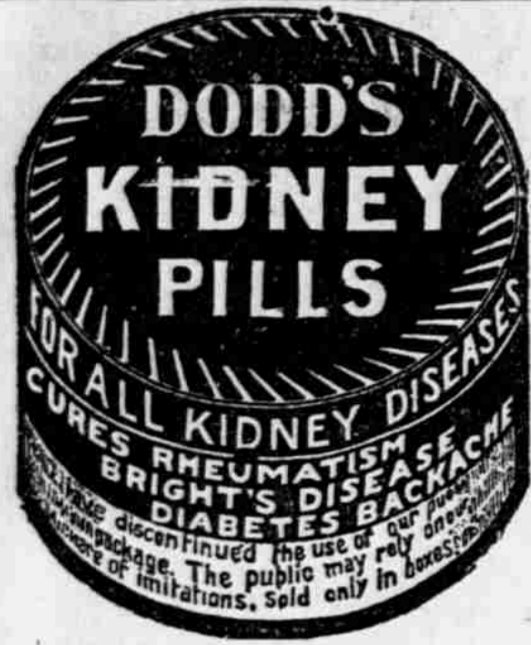


Will Row Till Judgment Day.
There is a shivery, shivery legend among the people who live along the Hudson River which is to the effect that that stream is the everlasting boiling waters of a specter who is personified as Ramhouth Van Dam. Away back in colonial times Ramhouth and his friends were drinking until late at night. Finally this man Ramhouth started for home, some distance up the river. In his boat, swearing that he would row the distance if it took "a month of Sundays." Ramhouth never reached home, and the superstitious people say that he has been condemned to row until judgment day.



LONDON'S DESERTED MANSIONS.

One Fashionable Residence District Falling Out of Favor.
Various reasons are assigned by those most directly interested—the house agents—for the migration of people from one of its chief centers, Lancashire Gate, says the London Mail. One has only to take a stroll through that district of stone palaces to see that it seems to have lost favor with not a few of its former inhabitants, for in every direction one is confronted with the familiar black and white sign of the house agent appealing for new tenants.

The number of those vacant palatial residences is increasing surprisingly, and this fact is having a depressing effect upon the Maida Vale and Paddington rates. The loss last year to Maida Vale rates was no less than £7,037, and in Paddington £4,971.

It was learned from house and estate agents that the causes of this desertion of the large houses are various. One well-known agent attributed it to the increasing popularity of flats, to the servant difficulty and to the general spirit of economy which had been prevalent since the end of the war in all classes.

Regarding the first, he said that London now possessed magnificent suites of flats, the rents of which ran up nearly to £1,000. They were elegantly fitted, and required far less domestic help than the large house. There was no dearth of tenants for houses renting at £100 a year; in fact, for each house of this kind there were a score of applicants; it was the £450 to £750 a year house that they found on their hands.

As for the servant question, many women had told him that "the more servants the less comfort." Many large houses had been almost reconstructed internally to meet the requirements and convenience of the modern servants, but all in vain; they would not stay in spite of enormously increased wages.

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Miss Margaret Merkley

There are cases where an operation is the only recourse, but when one considers the great number of cases of menacing female troubles cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound after physicians have advised operations, no woman should submit to one without first trying the Vegetable Compound and writing Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., for advice, which is free.

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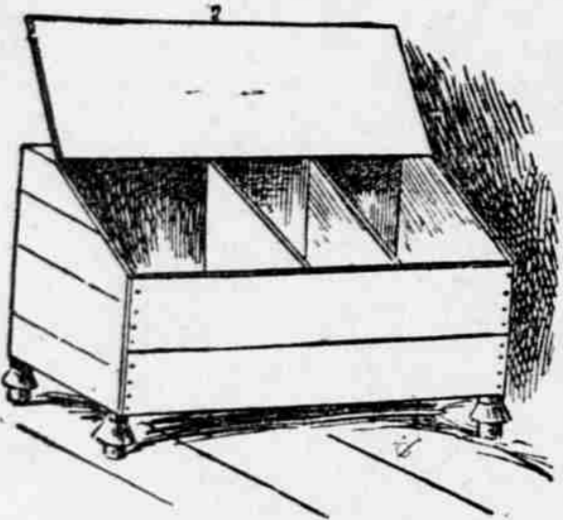
Dear Mrs. Pinkham: "Loss of strength, extreme nervousness, shooting pains through the pelvic organs, bearing down pains and cramps compelled me to seek medical advice. The doctor, after making an examination, said I had a female trouble and ulceration and advised an operation. To this I strongly objected and decided to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. The ulceration quickly healed, all the bad symptoms disappeared and I am once more strong, vigorous and well."

Female troubles are steadily on the increase among women. If the monthly periods are very painful, or too frequent and excessive—if you have pain or swelling low down in the left side, bearing-down pains don't neglect yourself; try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.



Home-Made Grain Box.

There is enough grain stored on every farm to warrant the building of a grain box, particularly when one can be built for a very small sum and with but little labor. Such a box is easily constructed from dry goods boxes, using a number of the same size to obtain the desired capacity and setting them end to end, fastening them together or not as desired. The fronts are cut so as to obtain the proper slant and then a cover is made so that the box or boxes may



THE HOME-MADE GRAIN BOX.

be locked if necessary. Divisions are made in the inside in accordance with the quantity of each kind of grain to be stored. The boxes are set on legs about fifteen inches high and each of these legs has an inverted cap of tin placed on it near where the leg joins the box. These tins will prevent vermin in the shape of rats and mice from easily climbing up the box and getting at the grain. If desired the several divisions may be lined inside so as to make them more vermin proof. The illustration shows how simple this grain box is.—Indianapolis News.

Seed Corn Breeding Pays.

Corn-breeding work, still in its infancy, already has spelled profit for many growers. Material increases in yield, due in large measure to planting improved tested seed, have been so general that farmers everywhere are adopting better methods of seed selection. And other countries, noting what has been accomplished by American corn breeders, have taken steps to follow their example. Recently an American seed-corn breeding company shipped 1,300 bushels of corn to the agricultural department of the Egyptian government. The same company has also exported an order of 10,000 pounds of seed corn to Australia, where it will be used in breeding work conducted by the agricultural authorities of that country. It is to the corn belt of America that the peoples of the earth come for corn. Our corn crop is the envy of all civilized countries which cannot or do not grow corn.

White Pekin Ducks.

The White Pekin is a popular duck which has a distinctive type especially its own, and differing from all others in the shape and carriage of its body. The legs are set far back, which causes the bird to walk in an upright position. In size these ducks are very large, some reaching as high as twenty pounds to the pair. Their flesh is very delicate and free from grossness, and they are considered among the best of table



WHITE PEKIN DUCKS.

fowls. They are excellent layers, averaging from 100 to 130 eggs each in a season. They are non-setters, hardy, easily raised and the earliest in maturing of any ducks.

Grow Something New.

Make it a point this summer to find out some crop or vegetable everybody seems to want, and that no one has grown to any extent in your neighborhood, and grow that yourself next year. It is quite possible to make a crop of peppers, cauliflower, spinach or eggplant or some other unusual thing, one of the most profitable crops on the farm. If the demand is good and the supply in your neighborhood limited, the same thing is often true of squash. Along in the winter when fresh vegetables are scarce, there is always a demand in the city markets for squash.

Keeping Calves Thrifty.

A calf kept winter and summer in thrifty growth at 2 years will make as much more beef than one neglectfully kept at twice that age. The profit will all be found on the 2-year-old and the loss on the 4-year-old; yet owners of the latter have pursued such system—if system it can be called—with the idea that they were saving money. Keep the thrifty animal two years longer in the same way, and something

very handsome in the way of beef will be the result, while the starveling can never pay the expense of rearing and feeding.

Guineas.

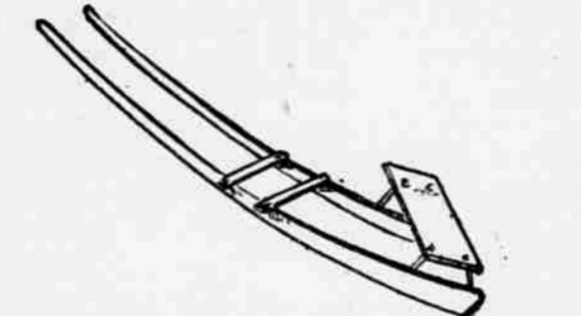
The Guinea is said to be a native of western Africa and is a very active bird of a rather wild nature. The wild nature of the beautiful fowls is an objection with many poultrymen. There are two breeds of guineas, the pearl and the white guinea. The pearl guinea is of a wilder disposition than the white guinea. Both breeds are about the same size. The flesh of the pearl guinea is darker than that of the white, which makes the white guinea preferable as a table fowl. Both breeds of guineas are good summer egg producers. They begin laying in April or May and continue to lay until late in the fall. The pearl guinea is very sensitive about having her nest disturbed and often leaves the nest if a part of her eggs are removed. The white guinea is not so particular about her nest and will continue to lay in the nest if only one egg is left in it. Our white guineas often lay in the nest boxes in the poultry house with the chicken hens. Guineas are valuable insect destroyers. They will eat insects that the chickens will not, such as the potato bug and gooseberry worm. I noticed one guinea picking the worms off the gooseberry bushes and not a worm escaped that the guinea could reach. They picked the worms off as high as they could jump.

How to Girdle Grape Vines.

The girdling or ringing of grapevines is done to increase the size of each cluster. It is not done generally, however, although some find the method profitable. The bark is entirely removed below the fruit cluster about a month before the period of ripening which hastens maturity about a week or two and enlarges the bunch and berries. The sap ascends through the pores of the wood to sustain growth, but the elaborated sap descends through the wood and the bark and can go no lower than the point at which the girdle is made, where it stops and is utilized in feeding the grapes. Some injury is done the vine below the girdle, and hence it may not pay on an extensive scale.

Jumper to Break Colts.

A Canadian farmer says that there is nothing yet discovered so useful in



THE OLD-FASHIONED JUMPER.

breaking a colt in winter as the old-fashioned "jumper." A jumper is simply made of two saplings twenty feet or more long, weakened about five feet from the butt ends by shaving the upper sides half through, so that the poles sag when the rider is on the seat and the colt hunched. The seat is supported by four posts and the horse is placed far out in the shafts. A colt cannot go over backwards with this.

Good Tonic for the Hogs.

If the hogs are growing as fast and doing as well as they can do, nothing is needed in the way of medicine. But if they are a little off in any way, a few doses of the following will straighten them up.
Wood charcoal, 1 pound; sulphur, 1 pound; sodium chloride, 2 pounds; sodium bicarbonate, 2 pounds; sodium hyposulphite, 2 pounds; sodium sulphate, 1 pound; antimony sulphide, 1 pound. Pulverize and thoroughly mix. The dose is a large tablespoonful for each 200 pounds weight of hogs to be treated, given once a day. The hogs will eat this mixed in their food, unless very ill, when it should be poured into them, mixed in water.

Great Goat for Mohair.

The South African goat, Sultan, sheared eighteen and one-half pounds of mohair at one clipping. This is the record in this country and probably the world's record. He was barred from competition at the St. Louis Fair because judges would not believe that the mohair then carried was grown within the time specified by the rules. At the Portland, Ore., Fair he took grand prize for the best buck. He is said to possess wonderful prepotent power.

Shading Helps Young Grass.

Recently a farmer who had plowed up a fence row relaid the fence after seeding with timothy and clover. It was a rail fence, laid worm fashion, and under the rails, where the heat of the sun was shaded, the grass was vigorous, and at least three times as thick as it was where no shade was had. This burning up of the plants by heat, perhaps, explains some failures in growing grass from seed without protection.

Feed for Mare in Foal.

While in foal the mare does not necessarily require food different in quality from that fed at other times, but all things being equal, the quantity should be somewhat larger. Oats are the best feed, yet shorts and bran may be fed with beneficial results. Mash can be given occasionally, and where possible cooked feed may be supplied at night three times a week.

Save the Babies.

INFANT MORTALITY is something frightful. We can hardly realize that of all the children born in civilized countries, twentytwo per cent., or nearly one-quarter, die before they reach one year; thirtyseven per cent., or more than one-third, before they are five, and one-half before they are fifteen!

We do not hesitate to say that a timely use of Castoria would save a majority of these precious lives. Neither do we hesitate to say that many of these infantile deaths are occasioned by the use of narcotic preparations. Drops, tinctures and soothing syrups sold for children's complaints contain more or less opium, or morphine. They are, in considerable quantities, deadly poisons. In any quantity they stupefy, retard circulation and lead to congestions, sickness, death. Castoria operates exactly the reverse, but you must see that it bears the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. Castoria causes the blood to circulate properly, opens the pores of the skin and allays fever.

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Dr. C. G. Sprague, of Omaha, Neb., says: "Your Castoria is an ideal medicine for children, and I frequently prescribe it. While I do not advocate the indiscriminate use of proprietary medicines, yet Castoria is an exception for conditions which arise in the care of children."

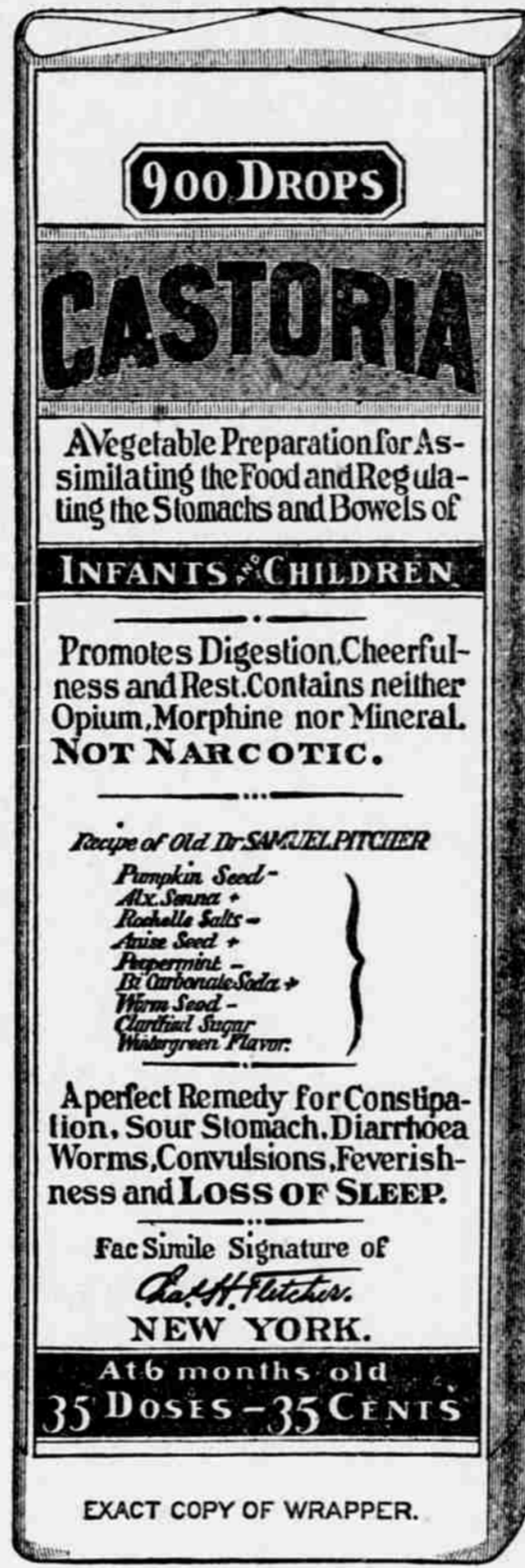
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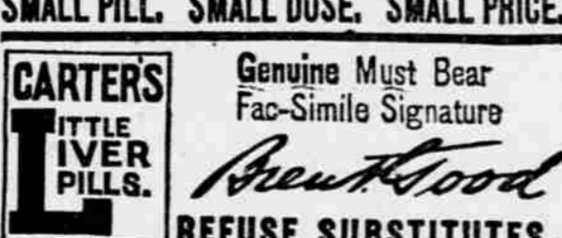
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