

Have It Handy.

He cried out in agony, and they ran to the neighbors for help. Sciatica was torturing him. Better run for St. Jacobs Oil, or have it handy. It is known to cure the worst cases, and cure effectually.

The Power of Thought.

The power in man to think is the essence of his soul. Thought can destroy, thought can save. Prentiss Millford said: "Thoughts are things." Can you see this thought called things? By intuition man perceives that thoughts are things; by intellect he realizes the thing, the effects. The power of thoughts has fathomed the depth of the heavens and brought us the comforts and luxuries of our present civilization.

Catarrh In the Head

Is an inflammation of the mucous membrane lining the nasal passages. It is caused by a cold or succession of colds, combined with impure blood. The way to cure it is by purifying and enriching the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine cures catarrh when all other preparations fail. Remember

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Is America's Greatest Medicine. \$1; six for \$5.
Hood's Pills cure constipation. 25 cents.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

The United States has 427,668 coke ovens; Pennsylvania 26,910.

The capital invested in cotton mills in South Carolina now amounts to \$18,614,000.

It is estimated that 85 per cent of the silk goods used in the United States are the products of our own factories.

The labor press announces that E. V. Debs has severed his official connection with all labor unions, and will take the lecture platform.

A writer in an exchange declares that 500,000 men now do the work, with the aid of machinery, which needed 16,000,000 to do a few years ago.

The membership of the Cigarmakers' International Union is taking a vote on a proposition to abolish the out-of-work benefit and to reduce the death benefits about 20 per cent.

A good many of the New England cotton mills may be making silk a few years from now. Some of them have caught on already to the advantages of making the change.

It is reported that English machine builders have contracts for the equipment of many cotton mills in India, including 11 mills being established in Ahmedabad, where six more may be in progress of construction.

No household is complete without a bottle of the famous Jesse Moore Whiskey. It is a pure and wholesome stimulant recommended by all physicians. Don't neglect this necessity.

The original manuscript copy of America's national hymn, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," written in 1832 by Samuel Francis Smith, is now in the famous vatican library in Rome. At one time it was owned by David Pell Secar, of Bridgeport, Conn., having been presented to him by the author. Mr. Secar a few years ago, saw it and suggested that it be sent to the vatican library.

The collection of meteorites in the Paris natural history museum represents 463 distinct falls.

FITS Permanently Cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Sent for FREE. \$2.00 trial bottle and treatise. DR. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 930 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Women eat so little and so irregularly that it is a wonder it has never occurred to Uncle Sam that they would make good soldiers.

THEY WANT TO TELL

These Grateful Women Who Have Been Helped by Mrs. Pinkham.

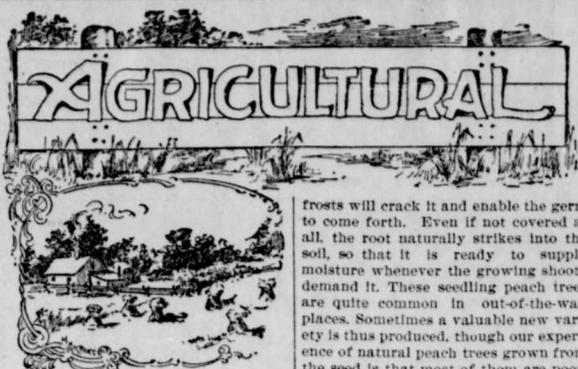
Women who have suffered severely and been relieved of their ills by Mrs. Pinkham's advice and medicine are constantly urging publication of their statements for the benefit of other women. Here are two such letters:

Mrs. LIZZIE BEVERLY, 253 Merrimac St., Lowell, Mass., writes:

"It affords me great pleasure to tell all suffering women of the benefit I have received from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I can hardly find words to express my gratitude for what she has done for me. My trouble was ulceration of the womb. My doctor found fifteen very large ulcers, but he failed to do me good. I took several bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, also used the Sanative Wash, and am cured. Mrs. Pinkham's medicine saved my life, and I would recommend it to all suffering women."

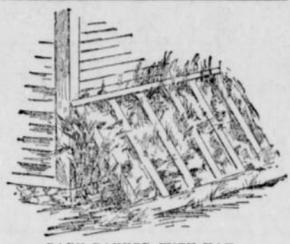
Mrs. ANNE THOMBLEY, Ellenburgh Ctr., N. Y., writes:

"I took cold at the time my baby was born, causing me to have milk legs, and was sick in bed for eight weeks. Doctors did me no good. I surely thought I would die. I was also troubled with falling of the womb. I could not eat, had faint spells as often as ten times a day. One day a lady came to see me and told me of the benefit she had derived from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's medicine, and advised me to try it. I did so, and had taken only half a bottle before I was able to sit in a chair. After taking three bottles I could do my own work. I am now in perfect health."



Keeping Out the Cold.

Hundreds of farm buildings that contain shivering and unthrifty stock all through the winter months could, at almost no expense whatever, be made very warm and comfortable. Open foundations and absence of any closed foundation whatever cause much of the coldness of farm buildings. Cheap hay and swamp grass abound in almost all sections. If a large quantity of this is cut and put about the building and held there in the manner shown in the cut, the wind would very effectually be kept out. Two strips of boards, with laths nailed to them every fifteen inches, will keep the hay very snug. When winter is past the hay can be used for bedding



BARN BANKED WITH HAY.

during the spring months.—American Agriculturist.

Packing Fruit for Market.

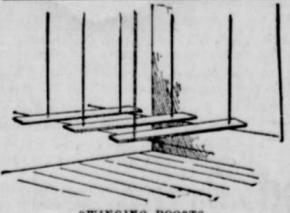
The degree of ripeness should determine the time of gathering the fruit. Most kinds of pears have a better flavor if picked as soon as their growth is completed and permitted to ripen off the tree. All the fruits should be handled carefully to prevent bruising, and very particular care should be taken with the tender fruits. The sorting should be carefully done, according to size and color, the wrapping to follow, but all the fruit should be permitted to cool before either is undertaken. Throughout this work, the less handling that is given the longer its condition will remain good.

The packing should be done in such a way as to hold the fruit protected from jostling and bruising while in transit to market, but yet it should not be packed so closely as to prevent the air from circulating through it freely. Only such fruits should be packed as are thoroughly sound, free from blemish, of good shape and of reasonably good size.

Tender and soft fruits especially should be cooled as soon after being picked as practicable. The wrappers should not be close enough in texture to confine within them the moisture that comes from the fruit by evaporation, or the fruit will be apt to mildew. This is often seen on oranges wrapped in a paper of close texture. The changes going on in ripe fruit generate heat, and this should be counteracted as far as practicable. It is said that even in a well-refrigerated car the heat liberated from the fruit will often more than counterbalance the cooling effect of the ice. Hence, it is important to have rapid transportation to market before the heat generated by ripening process causes decay.—Texas Stock and Farm Journal.

Roosts for Chickens.

As the chickens obtain size, they may be taught to go to roost in some room that is not occupied. Here they will be always under cover and safe at night from their enemies. Make the roost of broad strips of board, to pre-



SWINGING ROOSTS.

vent crooked breast bones, and to reduce the risk of vermin use the plan of hanging the roosts shown in the cut. The strips rest on horizontal wires, to which they are stapled beneath, and are held firmly up by wires from the ceiling.—Exchange.

Stone Banking for Barns.

In banking up against the walls of basement barns, and especially in building up a passageway to the entrance, there is always strong temptation to use stones piled in loosely as a basis, where stones are over plentiful on the farm. Yet this usually proves a mistake. Rats will invariably effect a lodgment among such stones, and they will in time work through into the barn basement. Besides, rains will wash dirt among the stones, and it will require constant attention every year to keep the passage way so that loaded wagons can be driven over it.

Seeding Peaches.

In the peach orchard, and wherever this fruit is eaten, the seed, or as it is usually called, the "pit," will commonly be thrown upon the ground, where

frosts will crack it and enable the germ to come forth. Even if not covered at all, the root naturally strikes into the soil, so that it is ready to supply moisture whenever the growing shoots demand it. These seedling peach trees are quite common in out-of-the-way places. Sometimes a valuable new variety is thus produced, though our experience of natural peach trees grown from the seed is that most of them are poor. It is a safe proceeding to bud the young tree when it has grown from spring until July or August. In that way you may know in advance what class of fruit you may expect to pick.—American Cultivator.

Pitting Potatoes.

Potatoes keep better in a pit than anywhere else, but they must be well protected to prevent zero weather from catching them. They should never be covered deeply enough to allow them to become at all heated or they will start to grow. The first covering should be not more than six inches deep, and this should not be increased until the ground has frozen enough to bear up a man. Then put on a covering of straw, over the soil already on, and put on more soil, patting it down to make it shed rain. Leave the pit until actual winter has come and the ground is well frozen, and then over all put a foot of fresh manure from the stables. Don't be afraid of driving the frost in, for this will not happen. Keep the manure on until the potatoes are needed in the spring, for the covered pit will not thaw out nor will the manure allow it to freeze any more, and the potatoes will not sprout until time for planting in the spring if left in the pit.

Potatoes that are to be used for seed should be placed in a pit by themselves so as to leave them undisturbed until taken out to plant.—Farmer's Voice.

Sun Baths for Fowls.

It is not alone the cold weather in winter, but even more the lack of sunlight during its short days, that restricts egg production at this season. Plenty of sunlight is as essential as warmth to make the hens lively and healthful. But the single glass narrow windows, often only a single pane, and that covered with dust and cobwebs at all seasons, and with ice in winter, do little good. What are needed in all henhouses are large windows with an extra frame and glass with a space of enclosed air large enough to fill most of the south side of the building. Keep the place where the sunlight falls free from manure and fill this with sand or coal ashes. Fowls will dust themselves here, and basking in the sunlight they will soon begin to lay.

Valuable English Bull.

An English newspaper says that the celebrated bull Merry Hampton has



MERRY HAMPTON.

recently been purchased by Mr. Dustin, of Illinois, for the handsome price of 300 guineas. Merry Hampton is from the herd of Mr. Peterkin, of Dunglass, one of the group of Ross-shire breeders, who are so well known at the great English shows.

Farm Profits.

When does the farmer make a profit? There are hundreds of farmers who have become wealthy, yet they have handled very little money and have had difficulty in meeting their obligations. There is one bank account which they do not draw upon, and the deposits accumulate for years, and that is the soil. A farmer takes a poor farm, works it, adds manure, and receives but little over expenses, but every year his farm has become more fertile and also increased in value. In ten or more years the farm may be worth five times the original cost, and it represents just as much profit as though the farmer had received money. All farms are, to a certain extent, banks of deposit, where the profits of the farm slowly accumulate.

"Mad Itch."

Some farmers cut corn and throw it over to the hogs, stalk and all, which I always thought was a waste. The hogs will chew the sweet out of the stalks and spit them out in wads. If cattle and sheep have access to the same pasture they will gather up these wads and eat them, which is almost certain death. In a few days they will begin rubbing their heads and necks on every tree and fence they come to, and continue rubbing till they die. Sometimes they will rub the flesh away to the bone. The fine fibers collect around the root of the tongue and cause an irritation. In this country people call it "mad itch."—Mrs. H. E. Hudson.

The imperial family of Austria is descended from Rudolph Von Hapsburg, a German count, born in 1218, who was elected king of Germany in 1273. The male line died out in 1740 with Emperor Karl VI., whose only daughter, Maria Theresa, gave her hand to Duke Franz of Lorraine and Tuscany, afterward Kaiser Franz I. of Germany. He thereby became the founder of the new house of Hapsburg-Lorraine.

QUEEN COUNTED THE WASH.

An Experience of Queen Wilhelmina of Holland with a Washerwoman.

Annie C. Kniper has an article in the St. Nicholas on "Wilhelmina, Queen of Holland." The author says: The young Queen has—necessarily more than other children—always had a good many lessons to learn, a good many tasks to perform, a good many duties to go through; but she has had her holidays as well as other children, and certainly enjoyed them quite as much. She, of course, particularly liked the Christmas holidays, and the pleasant surprises they brought with them, and one of her special pleasures was to prepare a Christmas tree for an elderly court lady, of whom she was very fond.

The winter of 1895 made no exception to the rule. Queen Wilhelmina's old friend was, under some pretext or other, induced to go out. Her retreating footsteps were eagerly listened for; then the girl queen of 15 years gave strict orders that no one should interrupt her or enter the room while she was busy with the tree. The lackeys bowed low, and promised obedience; the tree and the decorations and the presents were carried into the old lady's room; then the Queen, left alone, began to work.

She had been busy for some time, now and then standing on tiptoe to fasten a bright bit of orange ribbon on a higher branch of the tree, when there was a knock at the door. With indignant eyes the Queen looked up, or rather looked down, from the tree to the door. Who was it that dared trouble her, contrary to her most positive commands? She knitted her brows, and went on with her work, feigning not to have heard the knock. Surely they would not dare to repeat it? Hark! there it was again. It was too bad! She quickly walked up to the door, opened it a very little bit, and asked impatiently, "Why did you knock? Who is it?"

The answer was given without the least hesitation. "It is me, the washerwoman."

The washerwoman! Queen Wilhelmina was perplexed. She did not wish any one to see the tree, and could not send for the court lady, or any of her attendants. So opening the door, she said kindly:

"Well, come in and put down the basket, but don't look around."

The woman did as she was told. She had never seen the Queen of Holland, and she felt perfectly at ease in the presence of this young girl, almost a child, who was very simply dressed in some dark woolen winter material.

"Good afternoon, missy," she said. "Where shall I put the things?"

"Put them? Has the basket to be unpacked?"

"Why, of course it has, missy. That is always done."

"Oh, indeed! Then put the things somewhere, and make a little haste, please."

The woman nodded and obeyed. When the basket was empty, she handed the Queen a bit of paper, and said:

"You will see that the things on this list are all there, won't you, missy?"

"Missy" began to enjoy the joke. She consulted the list, and counted the things to see that all was correct. Then she said kindly:

"It is all right. You can go now."

But the washerwoman was not satisfied.

"Go?" she repeated indignantly. "No, indeed. I shan't go. I'll be paid first. The lady always pays me directly."

"Does she, really?" asked the Queen.

"Indeed she does. You can ask her, if you like."

The Queen saw that she would have to act her part of "missy" to the end. She found the situation amusing, and casting down her laughing eyes, she took out her purse, and counted the money into the laundress' hand.

"That's all right, and thank you kindly," the woman said, taking up her basket, and going to the door. Then, with a glance at the half-decorated Christmas tree, she added good-naturedly:

"And I wish you much pleasure. Good-by, missy."

A gay, musical laugh rang through the room when "missy" was alone again. Her Majesty, the Queen of Holland, was, indeed, not accustomed to be addressed by that unpretending title. How her sympathetic mother must have smiled with pleasure when the tree was ready, and the Queen of 15 years ran away to tell her what had happened!

Sailors Explode Sharks.

The men in the fleet blockading Havana beguiled the weary days by shark fishing on somewhat novel lines. The men fasten a small dynamite cartridge to the end of a wire attached to an electric machine. A lump of pork is attached to the cartridge and thrown overboard, and as soon as the creature swallows the bait the current is turned on, the dynamite explodes, and the shark is blown to pieces.

Insulting.

Pretty Girl—Did you see the way that man looked at me? It was positively insulting.

Big Brother—Did he stare?

Pretty Girl—Stare? Why, no. He ran his eyes over me and then glanced off at some one else, just as if I wasn't worth a second thought.—New York Weekly.

Alas!

Mrs. Oldham—Is your husband still your ideal of a man?

Mrs. Youngman—No. My idol has been shattered. We were at a dinner party night before last, and when I slipped my olive seeds over to have him put them in his pocket he refused to take them.

It is never safe to put reliance in any woman who refers to her marriage as the result of a "girlish whim."

Importance of Drudgery.

Drudgery is essential in all good work. Some drudgery must precede every effort and attainment in any and every sphere. Mixing colors is the drudgery in the greatest artist's painting, as surely as in that of the young beginner in his profession. He who is not willing to do the needful drudgery in the work he undertakes will never be a success in any high realm of his aspirations. No man who is not ready first to tread the lower rounds of a ladder can ever hope to stand by and by at the top.—S. S. Times.

Confession of a Millionaire.

A millionaire confessed the secret of his success in two words—hard work. He put in the best part of his life gaining dollars and losing health, and now he was putting in the other half spending dollars to get it back. Nothing equals Hostetter's Stomach Bitters for restoring health. It gets at the starting point—the stomach—and cures dyspepsia and indigestion.

Reed pens split at the end like quill pens, have been found in Egyptian tombs, dating probably 2,500 years before Christ.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

If a woman catches cold wearing a thin dress to a reception her husband escapes public censure, but if she catches it hanging out clothes all but his dearest friends stop speaking to him.

Stands By in Need.

Every living thing has pains and aches sometimes, and the aches and pains of humankind have a friend in St. Jacobs Oil, which stands by in need to cure and restore.

When a girl goes around from town to town cooking oatmeal or a new kind of pancake flour at a grocery store she is called a "demonstrator." The word is so good that Atechison girls are using it instead of the word "cooking." Atechison girls no longer cook potatoes; they "demonstrate" them. They also give demonstrations in dishwashing.

When coming to San Francisco go to Brooklyn Hotel, 208-212 Bush street, American or European plan. Room and board \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day; rooms 50 cents to \$1.00 per day; single meals 25 cents. Free coach. Chas. Montgomery.

Ate His Dinner in a Graveyard.

As a Brooklyn Fifth avenue trolley car stopped the other day at the station adjoining Greenwood cemetery an old man in the rear of the car startled the other passengers by exclaiming in tones loud enough to be plainly heard: "In the midst of life we are in death!" Following the direction of the old man's eyes, the other passengers saw a cemetery employe seated on a low white stone at the head of a newly made grave. A tin dinner pail was firmly held between his knees and from it he was eating his noonday meal. Near him playing in the grass was a little girl, probably the man's daughter.—N. Y. Sun.

If you want the best wind mill, pumps, tanks, plows, wagons, bells of all sizes, boilers, engines, or general machinery, see or write JOHN POOLE, foot of Morrison street, Portland, Oregon.

It is an inexplicable fact that men buried in an avalanche of snow hear distinctly every word uttered by those who are seeking for them, while their most strenuous shouts fail to penetrate even a few feet of the snow.

Two bottles of Pisco's Cure for Consumption cured me of a bad lung trouble.—Mrs. J. Nichols, Princeton, Ind., March 26, 1895.

Exports of cottonseed products for the first five months of this year far exceed those of the 12 months of 1896.

A French doctor has invented an electric helmet, inside of which is a small motor that vibrates strips of steel, the motor making 600 turns per minute. This whizzing is supposed to cure nervous headache and put the sufferer to sleep.

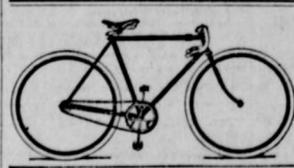
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Character From Sorrow.

Over and over again the old truth comes back to us, that no man is good for much till he has suffered a great sorrow. The baptism of pain is one of the instrumentalities which God uses for purging away the dross of our nature and making us fit to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. Not those who have escaped the fiery trial, but those who have gone through it and come out unburnt and glorified, are to be envied. God knows what is best for us. Therefore He sends first one affliction and then another upon us. Sometimes, because He sees it to be necessary, He lifts the very floodgates, and allows wave after wave of misfortune to sweep over us. If we have the right stuff in us, we shall be helped and not harmed by these seeming calamities.—Christian Advocate.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The Porto Ricans demonstrate their patriotism by shouting for freedom and feeding themselves.

At the Storz palace in Rome, Italy, there is a book made of marble, the leaves being of marvelous thinness.

Bangor manufacturers are sending canoes of birch and canvas to Palestine, Japan, India and China.

If the earth were not enveloped with atmosphere, the temperature on the surface would be about 330 degrees below zero Fahrenheit.

In building nests birds usually avoid the use of bright colored materials, which would add to the chances of the enemy in locating them.

In 1897 South Africa imported \$1,437,534 worth of bicycles. In the civilization process the wheel seems to take precedence of the railway.



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