

MY BEAUTIFUL BABY BOY

Weak Women Made Happy by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound - Letters from Two Who Now Have Children.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: - It was my ardent desire to have a child. I had been married three years and was childless, so wrote to you to find out the reason.

After following your kind advice and taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, I became the mother of a beautiful baby boy, the joy of our home. He is a fat, healthy baby, thanks to your medicine."

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: - I wrote you a letter some time ago, stating my case to you. I had pains through my bowels, headache, and backache, felt tired and sleepy all the time, was troubled with the whites. I followed your advice, took your Vegetable Compound, and it did me lots of good. I now have a baby girl. I certainly believe I would have miscarried had it not been for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I had a very easy time; was sick only a short time. I think your medicine is a godsend to women in the condition in which I was. I recommend it to all as the best medicine for women."

Connecticut figures from its recent state school census shows that it has 20 per cent more inhabitants than it had in 1890. The population of the country on this basis is 75,150,000.

SHAKE INTO YOUR SHOES Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It cures painful, swollen, smarting, nervous feet, and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions.

With the men all at the front fighting on the kopjes, the Boer women may be forced to harvest the crops, and, if the worst comes, to defend their homes with their mopies.

THREE DAILY TRAINS BETWEEN OGDEN AND DENVER. The increase in transcontinental travel by way of Salt Lake City in consequence of the scenic and other attractions of the route, has recently justified the Rio Grande Western Railway.

Two lions escaped from a menagerie in Valencia, Spain, and injured several people before they were captured. One of them leaped through the plate glass window of a jewelry store, and scattered watches and diamonds with recklessness.

By a simple twist of the wrist you can line up the outside bar on the Champion Draw Cut Mower. You can't do it on any other. And there are other points too. Send for catalogue.

MITCHELL, LEWIS & STAVOR CO., PORTLAND, OREGON.

BAD SPRING BLOOD Requires some sort of a tonic that cleans out the impurities. One that really does this—and more—is

Moore's Revealed Remedy And does it thoroughly. Pleasant to take. \$1.00 at any drugstore.

Tested and True. PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION

FORCED INTO ARMY.

MEN OF EUROPE COMPELLED TO BE SOLDIERS.

Precious Years of Golden Youth Spent in Military Service by Helpless Men—What Conscription Means to the Breadwinners Abroad.

In Germany, France, Russia, Austria and Italy every able-bodied man must expect to give from twenty-one to twenty-nine years of his life to soldiering, his service commencing at ages ranging from 17 years in Germany to 21 years in France and Italy.

At the beginning of each year lists are prepared throughout Germany of all youths who have reached the prescribed age, and during spring the Recruiting Commission makes a visiting tour of all the headquarters of the various districts, where the youths are mustered for inspection.

All who are physically unfit for service are finally rejected, and those who are still physically unripe for it are put back for a year. Men who, though strong and healthy, fail to reach the requisite standards are passed into the Ersatz reserve, together with those who are then passed into the support of their families, and from those who are passed as fit for service the required number is selected by ballot.

Of the recruits certain privileged men of birth and education are only called upon to serve one year in the regular army on condition that they pass certain examinations and pay the cost of their equipment, while the remainder are expected to serve three years in the ranks, followed by four years in the reserve. The next five years they spend in the first levy of the Landwehr, and they are then passed into the second levy until they reach the age of 30.

In France military service begins at 21 and lasts for twenty-five years, with similar exemptions from service and limitations to one year in the ranks to those sanctioned in the German army.

The French conscript must spend his first three years of service in the regular army, followed by seven years in the army reserve. He is then passed into the territorial army for six years, and the remaining nine years are spent in the reserve of the territorial army, which is called out only in case of absolute necessity.

A man's service in the ranks may be reduced to one or two years according to the number he draws in the ballot. Army reserve men have only eight weeks of drill, while the territorial army is only called on for a period of fourteen days.

In Russia the conscription takes place every year in the months of November and December, when the required recruits are selected by lot. Clergymen of all churches are exempt from service, while Mohammedans and the inhabitants of certain districts in Asia can substitute payment for service; and some of the higher classes may reduce their term of service in the ranks under certain conditions.

Service begins in the twenty-first year and lasts for twenty-four years, of which five years are spent in the ranks and thirteen in the reserve. On finishing service in the reserve the soldier is passed into the militia, where he spends the remainder of his period of service.

In Italy a youth is liable for service when he reaches his nineteenth birthday, and is only exempt when he reaches his fortieth birthday. None but those physically unfit for service are also exempt, but some of the widows and sole supporters of families are passed into the militia without being called on to serve in the army ranks.

Army recruits are divided into two classes, of which the first division spend from three to four years in the ranks; the next five years are spent on furlough, succeeded by four years' service in the militia and seven years in the territorial militia.

Members of the second class of recruits must spend twelve years in the army, more than half of which is usually spent on furlough, and the remainder of their service is spent in one branch or other of the militia until the limit of age is reached.

In Austria the only exemption is in favor of the physically unfit, and even they are required to pay a sum, proportioned to their means, into the army pension fund. Service begins at 19 and lasts for twenty-three years, of which three are spent in the line and seven in the reserve.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

PORTABLE FALSE WORKS. Handy Piece of Mechanism that Expedites Building of Bridges.

The false work shown in the accompanying cut was used in the erection of all the girder bridges between Forest Hills and Boston on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. It was moved to the different locations of the bridges on the temporary regular gauged trucks, being pushed ahead by an engine. When in place and straddling the abutments its running wheels were removed and put on uprights at

right angles to the tracks on which it traveled. Rails were laid parallel to the faces of the abutments on which the false work traveled, to pick up guides from the cars and then to place them in the required location. By means of the drum of its engine overhead and a fixed cable the entire frame moved itself on the rails at right angles to the main line tracks.

As the cut shows, the frame is on stilts, thus providing for the raising of the girder by means of a tackle, to a height sufficient to clear the temporary trestle and loaded car, and placing this girder on the opposite side of the trestle. These trestles were shifted along the bridge seat of the abutments to give place to the permanent bridge work.

The girders were delivered on flat cars and unloaded by this deck system of false work, which permitted the

loaded cars to pass under. It took about twenty minutes to pick up a girder and place it. The girders were solid and averaged three feet in height and fifty feet in length.

MEMPHIS MAN WHO COULD GIVE DAVID HARUM POINTS ON THE BUSINESS.

David Harum was a good horse trader, but a recent transaction in horse flesh which was made by a well-known Memphis shows that there are others who know how to get the long end of a horse trade. Several weeks ago this Memphis man saw a fine buggy horse which he thought he wanted. He located the owner and asked the price. "One fifty," was the reply. After looking the animal over closely and trying her speed he concluded it was a good one, and without more ado wrote a check for the amount. The next day he found that the mare was as blind as a bat, but this did not hinder her speed nor detract from her general appearance. He drove the animal for several weeks and succeeded in attracting the admiration of another lover of horse flesh, who made a proposal to purchase.

"Well," said the Memphis, "I gave one fifty for her, but I will let you have her for one sixty-five." The prospective owner looked the animal over and concluded he had a bargain. He paid over the money and took the mare. When the animal was un hitched the first thing she did was to run against a post and then, by way of emphasizing the fact that she was blind, fell over a barrel. The next day the buyer came back to the Memphis with blood in his eye.

"Colonel, you know that mare you sold me," he began. "Well, she's stone blind." "I know it," replied the colonel, with an easy air. "You didn't say anything to me about it," said the purchaser, his face reddening with anger.

"Well, I'll tell you," replied the colonel. "That fellow who sold her to me didn't tell me about it, and I just concluded that he didn't want it known." The new owner took his medicine and is now on the lookout for a friend on whom he can even things.—Memphis Scimitar.

NEW TRAIN SERVICE ON THE O. R. & N. The double train service just established between Portland and Chicago, in which the O. R. & N., the Union Pacific and the Oregon Short Line are interested, shortens the through time 11 hours. Train No. 2, leaving Portland at 9:15 A. M., daily, is known as the Chicago-Portland special. Its equipment is new, making it fully the equal of any train now in service from the Pacific coast to the East. It consists of a mail car, baggage car, a library-composite car, a first-class Pullman sleeper, a dining car, two chair cars and a tourist sleeper. There is but one change of cars to all Eastern points. The full time is three days through to Chicago, or four days and two hours to New York.

The second train, known as No. 6, leaves Portland daily at 6:30 P. M., connecting at East Portland with the Southern Pacific's overland train from San Francisco, and carries through equipment to Chicago via the Union Pacific and the Chicago & North-western, and also the equipment for the Washington division of the O. R. & N., in connection with the Great Northern for St. Paul. This train reaches Spokane at 10 A. M. A dining car serves breakfast into Spokane, and dinner is served on corresponding train leaving Spokane at 10:30 A. M. The new schedule as arranged, supplies the most complete service ever furnished on the O. R. & N., also provides increased service in Eastern Oregon, where it is greatly needed, and gives immediate connection with the Washington division at Pendleton. At this point there is a large interchange of traffic, on account of the various mining districts of Baker county, the Coeur d'Alene, the Republic and Kootenai mining camps. Portland is greatly benefited by this change, in as much as increased service is given from Eastern Oregon and Idaho.

No. 2 arrives in Chicago at 9:30 A. M.; No. 6 at 7:45 A. M., as at present. The Westbound train out of Chicago, corresponding with No. 2, is No. 1. This arrives in Portland at 4 P. M. The train corresponding with the Eastbound No. 6, is No. 3, out of Chicago. This reaches Portland at 7:30 A. M. Westbound train No. 1 leaves Chicago at 6:30 P. M., and Omaha at 8:20 A. M. the following day. The time is reduced two hours and 45 minutes. No. 3, Westbound train, leaves Chicago at 10:30 P. M., and Omaha at 4:25 P. M. the next day.

The service on the Union Pacific on all these trains includes buffet-smoking-library cars and dining cars. No. 6 carries a daily ordinary sleeper to Kansas City, with change en route to ordinary cars to Chicago. Consult the nearest ticket agent for detailed information.

W. H. HURLBURT, General Passenger Agent.

The ordinary step of an ostrich, when feeding, is about 21 inches; when walking, but not feeding, it is 26 inches; when fleeing from an enemy, its stride ranges from 11 1/2 to 14 feet.

A deacon in a Baptist church in Trenton is a stickler for decorum. He saw a young lady whisper to another during prayer at a church service, and he loudly rebuked her. In indignation she was passing out of the edifice, when he said the church was no place for her. Aroused by this taunt, she proceeded to return to her pew, but he clutched her back hair and thus drew her out of the church.

Prospectors are boring for zinc in four counties in northern Arkansas, and within the last year several changes in the ownership of land there has resulted in consequence. One syndicate is said to have purchased 18,000 acres of land.

A Blood Trouble Is that tired feeling—blood lacks vitality and richness, and hence you feel like a lagard all day and can't get rested at night. Hood's Sarsaparilla will cure you because it will restore to the blood the qualities it needs for strength and vigor. It cleanses the muscles, nerves and organs of the body. It gives sweet, refreshing sleep and imparts new life and vigor to every function.

Felt Tired—"In the spring I would have no appetite and would feel tired and weak. Took Hood's Sarsaparilla in small doses, increasing as I grew stronger. That tired feeling left me and I felt like a new man." W. E. BAKER, Box 26, Milford, Ohio.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Is the Best Medicine Money Can Buy. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

ALABASTINE Is a durable and beautiful wall coating. It is made in 5 lb. paper packages, made ready for use in white and fourteen beautiful tints by mixing with cold water. It is a cement that goes through process of setting, hardens with age and can be coated and recoated without washing off its old coats before reworking.

ALABASTINE Is entirely different from all the other wall coatings on the market. It is durable and not stuck on the wall with glue. Alabastine customers should insist on having the goods in packages properly labeled. They should reject all imitations. There is nothing "just as good."

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A Well-Kept Life. It requires a well-kept life to do the will of God, and even a better kept life will do His will. To be willing is a rarer grace than to be doing the will of God. For he who is willing may sometimes have nothing to do and must be willing to wait; and it is easier for him to be doing God's will than to be willing to have nothing to do—it is easier for him to be working for Christ than it is to be willing to cease. No, there is nothing rarer in the world to-day than the truly willing soul, and there is nothing more worth coveting than the will to let God's will. There is no grander possession for any Christian life than the transparently simple mechanism of a sincerely obeying heart.—Henry Drummond.

Information While You Wait. Mr. Spelman, of Highlandtown, writes: "Dear Sir: Please tell me what is the healthiest food for children?" "You will find doughnuts about the 'healthiest' articles of diet.—Baltimore American.

Strength in Stillness. Those who make the most noise in the world are not those who have the most power in the world. Quiet influences are the potent forces in God's election, and even in man's sight. As Abney Moore says: "Great men think, while ordinary men talk. Great saints pray, ordinary men preach. High-sounding words and showy acts may impose upon the few, but it is silent effort which moves the world." This truth is not held popularly; yet Elijah learned when he was divinely shown that God was not to be recognized in the whirlwind, the earthquake, or the fire, as he could be in "the still small voice." Even this world's wisdom testifies to the truth in the adage: "Deep waters run still." It is God's voice which says: "Be still, and know that I am God."—S. S. Times.

Christ for All. It must never be supposed that the beautiful words and consecrating acts of Christ were just for Peter, James and John and their companions. John is not the only beloved disciple who is encouraged to lean on the bosom of his Lord. His love for the family in Bethany is not a singular love with which other families have nothing to do. It is a specimen of his love, rather, intended to make glad ten thousand other families.—George Bowen.

Parents must show piety at home; that is, they must give good example and reverent deportment in the face of their children. \* \* \* All affections of love and tenderness, care and watchfulness must be expressed toward children that they may look upon their parents as their friends and patrons, their defense and sanctuary, their treasure and their guide.—Jeremy Taylor.

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Reform at St. Louis. The saloon keepers of St. Louis, Mo., have been notified that they shall not maintain in connection with their saloons wine rooms or private stalls or rooms not at all times open to public gaze. They were also notified to discontinue and prohibit music and to prevent dissolute women and criminals from frequenting their saloons, under penalty of forfeiture of their licenses and having their places closed as disorderly houses.—Union Signal.

Few College Students Die. The death rate in colleges is extremely low. The strict attention to the physique given as the cause. People outside of colleges, as well, may have health and strength. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is recommended most highly for preventing as well as curing bodily weakness. It is for the blood, the nerves and all stomach disorders, and its cures of constipation, indigestion, dyspepsia, sluggish liver or weak kidneys, are most remarkable.

Six mourners who officiated as pall bearers at a funeral in Mishowaka, Ind., have sent in bills of indebtedness against the man's estate for carrying him to the grave.

\$100 REWARD \$100. The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is cancer. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists Everywhere. Be sure you get Hall's Family Pills as the best.

A contract made over the telephone is legal and binding, according to a decision recently rendered in a Pennsylvania lawsuit.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

Inoculation for the plague is coming more in favor in Bombay city, as many as 7,179 persons having been treated in one week.

Piso's cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'BRIEN, 322 Third Ave. N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900.

Living animals have been newly discovered at a depth in the ocean two miles greater than any hitherto reached.

Instructions have been issued by the mechanical department of the Rock Island, that all passenger coaches of the road must be equipped with steel platforms. Already many have been equipped, and as fast as the coaches can be spared from the daily service, they are run into the shops and the old platforms taken off and a new steel one put in its place.

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Hon. Dan. A. Grosvenor, of the Famous Ohio Family.

Hon. Dan. A. Grosvenor, deputy auditor for the war department, in a letter written from Washington, D. C., says:

"Allow me to express my gratitude to you for the benefit derived from one bottle of Peruna. One week has brought wonderful changes and I am now as well as ever. Besides being one of the very best spring tonics it is an excellent catarrh remedy."

Very respectfully, Dan A. Grosvenor.

Hal P. Denton, chief national export exposition, Philadelphia, Pa., writes: "I was completely run down from overwork and the responsibility naturally connected with the exposition of a great international exposition. My physician recommended an extended vacation. When I began taking Peruna, and with the use of the fifth bottle I found myself in a normal condition. I have since enjoyed the best of health."

Almost everybody needs a tonic in the spring. Something to brace the nerves, invigorate the brain, and cleanse the blood. That Peruna will do this is beyond all question. Every one who has tried it has had the same experience as Mrs. D. W. Timberlake, of Lynchburg, Va., who, in a recent letter, made use of the following words: "I always take a dose of Peruna after business hours, as it is a great thing for the nerves. There is no better spring tonic, and I have used about all of them."

For a free book on "Summer Catarrh," address The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio.

Quarrelling among the members of the households is extremely rare in Japan. This is because the Japanese eat very little meat. Among great meat-eaters irritable tempers prevail, and family disputes are common.

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