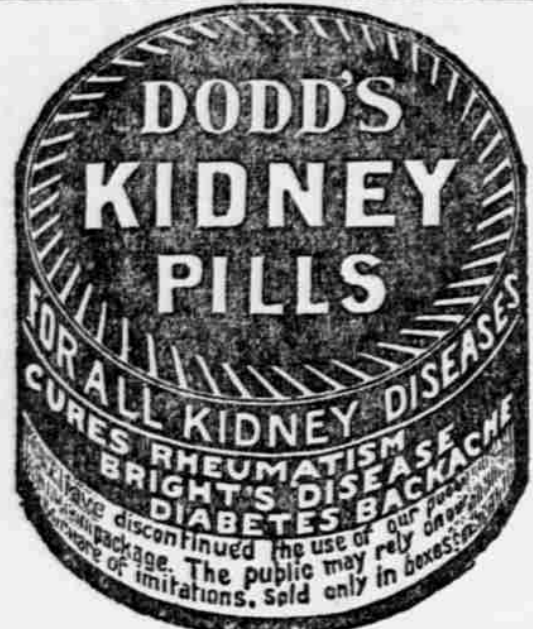


**Up to Date.**  
Dolly Dimples—So Reggy Bonds proposed to you the other day? Was he very nervous?  
Sally Smiles—I should say so. Why, he was up in the air.  
Dolly Dimples—You don't mean it. And were you calm, dear?  
Sally Smiles—No, I was up in the air, too. You see, he proposed to me when he took me up in his new balloon.

**Attractive.**  
"I am so afraid of lightning," said the pretty girl, who was a born flirt.  
"And well you may be," rejoined one of her masculine victims. "You have a heart of steel."



**A Positive CATARRH CURE**  
**Ely's Cream Balm**  
is quickly absorbed. Gives Relief at Once.  
It cleanses, soothes, heals and protects the diseased membrane. It cures Catarrh and drives away a Cold in the Head quickly. Restores the Senses of Taste and Smell. Full size 50 cts. at Drug-gists or by mail; Trial Size 10 cts. by mail. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York.

**A Sensitive Canine.**  
Baxter—That dog of yours is not a full blooded Boston terrier, is he?  
Bixby—Hush, old chap, don't let him hear you. He thinks he is.—Woman's Home Companion.

**RUNNING SORES ON LIMBS.**

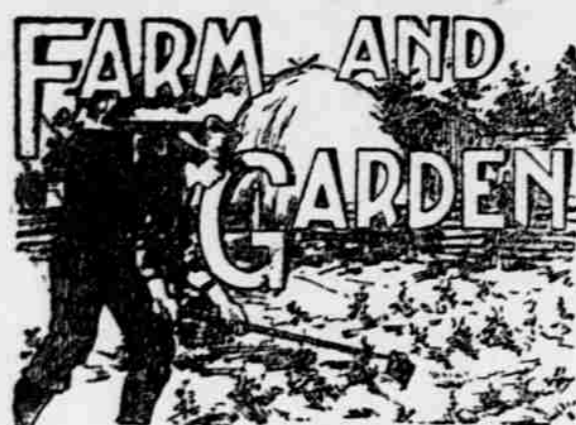
**Little Girl's Obstinate Case of Eczema**  
—Mother Says: "Cuticura Remedies a Household Standby."  
"Last year, after having my little girl treated by a very prominent physician for an obstinate case of eczema, I resorted to the Cuticura Remedies, and was so well pleased with the almost instantaneous relief afforded that we discarded the physician's prescription and relied entirely on the Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment, and Cuticura Pills. When we commenced with the Cuticura Remedies her feet and limbs were covered with running sores. In about six weeks we had her completely well, and there has been no recurrence of the trouble. We find that the Cuticura Remedies are a valuable household standby, living as we do twelve miles from a doctor, and where it costs from twenty to twenty-five dollars to come up on the mountain. Mrs. Lizzie Vincent Thomas, Fairmount, Walden's Ridge, Tenn., Oct. 13, 1905."

**Deductive Reasoning.**  
Hotel Reporter—I've got a breezy little talk here with a Scranton (Pa.) man, but—  
City Editor—Well?  
"There's an important omission. I forgot to inquire his business."  
"Oh, that's easily supplied. He runs a correspondence school, of course."—Puck.

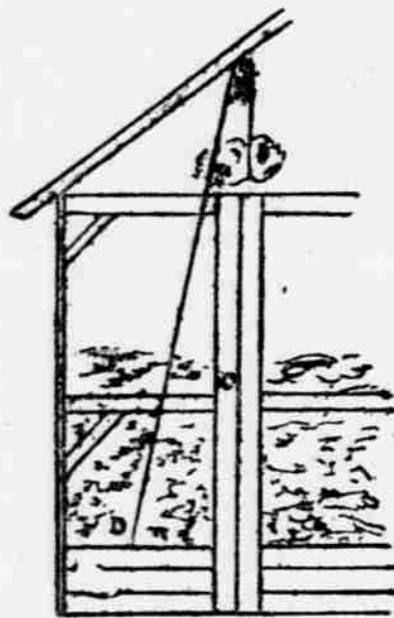
**Hasty Conclusion.**  
Tommy paused a moment in the work of demolition.  
"This is angel cake, all right," he said.  
"How do you know?" asked Johnny.  
"I've found a feather in it."—Chicago Tribune.

**THEY CURE ANEMIA**  
Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for the Most Successful Remedy for All Forms of Debility.

Anemia, whether it results from actual loss of blood, from lack of nutrition due to stomach trouble, or whatever its cause, is simply a deficiency of the vital fluid. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills actually make new blood. They do that one thing and they do it well.  
"As a girl," says Mrs. Jessie Fink, of 180 East Mill street, Akron, Ohio, "I suffered from nervous indigestion and when I was eighteen years old I was reduced in weight to 93 pounds. I was anemic, nervous, couldn't eat or sleep,



**Filling the Mow Made Easy.**  
An easy method of filling mows with straw from the thrasher or with hay when partly full is as follows: Fasten a pulley on a rafter a little beyond beam. Nail two wide boards C on the beams for the bundle to slide upon. The rope D having a hook upon one end, is placed under and around the straw and fastened. The bundle is then lifted by a man at D. When it reaches the top beam it swings in and is lowered into the mow. It can then



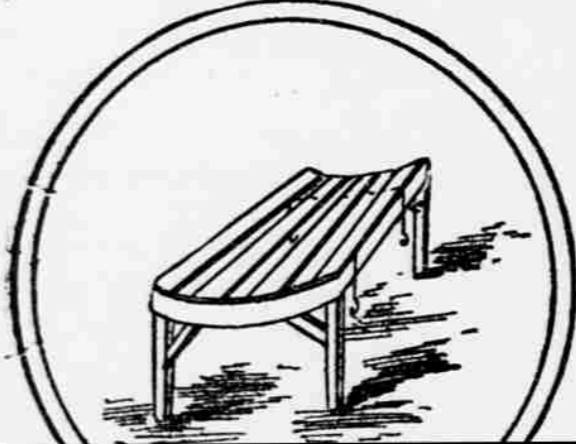
be placed where wanted and unfastened. This device is very handy and saves much time.

**Macaroni Wheat.**  
Grant Robinson of St. Paul, Minn., has purchased 40,000 acres of land in Presidio county, Texas, which he will devote to the culture of macaroni wheat on a scale the largest ever attempted in the world. Extensive preparations are now going forward for the consummation of the plans of the capitalist. Seed for planting will be brought to this country from the Volga region of Russia.

The field will be cultivated on the very latest and most improved method of wheat farming. Monster stake plows will be utilized in breaking up the land; in fact, all of the latest types of farming machinery will be used on the plantation.  
Mr. Robinson proposes to have the largest and best managed wheat farm in the world. He will build a system of tenant houses and supply the wants of his laboring men from a commissary. A school will be built for the children of the laboring men, as well as churches, etc. The farm is near Valentine, accessible to the railroad, and has proven under tests to be admirably adapted to the culture of macaroni wheat.

**Sowing Spinach.**  
Early spinach is seeded in the fall. The ground should be plowed and made fine, plenty of well-rotted manure applied, and the seed sown in rows about 18 inches apart, which should be done with a seed drill having a small roller to cover and press the earth on the seeds, the depth of planting the seeds being about half an inch. The seed should be sown before cold weather sets in. When the plants are up let them grow until the ground is frozen, and then cover with straw, which should be removed early in the spring. Spinach is a very hardy plant and is seldom injured by cold.

**Sheep Shearing Table.**  
Make a table with a hollow top, on which to lay the sheep. On each side of the board have a strap or rope with a snap hook to hold kicking sheep. The hollow top places the sheep at a disadvantage in trying to get up. This table is also very handy in tagging sheep; also in cleaning hogs, as the water will



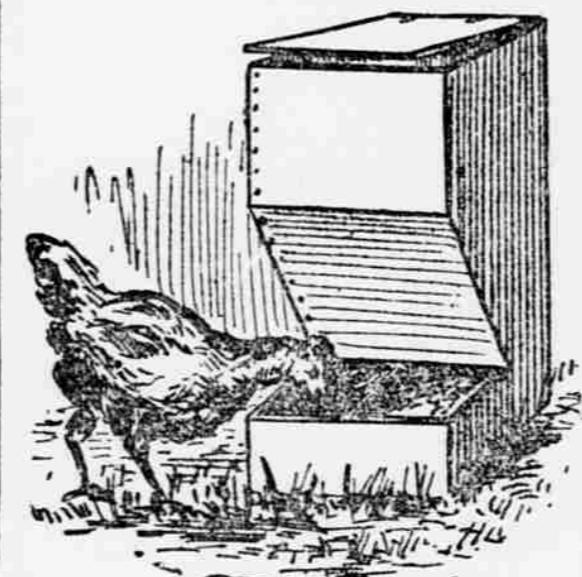
Virginia, and generally considered of no commercial value.

**Lime Nitrogen.**  
Every gardener likes to use a stimulating fertilizer to hurry the crops along. For this purpose nitrate of soda and sulphate of ammonia are most frequently employed. Nitrogen is the element chiefly sought and all known means of obtaining it cheaply have been tested. Lately much interest has been shown in lime nitrogen or calcium cyanamid. The results of recent experiments with this fertilizer indicate a high value for it. In some tests it has shown only 80 per cent of the effectiveness of nitrate of soda while in other tests it proved superior.

Lime nitrogen seems to be harmful if placed in direct contact with the seeds or roots of plants. It should preferably be mixed with the soil and applied from eight to fourteen days before seeding. It will then greatly hasten the growth and maturity of garden plants. Some gardeners have found that it is best to mix the lime nitrogen with the soil five to ten inches below the surface. The best results have been obtained by mixing the fertilizer with twice its weight of dry soil before applying. Lime nitrogen should not be applied at a greater rate than 125 to 270 pounds per acre.

**Save Falling Leaves.**  
When the leaves begin to fall, do not burn them. Save all of them. They make the humus that by and by becomes soil, and is of immense value in all its stages of change. The most irrational work ever done by a human being is to take what nature has spent the whole summer in creating for him, and throw it back into its elemental conditions. These leaves are nature's contribution to man's wealth. They are naturally spread all over the lawns each year, as a winter protection; and after they have accomplished that mission they are worked over into a compost of humus. As a rule, do not rake them too completely off the lawns. The leaves you do take instead of burning, use for banking up buildings, for that will save coal; to cover or bank around plants; for stable bedding; or on the floors of henhouses, and in rooms where the hens may scratch during the winter.

**Good Poultry Feeder.**  
Get a flat, empty grocery box and cut a section out of it, as shown in illustration. Nail a strip of thin board over the beveled portion and set the



affair against the wall. Here you have a self-feeding box in which can be put grit, bone, charcoal or grain. One or two partitions put in before cutting out the beveled section would make two or three compartments, in which two or three of the articles could be kept at the same time. This is the easiest possible way to make a self-feeding box. Have the top or cover part of the box slanting, so that the fowls cannot roost on it.

**Cold Storage for Farmers.**  
Putting first-class apples in cold storage for sale in late winter or early spring, is usually very profitable, says Farming. Other fruit and farm products may also be stored to advantage. The expense of a cold storage plant precludes its use by most fruit growers. Co-operation among farmers will sometimes be possible along this line. Granges and other farmers' organizations may do educational and practical work also. But available for every farmer are the refrigerator plants now found in almost every city. Rooms or space may be rented as one needs. Generally it is best to store in the city where it is intended to sell, that the produce may be on the ground in case of an advantageous market. Many a grower of fine fruit would be dollars ahead by availing himself of cold storage facilities.

**Parlor-Car Diversion.**  
"Porter," said the fussy lady in the parlor car. "I wish you would open this window."

The lady in the seat directly across the car heard the request and drew a cloak about her.

"Porter, if that window is opened," she snapped, testily, "I shall freeze to death."

"And if the window is kept closed," returned the other passenger, "I shall surely suffocate."

The porter stood timidly between the two fires.  
"Porter," remarked the commercial traveler, "your duty is very plain. Open the window and freeze one lady. Then close it and suffocate the other."  
—Puck.

**A WOMAN'S KIDNEYS.**

Women have so much to do, so many pains to suffer, so many critical periods to go through, that it is important to keep the kidneys well and avoid the back-ache, bearing down pain, headaches, dizziness, languor and other common signs of weak kidneys. Mrs. Charles E. Smith, of 22 Boyden St., Woonsocket, R. I., says: "My kidneys were weak from childhood, and for eight or ten years past my sufferings were terrible. My back was very painful and I had many annoying symptoms besides. When I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills I weighed only 120. To-day I weigh 165, and am in better health than for years. Doan's Kidney Pills have been my only kidney medicine during four years past. They bring me out of every attack."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

**Spilled a Trip.**  
Mrs. Jenner Lee Ondego—This spell of cool weather is decidedly refreshing.

Mrs. Seldom-Holme—I am glad you find it so. It is decidedly annoying to me. I was just getting ready to have the hay fever.—Chicago Tribune.

**Steel Roofing at a Bargain.**  
The quality of steel roofing sold for \$1.50 per 100 square feet is something surprising for these times of high prices. By sending for catalogue No. W. 749, Chicago House Wrecking Co., Chicago, referred to in another column of this paper, those contemplating to build or repairing old roofs can get important information.

**Her Only Comment.**  
"Yes," said Dreamy Darius, "I put all my brains into this little poem."  
"And it's an awfully short poem at that," rejoined Sarcasmic Susan.

**CASTORIA**  
For Infants and Children.  
The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Wm. A. Ritchie*

**Couldn't Keep a Secret.**  
Mother (impatiently)—You have been very naughty to-day, Juanita. I shall have to tell your father when he comes home.  
Juanita (aged 7)—That's the woman of it! You never can keep anything to yourself.

Where the best things are not possible, the best should be made of those that are.—Hooker.

**OPERATIONS AVOIDED**

Two Grateful Letters from Women Who Avoided Serious Operations.—Many Women Suffering from Like Conditions Will Be Interested.



When a physician tells a woman, suffering from female trouble, that an operation is necessary it, of course, frightens her.

The very thought of the operating table and the knife strikes terror to her heart. As one woman expressed it, when told by her physician that she must undergo an operation, she felt that her death knell had sounded.

Our hospitals are full of women who are there for just such operations! It is quite true that these troubles may reach a stage where an operation is the only resource, but such cases are much rarer than is generally supposed, because a great many women have been cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound after the doctors had said an operation must be performed. In fact, up to the point where the knife must be used to secure instant relief, this medicine is certain to help.

The strongest and most grateful statements possible to make come from women who, by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, have escaped serious operations.

Margrite Ryan, Treasurer of St. Andrew's Society, Indianapolis, Ind., writes of her cure as follows:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—  
"I cannot find words to express my thanks for the good Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did me. The doctor said I could not get well unless I had an operation for the trouble from which I suffered. I knew I could not stand the strain of an operation and made up my mind I would be an invalid for life. Hearing how Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound had saved other women from serious operations I decided to try it, and in less than four months I was entirely cured; and words fail to express my thankfulness."  
Miss Margret Merkley, of 275 3d Street, Milwaukee, Wis., writes:  
Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—  
"Loss of strength, extreme nervousness, severe shooting pains through the pelvic organs, cramps, bearing-down pains, and an irritable disposition compelled me to seek medical advice. The doctor, after making an examination, said that I had a serious female trouble and ulceration, and advised an operation as my only hope. To this I strongly objected—and I decided as a last resort to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. To my surprise the ulceration healed, all the bad symptoms disappeared, and I am once more strong, vigorous and well; and I cannot express my thanks for what it has done for me."  
Serious feminine troubles are steadily on the increase among women—and before submitting to an operation every woman should try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and write Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass. for advice.  
For thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has been curing the worst forms of female complaints, all functional troubles, inflammation, ulceration, falling and displacement, weakness, irregularities, indigestion and nervous prostration. Any woman who could read the many grateful letters on file in Mrs. Pinkham's office would be convinced of the efficiency of her advice and Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Ask Mrs. Pinkham's Advice—A Woman Best Understands a Woman's Ills.

The government printing office spends for lithographing and engraving \$240,000 a year.

What is it that no one wishes to have and yet when he has it he does not wish to lose it? Ans.—A bald head.

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**THE WINNING STROKE**

If more than ordinary skill in playing brings the honors of the game to the winning player, so exceptional merit in a remedy ensures the commendation of the well informed, and as a reasonable amount of outdoor life and recreation is conducive to the health and strength, so does a perfect laxative tend to one's improvement in cases of constipation, biliousness, headaches, etc. It is all important, however, in selecting a laxative, to choose one of known quality and excellence, like the ever pleasant Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig