

NOT A PATENT MEDICINE

BUT A Favorite Prescription of Dr. Pierce FOR THE DISEASES OF WOMEN ONLY.

FOR forty years Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has been more generally sold than any other medicine prescribed for woman's ills. Dr. Pierce tells you just what is contained in this marvelous remedy for the diseases peculiar to women. There is not a particle of alcohol or injurious drug in this prescription. Pure, triple-refined glycerine is used for a solvent and preservative instead of alcohol.

The active medicinal principles of the several ingredients, or native American roots employed, are extracted by the use of glycerine of proper strength and with the aid of special apparatus and appliances devised and built especially for carrying on the delicate and exact processes employed.

There are good and substantial reasons why intelligent people and physicians as well, employ Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription for the cure of diseases and weakness peculiar to women.

In the first place, it is not a cure-all, serving only a singleness of purpose, being a specific for one class of diseases only—those peculiar weaknesses and maladies incident to women. Besides it is the only medicine put up for sale through druggists for the cure of such maladies, all the ingredients of which have the endorsement of leading medical practitioners and writers, as being the very best known remedies for the ailments for which "Favorite Prescription" is advised.

WELCOME WORDS TO WOMEN.

From the view point of the average man household is very easy. The wife is right at home. She is her own mistress. She can sit down and rest any time. She can even go to bed for a nap if she feels like it. She can order her household affairs just to suit her own convenience. If she doesn't feel equal to doing work to-day, she can do it to-morrow. That's the beautiful theory of the average man.

Just suppose the Egyptian task-masters, when they made the required daily tax of bricks, had said to the toiling slaves, "Don't hurry, take a rest every now and then—only don't forget that your tale of bricks must be all right at night or else there'll be trouble."

There's the fact. There are the day's duties to be got through, and the women who can rest may rest. The woman, who, when she married, said, "Now I'll be my own mistress," finds herself a slave to household cares and duties.

And oh! how much that woman needs rest sometimes. She brushes and scrubs, and rolls pastry, her temples throbbing, her back aching, her nerves quivering under the stress of pain.

What she would give if she could just creep upstairs and throw herself on the bed in a darkened room and rest.

Rest would temporarily relieve the strain, doubtless, but it would be the same story over again to-morrow. The real need of weak, nervous women is strength, and this they get from "Favorite Prescription." It makes weak women strong and sick women well. It removes the causes of women's weaknesses, tranquilizes and invigorates the nerves, encourages the appetite and induces restful sleep.

"Favorite Prescription" is a positive cure for the most complicated and obstinate cases of leucorrhoea, excessive flowing, painful menstruation, unnatural suppressions and irregularities, prolapsus or falling of the womb, weak back, "female weakness," anteversion, retroversion, bearing-down sensations, chronic congestion, inflammation and ulceration of the womb, inflammation, pain and tenderness of the ovaries, accompanied with "internal heat."

"I am pleased to add my testimony in behalf of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription," writes Miss Earline Agard, Chaplin, Patriotic Daughters of America, of 1314 Michigan, Detroit, Mich. "I cannot find language to express my gratitude and joy over the fact that I am well once more. Wearing my corsets too tight seemed to have brought on an extra abdominal pressure, weakening the appetite and pushing the internal organs down. What to do I knew not, as no medicine I took seemed to help me."

"I had heard of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and determined to try it, as a last resort. Before the first bottle was used I began to feel better, but could hardly believe that this was permanent, but my improvement went steadily on, and within four months I was like a new woman. Now I have no more pain, and am strong and am extremely grateful to you."

There is nothing to conceal about the make-up of "FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION." It is an absolutely pure medicine—

made of native roots—Nature's own restoratives, compounded after a formula concerning which there can be no question, by skilled chemists and by thoroughly scientific processes. Doctor Pierce is perfectly willing to let every one know that his "FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION" contains Blue Cohosh root, Lady's Slipper root, Unicorn root, Black Cohosh root and Golden Seal root. Every doctor knows that such a prescription is beneficial in the diseases of women and when properly compounded is certain to effect a cure in nearly all cases when given a fair trial.

Every bottle of the "FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION" which leaves Dr. Pierce's immense laboratories in Buffalo, N. Y., has plainly printed upon its wrapper all the ingredients of which it is composed. Thus Dr. Pierce proves to the world his own confidence in the remedy which for forty years has borne his name and which is known all through the United States and Canada, England, Australia, and in parts of South America, Africa and Asia, as a sovereign cure for those diseases which, unchecked, make our women old before their time.

It will be noticed that there is no alcohol in the "FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION." Dr. Pierce never believed in using alcohol in the preparation of his famous household remedies. For it, he substitutes chemically pure glycerine, which has wonderful properties for extracting the medicinal principles of roots and preserving them at their full strength, without any deleterious effect whatever.

In favor of Dr. Pierce's medicines is the frank, confiding, open, honest statement of their full composition, giving every ingredient in plain English, without fear of successful criticism and with confidence that the good sense of the afflicted will lead them to appreciate this honorable manner of confiding to them what they are taking into their stomachs when making use of these medicines.

Dr. Pierce feels that he can afford to take the afflicted into his full confidence and lay all the ingredients of his medicines freely before them because these ingredients are such as business men who are successful by scores of the most eminent medical writers of all the several schools of practice as cures for the diseases for which these medicines are recommended.

Druggists sell the "FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION" and also that famous alterative, blood purifier and stomach tonic, the "GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY." Write to Dr. Pierce about your case. He is an experienced physician and will treat your case as confidential and without charge for correspondence. Address him at the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., of which he is chief consulting physician.

It is as easy to be well as ill—and much more comfortable. The cause of many forms of illness. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. They are tiny, sugar-coated granules. One little "Pellet" is a gentle laxative, two a mild cathartic. All now I have no more pain, and am strong, and am extremely grateful to you."

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We have room to publish here only a few extracts from standard authorities, but a booklet of authorities of the several schools of medicines will be sent you free on request.

Prof. Ellingwood, M. D., of Bennett College, Chicago, says of Golden Seal: "It is the most powerful medicinal influence its widest range of action is upon the stomach, in functional disorders of that organ, where the entire apparatus including the liver is stagnant and inoperative. It is a most superior remedy in catarrhal gastritis (inflammation of the stomach), and in certain forms of indigestion and convalescence from protracted fevers, in prostrating night-sweats. It is an important remedy in disorders peculiar to women, in all catarrhal conditions, especially if there be muscular relaxation and general enfeeblement, it is useful."

Edwin M. Hale, M. D., Professor of Materia Medica, at Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago, says of Golden Seal (Hydrastis): "In relation to its general effects on the system, there is no medicine more abundant in therapeutic value, and of more general utility of action. It is universally regarded as the tonic useful in all debilitated states."

From the foregoing extracts it will be seen that Golden Seal root is a very efficient curative agent in most of the weaknesses and ailments affecting the organs peculiarly feminine.

Prof. John M. Sessler says of Lady's Slipper root (Cypripedium Pubescens): "The root is valuable in cases of nervous excitability or irritability unaccompanied with organic lesions, allaying the irritability, lessening any accompanying pain, producing calmness and a great condition of the body and mind, and consequently favoring mental tranquility, or sleep."

It is best of service in cases of vertigo, chorea, nervous headaches, weakness and prostration in low fevers, and, indeed, in all cases of morbid irritability of the nervous system, from whatever cause, or reflex irritation. It will be found very efficient in the nervousness hypochondria, or mental depression accompanying certain forms of derangement of the digestive organs, which is more generally met with among females."

Prof. John King, in the American Dispensatory says of Black Cohosh root (Cimicifuga Racemosa): "This is a very active, powerful and useful remedy, and appears to fulfill a great number of indications. It possesses an undoubted laxative action, and in small doses the appetite and digestion are improved. It plays a very important part in the therapeutics of gynecology (diseases of women). In the treatment of conditions, its remedial action is fully displayed. By its special affinity for the nervous system, it is a most valuable agent in the treatment of nervous conditions. It is a good remedy for the reflex 'sideache.'"

Dr. John Fyfe, of Saugatuck, Conn., Editor Department of Therapeutics in The Eclectic Review says of Unicorn root (Helleborus Dioica) one of the chief ingredients of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription: "A remedy which invariably acts as a urterine invigorator and always favors a condition which makes for normal action of the entire reproductive system, cannot fail to be of great usefulness and of the most importance to the general practitioner of medicine."

"In Unicorn root we have a medication which more fully answers the above purposes than any other drug with which I am acquainted. In the treatment of diseases peculiar to women it is seldom that a case is seen which does not present some indication for this remedial agent."

Weak Women Made Strong, Sick Women Made Well.

IN the above eight words is summed up the great work for women which is accomplished by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

The record of cures effected by this remedy is without a parallel. Thousands of testimonials received from patients and from physicians who have tested it in the more aggravated and obstinate cases which had baffled their skill, prove it to be the most wonderful remedy ever devised for the relief and cure of suffering women.

It is composed wholly of medicinal principles extracted from the roots of native, American forest plants, pure triple-refined glycerine of proper strength, being used instead of harmful alcohol both in extracting and preserving these medicinal principles.

IT IS A POWERFUL INVIGORATING TONIC, imparting health and strength in particular to the organs distinctly feminine. For weak and sickly women, who are "worn-out," "run-down," or debilitated, especially for women who work in store, office, or school-room, who sit at the typewriter or sewing machine, or bear heavy household burdens, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will prove a precious benefit because of its health-restoring and strength-giving power.

AS A SOOTHING AND STRENGTHENING NERVINE, "Favorite Prescription" is unequalled and is invaluable in allaying and subduing nervous excitability, irritability, nervous exhaustion, nervous prostration, neuralgia, hysteria, spasms, chorea, or St. Vitus's dance, and other distressing nervous symptoms commonly attendant upon functional and organic disease of the organs distinctly feminine. It induces refreshing sleep and relieves mental anxiety and despondency.

CURES OBSTINATE CASES. "Favorite Prescription" is a positive cure for the most complicated and obstinate cases of leucorrhoea, excessive flowing, painful periods, unnatural suppressions and irregularities, prolapsus or falling of the pelvic organs, weak back, "female weakness," anteversion, retroversion, bearing-down sensations, chronic congestion, inflammation and ulceration of the uterus, inflammation, pain and tenderness over the ovaries and kindred ailments.

FREE CONSULTATION. An invitation is extended by Dr. Pierce to every sick and ailing woman to consult him by letter. There is absolutely no charge or fee for this consultation. Every letter is carefully considered, fully answered, and its statements held as strictly private and sacredly confidential. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

THE BADGE OF HONESTY. Each bottle of the above medicine bears upon its wrapper a badge of honesty in the full list of ingredients composing it—printed in plain English. This frank and open publicity places this medicine in a class all by itself. It cannot be classed as a patent nor secret medicine for it is neither—being of known composition.

DR. PIERCE'S PLEASANT PELLETS cure biliousness, sick and bilious headache, dizziness, costiveness, or constipation of the bowels, loss of appetite, coated tongue, sour stomach, windy belchings, "heart-burn," pain and distress after eating, and kindred derangements of the liver, stomach and bowels.

One little "Pellet" is a laxative, two are cathartic. They regulate, invigorate and cleanse the liver, stomach and bowels. As a "dinner pill," to promote digestion, take one each day. To relieve the distress arising from over-eating, nothing equals one of these little "Pellets." They're tiny, sugar-coated, antibilious granules, scarcely larger than mustard seeds.

HEALTH AND HAPPINESS. How to live in health and happiness, is the general theme of Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser. This great work on medicine and hygiene, containing over 1000 pages and more than 700 illustrations, is sent free on receipt of stamps to pay expense of mailing only. Send 31 one-cent stamps for the cloth-bound volume, or only 21 stamps for the book in paper covers. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Problems to Be Considered by the Universal Postal Congress

THE Washington correspondent of The New York Evening Post discusses in detail the more important subjects which will receive consideration at the Sixth Universal Postal Congress which meets in Rome the first week in April. Practically every government in the world will be represented in the congress. One hundred delegates are expected and, following the usual rule of courtesy, the presiding officer will be the head of the delegation from the country in which the congress is held.

Foreign mail transportation is deemed the most pressing subject for international consideration and solution. The tremendous importance of a smooth running, easily understood system of interchanging mails, originating in one country and intended for delivery in another, the correspondent points out, is hardly understood until one has learned something of the details upon which the unanimous action of the nations is based. It is evidently to the advantage of each country to have its mails expedited by all the other countries through which the correspondence has to pass to reach its destination.

This country has given evidence of its appreciation of the economic importance of the congress by sending as delegates two business men who use 1,000 stamps—the German pays \$47.80 a 1,000; the Frenchman, \$38.25; the American, \$30, and the Englishman, \$20.57. Multiplying this difference by the hundreds of thousands of letters exchanged between the great nations, the excess paid out runs into high figures.

And many other painful and serious ailments from which most mothers suffer, can be avoided by the use of "Mother's Friend." This great remedy is a God-send to women, carrying them through their most critical ordeal with safety and no pain. No woman who uses "Mother's Friend" need fear the suffering and danger incident to birth; for it robs the ordeal of its horror and insures safety to life of mother and child, and leaves her in a condition more favorable to speedy recovery. The child is also healthy, strong and good natured. Our book "Motherhood" is worth its weight in gold to every woman, and will be sent free in plain envelope by addressing application to Bradfield Regulator Co. Atlanta, Ga.

perfect equivalent in the French, German and British postal systems. So far as concerns the individual who writes a foreign letter only occasionally, this supposition is true enough to be accepted without question. When it comes to the business man who does a large foreign business, however, there is another story to tell. The Britisher pays his "tuppence ha'penny" without any realization of his extravagance, provided he is writing only one letter. The American is almost as generous in paying 5 cents, for even at the three-year intervals at which the Teutonic and Celtic correspondents across the way. Twenty-five centimes and 20 pennings are each less than the Anglo-Saxon countries require for the same service. While an individual does not worry over the slight difference on a single letter, there is this much to be considered: a man who uses 1,000 stamps—the German pays \$47.80 a 1,000; the Frenchman, \$38.25; the American, \$30, and the Englishman, \$20.57. Multiplying this difference by the hundreds of thousands of letters exchanged between the great nations, the excess paid out runs into high figures.

When Henderson was Fined. LONG before the late David B. Henderson ever aspired to the position of chairman of the committee on representatives, relates the Washington Post, he was summoned to the bar of the house and menaced with a fine of \$5,000. This, however, was a joke.

The incident occurred in 1888, when the house was engaged in debate, night and day, on the Mills tariff bill. John G. Carlisle was speaker at that time. The speaker found considerable difficulty in maintaining a quorum during the night sessions. The assistants of the sergeant-at-arms were kept busy truttling all over Washington, corralling absent members.

The absentees were formally arrested and brought to the house, where, after making all sorts of excuses to the speaker for their absence, they were in all cases excused by Mr. Carlisle. One night, shortly after 11 o'clock, Speaker Carlisle sent an assistant to the sergeant-at-arms after Mr. Henderson. The assistant found Mr. Henderson at one of the Washington theaters."

"I was with a theater party, Mr. Speaker," he said, "when I was arrested and brought here." John Allen, the joker, solemnly rose to his feet. "I move," said Mr. Allen, in a sepulchral tone, and his usually amiable face as stolid as stone, "that the gentleman from Iowa be fined \$5,000." About thirty of Mr. Henderson's chummiest colleagues rose to their feet at this. "I second the motion," they all yelled in chorus. Mr. Carlisle, standing on the speaker's rostrum, put on an expression of implacability. "I hear it moved and seconded," he said, "that the gentleman from Iowa be fined \$5,000. Those in favor of the motion will say 'aye.'" There were about 300 members present in the chamber. Every man jack of them joined in a vociferous and hilarious "Aye!" "Those opposed," continued the speaker,

by each country for its own patrons of the mails without bringing in the difficulties of determining its equivalent in the fractional currency of another country. I feel confident in saying the international letter will be the most important of the congress without doubt. Travelers abroad will welcome any such innovation as a god-send and would be glad if a similar arrangement could be introduced for use on the continent. The bother to travelers in the German empire is mailing letters is an instance. Both Basle and Wurttemberg have a postal system independent of the imperial German stamps and the latter cannot be used in these two states. In like fashion their stamps are not good in the rest of Germany.

Another improvement in the postal regulations suggested and likely of approval is the removal of the prohibition against writing a message on the left half of a postal card intended for foreign delivery. The introduction of picture postal cards led to the dividing of the address side, reserving the right half for the address and permitting messages to be written on the left half. At the present time this is permitted only on inland communications. It is prohibited on cards coming from foreign countries to America, and vice versa, in order to facilitate deciphering the address. As may be readily understood, the

distribution of articles in the mails has to be done with extreme rapidity and persons who write carelessly would undoubtedly make bad use of such a provision permitting messages on the front of the card. However, there is always some objection to everything, there is nothing perfect, and I think the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and that the common sense of the great majority of the people who use the mails can be trusted to for a rational use of the privilege.

These are the important subjects from the point of view of the individual which will be discussed. From the government standpoint there is the great question of determining the ratio of transit expenses incident to international service—the rate which one country shall charge for carrying another country's mails across its territory for transfer to still another country for delivery. An instance of this sort is the service rendered by the United States in receiving the English mails at New York and carrying them to San Francisco en route to New Zealand. Another important item is determining the average weight of international mails. The last weighing statistics were taken in 1896, and it is for the coming congress to decide when the

next weighing shall take place. The record is taken in French kilos daily for twenty-eight days, and a statement of the results in as many copies as there are countries in the congress is officially sent out. Multiplying this four weeks' period by thirteen gives the total yearly weight estimated, and all countries accept that result as satisfactory. There is never any complaint of "padding" international mails. The weighing takes place in May and November, when the postal traffic is considered at its normal stage, the excessive Christmas season being offset by the less than average figures of some other months. A question of much general interest to international letter-writers will be discussed in a consideration of either a reduced rate of postage or an increased weight at the present five-cent charge. Foreigners advocate a weight of three-quarters of an ounce for twenty-grammes, but this would not suit us at all. Instead of the present half-ounce limit for five cents, we would prefer a one-ounce weight, equivalent to twenty-eight and a fraction grammes. There is a greater tendency to increase the weight than to reduce the cost, and if any action is taken by the congress on this point, it will doubtless be in this direction."

Gossip and Stories About People of Note

still wearing his inflexible expression, "will say 'No.'" Pathetic in its thin solitariness was Mr. Henderson's voice saying "No!" Here was a straight case of a motion having been parliamentary put and parliamentarily carried. Speaker Carlisle said that there was only one way in the world out of it, and he was equal to all of these sudden occasions.

"The nose have it," said the speaker, with the weakest imaginable gravity, "and the gentleman from Iowa is excused."

Dan Dougherty's Opportunity. Daniel Dougherty may not have been the original "silver-tongued" orator, but there never lived a man who was better entitled to the epithet. The other day John Mc-Austland, Jersey City's famous Scotchman, a warm friend of the eminent Philadelphiaian, said to a New York Press reporter: "Dougherty's success shows what ambition and persistence will do, backed by common sense and some brains. He told me that he sought for many years an opportunity to make a speech in public. He always carried two or three speeches in his pocket, hoping that something would turn up to give him the chance of making an oratorical display. For months he waited, his tongue ever ready to open up on any subject. "At last the eventful day arrived. There was a great convention and numerous important speakers. Just about the moment when the second speaker had finished a rainstorm came up and there was a grand rush from the platform to a neighboring case. The thousand farmers, mechanics, laborers, etc., stood out in the wet with nobody to talk to them. The chairman of the meeting was in despair. Dougherty was in the crowd. He saw his opportunity. He rushed to the platform, introduced himself and asked to be allowed to hold a business card. The advertised speakers returned. The chairman was very skittish at first, but the people were clamoring, and he finally said, in some disgust: 'Oh, very well; I don't know who you are or what you can say, but we don't want the crowd to go away. See what you can do.' "Funny, wasn't it? Before I had said the words the business card gave him the attentive ear. Umbrellas were closed. Men on the outskirts pushed in,

and pretty soon all were standing uncovered in the rain listening with open mouths to the entrancing eloquence of the young Demosthenes. For nearly an hour they were spellbound. The chairman nearly had a fit. His doubts gave place to wonder, his wonder to interest, his interest to the stronger curiosity, his curiosity to unfeigned admiration. The advertised speakers slipped back unobserved to their seats on the platform and drank in every word Dougherty uttered. I tell you he made good. And that first speech made him famous as the "Silver-tongued" Dougherty."

Edison's Advantage. The late Marshall Field of Chicago paid Thomas Edison a real tribute. While the great merchant was walking along State street in conversation with a business associate, a stirring military march was wafted from the great horn of a phonograph. "That's a pretty fair piece of music," observed Mr. Field, appreciatively, "brimfull of melody and free from harshness." "Yes," asserted his companion, and then added reminiscently, "Isn't that man Edison a genius? Just think of it, at one time he didn't own a dollar, and now the reviewer from his inventions are enormous."

"And how modest he is!" commented Mr. Field as a tooting automobile blocked the men's progress at a street corner. "Why, Edison is the only man on record who doesn't have to go around blowing his own horn in public."

The Best Training. Elmer Dover, secretary of the republican national committee and right-hand man to the late Mark Hanna in two great national campaigns, was formerly a newspaper man. "I think," Mr. Dover says, "a newspaper reporter obtains the best training in the world in some respects. At the start he is drilled in getting the truth. While others are running about in noise and confusion he balances one statement with another and out of the orgy of excitement and exaggeration, walks away with the facts. The reporter is sometimes led by the foremost citizens. And so he develops the sense of proportion, and being tempered like hard steel, his edge is keen and sure."

Advertisement for Friedman Shoe Maker. Features an illustration of a man in a suit holding a shoe. Text includes: 'THE ATLANTIC SHOE', 'WORN \$3.50 TO \$4.00', 'The "Friedman Shoe Maker" LECTURE No. 2', 'I can't take you into the Tanneries but I would like to show you the Beautiful Leathers we are selecting for the "ATLANTIC" Shoe. Patent Leather that is soft and pliable; Box, Velours and Gun Metal Calf that are Gems of the Tanners' Art; the softest as well as the firmest Kid, also the best wearing shades in Colored Kid and Calf. There are Bins and Bins of these waiting for the Cutters Knife. Really if you love the "Beautiful" and "Perfect" in "Leather" the "ATLANTIC" is the Shoe for you. Thousands of Shoe Dealers all over the World are showing the New Spring Styles of "ATLANTIC" Shoes for Men. Be sure to see them. Friedman SHOE MAKER A CONTINUED SUCCESS FOR 22 YEARS ONLY 1 HOUSE IN 10,000 HAS SUCH RECORD ST. LOUIS'