

An Invitation to Women

All the world knows of the wonderful cures which have been made by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, yet some women do not realize that all that is claimed for it is absolutely true.

If all suffering women could be made to believe that Mrs. Pinkham can do all she says she can, their suffering would be at an end, for they would at once profit by her advice and be cured.

There is no more puzzling thing than that women will suffer great pain month after month when every woman knows of some woman whom Mrs. Pinkham has helped, as the letters from grateful women are constantly being published at their own request.

The same derangements which make painful or irregular periods with dull backaches and headaches, and dragging-down sensations, presently develop into those serious inflammations of the feminine organs which completely wreck health.

Mrs. Pinkham invites women to write freely and confidentially to her about their health and get the benefit of her great experience with the sufferings of women. No living person can advise you so well. No remedy in the world has the magnificent record of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for absolute cures of female ills. Mrs. Pinkham's address is Lynn, Mass.

Three Letters from One Woman, Showing how She Sought Mrs. Pinkham's Aid, and was cured of Suppression of the Menstruation and Inflammation of the Ovaries.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I have been in bed a year. Doctors say I have female weakness. I have a bad discharge and much soreness across my ovaries, bearing-down pains and have not menstruated for a year. Doctors say the menses will never appear again. Hope to hear from you."—Mrs. J. F. BROWN, Holton, Kans., April 1, 1898.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I received your letter. I have taken one bottle and a half of your Vegetable Compound, and used two packages of your Wash, and feel stronger and better. I can walk a few steps, but could not before taking your Compound. I still have the discharge and am sore across the ovaries, but not so bad. Every one thinks I look better since taking your Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. J. F. BROWN, Holton, Kans., Aug. 13, 1898.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I think it is my duty to let you know the good that Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound has done me. After I took three bottles, menses appeared, and I began to feel stronger and all my pain was gone. Yours is the only medicine that ever helped me. I am able now to work around the house, something I did not expect to do again."—Mrs. J. F. BROWN, Holton, Kans., Jan. 25, 1899.

Three More Letters from One Woman, Relating how She was Cured of Irregular Menstruation, Leucorrhoea and Backache.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I am suffering and need your aid. I have pains in both sides of the womb and a dragging sensation in the groin. Menstruation irregular and painful; have leucorrhoea, bearing-down pains, soreness and swelling of the abdomen, headache, backache; nervousness, and can neither eat nor sleep."—Mrs. CARRIE PHILLIPS, Anna, Ill., July 19, 1897.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I want to thank you for what you have done for me. When I wrote to you I was a total wreck. Since taking your Vegetable Compound, Liver Pills and Sanative Wash, my nerves are stronger and more steady than ever before, and my backache and those terrible pains are gone. Before I took your medicine I weighed less than one hundred and thirty pounds. I now weigh one hundred and fifty-five pounds. Your medicine is a godsend to poor weak women. I would like to ask you why I cannot have a child. I have been married nearly three years."—Mrs. CARRIE PHILLIPS, Anna, Ill., Dec. 1, 1897.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I did just as you advised me, and now I am the happy mother of a fine baby girl. I believe I never would have had her without your Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. CARRIE PHILLIPS, Anna, Ill., Jan. 27, 1899.

Proof that Falling of the Womb Is Overcome by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—When I wrote to you some time ago, I had been suffering from falling of the womb for many years without obtaining relief. Was obliged to wear a bandage all the time; also had bad headache and backache, felt tired and worn out. After taking six bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and four boxes of Liver Pills, I discarded my bandage and have not had to wear it since. I am entirely cured."—Mrs. J. P. TROUTMAN, Box 44, Hamilton, Ohio.

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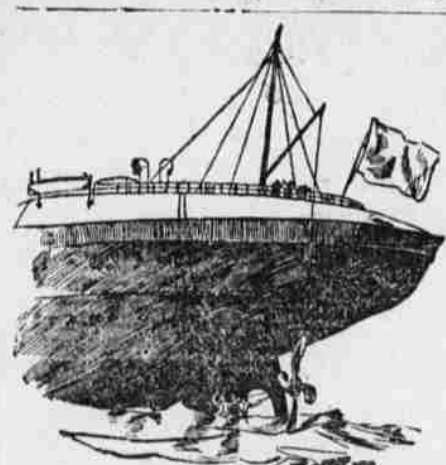
SHAFT MENDED AT SEA.

Exciting Experience in Mid-ocean of the Steamer Border Knight. Kipling's "dour Scotch engineer," McAndrews, could hardly have acquitted himself more creditably than did Mr. William Gerrie, chief engineer of the British steamer Border Knight, which arrived at New York a few days ago after an exciting experience in mid-ocean. The Border Knight is a steamer of the genus tramp, a nomadic freighter that set out from Natal in ballast for New York. All went well with her until one afternoon, when there was a sudden jar and a shock, a whirling of machinery and a hiss of steam.

"Shaft's broke," explained Third Engineer Findlay briefly, as he closed the throttle on racing engine.

Examination showed that his diagnosis was correct. For no ascertainable cause the tail shaft, a twelve-inch length of steel, had snapped just outboard of the sleeve, releasing the eight-ton propeller, which went spinning to the bottom. The ship lost her headway, and, having no sail power to give her steering way, sat provokingly a-rocking in the sea, biding the outcome of the misadventure. The usual procedure in such cases is to haul fires and hoist your flag upside down, by way of a distress signal, by day, and to burn blue lights at night. But these men of the Border Knight did nothing of the sort. The engineer went manholing on his back to the end of the tail shaft, and then came back with an idea which the captain gave him permission to put into effect.

The first step was to uncouple the intermediate shaft, and to do this expeditiously a battering ram was improvised from the anchor stocks. The coupling bolts forced out, the intermediate shaft was lowered clear of the fractured tail shaft, and that piece of metal was knocked from the opening in the stern. A wooden plug the exact size of the shaft was forced into the hole, and then a spare tail shaft was lifted into position and coupled onto the intermediate. All this work occupied three full days. With both shafts in place again the work of fitting on a spare propeller, which the vessel carried, was com-



REPLACING THE SCREW AT SEA.

menced. To lift the stern out of the water all of the water ballast was pumped into the forward hold. This lifted the stern until the opening was within four feet of the surface.

Meanwhile the six-ton propeller had been lowered over the port quarter, suspended from a cargo boom and guyed with heavy tackle. Chief Engineer Gerrie and Chief Officer Mathie then took positions on the rudder plinths and, standing waist deep in water, guided the big piece of metal to its place on the tail shaft. The massive nut which was to hold it in place was then screwed tightly on by a giant spanner, worked by tackles from the quarters.

The work of the two men in the water was made somewhat entertaining by the active presence of several sharks that played around the stern of the ship. Mr. Mathie was once washed overboard and nearly drowned before being rescued. But that was only an incident, as Messrs. Gerrie and Mathie explained, neither making much of it.

AN OLD VIRGINIA CHURCH.

In It Pocahontas Is Said to Have Been Baptized.

One of the most interesting religious buildings in the United States is the Bruton Parish Church, at Williamsburg, Va., the first pastor of which was Rev. Rowland Jones, an ancestor of Martha Washington. Erected in 1640, it is now in a good state of preservation, and the antique bell still rings out its message, calling all who hear it to attend divine services beneath its time-honored roof. Bruton Old Church is well worth a visit.

The church has the triple-story tower of which our English colonies were so fond. It can still boast of mahogany pews. The aisles were paved with flagstones. On the walls are some quaint mural tablets reciting the virtues and piety of worthies of the old dominion. Williamsburg was the ancient capital of Virginia, and in the quiet churchyard of Bruton Old Church the tombs of the Parke Custis family and those bearing well-known Virginia names of Page, Burwell, Lyttleton, Savage and Nelson are found.

Bruton Parish Church houses three antique communion services, one presented by "good Queen Anne," who did her duty as defender of the faith by equipping infant colonial branches of the Church of England with ecclesiastical silver. A second communion service was bestowed upon the parish by

George III., but the most interesting of the three is the venerable set known as the old Jamestown service, fraught with reminiscences of the wonderful building of the colony.

This set, made in 1686, is of silver gilt. It consists of a paten and an exquisite specimen of goldsmith's work, a double-headed cup ornamented with leaves. Another service of three pieces bears the royal arms and the motto, "Honi soit qui mal y pense," with date 1764.

The church organ is very old. It is thought to be the first brought to this country.



BRUTON PARISH CHURCH, ERECTED 1640.

Visitors are shown a gray marble font in which local tradition declares that Pocahontas was baptized. An ancient clock without a face and with stiffly immovable hands is yet to be traced upon the steeple. The bell of Bruton Old Church was presented by an English nobleman.

Daniel Parke Custis was the first husband of the lady best known to American history as Martha Washington, and his ancestor, Daniel Parke, was an early vestryman of Bruton Parish Church.

Outside of the edifice, but within consecrated ground, sleep noted men of colonial Virginia, keeping guard over the church. Two executives of the old dominion, Gov. Nott and Gov. Farquhar, two councillors, three Secretaries of State and a noted lawyer of early days, one Edward Barradale, lie buried here.

LAZIEST PEOPLE ON EARTH.

Caucasus Tribe Which Lives in Indescribable and Antiquated Filth.

The laziest and dirtiest people in the world have recently been discovered in the Caucasus. They live in an inaccessible mountain range between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea, and as they were 2,500 years ago, so they are to-day. Seen from without there is a certain picturesqueness about a Svanetan village, although it merely consists of miserable stone hovels without any attempt at form or adornment. Within the houses are inconceivably filthy. They are filled with rags, vermin and dirt of every description. They possess no fireplace or chimney. All the cooking, in fact, is done over a hole scooped out in the middle of the floor. In these houses men and women and children are huddled together; during the long winter months they are shut in for days at a time, the cattle often sharing their quarters. Every aperture has to be closed on account of the cold. This long imprisonment is, perhaps, the cause of the degradation of the people. Horrible diseases result from it, which are aggravated by abnormal consumption of arrack, the strong distilled drink of the Asiatics.

Besides this, it is an invariable rule to make four days a week holidays, with salutes' days as extras. Since they have adopted the holidays of every other country with which they have been in contact, it is not surprising that the men find little time for work. Farming, bee culture and cattle breeding are the only industries of these people, while throughout their territory there is not a single manufactured article.—New York Ledger.

A New Light from Science.

An illustration of the new lights which science throws upon old questions is the modern explanation of an experiment made nearly three centuries ago by the French physician, Van Helmont. In a pot of earth weighing 200 pounds he planted a willow branch weighing five pounds. He kept the plant well watered, and in five years the willow had gained 164 pounds in weight, while the earth in the pot had lost only two ounces. Van Helmont inferred that the plant's gain was due only to the water which had been supplied. Modern botanical science proves that the gain was in a great measure due to the carbon absorbed from the air.—New York Herald.

Prevents Sunstroke.

In Florida sunstroke is entirely unknown, although the temperature often reaches 110 degrees Fahrenheit. This is attributed to the extreme moisture of the atmosphere.

Sacred Temple in China.

Many Chinese temples have windows made from the white mother-of-pearl found in oyster shells. The material is perfectly transparent, and looks like opal glass.

If people were to get paid for all the foolish things they say and do poverty would soon be a thing of the past.

A baby is a rose without thorns. The thorns gradually appear as it reaches maturity.

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French railway cars as now constructed, with most of the metal parts of aluminum, are 3,000 pounds lighter than old ones.

A Milwaukee florist thinks he has succeeded in producing green carnations by the use of chemicals while the plants are growing.

An odd excuse for burglary was given by a one-legged boy, aged 14. He broke into a hardware store in Kansas City, Mo., and was captured. He pleaded he wanted to steal some tools which would enable him to make a wooden leg for himself.

Young Engineers

In all scientific branches are in such demand now, so as to be far beyond the supply. The reason of this is because never in the history of the Pacific Coast has there been such activity in Mining, Electric, R. R. building and general Engineering Work. The Vander Naillens School of Practical, Civil, Mining, Electrical Engineering, Assaying Cyanide, etc., which has been established since 1864, being the oldest practical school of today, having machine shop, electric plants, and all necessary apparatus, admits students of all ages, at all times, regardless of their present education. Illustrated catalogues are mailed to any address by mentioning this paper and addressing 933 Market St., S. F., Cal.

During the fiscal year which ended on June 30 last, 341,711 foreigners entered this country through the port of New York. Probably the total immigration for the year will not fall short of 580,000. The noteworthy and not altogether agreeable difference between the immigration of 1900 and that of 30 years ago is that now most of the newcomers are from southern and eastern Europe, while they used to be from western and northern Europe.

Experiments show that a frog deprived of his brains will live and eat and pursue existence in a sort of automatic manner.

A state lunch in China consists of 140 dishes.

A Joke That Is Not a Joke.

Mrs. Short—Oh, dear! I do wish we were rich. Just think of the good we could do if we only had lots of money.

Mr. Short—True, my dear; but we can do a great deal of good in a quiet way now.

Mrs. Short—Yes, of course—but no one will ever hear of it.

At Orotavo, off the west coast of Northern Africa, grew the famous dragon tree, said to be the oldest in the world. It was destroyed by a hurricane in 1867. Hundreds of years ago its huge, hollow trunk was used as a temple by the Guanchis. Later the conquering Portuguese dedicated it to Christian worship.

The Other End.

About the time of the collapse of the confederacy, ex-Senator Wigfall was crossing the Mississippi, making his way to Texas. He assumed the character of an ultra-union man. On the ferry-boat with him was a federal officer, with whom Wigfall got into conversation. The officer confided to him that he was chasing Wigfall. "If I fall in with the traitor, I'll hang him to the first tree." "Yes," vehemently remarked Wigfall, "and I will be pulling at one end."

Our Scotch Soldiers.

"To preserve the jewel of liberty in the framework of freedom," is the inscription beneath a statue of Abraham Lincoln erected on Scottish soil and sacred to the memory of the Scottish-American soldiers who died for our union in the civil war. Such monuments as this should typify eternal friendship.

A reaction has set in against women removing their hats in church, and Rev. W. D. Holly, of Christ Episcopal church at Hackensack, N. J., forbids the women of his flock to take off their headgear. He quoted from the Bible thus in support of his stand: "But every woman that prayeth with her head uncovered dishonoreth her head."

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By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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The announcement that Peking is pronounced "Peh-king" will be apt, says the Cleveland Plaindealer, to pique paragraphers.

British Guiana has a cannon ball tree that grows to a height of 100 feet, its straight, unbranching stem being only 18 inches thick. When the cannon balls are ready to drop the tree is avoided as a battery might be that was about to engage in a bombardment.

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