

# WHO SHE WAS

## SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF LYDIA E. PINKHAM

### And a True Story of How the Vegetable Compound Had Its Birth and How the "Panic of '73" Caused it to be Offered for Public Sale in Drug Stores.

This remarkable woman, whose maiden name was Estes, was born in Lynn, Mass., February 9th, 1819, coming from a good old Quaker family. For some years she taught school, and became known as a woman of an alert



and investigating mind, an earnest seeker after knowledge, and above all, possessed of a wonderfully sympathetic nature.

In 1843 she married Isaac Pinkham, a builder and real estate operator, and their early married life was marked by prosperity and happiness. They had four children, three sons and a daughter.

In those good old-fashioned days it was common for mothers to make their own home medicines from roots and herbs, nature's own remedies, calling in a physician only in specially urgent cases. By tradition and experience many of them gained a wonderful knowledge of the curative properties of the various roots and herbs.

Mrs. Pinkham took a great interest in the study of roots and herbs, their characteristics and power over disease. She maintained that just as nature so bountifully provides in the harvest-fields and orchards vegetable foods of all kinds; so, if we but take the pains to find them, in the roots and herbs of the field there are remedies expressly designed to cure the various ills and weaknesses of the body, and it was her pleasure to search these out, and prepare simple and effective medicines for her own family and friends.

Chief of these was a rare combination of the choicest medicinal roots and herbs found best adapted for the cure of the ills and weaknesses peculiar to the female sex, and Lydia E. Pinkham's friends and neighbors learned that her compound relieved and cured and it became quite popular among them.

All this so far was done freely, without money and without price, as a labor of love.

But in 1873 the financial crisis struck Lynn. Its length and severity were too much for the large real estate interests of the Pinkham family, as this class of business suffered most from the fearful depression, so when the Centennial year dawned it found their property swept away. Some other source of income had to be found.

At this point Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was made known to the world.

The three sons and the daughter, with their mother, combined forces to

restore the family fortune. They argued that the medicine which was so good for their woman friends and neighbors was equally good for the women of the whole world.

The Pinkhams had no money, and little credit. Their first laboratory was the kitchen, where roots and herbs were steeped on the stove, gradually filling a gross of bottles. Then came the question of selling it, for always before they had given it away freely. They hired a job printer to run off some pamphlets setting forth the merits of the medicine, now called Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and these were distributed by the Pinkhams sons in Boston, New York, and Brooklyn.

The wonderful curative properties of the medicine were, to a great extent, self-advertising, for whoever used it recommended it to others, and the demand gradually increased.

In 1877, by combined efforts the family had saved enough money to commence newspaper advertising and from that time the growth and success of the enterprise were assured, until today Lydia E. Pinkham and her Vegetable Compound have become household words everywhere, and many tons of roots and herbs are used annually in its manufacture.

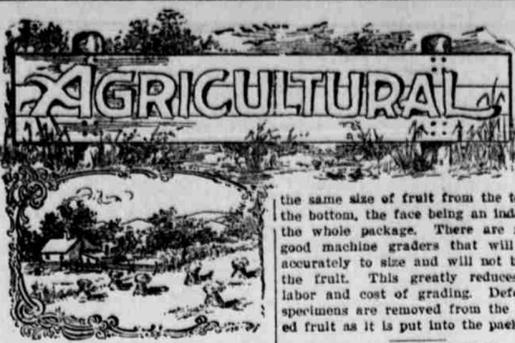
Lydia E. Pinkham herself did not live to see the great success of this work. She passed her reward years ago, but not till she had provided means for continuing her work as effectively as she could have done it herself.

During her long and eventful experience she was ever methodical in her work and she was always careful to preserve a record of every case that came to her attention. The case of every sick woman who applied to her for advice—and there were thousands—received careful study, and the details, including symptoms, treatment and results were recorded for future reference, and to-day these records, together with hundreds of thousands made since, are available to sick women. The world over, and represent a vast collaboration of information regarding the treatment of women's ills, which for authenticity and accuracy can hardly be equaled in any library in the world.

With Lydia E. Pinkham worked her daughter-in-law, the present Mrs. Pinkham. She was carefully instructed in all her hard-won knowledge, and for years she assisted her in her vast correspondence.

To her hands naturally fell the direction of the work when its original founder passed away. For nearly twenty-five years she has continued it, and nothing in the work shows when the first Lydia E. Pinkham dropped her pen, and the present Mrs. Pinkham, now the mother of a large family, took it up. With women assistants, some as capable as herself, the present Mrs. Pinkham continues this great work, and probably from the office of no other person have so many women been advised how to regain health. Sick women, this advice is "Yours for Health" freely given if you only write to ask for it.

Such is the history of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; made from simple roots and herbs; the one great medicine for women's ailments, and the fitting monument to the noble woman whose name it bears.



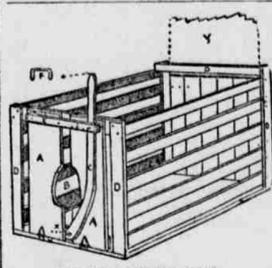
## AGRICULTURAL

### For Ringing Hogs.

A ringing trap for hogs is a necessity on many farms, and the accompanying sketch shows a good form. The frame of trap is two feet by four feet, with D, D and D, lapped and bolted at corners as shown, and a tight, smooth floor. Also side and top boards are solidly nailed to inner edge of the frame, as shown, making a strong crate from which boards cannot be craved off. Rear end is fitted with slide door to raise up as indicated by dotted line V. Front end has a door, AA, made of two thick, strong boards on inside cross cleats at top and bottom. A, A, is joined at bottom by two strong hinges to frame D, and held up when in use by the iron clamp E, being placed down over top of door and frame. D. Door has a central opening B, below which are several bolt holes, for fastening an iron lever, C. The top of door also has wide cleat, E, bolted at one end with blocks behind to hold it out from door, so the other end will form a guide for lever C, which, when pulled forward, partially closes opening B, and firmly holds hog, with head through the opening. Lever C is fastened while in use by a spike nail inserted as shown, in one of several holes

### Horses from Royal Stables.

One of the most interesting studies in the Interstate live stock and horse show held at St. Joseph, Mo., was found in the exhibit of shire horses from the royal stables of Sandringham, England. St. Joseph was fortunate in securing this stable as it had not been the intention to exhibit the horses this side of the Atlantic except in the king's dominion, Canada. Louis F. Swift, of Swift & Co., was influential in prevailing upon Manager Beck, representing King Edward, to exhibit the horses, in two United States shows, viz., at the Interstate in St. Joseph and the American Royal at Kansas City. "Our object in bringing the horses to this side of the Atlantic was primarily to stimulate interest in the big shires with the Canadians," said Mr. Beck. "Until within a few years the shire has been too scarce and high priced for the general run of breeders. They are still high priced, but are coming within the range of general breeding and are a profitable animal to breed for the big draft trade." These horses are fine specimens of the thoroughbred shire and are attracting much attention and favor wherever they are being shown. They are all great, heavy boned, thick muscled animals whose very carriage and bearing and spring motion when in action announce them as something above the ordinary in horse flesh.



TRAP FOR RINGING HOGS.

### The Selection of Seed Corn.

There is no time which is put in to better advantage or which fetches a larger return than that devoted to selecting the seed corn during the latter part of September and the first half of October. The advantage which securing the seed ears at this time has over the ordinary method of selecting at husking time lies in the fact that a choice of the earliest maturing ears can be made, a distinction that is impossible when all of the crop is ripe and ready to husk. For all the north half of the corn belt that type of corn is best which bears its ears low on the stalk. This means as a rule that such corn will mature early, and while the ears produced may not be quite so large as those which are to reach above his head after they are much more likely to produce hard corn, which will keep after it is put in the crib. The shape and depth of kernel and form and type of ears are of very trivial importance as compared with the main question as to whether the corn itself is of a variety which will mature a crop in the latitude in which it is planted.

### Best Preparation for Wheat.

If I could have my choice of ground to sow on, says a Pennsylvania farmer, I would choose a field where a heavy clover sod, or where cowpans had been plowed down and potatoes raised the present year, using at least 1,500 pounds of high-grade fertilizer on the potatoes. The potatoes having been kept clean, and dug in good time, I would not plow for the wheat, but harrow at least four or five times, and then drill in the wheat, drilling with it 400 pounds of good fertilizer, with at least 3 per cent phosphoric acid and 6 per cent potash. Then in the spring, if it did not start to grow promptly, I would sow broadcast, 150 pounds nitrate of soda per acre. A heavy dressing of stable manure will make a large stand of straw which will not fill well unless one is sure the ground contains plenty of phosphoric acid and potash.

### Cheese-Making Gardening.

Cheese-making has been shown by recent bacterial research to be a sort of gardening—an inverted gardening, in which the plants are grown for the sake of modifying the soil. The peculiar qualities and flavors of the different cheeses have been proved to be due to the growth of various species of bacteria and molds in them. And it has been found possible to produce the flavor of the required cheese from the milk of any locality by introducing the appropriate plants. In a recent paper, for example, C. Corini shows that the familiar red and green patches which characterize Gorgonzola cheese are the combined work of a special mold, and a species of bacillus. These organisms are introduced as the result of artificial punctures, made in the process of manufacture.

### The Pig Pen.

The pig sty is nearly always filled with materials for absorbing manure, but they are not cleaned as frequently as should be the case. In winter, if the yard contains absorbents, they become soaked during rains, and are disagreeable locations for pigs. The pig prefers a dry location, as it suffers severely on damp, cold days. The materials in the pig sites will be of more service if added to the manure heap and a plentiful supply of cut straw thrown into the yard in its place. The covered shed, or sleeping quarters, should be littered a foot deep with cut straw, which may be thrown into the yard after being used, but the yard should always be cleaned out after a rain and dry material then added.

### Caps for Haycocks.

For the benefit of those who are unwilling to purchase caps for covering the cocks we wish to say that alfalfa, properly cooked, will shed water just as well as clover—in fact, many farmers claim that it will shed water even better and that it is no more difficult to cure than clover in any season. While this may be true, we urge the use of caps for the reason that alfalfa is so much more valuable than clover, and a little extra expense in this line is money well invested.

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### Bad, Bad Kitty!

The scientists make out a good case against the house cat, who, with all her charming and lovable qualities, is shown to be an agent of disease, and a wholesale destroyer of bird life. Dr. Caroline A. Osborne, who has been conducting experiments at Clark University, has found that cats have diphtheria, whooping cough, tuberculosis, eczema and ring-worm. Even when cats do not actually contract these maladies they may carry the contagion about with them. As ulcers they are responsible for the death of about fifty birds a year, according to E. H. Forbush, State Ornithologist for Massachusetts, not including the suffering they inflict by their mauling of birds, squirrels and rabbits—Philadelphia Press.

### Tired Backs.

The kidneys have a great work to do in keeping the blood pure. When they get out of order it causes backache, headaches, dizziness, languor and distressing urinary troubles. Keep the kidneys well and all these sufferings will be saved you. Mrs. S. A. Moore, proprietor of a restaurant at Waterville, Me., says: "Before using Doan's Kidney Pills I suffered every-thing from kidney troubles for a year and a half. I had pain in the back and head, an almost continuous pain in the loins, and felt weary all the time. A few doses of Doan's Kidney Pills brought great relief, and I kept on taking them until in a short time I was cured. I think Doan's Kidney Pills are wonderful!" For sale by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-McMurray Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

### Men Not Equal.

Some years ago the Chief Justice of the United States found that the tire of one of his wheels was loose and kept slipping off. Coming to a little stream, he drove into it and got one little section of the wheel wet; then drove out and backed his horse, and the same part of the wheel went into the water again. Thus he kept going backward and forward, all the time wetting the same part of the wheel. A negro saw the situation, and told the justice to back into the water again. He did so, and the negro took hold of the spokes of the wheel, and turning it slowly, soon had it wet all around. "Why, I never thought of that!" cried the chief justice. "Well," replied the negro, "some men just nat'ly have more sense than others."

### A Cautious Sentinel.

It was the small brother of pretty Margaret who opened the front door in response to Mr. Goodyear's ring, and his face took on a singularly alert expression as he surveyed the caller. "No, she isn't in," said Margaret's brother. "Are—are you Mr. Hamlin?" "No," said the young man, "I am Mr. Goodyear. Does that make any difference about her being at home?" and he looked searchingly at the boy. "Course not!" said Bobby, indignantly. "I don't tell stories, nor Margaret doesn't. But if you'd been Mr. Hamlin, I was to tell something about her coming home, and get ten cents if I did it right and didn't tell the wrong one. I need that money, and so, you see, I didn't want to make any mistake. Good-by!"

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### Homemade Post Driver.

The construction of this post driver can be easily taken from the illustration.

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It can be made to work by man or horse power. If man power only, use one pulley. This can be made during the winter months and be ready for spring fencing.

### To Have Wormless Apples.

A small tree with a fair scattering of Maiden Blush apples was sprayed once after blossoms had fallen with Bordeaux mixture with paris green added, and again with the same mixture when the apples were as large as half-grown crab apples. The barrel was left under the tree when through spraying the orchard the first time, and upon showing visitors how the sprayer worked the tree was "doused" several times. Not one wormy apple can be found on the tree, thus showing the necessity of very thorough spraying.

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Divorce—The correction of an error.

Furious—A word expressing the pleasure a girl experiences when she is kissed.

Jealousy—A tribute to man's vanity that every wise woman pays.

Love—The banked fires of passion.

Optimist—A man who sees a silver lining to every cloud; a pessimist is one who bites it to see if it is real silver.

Touge—Face suicide.

Suspicion—Testing the engagement ring on window glass.

Water Wagon—A vehicle from which a man frequently dismounts to boast of the fine ride he's having.

Widowhood—The only compensation some women get out of marriage.—Henry Thompson.

Told by Their Buttons.

The minister's wife was busily engaged one afternoon mending the family clothes when a neighbor called for a friendly chat. After a few moments of news and gossip the caller remarked, as she began to inspect a basket of miscellaneous buttons:

"You seem to be unusually well supplied with buttons of all kinds. Why, there is one like my husband had on his last winter's suit."

"Indeed," said the minister's wife, with a slight smile. "All these buttons were found in the contribution box, and I thought I might as well have some use out of them. Well, must you go? Well, good-by. Come again soon."

As a Safety Valve.

The occupant of the top third room on the top floor was expressing his sentiments fluently and expensively through the telephone.

"Here!" cut in the girl at the switchboard. "I don't want to hear such talk as that!"

"Then don't!" yelled the other. "I'm talking to the janitor!"

Antistressness.

Rickett—I say, Easyun, how did you happen to marry a widow?

Easyun—Oh, I did my courting as I do everything else—along the line of least resistance.

Care Before the Horse.

It was a great mistake for the people of Russia to attempt to secure a perfect government before 10-cent magazines were established in that country.—Butte City Inter-Mountain.