



Operations Avoided.

Hospitals in our great cities are sad places to visit. Three-fourths of the patients lying on those snow-white beds are women and girls. Why should this be the case? Because they have neglected themselves.

Every one of these patients in the hospital beds had plenty of warning in that bearing-down feeling, pain at the left or right of the womb, nervous exhaustion, pain in the small of the back. All of these things are indications of an unhealthy condition of the ovaries or womb. What a terrifying thought! These poor souls are lying there on those hospital beds awaiting a fearful operation.

Do not drag along at home or in your place of employment until you are obliged to go to the hospital and submit to an examination and possible operation. Build up the female system, cure the derangements which have signified themselves by danger signals, and remember that **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound** has saved thousands of women from the hospital. Read the letters here published with the full consent of the writers, and see how they escaped the knife by a faithful reliance on Mrs. Pinkham's advice and the consistent treatment of

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

READ THE FOLLOWING LETTERS:

"I was taken sick very suddenly July 15th with severe cramps, or pains. I summoned a doctor and was in bed a week lying on my back all the time. The pains left me very sore. In a few weeks I was feeling better but was soon taken sick again with those pains and had another doctor. This one said I had neuralgia pains of the stomach and ovaries. He injected morphine and eased me again, but I remained sore and weak from the pains and continued to flow for one month and three days without stopping for one day.

"The doctors wanted to scrape the womb, saying the lining was inflamed. I had a pain at times in my right ovary and felt weak nearly all the time. Am only twenty years old, never was sick until this sickness in July. Menses never lasted more than four days and never an ache or a pain.

"I began the use of **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound** and soon was feeling better. I am now well and strong again. Your medicine has relieved me of the pain in my side and stopped my flowing which the doctors could not do.

"I feel very grateful to you and can recommend your medicine to all suffering women."—**LUCILLE A. GAINES, 2348 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo.**

"I suffered with female trouble for over eight years, had womb trouble and painful menstruation. Have been under the care of doctors who said I would have to submit to an operation before I could be cured. I suffered everything.

"One day I picked up a paper and noticed your advertisement and a testimonial from a friend I knew, stating your medicine had cured her so I thought I would try it. I told my husband I would give up all doctors and try your medicine. I began using your medicine just two months ago and cannot say enough on its praise. Menstruation comes freely now without pain.

"**Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound** has brought health, joy and happiness to me. My advice to all suffering women is to try your **Vegetable Compound**."—**Mrs. FRED McNAUGHTON, Box 401, Breckenridge, Minn.**

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Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

SALEM SOCIAL EVENTS

Mrs. T. C. Smith, Jr., Mrs. John Otten and Mrs. William Sherman entertained a large number of their lady friends on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at the residence of Mrs. Smith, on Chemeketa street, the affair being a charming one in every feature. The decorations were very beautiful, consisting of laurel wreaths, carnations and masses of California violets. The ladies were entertained on both occasions at "Hearts," and on Wednesday Mrs. Henry W. Meyers received the first prize and Miss Mae Boise the consolation, while Miss Ella Rineman carried first and Mrs. Zadoc Riggs the consolation on Thursday. The hostesses Wednesday were assisted in serving by Misses Edna Hubbard, Bertha Kay and Maude Mackay, and on Thursday by Misses Ella Rineman, Lois Coshow and Ruth Gabrielson. The guests were Mesdames J. J. Murphy, H. W. Meyers, Sroat, Jos. Evans, Thelisen, E. Breyman, R. P. Boise, Jr., Sutherland, C. L. McNary, Chas. Gray, Kyle, J. Frank Hughes, Dyer, N. H. Looney, Cross, LaFore, A. N. Gilbert, Cartwright, R. D. Gilbert, Barnett, Geor. C. P. Bishop, Lachaud, Lovell, McCormack, Moody, E. Pierce, F. E. Slater, Whitney Gatens, W. B. Morse, W. P. Babcock, Brophy, Wolverson, E. E. Waters, George Waters, F. A. Moore, Dodd, Cunningham, C. S. Moore, Chas. Weller, H. W. Thelisen, Edward Weller, Wagner, E. Hofer, Max Buren, Frank Meredith, J. C. Griffith, George Rodgers, L. F. Griffith, Wiggins, H. G. Meyer, A. Strong, Thomas Holman, Baumgartner, Westcott, Gabrielson, Gatch, Cooke Patton, Linn, Dunbar, Ottenheimer, J. N. Smith, W. H. Byrd, T. B. Kay, F. E. Smith, Dick, Morrison, T. A. Livestey, R. B. Houston, Forr, Cooke Jones, George Pearce, Small, Crawford, Monroe, Hamilton, Jos. Albert, Bingham, Catlin, Lacy, Thompson, Albert, E. J. Riggs, Milton Meyers, Calbreath, Krebs, Gillis, H. H. Olinger, George Brown, W. H. Savage, Guy Powers, Ida Babcock, Geo. Rose; the Misses Bess Tillson, Helen Calbreath, Grace Babcock, Miss Bush, Miss Byers, Mary Tillson, Leda Buren, Maude Mackay, Agnes Gilbert, Boise, Cosper, Hubbard, Kay, Florence Tillson, Jessup, of San Francisco; Met-

schan, of Portland; Moore, Gabrielson, Coshow, Wagner and Rineman.

A Surprise Party.

Last evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lucas, in South Salem, was the scene of a merry gathering of old and young people. The occasion was the 46th birthday anniversary of Mr. Lucas. About 30 of their neighbors and friends came in, and completely surprised them. The evening was spent very pleasantly with games, music and dancing. One of the principal features of the evening was an "Old Folks' Dance," and for once the young people were not so popular. At the close of the evening refreshments were served to the guests, which had been prepared by the ladies, and it was not until late in the evening that the guests took their departure, all wishing Mr. Lucas many more such happy birthdays.

Former W. U. Students.

Last evening friends in this city received the news of the marriage of Mr. R. B. Wilkins and Miss Helen Louise Van Wagner, which took place on Tuesday evening of this week, February 9th, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Nancy B. VanWagner, in Los Angeles, Cal. Both of these young people are well known in Salem where they attended Willamette University and graduated last year. Miss VanWagner, the bride, has lived in Salem the greater part of her life, until last summer, when she went to California to make her home in Los Angeles. Rev. Wilkins and his bride passed through Salem this morning, en route to Cornelius, Oregon, where he has been assigned as pastor. The young couple have a host of friends in this city who wish them unlimited joy and prosperity.

At the Opera House.

The pupils of the Sacred Heart Academy give a dramatic entertainment at the opera house tonight, which, from the advance sale of seats, promises to be a great success. Besides several musical numbers, they will render a drama, entitled "The Magic Bell," in which they will be ably assisted by Miss Ruby Phelps. Miss Phelps will also give several readings. Another new and novel feature will be the Academy Cecilian Orchestra, composed entirely of stringed instruments.

At the Woman's Club.

Dr. Mary M. Staples, of this city, will give an address on bacteriology before the Salem Woman's Club tomorrow, in the parlors of the Presbyterian church.

HUMAN HEARTS

Monday night the stage of the Grand Opera house will be devoted to the presentation of the popular and highly successful play, "Human Hearts," with a company of superior excellence and strength. Mr. Reid, the author of the play, is an actor of wide experience and fully understands the art of playmaking from the standpoint of both the spectator and the actor. His effects are produced quickly, but none the less does he hold potent sway over the passions of his auditors.

The play is almost too well known to require more than a passing word upon the plot. The main thread of the story centers around Tom Logan, who is unjustly accused of murder, and sentenced to life imprisonment.



His wife, Jeanette, who is a proud, ambitious woman, runs away with an old lover, and goes to New York. Even in a woman degraded as she is, the instinct of motherhood prompts her to return to the old home to try to gain possession of her child Grace. She is frustrated in her design, and new evidence being submitted to the governor of the state, he pardons Tom out of jail. Jeanette dies, her paramour is arrested for the murder of Tom's father, and Tom marries Ruth Larkins, and the clouds of adversity are dispelled by the sweet sunshine of a true woman's love.

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