

Advice to Women

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

This is a very important consideration in a woman's correspondence with Mrs. Pinkham. It is a great satisfaction to feel that one woman can write to another telling her the most private and confidential details about her illness, and know that her letter will be seen by a woman only, — a woman full of sympathy for her sick sisters, and with a knowledge of woman's ills greater than that possessed by any other person.

Mrs. Pinkham never violates the confidence thus entrusted to her, and although she publishes thousands of testimonials from women who have been benefited by her advice and medicine, never in all her experience has she published such a letter without the full consent and often by special request of the writer.

The reason Mrs. Pinkham is so amply qualified to give advice in cases of female ills is for the reason that over one hundred thousand cases come before her each year, — some personally, others by mail, and this has been going on for twenty years, day after day, and day after day. Twenty years of constant success, — think of the knowledge thus gained. Surely women are wise in seeking advice from a woman of such experience, especially when it is absolutely free. Mrs. Pinkham's address is Lynn, Mass.

As an illustration of the good coming from such advice we herewith publish two letters of Mrs. E. F. Hayes, the reading of which should give every sick woman confidence in Mrs. Pinkham's ability to help them. These are only two of thousands of the same kind of letters which Mrs. Pinkham has on file.

Mrs. Hayes' First Letter Appealing to Mrs. Pinkham for Help.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: — I have been under Boston doctors' treatment for a long time without any relief. They tell me I have a fibroid tumor. I cannot sit down without great pain, and the soreness extends up my spine. I have bearing-down pains both back and front. My abdomen is swollen, and I have had flowing spells for three years. My appetite is not good. I cannot walk or be on my feet for any length of time.

"The symptoms of Fibroid Tumor given in your little book accurately describes my case, so I write to you for advice." — (Signed) Mrs. E. F. HAYES, 252 Dudley St. (Roxbury), Boston, Mass.

Note the result of Mrs. Pinkham's advice — although she advised Mrs. Hayes, of Boston, to take her medicine — which she knew would help her — her letter contained a mass of additional instructions as to treatment, all of which helped to bring about the happy result.

No other female medicine in the world has received such widespread and unqualified endorsement. No other medicine has such a record of cures of female troubles or such hosts of grateful friends. Do not be persuaded that any other medicine is just as good. Any dealer who suggests something else has no interest in your case. He is seeking a larger profit. Follow the record of this medicine, and remember that the thousands of cures of women whose letters are constantly printed in this paper were not brought about by "something else," but by

LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: — Sometime ago I wrote to you describing my symptoms and asked your advice. You replied, and I followed all your directions carefully, and to-day I am a well woman.

"Your advice and the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound entirely expelled the tumor and strengthened my whole system. I can walk miles now.

"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is worth five dollars a drop. I advise all women who are afflicted with tumors or female trouble of any kind to give it a faithful trial." — (Signed) Mrs. E. F. HAYES, 252 Dudley St. (Roxbury), Boston, Mass.

Mountains of gold could not purchase such testimony — or take the place of the health and happiness thus gained by Mrs. Hayes.

\$5000 FORFEIT if we cannot forthwith produce the original letters and signatures of above testimonials, which will prove their absolute genuineness.
Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

RUSSIA IS SLYLY FORCING WAR TO START IN KOREA

Is Stirring the Koreans to the Point of Breaking With Japan and Will Thus Divert Attention Temporarily

Washington, Jan. 22.—The state department has received a dispatch from Minister Allen, of Seoul, who says there is considerable disturbance throughout Korea, and the Japanese in many places have been attacked. The indications are that Russia is stirring the uprising. News has also reached Washington that Japan has also sent a major-general to Seoul wanting a high ranking officer on the scene. The Koreans are reported to have 3500 men under arms.

Japan Would Prefer a Fight.
London, Jan. 22.—The Westminster Gazette this afternoon voices official and general opinion on the Far Eastern crisis, saying:

"We believe the chances of peace are more favorable than they have been for some weeks past."

The Associated Press learns that even Lord Lansdowne, who has been consistently pessimistic, yesterday expressed his belief that war would be averted. His opinion was based on conditions outlined in these dispatches yesterday, namely that Japan was willing to concede practically all Japan's demands, but that she cannot see her way to make a treaty with Japan recognizing in black and white China's sovereignty over Manchuria. Discussing this, however, Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, manifests a pessimistic view. He declared today that Japan would neither fight than forego an actual treaty admission by Russia of China's sovereignty over Manchuria.

The diplomats here, though differing in views as to the outcome, all agree that the dispute is not likely to be settled without another depressing

period, which is expected to occur when the war party in Japan raises its inevitable objections, after the receipt of the pending Russian reply, against any settlement except by recourse to arms.

Russia Must Preserve Pride.
St. Petersburg, Jan. 22.—The foreign office does not offer any indication of when the Russian reply to Japan will be ready.

Some of the strongest men in the empire are working to secure a successful termination of the difficulty, the main feature being a break down of the negotiations, but they are meeting with opposition on the ground that the propositions which are acceptable to Japan do not preserve Russian pride.

The Listok says it expects the crisis to end in an understanding in the form of a treaty supplementary to the Russo-Japanese convention regarding Korea.

M. Kurino, Japanese minister, believes that the unfortunate tone of the foreign dispatches, including some from New York to London, tend to create irritation.

He deprecates the attempt of the Russian press to "fly the flag of yellow peril," and says:

"The whole history of Japan since the restoration shows her aim and purpose to take her place on the plane of European civilization and become a world power, politically and commercially. Japan is not so narrow as to advocate 'Asia for the Asiatics.'"

The war minister's order to convert 27 reserve battalions into regular troops is robbed of significance, so far as the present situation is concerned, the order having been issued last February.

Russia Would Be Bold and Go.

London, Jan. 22.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Chefoo cables he is able to confirm the reports that Viceroy Alexieff has dismissed many officers at Port Arthur on discovering that, instead of having on hand provisions for an army of 200,000 men for two years, as had been supposed, there were not sufficient stores of an inferior quality for only six months.

Under date of Constantinople a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph cables that, although there is no present intention of moving the Russian Black Sea fleet, there is little doubt that if the necessity arose Russia would not wait to ask Turkey's permission to make the move, but suddenly would appear at the mouth of the Bosphorus, and be out of the Dardanelles within 18 hours, knowing that the Turks would be unable to resist unless backed by a strong European fleet.

The Tokio correspondent of the Times cables it will probably be necessary to remove the entire Japanese population from Vladivostok, as they are suffering greatly at the hands of the Russians.

Cabling from Moscow, a correspondent of the Times says that Grand Duke Vladimir, commander-in-chief of the St. Petersburg military division, and Grand Duke Serge, military commander at Moscow, are strongly supporting Viceroy Alexieff and that the czar, although anxious to avoid war, is not wavering. The

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BISHOP CRANSTON LECTURE

Tells Corvallis People About the Chinese in China

Earth Air and Sky Are Pevled With All Kinds of Devils by Them

In China, when a child is dying, the parents carry it out of the house and leave it outside to perish alone. The monarch of that country has power over the life of every man, woman and child in the empire and if he wants a subject, no matter how high or how low, out of the way, he makes his wishes known to such subject and the latter at once commits suicide. If a murder or theft is committed in one house and the footprints of the assassin or thief can be traced over the property of a neighbor, the latter is held responsible for the crime.

These and many other strange customs of the Celestial empire were told to a big audience at the Methodist church by Bishop Earl Cranston, in an address Sunday evening. The bishop spent some time in China a few years ago and in telling of his experiences, he held his audience charmed for an hour and a half Sunday evening. The reason the Chinese parents carry out their dying child is that they think death is caused by a devil, and it is to get the devil out before he does other harm that the child is carried out to die alone.

Full of Devils.
The Chinese think the air, the soil and the water is filled, each with its own kind of devils, and that when everything is quiet that there is a nice adjustment between them, and that when there is not such adjustment there are earthquakes, thunder storms, pestilences and other calamities. That is why they object to railroads. They think that turning up of the soil in grading will liberate ground devils which will get into trouble with the air devils and that earthquakes, and all manner of troubles will result. That is why they do not dig out the immense deposits of coal, iron, gold and other

minerals with which their country abounds. A Chinaman fell heir to a mountain of coal, and acting on the advice of foreigners, began to sink a shaft. The people of the adjoining city were thrown into consternation, and they begged him to desist in his digging. He refused, and they made up a huge purse, and paid him tribute for a number of years on his agreement to dig no more coal.

The poor superstitious heathen think these devils, which they call "fengsui," fly in straight lines, and they build, in many instances, a high board wall in front of the building to keep them out of the house. On these walls they sometimes put up a written prayer, begging the "fengsui" or devils to stay out. Every disease in that country is supposed to be caused by a certain devil or divinity. A model of this divinity is kept in the temples, and when a Chinese doctor practices on a patient he operates with this divinity. If the patient has a boil on his hip, the doctor's treatment consists in placing a plaster on the hip of the divinity.

The Mind is in the Stomach.
The Chinese do not think the seat of the mind is in the brain. Once a distinguished American in China discussed the subject with two Chinese dignitaries. "Of course, the seat of the mind is inside the skull," he was saying, when one of the Chinese scientists nudged his companion and shook his head, with an incredulous grin. "No, not in the skull," replied the distinguished celestial; "the seat of the mind is in the stomach."

The Chinese believe an eclipse of the sun or moon is caused by the attempt of a great, invisible dragon that flies about in the air to swallow these orbs. Bishop Cranston was in China when an eclipse of the moon occurred. As the dark spot began to appear on the edge of the moon the Chinese beat cans, tom-toms, fired bombs and other explosives, and contrived in other ways to make all the noise possible. By that means they hoped to scare the dragon away, so he would not swallow the moon, and when the eclipse finally passed away, they thought they had accomplished their purpose. They have lived under the cloud of this superstition and made noises to frighten the dragon away with each recurring eclipse for thousands of years.

Sawing Chinese Children.

In Chinese school rooms there are always displayed horrible pictures. Sometimes it is man with a huge child in pieces. Sometimes it is a child being boiled in a caldron of

boiling water. Other times it is the limbs of a child being pulled from the body. All are of horrible design. They are displayed in the school rooms to keep constantly before the pupils the horrors of disobedience to parental authority. An effect of this rule by fear, is that regardless of age, majority, or other influence every Chinaman obeys the will of parents as long as the latter live. A Chinese father buys for his son a wife from another Chinese father. The transaction is carried on through an agent, the father of the son accepting that girl who brings the biggest dowry. Neither the bride nor the groom have ever seen each other. The bride goes to the home of her mother-in-law, where the latter's treatment is often so severe that thousands of young wives are soon driven to suicide.

Has Faith in Future China.
Bishop Cranston's narrative of Chinese customs and superstitions was listened to with deep interest by his big audience. The story of what the missionaries are doing to remove these prejudices and educate the ignorant caused many who held prejudices against foreign missions to take a favorable view of the work the churches are doing in this sign lands. The effort together with a powerful sermon from the same pulpit Sunday morning have elicited many a favorable comment for Bishop Cranston. The bishop is one of the most pleasing pulpit speakers in the country, with elegant diction, fine personal appearance and a voice that charms the auditors. He has faith in the future of China, and believes that the education now going on among the masses will result in time in the route of Chinese prejudices, the overthrow of present heathen customs and the ultimate coming of the empire into its own long delayed heritage of civilization. He has immense faith in the Chinese mind, whenever it is freed from those barbarous influences that now hold it enthralled.—Corvallis Times.

Milton's Manuscript.
The ms. of "Paradise Lost," which is to be sold in the spring, has never been out of the possession of the family of Jacob Tonson, who succeeded the original publisher, Simmons, as owner of the copyright of the poem. The present owner is Mr. Baker, a collateral descendant of the publisher.

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 22.—While a blizzard was raging the troops fought a fire in the officers' quarters at Fort Houston this morning, until the city fire department came to their aid. The damage amounts to \$17,000.