



Miss Alice M. Smith, of Minneapolis, Minn., tells how woman's monthly suffering may be quickly and permanently relieved by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have never before given my endorsement for any medicine, but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has added so much to my life and happiness that I feel like making an exception in this case. For two years every month I would have two days of severe pain and could find no relief, but one day when visiting a friend I run across Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound,—she had used it with the best results and advised me to try it. I found that it worked wonders with me; I now experience no pain and only had to use a few bottles to bring about this wonderful change. I use it occasionally now when I am exceptionally tired or worn out."—Miss ALICE M. SMITH, 804 Third Ave., South Minneapolis, Minn., Chairman Executive Committee Minneapolis Study Club.

Beauty and strength in women vanish early in life because of monthly pain or some menstrual irregularity. Many suffer silently and see their best gifts fade away. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound helps women preserve roundness of form and freshness of face because it makes their entire female organism healthy. It carries women safely through the various natural crises and is the safeguard of woman's health. The truth about this great medicine is told in the letters from women published in this paper constantly.

Mrs. C. Kleinschrodt, Morrison, Ill., says:—



"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have suffered ever since I was thirteen years of age with my menses. They were irregular and very painful. I doctored a great deal but received no benefit. A friend advised me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which I did, and after taking a few bottles of it, I found great relief. Menstruation is now regular and without pain. I am enjoying better health than I have for sometime."

How is it possible for us to make it plainer that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will positively help all sick women? All women are constituted alike, rich and poor, high and low,—all suffer from the same organic troubles. Surely, no one can wish to remain weak and sickly, discouraged with life and without hope for the future, when proof is so unmistakable that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will cure monthly suffering—all womb and ovarian troubles, and all the ills peculiar to women.

\$5000 FORFEIT If we cannot forthwith produce the original letters and signatures of above testimonials, which will prove their absolute genuineness. Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

Transports Sunk.

Tokio, June 16.—It is now acknowledged that the transports Hitachi and Sado were sunk by the Vladivostok squadron near Ski Island, yesterday. Survivors from both vessels have reached Moji. The transports are said to have carried 1400 men, and 550 are known to have escaped. The men who reached Moji report that the Russians stopped, then torpedoed and sank them. The transports carried large quantities of supplies, as well as many horses. The transport Tzini cannot be located, and there are fears that she has been lost.

This dash of Admiral Skrydloff's fleet has produced the first evidences of real alarm and excitement visible in Japan since the outbreak of the war. The coming of the Russian ships was predicted by the press several days ago, but the general public regarded the danger as remote. The authorities admit that no vessels capable of coping with the Vladivostok squadron are stationed in the heart of the Japanese waters, but declare that Admiral Kamimura may be depended on to meet the emergency.

Admiral Toga has been advised of the situation in the home waters by wireless telegraphy, and the naval leaders are evolving a scheme of concerted action

against the raiders. Nobody believes Skrydloff's movement can seriously affect the general campaign, but it is realized that, unless promptly put out of action, he must draw off a portion of Togo's fleet from Port Arthur, and delay the storming of the fortress.

To gain time is regarded as the sole object of the Vladivostok sally, which is also the motive of Kuropatkin's stubborn resistance. The Japanese allow that the Russians are applying the principle of diversion with effect, but deny that anything more than diversion is intended for the present, either by land or sea. Advice from Kuroki's scouts state that Kuropatkin is benefitting by the arrival of 6 to 14 trains daily, part of which carry troops, but the majority provisions and military.

July 9, 1904, will be the 100th anniversary of the death of Alexander Hamilton, killed in a duel by Aaron Burr. Admirers of Hamilton are having a beautiful monument erected at his burial place which will be uncovered July 9th.

President Joseph F. Smith, head of the Mermon church, will visit Portland before returning to Utah from La Grande.

POPE NOT A LINGUIST.

The Present Pontiff Depends for Translations Upon His Polyglot Secretary of State.

I met recently at a "five o'clock" an English-speaking monsignor, well posted in vatican affairs, giving some details of the pope's life to a group of pious and inquisitive old maids, writes a Rome correspondent of the Paris Daily Messenger. "The holy father," he said, with a sigh while comfortably sipping his tea, "the holy father is leading a dull life in the apostolic palace. In lieu of the open-air exercise and long walks on the Lido which he enjoyed so much at Venice, he is now limited to a daily constitutional up and down the close gloomy vatican corridors, and he sorely misses the company and affectionate tending of his sisters, who always lived with him when he was bishop and patriarch at Treviso, Mantua and Venice."

He has now installed them in the first floor of a palace close to the vatican, but they can only come to him once or twice a week, on the sly like contraband goods. There they overhaul his linen, and when possible stay to dinner, a great solace to the poor, solitary man. Papal etiquette requires that the Vicar of Christ should dine alone, no one, not even sovereigns, can be allowed at his table, but when the sisters are smuggled upstairs to the apartments formerly belonging to Cardinal Rampolla, now reserved for the private use of his holiness, Mgr. Bressan, his secretary and old friend, and Sili, his valet, a *deveant* peasant from Rieti, close the doors, and the vatican is supposed not to know that "Sua Santita" is entertaining ladies. Mgr. Bressan reports that it is a pleasure to see the three old dames with old-fashioned spectacles, stitching, hemming, and darning, or supervising Sili in the kitchen, while the smiling brother is rattling away in Venetian about old days.

Plus gets very nervous when he is to receive foreign bishops or laymen of distinction who cannot speak Italian. His knowledge of French is limited, so limited that it was one of the three reasons which made him hesitate to accept the tiara. At the conclave when his name came up with the canonical two-thirds majority of votes, and the antagonists of Rampolla—Aclardi, Satoli and Ferrari—were urging him to accept Cardinal Sarto said the burden was too heavy for him. "I am only able to govern small bishoprics. I cannot speak French, and I cannot live locked up in the vatican," and, addressing Ferrari with tears in his eyes, he added: "Your eminence will return to your archdiocese of Milan, but I shall never see my beloved Venice again!"

Referring to the language question, every one here says that the linguistic deficiencies of the new pontiff lifted from comparative obscurity Mgr. Merry del Val, an ascetic-looking prelate, still young, half Irish and half Spanish learned, remarkably wide-awake, and a perfect polyglot. He speaks English, French, Spanish and Italian to perfection, just the man to help a "monoglot" pontiff in distress. So Del Val is now secretary of state and a cardinal, and may reasonably aspire to mount the last round of the hierarchical ladder—the papacy.

JAPANESE AND RUSSIA.

Comparative Facts Concerning the Great Rival Powers Now at Variance.

Comparisons, or contrasts, between Japan and Russia are striking in more than one respect, says the New York Tribune. Thus Japan has about 47,000,000 people and Russia perhaps 130,000,000. Again, Japan's land area is scarcely 163,000 square miles, while Russia's is nearly 8,700,000. So Russia has nearly three times as many people and more than 50 times as much land as Japan. (Wherefore, we might think, Russia might well afford to be a little less land hungry at Japan's expense.) On the other hand, Japan, with her so much smaller population, has more pupils in her schools than Russia. According to the latest available statistics, Japan has 4,302,623 children in elementary schools and Russia only 4,193,594. That is to say, 91 in every 1,000 Japanese and only 32 in every 1,000 Russians are in elementary schools. The disproportion of numbers in secondary schools and universities is equally marked in favor of Japan.

Again, Japan has 4,832 post offices, or one to every 9,700 people, while Russia has only 6,029, or one to every 21,500 people. Japan has, under sail and steam, a commercial marine of 734,413 tons, while Russia has only 523,822 tons. Japan's purchases from the United States amount to about \$21,000,000 a year, and Russia's to only \$17,000,000. Of course, it is argued that Russia is still in an elementary stage of development. But Russia has been in full and direct intercourse with the civilized world since the time of Peter the Great, 200 years ago, while Japan has been in a similar state scarcely 50 years. That is to say, Japan has made three times the progress Russia has, and in one-fourth the time. In such circumstances, it is not at all strange that the admiration and sympathy of the world are given to Japan in a great measure.

LIMITED HELDUP.

Northern Pacific Train Robbed in Montana.

Missoula, Mont., June 17.—A special to the Missoulian from Bearmouth says:

At 11 o'clock last night two masked men held up the North Coast Limited Northern Pacific passenger train, east-bound, about a mile and a half east of this station. After bringing the train to a stop they dynamited the express car, blew open the safe and secured all of its contents. The amount secured is not known, but is believed to be large. After blowing out the rear lights of the train the two men disappeared in the darkness and have not been seen since.

The hold-up was similar to the one which occurred two years ago in nearly the same spot, and in which Engineer O'Neill lost his life. The hold-ups boarded the tender of the engine at the water tank at Bearmouth. After the train had gone a mile and a half they crawled up over the coal and covered Engineer Wade and Fireman Reed with their guns and told them to throw up their hands. Engineer Wade was then commanded to bring his train to a standstill, and he immediately complied.

The engineer and fireman were ordered from their engine, and with the hold-ups went back to the express car. Before making an effort to gain an entrance they forced the engineer to light a cigar. The express messenger was commanded to open the door of the car, but refused to do so.

The engineer was next commanded to light a stick of dynamite, of which explosive the bandits had a large quantity, and place the lighted stick against the car door. The force of the explosion completely wrecked the door, and the engineer and fireman were compelled to precede the hold-ups into the car.

Once admission was gained the hold-ups at once directed their attention to the strong box. Five sticks of dynamite were placed on top of the safe and ignited. The force of the charge was insignificant and another and larger charge was used. The second charge exploded with terrific force, blowing out the side of the car and throwing the safe a distance of 49 feet.

After rifling the safe of its valuables, the robbers commanded the train crew to remain quiet and no harm would be done them. While this conversation was going on one of the robbers accidentally struck the engineer with his revolver, and in apologizing for it called him by name, indicating a possibility that he may be a railroad man.

The party then left the express car and the men were ordered back to the engine, being covered with guns until they had obeyed the mandate. The two robbers then passed to the rear of the train, and after shooting out both the rear lights of the train disappeared in the darkness.

Sumpter Will Get Her Wish.

Washington, June 17.—Regulations governing grazing in the proposed Blue Mountain forest reserve, in Eastern Oregon, have not yet been prepared, and will not be completed until the reserve is formally created, but it has been practically determined in advance that sheep will not be admitted to the watershed of Cracker Creek. The people of Sumpter have requested that sheep be excluded from two townships, embracing the watershed of this stream and its important tributaries, and the Bureau of Forestry, after examinations, has recommended that such exclusion be ordered. The matter is pending in the Land Office, awaiting the promulgation of the Blue Mountain proclamation.

In the meantime, in the Blue Mountain country, as in other areas that have been temporarily withdrawn for forestry purposes, grazing will be permitted, as if the country were open public land. The Department does not attempt to regulate grazing within temporary withdrawals, unless it be that some small tract has been set aside to protect the water supply of some city or town. As yet, grazing will be tolerated along Cracker Creek, in areas where sheep have been accustomed to graze heretofore.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

(Isolated Tract) Public Land Sale. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of instructions from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under authority vested in him by section 2455, United States Revised Statutes, as amended by act of Congress approved February 26, 1895, we will proceed to offer at public sale at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., on the 29th day of June, 1904, at this office, the following tract of land, to-wit: The 1/4 of 1/4 of section 33, tp. 5 s r 26 W. M. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are advised to file their claims in this office on or before the day above designated for the commencement of said sale, otherwise their rights will be forfeited. MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register. ANNE M. LANG, Receiver. U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, May 12, 1904. 91-96

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