

Mrs. Fiddle—I thought you wanted that dog I bought of you well bred? Dog Dealer—So it is, mum. Mrs. Fiddle—Oh, no, it isn't; it bolts its food in the most vulgar manner.

"Yes," said the soldier, "when we parted she gave me a token of her regard, I put it in my pocket, and it was the means of saving my life." "I see," was the response. "It's the old story. You carried her photograph next your heart and it caused the bullet to deflect." "No, it wasn't any photograph. It was a bottle of malaria medicine."

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Tongue and Displacement.

At the present time, when naval matters are a source of great interest to the general public, one continually finds the terms "displacement" and "tonnage" improperly used, both in the daily press and in common speech. The confusion between the terms would not occur if their meaning were understood. "Displacement" refers to the quantity of liquid displaced by the immersed hull of the ship, and "tonnage" to the freight-carrying capacity of the ship determined by certain rules of measurement. The displacement of a vessel is the entire weight of the hull with all its contents, according to the well-known law of hydrostatics that a floating body displaces a weight of fluid just equal to its own weight. A ship sinks in the water to such a level that the pressure of the fluid displaced exactly counterbalances the weight of the ship.

A LIVING WITNESS.

Mrs. Hoffman Describes How She Wrote to Mrs. Pinkham for Advice, and Is Now Well.

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Before using your Vegetable Compound I was a great sufferer. I have been sick for months, was troubled with severe pain in both sides of abdomen, severe feeling in lower part of bowels, also suffered with dizziness, headache, and could not sleep. I wrote you a letter describing my case and asking your advice. You replied telling me just what to do. I followed your directions, and cannot praise your medicine enough for what it has done for me. Many thanks to you for your advice. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has cured me, and I will recommend it to my friends.—Mrs. FLORENCE R. HOFFMAN, 512 Roland St., Canton, O.

The condition described by Mrs. Hoffman will appeal to many women, yet lots of sick women struggle on with their daily tasks disregarding the urgent warnings until overtaken by actual collapse. The present Mrs. Pinkham's experience in treating female ills is unparalleled, for years she worked side by side with Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, and for sometimes past has had sole charge of the correspondence department of her great business, treating by letter as many as a hundred thousand ailing women during a single year.

The Potash Question.

A thorough study of the subject has proven that crop failures can be prevented by using fertilizers containing a large percentage of Potash; no plant can grow without Potash. We have a little book on the subject of Potash, written by authorities, that we would like to send to every farmer, free of cost, if he will only write and ask for it.

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CONSTIPATION

"I have gone 14 days at a time without a movement of the bowels, not being able to move them except by using hot water injections. Chronic constipation for seven years placed me in this terrible condition; during that time I did everything I heard of but never found any relief; such was my case until I began using CASCARETS. I now have from one to three passages a day, and if I was rich I would give \$100.00 for each movement; it is such a relief."



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THE RAMIE INDUSTRY.

Utilization of New Fibre Material an Interesting Problem.

One of the most interesting problems of the day in the utilization of the new fibre material, and one that is attracting the attention of all civilized countries, is the industrial production of that wonderful substance known in the Orient as China grass, in India as rhea, and in Europe and America as ramie. The money spent by governments and by private enterprise throughout the world, in experiments and inventions, in the effort to establish the ramie industry, would make up the total of a princely fortune. Obstacle after obstacle has been overcome in the years of persistent effort, and now we stand before the last barrier, baffled for the time, but still hopeful, and with efforts unrelaxed. The difficulty may be stated in a few words: Ramie culture will only become a paying industry when an economically successful machine for stripping the fibre has been placed on the market. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent in efforts to perfect a machine, but no government fibre expert in the world recognizes that we have made such a machine at the present time, though great progress has been made in machine construction.

The world's interest in this fibre began in 1869, when a reward of five thousand pounds was offered by the government of India for the best machine with which to decorticate the green stalks. The first exhibition and trial of machines took place in 1872, resulting in utter failure. The reward was again offered, and in 1879 a second official trial was held, at which ten machines competed, though none filled the requirements, and subsequently the offer was withdrawn. From the Possible Fibre Industries of the United States, by C. R. Dodge, in Appleton's Popular Science Monthly.

Benjamin Franklin's Nepotism.

In the Century Paul Leicester Fo. writes of "Franklin's Family Relations," the first of a series of papers on "The Many-sided Franklin," which he will contribute to that magazine. Of Franklin's grandson, Benjamin Franklin Bache, Mr. Ford says: When Franklin went to France in 1776, he took his grandson with him, to "give him a little French language and address." With still other ends in view, so soon as he was settled in Paris, he "sent him to finish his education at Geneva," as "I intend him for a Presbyterian as well as a republican." Here the boy remained four years, and then returned to live with his grandfather, who wrote the mother: "I have a great deal of pleasure in Ben. He is a good honest lad, and will make, I think, a valuable man." "He gains daily upon my affection," and "we love him very much." Young Bache came to America with his grandfather, and by his aid was established as a printer, Franklin supplying all the equipment for the office, which he left him in his will, together with other property. In his behalf, also, he asked Washington for some public office, an application which shared the same fate as that he had made for his other grandson, by being refused. It was the common feeling of the time, that Franklin had used his civil office to serve his family more than to serve the public, and so there was sufficient prejudice to make exclusion of his relatives almost a policy with the new government. This discrimination, in time, led to ill feeling, and eventually Benjamin Franklin Bache became the standard-bearer of the journalists who abused Washington.

Torpedo Boats in Offensive Warfare.

As dispatch boats in smooth water they were swift and serviceable, but on the high seas in foul weather they were found rather too frail. As pickets and scouts, whether at port or for a squadron at sea, they served admirably so long as small repairs and a machine shop were not too far away. With a repair ship in the squadron they would have done still better. As blockading vessels their coal capacity was deficient. For an attack on shore batteries their guns (one-pounders) were found to be of smaller calibre than was desirable, their torpedoes were not fitted for climbing the breastworks, and their armor plate (three eighths of an inch thick) not equal to resisting modern rifle projectiles. In a daylight battle, squadron to squadron, they were found unable, in a group of two, to cross two miles of open sea under the fire of six well armed ships manned by Yankee crews. In all this it appears that the only services for which they were designed were picket duty and scouting. Save for the only occasion known to the writer, when the New York, with the admiral and her five hundred men were at the mercy of one of his own torpedo boats, we have had no service experience of the efficiency of torpedo boats in night attacks.—John R. Spears in Scribner's.

Overcoming Limitations.

Grace, who lives in Tioga, is barely five years old. She was in the front yard the other day when two of her small admirers climbed over the fence. She recognized her duties as a hostess, but the end of a stick of lemon candy remaining in her hand was too small to be divided. Tommy was in the lead. He is a chubby youngster, with an insatiable longing for pie. His chum wears long curls, and is fonder of fairy stories than anything else. Grace was aware of their limitations. When Tommy ran up she proffered the eagerly accepted candy to him. Then she turned to his chum with a radiant smile: "But I'll div you a tss."—Philadelphia Record.

American ladies in Paris have subscribed to present Paris with an equestrian statue of Washington by Mr. French. It will probably be erected in the Place d'Iena.

Dr. Calmette, director of the Pasteur Institute, at Lille, France, has endowed that body with \$50,000, the profits of one of his inventions at the distilleries of Seclin.

While kicking about in some dirt at the city dump, Leadville, Col., Frank Burkhart unearthed a cave in which he found fifty sacks of gold and silver ore, stolen from the mines and valued at \$110,000.

Chinese Superstitions.

In a very fascinating article from the pen of Hon. Calvin S. Brice, in the December number of Ainslee's Magazine, appear many interesting peculiarities of this peculiar people. One instance among the many narrated by Senator Brice is the following: "The feeling against the foreigner in China, which sometimes finds expression in outbreaks, is not natural. The Hon. Charles Denby, for thirteen years minister of the United States to China, has said recently that the natural feeling of the native of China for a foreigner is one of mere curiosity—that the attacks on foreigners are incited by those who are jealous of the strangers, or provoked by their supposed failure to conciliate local prejudice and superstition. For instance, a short railroad was built in China not many years ago which so excited the people to opposition that it was bought out by the Chinese authorities and thereupon torn up. This road, viz., the line of about twenty miles from Woonung and Shanghai, has been recently rebuilt and opened. When first constructed it encountered much native prejudice. Local superstition made the people believe that their ancestors, disturbed by the railway, were wandering about complaining. Where superstition is so general, local prejudices must be considered, and in the contract made with the Chinese government it is provided that graves are not to be disturbed; but the fact that a railway thus so rudely destroyed could, and indeed has had to be rebuilt in the same locality so soon again, is striking."

When Cook's Feelings Were Hurt.

A first-rate chef was in the employment of Lord Seaford, who, not being able to afford to keep the man, prevailed on the Duke of Wellington to engage him. Shortly after entering the Duke's service the chef returned to his former master and begged him, with tears in his eyes, to take him back at reduced wages or none at all. Lord Seaford asked: "Has the Duke been finding fault?" "Oh, no—he is the kindest and most liberal of masters; but I serve him a dinner that would have made Ude or Francatelli burst with envy and he says nothing! I go out and leave him to dine on a dinner badly dressed by my cook; maid, and he says nothing. Dat hurt my feelings, my lord!"

Queen Wilhelmina, of Holland, is a firm believer in and a stout supporter of the Salvation Army. She and her mother regularly send generous checks to the organizations to further the work in Holland and its colonies.

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Wille Hainsworth, aged 15, was run over by a train and killed at Bloomsbury.

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It is believed by oil experts that West Virginia is underlain by a sea of petroleum. The output of white sand oil for 1897 amounted to over 18,000,000 barrels.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

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Extracts From Letters Received by Mrs. Pinkham.

"I am so nervous and wretched." "I feel as if I should fly." How familiar these expressions are. Little things annoy you and make you irritable. You can't sleep, you are unable to lift ordinary burdens, and are subject to dizziness.

That bearing-down sensation helps to make you feel miserable.

You have backache and pains low down in the side, pain in top of head, later on at base of the brain.

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Happiness will be gone out of your life forever, my sister, unless you act promptly. Procure Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once, and begin its use, then write to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., if there is anything about your case you do not understand.

You need not be afraid to tell her the things you could not explain to the doctor, your letter is seen only by women and is absolutely confidential. Mrs. Pinkham's vast experience with such troubles enables her to tell you just what is best for you, and she will charge you nothing for her advice.

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The Texas Cotton Crop

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President Nominates Hobson.

Assistant Naval Constructor Richmond P. Hobson was nominated by the president Friday to be a naval constructor.

An Embrace Cost Him \$500.

In the city court of Savannah Judge Thomas M. Norwood fined Private J. F. Moore, of Battery A, 1st Maine Artillery, \$500, or six months on the chain gang for embracing the wife of a prominent county official on the street while the soldier was intoxicated.

The President May Visit Cuba.

A report is current in Washington that President McKinley intends to visit Cuba and Porto Rico at the favorable opportunity.