The letters of Miss Merkley, whose picture is printed above, and Miss Claussen, prove beyond question that thousands of cases of inflammation of the ovaries and womb are annually cured by the use of **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.**

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Gradual loss of strength and nerve force told me something was radically wrong with me. I had severe shooting pains throught the pelvic organs, cramps and extreme irritation compelled me to seek medical advice. The doctor said that I had ovarian trouble and ulceration, and advised an operation. I strongly objected to this and decided to try **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.** I soon found that my judgment was correct, and that all the good things said about this medicine were true, and day by day I felt less pain and increased appetite. The ulceration soon healed, and the other complications disappeared and in eleven weeks I was once more strong and vigorous and perfectly well.

"My heartiest thanks are sent to you for the great good you have done me."—Sincerely yours, MISS MARGARET MERKLEY, 275 Third St., Milwaukee, Wis.

Miss Claussen Saved from a Surgical Operation.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—It seems to me that all the endorsements that I have read of the value of Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound do not express one-half of the virtue the great medicine really possesses. I know that it saved my life and I want to give the credit where it belongs. I suffered with ovarian trouble for five years, had three operations and spent hundreds of dollars on doctors and medicines but this did not cure me after all.

"However, what doctors and medicines failed to do, **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound** did. Twenty bottles restored me to perfect health and I feel sure that had I known of its value before, and let the doctors alone, I would have been spared all the pain and expense that fruitless operations cost me. If the women who are suffering, and the doctors do not help them, will try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, they will not be disappointed with the results."—MISS CLARA M. CLAUSSEN, 1307 Penn St., Kansas City, Mo.

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

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Standard Oiled Clothing Co., East 153d St., New York

Largest Pure 5¢ Bar.

MEXICAN
Mustang Liniment
is a positive cure for Piles.

The Texas Optical Co.
H. F. COHEN, Optical Specialist, 608 Main St., Houston, Texas. Eye Fitting our specialty. Artificial Eyes. Eyes Tested Free.

FREE THE GREAT KIDNEY AND LIVER CURE DR. DAVID KENNEDY'S FAVORITE REMEDY. Made for the people by Dr. Kennedy's Sons Roxbury, N.Y.

Soldier Made Poor "Supe."

Frederick Lemaitre, the French actor, was playing Robert Macaire in a town of France where two soldiers of the garrison represented the policemen who had to arrest him. In the spirit of his part he gave one of them a vigorous kick. "Ha, he must see to this!" cried the infuriated soldier, and promptly knocked Lemaitre into the orchestra. At this there was a terrific din, and the soldier began to see that the vindication of his uniform was not popular. But Lemaitre, when he regained the stage, took the gendarme by the hand and said: "Excellently well done, my friend. The uniform must be respected, even in the theater. Come to lunch with me to-morrow and bring your comrade."

A lazy man said to his wife: "We've nothing left to eat; it seems impossible for me to make the two ends meet." His wife replied: "It's up to us to see that we are fed; you hustle and make one end meat and I'll make the other bread."

The London Times publishes the following remarkable advertisement: "A woman, 37, who loves the truth and hates oppressors, seeks situation as general servant with bachelor clergyman. Address," etc.

An Irish dairyman, accused of adding water to his milk, vehemently denied the charge. It turned out that he had spoken the truth. He always put the water in first, and added the milk to the water.

Cheatham's Laxative Tablets will cure any cold, and do it quick. They're guaranteed.

The writer of short stories who succeeds in marketing his wares nowadays sometimes wonders if Maggie Tulliver, Little Nell or Col. Newcome would be allowed to die in a modern magazine office.

All Up-to-Date Housekeepers use Defiance Cold Water Starch, because it is better, and 4 oz. more of it for same money.

Put a growing plant under red glass and it shoots up very tall and spindly. Green glass causes a similar effect, but not quite so strongly marked. Blue glass, on the other hand, seems to dwarf vegetable growth.

They Should.

"My honest conviction, based upon my own experience and that of my friends, is that 'Hunt's Cure' will cure a larger per cent of skin troubles, especially of an itching variety, than any other remedy. Certainly those afflicted with any form of itch should try it."

J. O. Monroe,
Atchison, Kas.

50c per box.

There is no organized community of Jews anywhere in Japan excepting at Nagasaki. The synagogue there was built by a Japanese woman who had married a Jew. When he died she built the synagogue in his memory.

Why It Is the Best

is because made by an entirely different process. Defiance Starch is unlike any other, better and one-third more for 10 cents.

Tea is held by "Good Health" to be not, strictly speaking, a temperance drink. It is not taken as a food nor as an innocent relish to food, but for its fascinating effect on the nervous system.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.
For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

It takes about three seconds for a message to go from one end of the Atlantic cable to the other.

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in ¾-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters the figures "16 ozs." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

A Pittsburg educator tells us cooks are paid more than teachers. Oh, well, one must eat, while, on the other hand, at a pinch a man can make his mark to a contract involving millions.

Ask Your Druggist for Allen's Foot-Ease.
"I tried ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE recently, and have just bought another supply. It has cured my corns, and the hot, burning and itching sensation in my feet which was almost unbearable, and I would not be without it now.—Mrs. W. J. Walker, Camden, N. J." Sold by all Druggists, 25c.

Bulgarian newspapers give the names of two doctors of philosophy who have taken the teachings of Tolstoi so much to heart that one of them has become a cobbler and the other a bootblack.

Nothing
is so sensitive to cold as a nerve and this is the cause of
Neuralgia

St. Jacobs Oil
by friction and penetration warms, soothes and cures the worst cases. Price 25c. and 50c.

Female criminals, as a rule, have larger feet and hands than good women.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

It is permissible for a barber to scrape an acquaintance, but he should draw the line at bleeding him.

McCANE'S DETECTIVE AGENCY.
Houston, Texas, operates the largest force of competent detectives in the South Give them a call.

A man never gets much hold on heaven when he grasps humanity with just two fingers.

Just try Simmon's Cough Syrup for that cough of yours and note the quick results. It makes your lungs glad.

When you meet a man and are at a loss for a subject of conversation, ask him to tell you about his troubles.

Piso's Cure is the best medicine we ever used for all affections of the throat and lungs.—WM. O. ENDELEY, Vanburen, Ind., Feb. 10, 1900.

When religion is a matter of business, business is never a matter of religion.

Insist on Getting It.
Some grocers say they don't keep Defiance Starch. This is because they have a stock on hand of other brands containing only 12 oz in a package, which they won't be able to sell first, because Defiance contains 16 oz. for the same money.
Do you want 16 oz. instead of 12 oz. for same money? Then buy Defiance Starch. Requires no cooking.

Men case comparatively little for erudition in women, but very much for physical beauty and good nature and sound sense.

It takes a noisy preacher to keep a small boy awake in church.

Men who are always on the make never make much of anything.

The light of one life shines farther than the brilliancy of a century's logic.

The rainbow of love always looks best against the black clouds of hate.

A well filled purse, with its attendants of maids, mantuamakers and milliners, works wonders.

They who plow the sea do not carry the winds in their hands.

In the course of time the oldest inhabitant becomes a survivor.

What has become of the old fashioned woman who wore a nubia?

Some men are better satisfied with failure than others are with success.

During courtship they argue; after marriage they quarrel.

SCIENCE and INVENTION

Deep Sea Temperatures.

The deep floors of the oceans everywhere are covered with a layer of comparatively cold water. In the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific the temperature of this "bottom water" varies from about 33 to 37 degrees Fahrenheit. In the polar seas it is below the freezing point—the bottom temperature of the Antarctic being about 31 degrees Fahrenheit, and in the Norwegian sea from 30.2 to 29.5 degrees Fahrenheit.

During the last Swedish Antarctic expedition Dr. G. Anderson recorded a bottom temperature between South Shetland and Graham's Land as low as 29 degrees Fahrenheit.

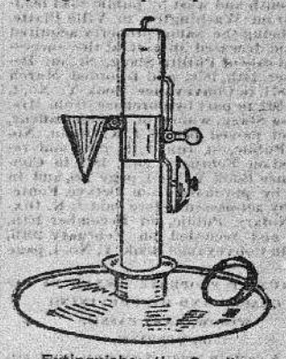
Bransfield strait, explored by him, repeats the typical hydrographical condition of all ice-bearing parts of the ocean—a superficial layer and a deep-water mass, both characterized by low temperature, and between them a body of relatively warm water. But this section shows two remarkable features, the intermediate warm current is here faintly developed, and in consequence a very large part of the section is occupied by the bottom water, the temperature of which is only 29.66 to 29 degrees Fahrenheit. The latter figure is but three-tenths of a degree Fahrenheit above the point of equilibrium between sea water and ice.—Montreal Herald.

Electrical Clock Regulator.

A new method of driving and regulating clocks electrically by the use of selenium cells has been devised by Herr K. Siegl. The selenium cell, by Ruhmer, in an exhausted pear-shaped bulb, was placed in the focus of a parabolic cylindric mirror, so that the light from an incandescent lamp could impinge upon the cell whenever a seconds pendulum passed its lowest point, at which a slit in a card fastened on the pendulum coincided with a slit on a fixed screen. The effect on the selenium is made to actuate an electro magnet—placed just to one side of the point of highest velocity, owing to the lagging of the cell—so that an impulse is imparted to the pendulum at the right moment. Another selenium cell can be used for imparting motion to a series or other electrically operated clocks, which can be of the step-by-step type. A clock on these lines has given satisfaction and demonstrated that an electric clock without contacts can be made.—London Engineer.

Candle Extinguisher.

There is always great danger in carrying a lighted lamp, especially in going up or down stairs, and so many people realize this danger that they prefer to use candles. The device shown here is simply an extinguisher for candles, being adjusted to extinguish the candle after a predetermined amount of the light has been consumed. An alarm bell is attached to the extinguisher, so that it may be sounded a few minutes before the extinguisher can operate to enable the user to adjust it. The cap on the left of the candle is in the form of a hollow cone, pivotally hinged to the cylindrical bracket which is secured to the candle. A small prong projects upward from this bracket, resting against the candle, while another pivot pin on the opposite side presses into the candle a short distance above the prong. This pivot pin works in



Extinguishes the Candle.

connection with a striking head for the bell, so that when the candle burns to the pivot pin the latter is released, permitting the head to strike the bell. When the candle burns farther down to the prong, a coiled spring releases the cup, which rises and descends over the flame of the candle, extinguishing it.

George Stevenson of Dunedin, New Zealand, is the patentee.

Can See Bed of Stream.

Capt. Louis Larsen, a Michigan sailor, has devised a pleasure boat with a glass bottom, which has under the bottom an electric light that can be used to illuminate the bed of a stream, not too deep, of course, and enable the occupants of the craft to take photographs of whatever may be interesting under water. There is also a hooded reflector which makes it possible to sit quietly in the bow or stern of the boat and see fishes or any form of aquatic life which may happen to come near the transparent bottom of the boat.

Produces Gas Cheaply.

A German chemist named Blau, of Augsburg, has invented a method for the manufacture of fluid gas from the residuum of petroleum and heavy mineral oils. The inventor says this gas may be manufactured very cheaply where there is an abundance of petroleum, and that it may be transported from one place to another in cylinders as easily as carbonic acid gas. The gas may be used for lighting churches, halls and detached buildings, and small tanks may be used in lighting automobiles. The Blau gas makes a very brilliant light for street lighting and is very difficult to explode.

New Wireless Telegraphy Route.

It is claimed in Boston, by promoters of wireless telegraph, that a regular system of wireless communication between that city and New York, by way of Providence and New Haven, will be in operation in about sixty days.

SHOWS INFLUENCE OF MIND.

Evidence Antagonistic to Physiological Theory of the Emotions.

In the Journal de Psychologie, M. Mayer treats of the influence of the mind on bodily secretions. We know that a tempting morsel of food makes the "mouth water," and that stories or memories can bring tears to the eyes. Observations on dogs have shown that the nature of the saliva secreted at the sight of food depends on the nature of the food. The stomachal secretions of the dog are also excited by the sight of food. Some dogs, however, of a "cold, positive temperament," not illusioned by chimeras or what is out of reach, patiently wait until the food comes to their gullet before their mouths water or their gastric juices are provoked. It is assumed that what holds for dogs probably holds for men. The observations appear to show the importance of eating food that pleases and avoiding what displeases or disgusts. They also run counter to the physiological theory of the emotions, according to which the physiological phenomena are caused by organic changes. This may be the case with some "emotions," for example the feeling of hunger, but for emotions properly so-called it is rather the other way about.—London Globe.

COMEDY OF A WAISTCOAT.

Englishman Furnished Amusement for French Police Officials.

An Englishman who had obviously been dining rather well than wisely walked up to the police station in the Place de l'Opera in Paris the other night and sent the officials into roars of laughter.

He could not speak French, so, to explain that his watch and money had been stolen, he solemnly took off his overcoat and coat and showed that his waistcoat contained none of his valuables.

The police were attracted by this waistcoat, which was white, and had a border three inches deep. Examining it, they found that he was wearing inside out and that his watch and chain were in their proper places.

The Englishman went out into the night in a state of complete mystification. His state prevented him from understanding how the police had found his belongings, and he overwhelmed them with compliments they could not understand.

The city of Reading, England, has passed an ordinance that baths shall be placed in all dwelling houses constructed within the borough in future.

THE OLD FOLKS AT HOME

Are Never Without Pe-ru-na in the Home for Catarrhal Diseases.

Remarkable Cures Effected By Pe-ru-na.

Under date of January 10, 1897, Dr. Hartman received the following letter:

"My wife has been a sufferer from a complication of diseases for the past twenty-five years. Her case has baffled the skill of some of the most noted physicians. One of her worst troubles was chronic constipation of several years' standing. She was also passing through that most critical period in the life of a woman—change of life.

"In June, 1895, I wrote to you about her case. You advised a course of Peruna and Manalin, which we at once commenced, and have to say it completely cured her.

"About the same time I wrote you about my own case of catarrh, which had been of twenty-five years' standing. At times I was almost past going. ***I commenced to use Peruna according to your instructions and continued its use for about a year, and it has completely cured me. Your remedies do all that you claim for them, and even more."—John O. Atkinson.***

In a letter dated January 1, 1900, Mr. Atkinson says, after five years' experience with Peruna:

"I will ever continue to speak a good word for Peruna. I am still cured of catarrh."—John O. Atkinson, Independence, Mo., Box 272.

Mrs. Alla Schwandt, Sanborn, Minn., writes:

"I have been troubled with rheumatism and catarrh for twenty-five years. Could not sleep day or night. After having used Peruna I can sleep and nothing bothers me now. If I ever am affected with any kind of sickness Peruna will be the medicine I shall use. My son was cured of catarrh of the larynx by Peruna."—Mrs. Alla Schwandt.

Why Old People are Especially Liable to Systemic Catarrh.

When old age comes on, catarrhal diseases comes also. Systemic catarrh is almost universal in old people.

This explains why Peruna has become so indispensable to old people. Peruna is their safeguard. Peruna is the only remedy yet devised that entirely meets these cases. Nothing but an effective systemic remedy can cure them.

A reward of $10,000 has been deposited in the Market Exchange Bank, Columbus, Ohio, as a guarantee that the above testimonials are genuine; that we hold in our possession authentic letters certifying to the same. During many years' advertising we have never used, in part or in whole, a single spurious testimonial. Every one of our testimonials are genuine and in the words of the one whose name is appended.

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"I sincerely believe, all things considered, Hunt's Lightning Oil is the most useful and valuable household remedy in existence. For Cuts, Burns, Sprains and Insect Bites it has no equal so far as my experience goes."
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My sister was moving and her house was in confusion, so she ate lunch at our house. When she went home with her baby daughter, the child said: "Oh, for goodness sakes, de house is all undressed."

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Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children.
Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York, cure Constipation, Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the Bowels and Destroy Worms. Over 30,000 testimonials. At all Druggists, 25c. Sample FREE. Address A. S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

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No woman can wear a new dress without in some way advertising its newness.

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In Use for Over 30 Years.
The Kind You Have Always Bought.

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Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure you in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

You can make a girl believe she has curly hair by saying so.

Nothing destroys the memory of a man like doing him a favor.

It is said that there is never an odd number of rows on an ear of corn.

Many a marble heart does business beneath a sealskin jacket.

An open denial of God may be better than an empty definition of Him.

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It can be used where ordinarily you would be afraid to use starch of any kind.
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Holiday tickets to the Southeast and east on sale December 20, 21, 22 and 26, 1904, return limit, 30 days, one fare (plus $2) round trip holiday tickets to Southern Pacific points in Texas and Louisiana on Sale December 23, 24, 25, 26, 31 and Jan. 1, limited to return January 4, 1905.

Try the "Open Window Route;" it's the best.

If you are going to spend Christmas at home with the folks or friends, see nearest Southern Pacific agent for all information relative to trip, or write T. J. Anderson, G. P. A., or Jos. Hellen, A. G. P. A., Houston, Texas.

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No person under 16 years of age is permitted to enter a theater or tavern in Heligoland.

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Low Prices. Quick Shipment.
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Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Diseases Cured.
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