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OPEN LETTERS FROM
Jennie E. Green and Mrs. Harry Hardy.
JENNIE E. GREEN, Denmark, Iowa, writes to Mrs. Pinkham:
"I had been sick at my monthly periods for seven years, and tried almost everything I ever heard of, but without any benefit. Was troubled with backache, headache, pains in the shoulders and dizziness. Through my mother I was induced to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and it has done me so much good. I am now sound and well."

Mrs. HARRY HARDY, Riverside, Iowa, writes to Mrs. Pinkham the story of her struggle with serious ovarian trouble, and the benefit she received from the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. This is her letter:
"How thankful I am that I took your medicine. I was troubled for two years with inflammation of the womb and ovaries, womb was also very low. I was in constant misery. I had heart trouble, was short of breath and could not walk five blocks to save my life. Suffered very much with my back, had headache all the time, was nervous, menstruations were irregular and painful, had a bad discharge and taken local treatments, but still was no better. I was advised by one of my neighbors to write to you. I have now finished the second bottle of Mrs. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and am better in every way. I am able to do all my own work and can walk nearly a mile without fatigue; something I had not been able to do for over two years. Your medicine has done me more good than all the doctors."

The Modern Method.
"It's an awful thing not to know where one's next meal is coming from." "Yes, but a good many of our married men are experiencing it since the grocery stores got advertising bargain sales."—Indianapolis Journal.

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THE SEXTON OF THE SEA.
You scatter flowers on the grassy mound That marks the spot where your loved ones lie;
You bring them emblems with never a thought For the dead beneath the sea.
For every ship that the hands of men Have builded with chart and wheel, The bones of men in a hundred-fold Are laid beneath its keel.
A canvas shroud and an iron bar At the weary head and the wasted feet, And lo! from the deck they move away, From the hearts that throb and beat!

AN ACTOR'S RUSE.
WHAT is my particular forte? Low comedy, sir, though if any one had told me that I'd make a hit in that line when I first went upon the stage, I'd have felt much insulted.
It doesn't make much difference now what my aspirations were years ago; till, the shades of Hamlet haunted my dreams then, and I was possessed so shine as Romeo. Humpf! The manager cast me for second grave-digger at the first and Gregory in the second. I was well I carried the parts out I can't tell; I know I was never invited to do the melancholy Dane, neither was I ever asked to clasp a fair Juliet in the dim-lighted chamber of the Capulets.
I became reconciled to disappointment after awhile, and, after struggling through the lesser characters, I finally was given the position of leading low comedian in the stock company. Perhaps you'd take me for anything but a low comedian. How fairly well I do the business, the bills tell that.
In the year 1890 I was playing in a stock company in New Orleans, and the city was wild with rumors of the dawn of conflict. As the company was composed of a number of Northern people, many vacancies were created by the deserters who hastened homeward. The first to leave was our leading man, and the manager was anxious to secure a competent successor, who soon presented himself in the shape of a fine Texan, of much reputation among the ranks of amateurs. He was a tall, well-built chap of 21 or 22, possessing one of those peculiar voices, such as Hal Montague's, not ranty, strong, but plain, distinct, and pleasant; in all, well qualified for the rendering of juvenile leading parts.
I took to the youngster from the start, for I plainly saw that he was one of those talented chaps who, if they fall into judicious hands, can be made much of—as well as spoiled, if they come in contact with old staggers.
For some time back I had noticed that the heavy man had been smitten with the charms of our leading lady. I also saw that she did not favor him in the slightest. When her part made it necessary for her to come in contact with him I saw a shrinking as of more than feigned disgust, and off the stage she treated him pretty much the same as one—with scorn and loathing.
Well, a short time after the new leading man came there sprang up between him and the heavy man an enmity. I was standing in the wings one night, waiting for my cue, while we were playing one of those good, old-fashioned melodramas; lover had a secret foe who is endeavoring to win the good graces, fortune and hand of the fair one, and all that sort, by underhand ways. Discovery of the false friend and secret foe follows, and the usual duel takes place. Of course the traitorous foe falls, and the curtain drops while the victor clasps the fair one to his breast.
I was waiting my cue, as I said. The handsome young leading man was bending over the leading lady, his hand searching for hers, her face against his. I was watching all this, and I saw it was more than stage love. It was the genuine, pure article. It was my business to rush in just then, and thus cause a great deal of commotion. I heard a muttered, "Curse him!" I turned quickly; it came from the lips of the heavy man, who was standing at my elbow. Such a look of feishness upon a human face I never before saw, and as his was ugly by nature without the added features of the makeup, he looked indeed like a devil.
The play passed off smoothly, as usual; the hero and traitor met, the duel took place, and the regular denouement followed amid the applause of an appreciative and satisfied audience.
I kept my eyes open after that, for I knew there was something in the wind destined, if possible, to work wrong against the young leading man, who by this time had become a prime favorite among the members of the stock company—the heavy man excepted.
About a week after I had witnessed the villain's rage, happening to pass by his dressing-room door, I heard a muffled, ringing sound, as of some metallic substance coming in contact with the like. I drew nearer, placed my eye to the keyhole, and peeped through. The man was seated within range of my vision, upon a trunk, a pistol between his knees, and he was raiming a bullet into the barrel.
It was all as plain as day. The fiend was preparing to murder the handsome young leading man. He would meet his would-be victim in the duel scene, kill him, and escape the penalty of the law by advancing the plea that he never dreamed that the pistol was loaded. I was thunderstruck. I knew the fellow was a morose person, a man of strong dislikes and few likes, but I did not think him capable of such a dastardly deed as he contemplated. Thank heaven! I had witnessed the little scene behind closed doors.
Hearing his call from the lobby, I withdrew behind some packing trunks and soon heard him treading the boards above. I knew that he would

remain on some time, so I went into his dressing-room and quickly withdrew the bullet from the pistol. Then I went to my post above and found the play progressing smoothly as usual.
I never saw the leading man do as well; as for the leading lady, she was accepting his love with word, glance, and sweet gestures which told plainly that she was in earnest. He was making real love to her; yes, sir, such love as you do sometimes see on the boards. We old staggers can tell the difference between downright love and the make-believe article every time.
When the rivals met in the duel scene, I can assure you I was more than an anxious spectator. He, the hero, met the muzzle of the rival with the same cool demeanor as hitherto. I wondered would he appear as cool as brave, had he known of the scene behind the doors.
The face of the villain was a perfect picture of hellish ferocity, and I never before knew how much of a man's evil nature could be depicted upon his features. The word was given to fire. The sharp crack of the pistols followed and the smoke passed up into the flies. Ah! The villain had forgotten his fall! He started quickly forward and gazed upon his rival's smiling face. Then a painful silence followed, as there always does when a break makes in the play. The leading man whispered in an undertone:
"Fall, man! Why don't you fall?"
But the villain had no ear for hearing; he had expected to see the blood-stained corpse of his hated rival stretched before him—and now he stood there still alive and breathing.
With a loud oath which could be heard in every part of the house, the defeated villain sprang by his rival, dashed through the little crowd of stage people who had gathered in the wings, and plunged through an open window, falling with a sickening sound upon the pavement below.
Of course this was all a deep mystery to every one but myself. The curtain dropped, and surrounded by my companions I told the whole story.
I could see the leading lady clasp the young fellow's arm tightly when I told how I had balked the villain—now a broken, senseless mass of flesh and bones. I staid with the company long enough to see the young people happily wedded. This ring, a pure diamond of the first water, was presented to me by the bridegroom for my taking, for the once and only time in all my life, the leading part in a tragedy.—Exchange.

ALONG THE COAST.
Items of General Interest Gleaned From the Thirving Pacific States.
New Telephone Line.
The telephone line from Langlois, Curry county, to Bandon, which was completed last week, is now in good working order, and Langlois has for the first time telephone communication with all the important points in the county. Poles are on the ground for the extension of the line to Port Orford, and poles are being cut and distributed for the farther extensions to Wedderburn and Gold Beach. It is supposed that the line will be extended to Eureka, Cal., and when the gap between Roseburg and Myrtle Point is closed up next summer, the coast country will no longer be cut off from communication with the outside world.
Rich Gold Ore.
Al, Ed and Frank Geiser have brought from their Bonanza mine to Baker City, Or., 1,800 ounces of gold, valued at \$1,760, the result of a 25-day run this month of a 20-stamp mill. The owners of the Bonanza have given out that it is their intention to increase the number of stamps in the quartz mill to 80 or more. It is understood this improvement will be made in the near future, or as soon as the spring opens. The Bonanza has an unlimited amount of splendid milling ore, and, with the mill enlargement, this Baker mine will probably become one of the largest steady gold-producers in the Northwest.
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A dispatch from Monroe, Or., says: The recent frosts did not do as much damage to fruit in that section as was generally supposed. Prunes do not seem to be hurt to any extent, and in the worst cases the operators of the orchards claim that not more than 10 per cent of the trees are injured, and these only to a slight degree. Peach trees fared worse than others, while Petite prunes came second on the list. Apples are not injured at all in this immediate locality.

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QUER STORIES.
There are three times as many muscles in the tail of the cat as there are in the human hands and wrists.
Pet dogs in London wear chamois shoes when in the houses to protect polished floors from scratches.
Washing is done in Japan by getting into a boat and letting the garments to be washed drag after the boat by a long string.
Naturalists are at present discussing the question whether or not the bees have an actual language. Those best informed on the subject regard it as being possible.
Most of the railroad stations in Russia are about two miles from the towns which they respectively serve. This is a precaution against fire, as many of the Russian dwellings are thatched with straw.
In a certain class of Russian schools the highest reward given is the initial letter of the empress' name. It consists of the initial in solid gold, an inch and a quarter in height, on a blue bow. Should its possessor ever become a governess it will entitle her to a higher salary than she could otherwise obtain.
The most widely separated points between which a telegram can be sent are British Columbia and New Zealand. The telegram would cross North America, Newfoundland, the Atlantic, Britain, Germany, Russia (European and Asiatic), China, Japan, Java and Australia. It would make nearly a circuit of the globe, and would traverse over twenty thousand miles in doing so.

HAD SOME PRIDE HIMSELF.
Which Explains a Laughable Occurrence on a Street Car.
A few evenings ago a pretty girl got on an Indiana avenue car at 24th street. In one corner of the car sat a bibulous Irishman, in the sentimental stage of intoxication. He was singing softly to himself "There's Only One Girl in the World for Me," and lurching back and forth without regard to the comfort of the passengers near him. The man who sat next to the sentimental Irishman got up and offered his seat to the pretty girl. She hesitated and then said: "No, thank you; I'm only going a few blocks."
The intoxicated individual stopped as short in his song as if he had run against a rope. He braced up stiffly and his face took on a look of disappointment and injured innocence as he broke out with:
"She won't—she won't set down to th' side of me. She—she—she won't set down to th' side of me 'cause I'm an Irishman. Thash it; sure of it. Irishmen ain't got no rights. Brod lady 'ruse to set down to th' side of 'em, an' ev'ner blamed idiot in the car got it goggle 'bout it. Stoop thish car conductor, got some pride left, 'f ain't nothin' but Irishman."
And then he accepted the help of the conductor in striking a balance and was set off the car gently at the next corner.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

HOW HE CAME TO TREAD THE BOARDS.
It is probable that had Forbes Robertson not become an actor he would have been an artist. Among his treasures at home are the various sketches which he made when a student at the academy schools. Probably one of the most interesting of these sketches is that of a little girl some 6 or 7 years of age, who was a model at the schools, but her beauty in later years secured for her some time ago the hand and heart of a young peer.
It is a safe presumption for every girl to take when she meets a strange man, that he either has a wife somewhere, or some girl who has reason for believing she will some day be his wife.

Electrocution of Red Rugs.
Bedbugs are electrocuted by a new attachment, the side rails of the bed being cut in half, with two plates inserted at the break, which form the poles of an electric circuit, lying out of connection, the pest causing the circuit as he crawls from one plate to another.
Dogskin Dresses in China.
In northern China many of the natives are dressed in dogskins. There are many establishments where dogs of a peculiar breed are raised in large numbers for their shaggy pelts. They are killed when eight months old.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Our Naval Station at San Juan.
The new United States naval station to be located at San Juan, Porto Rico, will be of the utmost importance to the country as the key to the situation when the Nicaragua canal is constructed. The key to good health is Foster's Stomach Bitters. It cures the digestive organs from attacks of indigestion, biliousness and constipation, just the same as the new naval station at San Juan will ward off attacks upon this country by foreign foes.

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Lincoln County Court House.
The Lincoln county courthouse contractors will begin the improvement April 1. The county officers will be moved down town to some suitable building during the work, which will occupy about six months' time.
Seventeen quartz claims in the Glacier mining district, owned by J. W. Knapp and associates, of Buckley, were last week bonded to A. M. Hitchcock, of Alameda county, California, for \$250,000.

Cashier Held Up.
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UNHAPPY WIVES AND HUSBANDS.
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An American philosopher, after studying the facts and circumstances of the cases, has come to the conclusion that all the misery is caused by the suffering of disease in some form or another, and that in a great majority of cases disease may be entirely removed and husbands and wives made entirely happy. It has been done in innumerable instances, and what has been done herebefore, may be repeated.
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THE RUNAWAY BOY.
"Are there any marks by which he can be identified?" asked the chief of police, preparatory to telegraphing. "No," said the father of the boy who had started to Minnesota to fight Indians, "but there will be when I get hold of him again."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Dream of the Hobo.
"I'd never go to sleep again if I thort I'd have 'nother nightmarer like that," sighed the weary hobo. "Was it horrible?" "The horriblest I ever had. I dreamed I wor'a keg of hard cider and wor'a workin'."—Detroit Free Press.

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