

# Common Sense Talk with Women

If a person is ill and needs a medicine it is not wise to get one that has stood the test of time and has hundreds of thousands of cures to its credit?

A great many women who are ill try everything they hear of in the way of medicine, and this experimenting with unknown drugs is a constant menace to their already impaired health.

This seems to us very unwise, for there are remedies which are no experiments and have been known years and years to be doing only good.

Take for instance Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; for thirty years its record has been one unbroken chain of success. No medicine for female ills the world has ever known has such a record for cures.

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"Four years ago I had almost given up hope of ever being well again. I was afflicted with those dreadful headache spells which would sometimes last three or four days. Also had backache, bearing-down pains, leucorrhoea, dizziness, and terrible pains at monthly periods, confining me to my bed. After reading so many testimonials for your medicine, I concluded to try it. I began to pick up after taking the first bottle, and have continued to gain rapidly, and now feel like a different woman. I can recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in the highest terms to all sick women."—Miss ROSA HELDER, 136 W. Cleveland Ave., Canton, O.

**Two Letters which Prove that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Will Remove Tumor and Cure Other Female Weakness.**

"Two years ago I was a great sufferer from womb trouble and profuse flowing each month, and tumors would form in the womb. I had four tumors in two years. I went through treatment with doctors, but they did me no good, and I thought I would have to resort to morphine.

"The doctor said that all that could help me was to have an operation and have the womb removed, but I had heard of Mrs. Pinkham's medicine and decided to try it, and wrote for her advice, and after taking her Vegetable Compound the tumors were expelled and I began to get stronger right along, and am as well as ever before. Can truly say that I would never have gotten well had it not been for Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound."—MRS. A. STAN, Watertown, Pa.

"After following the directions given in your kind letter for the treatment of leucorrhoea, I can say that I have been entirely cured by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's remedies, and will gladly recommend them to my friends."—A. B. DAVID, Binghamton, N. Y.

**Another Case of Womb, Kidney and Bladder Trouble Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.**

"DEAR FRIEND—Two years ago I had childbed fever and womb trouble in its worst form. For eight months after birth of babe I was not able to sit up. Doctors treated me, but with no help. I had bearing-down pains, burning in stomach, kidney and bladder trouble and my back was stiff and sore, the right ovary was badly affected and everything I ate distressed me, and there was a bad discharge.

"I was confined to my bed when I wrote to you for advice and followed your directions faithfully, taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, Liver Pills and using the Wash, and am now able to do the most of my housework. I believe I should have died if it had not been for your Compound. I hope this letter may be the result of benefiting some other suffering woman. I recommend your Compound to every one."—MRS. MARY VAUGHN, Trimble, Palisade Co., Ky.

In a quarrel, the one that gets the worst of it is the first to become mean.

## HOMESPUN PHILOSOPHY.

Observations on Commonplace Things by the Atchison Globe Man.

Lots of people are all right who don't get any credit.

A man is always suspicious of his wife's comforters.

People thoroughly enjoy a good "story" on a gossip.

People who like to "talk" about others, soon get talked about themselves.

There are never as good things in a neighbor's refrigerator as the visiting boy imagines.

A man who takes a good deal of interest in politics, never takes a good deal of interest in business.

A nice kind of a person is one who does not hold you responsible to-day for what you said yesterday.

It is easy for a girl to get a steady, who will make a loafing place of her house, but it is hard to land him.

One of the most lonesome persons in the world is a well behaved man when his family is out of town for the summer.

The first thing a young doctor does is to invent a specific for cancer, and his next move is to invent a specific for consumption.

You can acquire money, and dieting will improve your health, but unless you are born with sense, you will never have any.

A man has good luck enough when his daughters marry, if he doesn't have to send out relief expeditions to them every few months.

It often happens that people sing jubilantly at church, "We Shall Know Each Other There," who refuse to know each other here.

It is necessary for some people to have some one to whom they can tell their troubles, as it is for some women to have their cup of tea.

It can be usually said with safety to any woman, whose favor is sought, that she has too much ambition and energy for her strength.

It is sometimes the case that so much time is spent in teaching the dog to speak for his dinner, that the children are not taught to say please.

If a girl has a piano, it is dangerous to give her a bust of Mozart, or a picture of Beethoven, for then the parlor is changed to "the music room."

We have noticed that in all newspaper accounts of great men, it is stated that the great men love books next to their wives and their mothers.

A rich man is no more satisfactory than a poor man. You can always find occasion to rip a man up the back, whether he is industrious, or a loafer.

The "pensive-air" is over-done. Girls are beginning to assume a pensive air when nothing more serious happened than that the supper didn't suit them.

A woman is perfectly willing for her husband to have a good time, if he can have it doing just what she says, in her way, and with the company she selects.

No woman can understand why it is hard for a man to quit smoking, if she had this much good hard sense, it would help her in a hundred other ways.

When a girl engages in a new love affair, she opens a top bureau drawer, and burns a few letters and bunches of dried weeds, and calls this burying the dead past.

Don't give parties; you will only make people mad. Attend them, but don't give them. If you are not invited, stay at home, where you are better off, any way.

Children are well disciplined if within three hours after their mother begins to shriek for them over the gate to come home, they have their feet washed, and are in bed.

The women should talk less about feeling a "reckless despair," considering that the most reckless thing any of them would do would be to wear old clothes to church on Sunday.

**Many Caves Contain Ice.** Comparatively few freezing caves are known as yet west of the Mississippi, but there is no doubt that many will be discovered in time, as freezing caverns are not an uncommon phenomenon.

Some of these freezing caverns—incorrectly termed ice caves—are very large. In the one at Dobosina, Hungary, there is a mass of ice about 110 yards long, 65 yards wide and at least fifteen yards deep.

The formation and retention of subterranean ice always seems mysterious at first, but it is in reality a simple matter. In freezing caves the entrance is always above the body of the hollow and the cold air of winter sinks down into the hollow, and on account of its weight is not easily displaced by the lighter warmer air of spring or summer. The cold of winter thus permeates the hollow, and when thawing snows or spring rains supply drip water to the cave the cold within freezes the drip into a mass of ice, in some cases large enough to last through the following summer. There are at least four other theories in regard to the formation of underground ice, but they do not stand the test of observations.

**A Memorandum Clock.** One of the latest of inventions is a memorandum clock, which will doubtless prove very valuable to the busy business man who is eternally forgetting his appointments, etc. A mechanism is provided whereby the clock can be "loaded," as it were, with memorandum, which will only come into sight when the precise moment at which they are timed to appear arrives. Thus, by glancing at the clock, the busy man can tell at a glance what is to be done next.

## OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

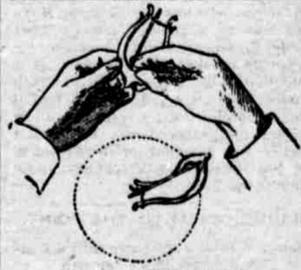
THIS IS THEIR DEPARTMENT OF THE PAPER.

Quaint Sayings and Cute Doings of the Little Folks Everywhere, Gathered and Printed Here for All Other Little Ones to Read.

It is an old saying that the hand is quicker than the eye, and the slightest-of-hand man makes use of this fact in performing some of his seemingly marvelous tricks. Tricks that are deceptive to the eyes are classed among "optical illusions" and are often very simple. The accompanying illustration will help you to understand a simple illusion that may be produced by means of a common wishbone.

For making the little machine shown in the picture a duck's wishbone serves best. Fasten a strong piece of twine to one of the points of the wishbone; pass the twine to the opposite point and fasten it, and then carry it back to the first prong and fasten, thus connecting the two prongs of the wishbone by two bits of twine. Half way between the prongs and between the cords insert a

match and twist it, turning it over and over until the cords are well twisted together. Then pull the match back so that one end of it rests on the shank of the wishbone.



HOW THE TRICK IS DONE.

Now if you reverse the position of the match so that its loose end rests on the opposite side of the wishbone and has to be held in place to keep it from flying back your machine will be ready for the experiment. When you remove your restraining finger from the match the end of the match will instantly describe a complete circle, as shown by the dotted lines in the picture, but the funny part of it is that the match will seem to cut right through the shank of the wishbone in order to get to the other side. You may do the trick as many times as you please, but the eye will never detect the match in the act of describing the circle.

**Story of the Dandelion.** Once upon a time, in a tiny green camp by the roadside, lived a soldier all alone. He had traveled a long way from a dark underground country, bent on seeing the world. The first thing he saw was a broad field, full of waving banners, and he thought, "What a beautiful place I have discovered!" and pitched his tent among the green grasses.

The raindrop elves saw how tired and dirty he was from his long journey northward, and soothed him with stories and refreshed him with a shower bath. Through the clouds came the sunbeam fairies, bringing him a handsome uniform of green and gold and a quiver of golden arrows. Then the soldier was very happy and smiled out at passers-by, cheering many a weary traveler with a glimpse of his sunny face.

By and by spring went away over the hills, the birds had finished building their nests and the butterflies and grasshoppers came to herald summer. Then the soldier began to feel tired and knew he was growing old. His gay uniform had faded and the golden arrows had turned to silver, and the wind brownies shot them far away. So the soldier crept down among the green grasses and his little camp was left empty. Everywhere his silver arrows fell there blossomed bright golden flowers—"dandelions," children called them.

**Nuremberg Toys.** The quaint town of Nuremberg, in South Germany, has become the principal toy factory of Europe. The best wooden toys come from the Black Forest, where peasants carve them from white pine and put them together during the long winter nights; and the costliest wax dolls are fashioned in Paris; but there is hardly anything else in the wonderland of childhood that is not made in the dreamy medieval town of Nuremberg.

When Dickens wrote his novels there was a large toy industry in the East of London, and it did not escape the keen eye of that close observer. If he were now living, he would find it difficult to find traces of a craft which suggested some of the most charming scenes of his stories.

The London toy-makers have disappeared. Dolls may still be dressed there for English nurseries, but they are no longer made in England. The bulk of the so-called French dolls, which are sold all over the world, come from Nuremberg, where the toy-makers have mastered the art of jointing arms and legs and of extracting musical squeaks and plaintive cries from contracted waists. The old town is also the headquarters of the European trade in Noah's arks, lead and tin soldiers, and all the standard metal and wooden toys.

For many years the best mechanical toys were made either in London or in America. London has lost this trade entirely, and American ingenuity is left to compete with the industry in South Germany. The shops of Paris and London are now stocked with steam engines, magnetic toys and mechanical

playthings from Nuremberg and Vienna.

In the old churches of Nuremberg are to be found wonderful examples of the medieval art of wood-carvers and metal-workers. These famous handicrafts, which were created for the adornment of churches, survive in the toy trade.—Youth's Companion.

**Passing Beans.** This is an exciting game, and needs at least two older people to superintend it. The children are all arranged in two lines, with a small table or chair at the head of the line, upon which is placed a bowl of common white beans. There should be the same number of beans in each bowl, about 12 or 14 in all.

The child next the bowl takes out a bean, passing it to the next child, who in turn passes it on down the line, while the leader continues to take out the beans one by one until all are passed, the order being reversed when the end of the line is reached, and the beans started back again, the child at the end dropping them into the bowl.

There are sure to be several beans dropped in the excitement, and when all are returned those in each bowl are counted, the one having the greatest number winning the game. In case both sides are even in number of beans at the end the one who can get them in first wins the game. It will be well for some of the older people who are helping to entertain the children to stand near each of the lines to keep order, as this is a most exciting game.

**Ready for Her.** "Well, Dean," said his tired Auntie, "how many tongues have you got?" "Three," quickly replied Master Dean. "Indeed! Where are they?" "One in my mouth and on in each shoe."

**Dick's Description.** This is little Dick's description of his first flash of lightning and first clap of thunder: "Oh, mamma, I saw an angel go into heaven and bang the door after it."

**FICTION STICKS TO THE TRUTH.** Cold Fact is the Only Thing that Deals with Impossibilities. Professor R. G. Moulton of the English department at the University of Chicago has a way of enlivening his lectures by pointed and homely illustrations.

"Sometimes we hear as an objection to the plot of a first-class novel that it is utterly improbable," said the professor a few days ago. "Now the fact is that the only thing which is true is fiction. There is nothing so false as what we call the truth. Facts always give some loophole of escape. For instance, there was a man that you ought to know about, who wished very much to commit suicide. Shocking? Yes, to be sure, but the man was not troubled with a conscience. The only thing that worried him was the fear that he should make a failure of his attempt to kill himself. I know myself so well that I feel sure the thing would be a fiasco," he always declared. For thirty years this conviction was the only obstacle that stood between that man and death.

"Finally he mustered up the courage one day to try to commit suicide. He went over all the details carefully and took every precaution against failure. He went to the edge of a cliff overlooking the sea near his home. With him he carried a revolver, a bottle of poison, a rope, and a box of matches. He tied one end of the rope around his neck and fastened the other end to a tree near by. Then he swallowed the poison, set fire to his clothes, fired the pistol at his head and jumped off the cliff."

Professor Moulton ended his story here and blandly proceeded to bow himself out of his class room. "But, professor, was the man killed?" shouted the overwrought class of future novelists.

"By no means," replied the professor, in astonishment. "Excitement made the man nervous and his pistol shot went wide of the mark. The rope caught fire from his burning clothing, came in two in a trice, and the man fell into the water and that put out the flames. He never was a very good sailor anyhow and the poison hardly remained long enough in his system to make him dizzy. He was rescued by an officious fisherman, who charged \$5 for his trouble. And yet people talk about the improbabilities of fiction."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

**How Silk Was Discovered.** Silk is said to have been discovered by Chang Ti, a wife of the Emperor Hoang Ti. Since her day the empresses of China have bred, reared and fed silkworms as an amusement, reeling the cocoons and weaving the silk. In the gardens of the palace at Peking is a little forest of mulberry trees, and on the occasion of an annual festival the empress, with the principal ladies of her court, gather mulberry leaves for the worms. Silk in China is so cheap that even the uniforms of the soldiers are made of it.

The story of the way in which silkworms were first brought to Europe is quite romantic, their importation being attributed to a couple of Nestorian monks, who were employed by the Emperor Justinian, in the sixth century, to procure some of the eggs of the worms. A large reward was promised them in case of success, and they are said to have brought the eggs, which they stole, to Constantinople inside of a hollow cane. Having learned the art of rearing the worms, they were able to give the necessary instruction, and thus the industry of silk-making was introduced. Silken fabrics had been fetched to Europe and marketed there for centuries before it was understood that the fabric was derived from an insect.

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When a family adopts a girl of sixteen, it means that they will have a kitchen girl in future without wages.

**Philip Drunk and Philip Sober.** The saying originated from an incident in the life of Philip II., king of Macedon, the father of Alexander the Great. Philip was undoubtedly a great man; but all men, great and small, have their weaknesses, and he was a great drunkard. One day, when rising flushed from his wine, he was called upon to decide a lawsuit, and in his bibulous condition he decided unjustly, whereupon the losing party cried: "I shall appeal against your judgment." "Appeal!" thundered the enraged king; "and to whom will you appeal?" "To Philip sober," was her reply. The wisdom of the appeal was justified by the result, for when Philip had become sober he discovered his mistake and reversed his judgment.

**Cannot Be Overstated.** The alarm expressed by the New York Medical Journal that the effects of alcohol should be the subject of extravagant overstatement has a familiar, far off sound of a century ago. An instance is given, as an example, which appeared in the Journal of Inebriety, concerning the degeneracy of the family of a moderate drinker. Every city and almost every town in the country contains examples far more significant than this one, in which the effects of alcohol are clearly traceable in the defects of the children. It is practically impossible to overstate the damage and injurious influence of alcohol, and the old caution of a century ago is lost in the light of recent scientific investigations. The fear now is of understating and minimizing the dangers from alcohol by clinging to the worn-out delusions of alcohol as a tonic and food.

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