putting away, and the yeast is made for use.—Rural Home.

**A Household Disgrace.**  
There is no justification for the feast and famine principle or the "blue Monday" idea in the home. They are ever an arraignment against the intelligence and womanliness of the mistress, mother and home-maker. It is the boast of some wives that their husbands accept uncomplainingly whatever is put before them, be its quality what it may. Alas, that any woman should make a boast so self-accurring! And alas, that any good but mistaken man should become a party to selfish neglectfulness and indolence by his complacency!—Woman's Home Companion.

**Sweet Baking Apples.**  
So many people are dyspeptic, and cannot eat pie because of its crust, that they ought to know that baked sweet apples are as good as pie, and can be eaten by anyone with impunity. Most of the sweet apples remain firm when baked, and are excellent eaten with milk, if care is taken to remove the skin, which should remain on while the apple is baking. Then the skin will come off as thin as a wafer, and leave all the aroma of the apple, which is lost when the apple is peeled while raw. The best of any kind of fruit is just under the skin.

**A Preventive of Fire.**  
To prevent fires where flues and chimneys pass through inflammable partitions water jackets of tin or light metal are placed around the openings, the solder of the pockets melting in the heat and discharging the fluid on the fire.

**Handy for Darning.**  
To assist in holding wearing apparel while darning holes therein the material is stretched over a flexible metal ring, the ends of which lap each other and engage one of a series of catches to expand the ring to the proper size.

**To Remove Mildew.**  
In case of mildew, a rare occurrence in good housekeeping, the linen is wetted and a salve of brown soap is put above and beneath, French chalk is powdered and put on the spot thickly, and it is then exposed to the sun.

**Brooms.**  
Brooms will last longer if they are dipped once a week in boiling suds. This toughens the straws and also cleanses the broom. They should always be hung up when not in use.

**Tar Stains.**  
Any grease will remove the stains, but a few drops of salad oil is a handy and always ready form of the remedy.

**Soldiers From the War**  
Bring the germs of malaria, fevers and other diseases, which may prove contagious in their own families. Hood's Sarsaparilla is a special boon to soldiers, because it eradicates all disease germs, builds up the system and brings back health. Every returned soldier and every friend and relative of soldiers should take Hood's Sarsaparilla.  
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**Farm of Cecil Rhodes.**  
A London paper contains the description of a farm belonging to Cecil Rhodes, in Mashonaland, South Africa. The house is of cut stone, and at a little distance are stables and outbuildings. Surrounding the house are immense gardens, where flowers of all sorts, rare and otherwise, flourish in the fertile soil. Further off are fields of grain and great squares of cabbages, promising a plentiful harvest. He has already planted 4,000 trees, and hopes by next year to add about twenty times the land he now has to his estate. Mr. Rhodes also indulges in stock raising and with success. Who knows? The joys of agriculture may mean the celebrated colonizer from politics, and he may yet repeat to his followers the saying of the Roman emperor, "If you could only see the beautiful cabbages that I cultivate myself!"  
Dr. Thomas Popham,  
Philadelphia:

Your Popham's Asthma Specific has nearly cured me. I have been afflicted with asthma since infancy, (20 years). For two years previous to the use of your medicine the disease had become periodical, coming on every morning in severe paroxysms. I used every asthma medicine I heard of, without success. I had become very weak and disheartened; had almost despaired of receiving any benefit from medicine; saw your medicine advertised in the paper and sent for some immediately; used it twice a day for one year, and have had but one paroxysm for the past six months. Yours truly,  
**ADDIE ELLIOTT,**  
Sheridan, Iowa.

**Note to Send.**  
The steamer rolled and pitched in the waves.  
"Deah boy," groaned Cholly, at the end of his first hour on shipboard, "promise me you will send my remains home to my people!"  
A second hour passed.  
"Deah boy," feebly moaned Cholly, "you needn't send my remains home. There won't be any."—Hamilton Times.

**Go South This Winter.**  
For the present winter season the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company has improved its already nearly perfect through service of Pullman Vestibuled Sleeping Cars and elegant day coaches from Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis and Chicago, to Mobile, New Orleans and the Gulf coast, Thomasville, Ga., Pensacola, Jacksonville, Tampa, Palm Beach and other points in Florida. Perfect connection will be made with steamer lines for Cuba, Porto Rico, Nassau and West Indian ports. Tourist and Home-Seekers' excursion tickets on sale at low rates. Write C. P. Atmore, General Passenger Agent, Louisville, Ky., for particulars.

**For Exhibition Purposes Only.**  
Mrs. Betterhawe—I am told that you allow your husband to carry a latch-key.  
Mrs. Greymair—Yes, but it does not fit the door. I just let him carry it to his friend and make them think he is independent.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

**The Best Time.**  
No autumn or winter is so good but may be bad for Rheumatism. The worst time for it is the best time to buy and use St. Jacobs Oil to cure it, because it cures promptly.

**It Was Greek to Him.**  
Drug Clerk—Well, sir, what is it?  
Customer—That's just what I would like to find out.  
Drug Clerk—What do you mean, sir?  
Customer—I've got a doctor's prescription here, but I haven't the least idea what it calls for.

**Why They Did It.**  
At an ancient church at Valsbol, in Russia, it has been customary for the congregation to turn to a blank wall and bow reverently before leaving the church. Why they did this nobody knew, except that their forefathers had done so, and had handed down the custom. In making some repairs recently the origin of the custom was discovered, for beneath many layers of white-wash and paint a picture was found of the Virgin Mary, which must have stood out brilliantly on this wall five or six centuries ago.

**Tender Flesh.**  
The more tender the flesh, the blacker the bruise. The sooner you use St. Jacobs Oil, the quicker will be the cure of any bruise, and any bruise will disappear promptly under the treatment of the great remedy.

**The Word.**  
Bond—"Don't you realize that marriage broadens a man?"  
Benedict—"Oh, yes; I suppose it can be put that way, but 'fattens' is the word I've always used."—Boston Traveler.

**Are You Going to Florida?**  
Do you want maps, rates, routes, time card or other information? If so, address H. W. Sparks, T. P. A., 234 Clark Street, Chicago.

**Simple Headache Cure.**  
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We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.  
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Prosperity is a great teacher; adversity is a greater. Possession pampers the mind; privation trains and strengthens it.—Hazlitt.

Dewey Publishing Company, Westfield, Mass., prints agents everywhere for Line of Admiral George Dewey and Dewey Family History, nicely illustrated.

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**THREE HAPPY WOMEN.**  
Each Relieved of Periodic Pain and Backache. A Trio of Fervent Letters.

Before using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, my health was gradually being undermined. I suffered untold agony from painful menstruation, backache, pain on top of my head and ovarian trouble. I concluded to try Mrs. Pinkham's Compound, and found that it was all any woman needs who suffers with painful monthly periods. It entirely cured me.—Mrs. GEORGE WASS, 923 Bank St., Cincinnati, O.

For years I had suffered with painful menstruation every month. At the beginning of it it was impossible for me to stand up for five minutes, I felt so miserable. One day a box of Mrs. Pinkham's was thrown into my room. I sat right down and read it. I then got E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and can heartily say that to-day I feel like my monthly suffering is a thing of the past. I shall always praise the Vegetable Compound done for me.—Mrs. MARGARET ANDERSON, Lewiston, Me.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has cured me of painful menstruation and backache. The pain in my back was dreadful, and the agony I suffered during menstruation nearly drove me wild. Now this is all over, thanks to Mrs. Pinkham's medicine and advice.—Mrs. CARRIE V. WILLIAMS, South Mills, N. C.

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