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 As indications of the change appear be sure your physical condition is good. The experience is a wonderful one and under some circumstances full of menace. Mrs. Pinkham, of Lynn, Mass., will give you her advice without charge. She has done so much for women, surely you can trust her. Read this letter from Mrs. M. C. Griffing, of Georgetown, Mo.:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—The doctor called my trouble ulceration of womb and change of life. I was troubled with profuse flowing and became very weak. When I wrote to you I was down in bed, had not sat up for six months; was under a doctor's treatment all the time, but it did me no good. I had almost given up in despair, but your Vegetable Compound has made me feel like a new woman. I cannot thank you enough. I would advise any woman who is afflicted as I have been to write to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., and get her advice and be cured as I have been."

MRS. F. H. ALLEN, 419 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, Ohio, writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Change of life was working on me. My kidneys and bladder were affected. I had been confined to the house all summer, not able to stand on my feet for any length of time. Terrible pains when urinating and an itching that nearly drove me wild. I had tried many remedies. I told my husband I had great faith in yours and he got me a bottle; am now on my fourth bottle. I feel that I am entirely cured. I can work all day. I can hardly realize that such a wonderful cure is possible. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the best medicine for women."

Don't wait until you are prostrated with the mysterious condition known as "Change of Life." Get Mrs. Pinkham's advice and learn how other women got through.

TALKS WITH WOMEN OF MIDDLE AGE

More and more attention is being paid at Paris to the approaching disarrangement of the Illinois Women's Press Association conference. It is a conference that will be a triumph of the United States in Europe. In America, Colorado should take it into its head to declare war on Wisconsin, the other states would not prevent it. The world, in this respect, is far behind the new.

A GRAND LADY OF ILLINOIS.

Mrs. Lucinda B. Chandler, of Chicago, is the Honorable President of the Illinois Women's Press Association; Honorable President of the Society for the Promotion of Health.



LUCINDA B. CHANDLER, of Chicago, Ill.

THE DONATION PARTY

AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS LITTLE KNOWN.

Was the Result of Poverty—Custom That Has Not Changed in its General Character Since It Was Introduced—Usually Leaves Hard Feeling.

The donation party is one of the American institutions which is unknown to the majority of "city-bred" people and known best to those who have passed beyond that uncertain period known as middle life, says the New York Tribune. It is a country institution more than a hundred years old and its origin has been ascribed to various causes and conditions. It probably originated from the same causes that made it necessary for the early country school teacher to "board around." The teacher was wanted in the community, there was little money to induce him or her to remain, and living was made cheap by the custom of "boarding around," by which the burden was divided among several members of the community. The donation party was also the result of poverty and a desire on the part of the poor people to help the parson make ends meet. The congregation which had money enough to do so paid its minister a living salary, but in country towns, where there was little money, the minister usually kept his eyes on the donation, because the regular salary was small and uncertain. Farm products, hoop-poles and conkies were legal tender in the early days of the donation party; the congregations were small, money was scarce, and on the day after the party the preacher often became a trader and carted some of his donated goods to market, where they were sold or exchanged for more desirable merchandise. The articles were, contributed voluntarily, and in order that there might be a "good show" and that the element of good-fellowship and the New England neighborly feeling might eclipse any semblance of charity, the donors went to the parson's house in a body with their gifts and gave him a look at the shelves, for which he looked anxiously. While the parson was usually pleased with the arrangement and accepted with gratitude and pleasure the gifts of his neighbors, he often wished that the articles might have been sent by messenger or a hired man or a hired girl—because the party often caused more trouble and entailed more expense than the donation was worth. The old custom has not changed in its general character since it was introduced. It is the same today as it was then, except that the character of the donations has changed with the times, and while the donors of 100 years ago tramped upon and ruined old-fashioned home-made rag carpets and criticized the blue china on the shelves, the present-time donors deal in a like manner with more modern articles. The same difference exists also in the character of the donations. The collection of articles which finds its way into the home of the country parson with a donation party is usually a highly interesting one because of its variety. There is everything, from wooden clothespins and kindling wood to angel cake and plush albums—clothing, soap, pickles and wall paper, fruits and vegetables in cans, and sofa cushions, bags of beans and books of poems, things that are useful in any household, and others that were in the way in the houses of the donors, and will remain a nuisance in the parson's home until he changes his field of usefulness, when he may forget or lose them without incurring the displeasure of a member of his flock. "But the donation party does not end with the donation to the minister," said a venerable deacon, who had served his time in New England. "Those who donate want something for their money, and, not satisfied with disturbing the peace and quiet of the parson's home and giving his furniture and carpets more wear than they would ordinarily have in a year, they stay to have something, and eat up what they have brought for the minister and what little else there is in the house, and go away proud because they did the right thing by the deacon."

HAWAII'S OLDEST WOMAN.

Keopolele Apua Recently Died at the Age of 157.

There died here a few days ago a woman of the age of 157 years. The figures have been verified by Prof. Alexander, the historian; A. T. Atherton, superintendent of census, and Mrs. E. M. Nakulua, a Hawaiian lady of high cultivation, both in English and her own language, says a Honolulu correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The following account of a visit to the old woman three years ago was prepared by Mrs. Nakulua and is used by Prof. Alexander:

"On entering the house we found her sitting on the floor. She was attended by two women, one of whom was the wife of a grandson. She was very deaf and could not see clearly, though when I presented a dollar to her she held out her hand for it and placed it in her pocket. This was the close of the interview, but I mention it now to show what the old lady's faculties were:

"Prof. Alexander, after some preliminary remarks, in order not to alarm the old lady, suggested a number of historical questions, which were put by myself. From these we learned that she well remembered the abolition of idolatry and the war in that connection. She stated that she was a married woman and an attendant of Kapiolani I, when that queen descended into the crater of the Kilauea volcano, and broke the tabu against women being in that locality. The old lady said that in consequence of this momentous event her own name was changed by her people from Keopolele to Apua."

"The old lady said that she remembered Keoua being killed at Kawaihewa. This occurred in 1791, and is described in Alexander's 'History of the Hawaiian People.'

"Becoming interested in the subject of old events the aged woman volunteered the information that she remembered the digging of the well in Kau by Kamehameha I, and that she was a child at that time, running about like a child of 6 or 7. This event occurred in 1781 and is described in Fornander's history."

"I followed up another method of investigation, inquiring how many children she had, tracing their descendants. This was enabled to do to the fifth generation. Allowing the ordinary thirty years for a generation would give 120 years, and we can easily allow for the fifth to come to bring her out of the age she claims by an entirely different method. We were satisfied that the old lady had spoken the truth.

"What a curious link with the past she is! She must have been a little toddling child when Capt. Cook came to the islands. She saw the monarchy of Hawaii consolidated and she saw it fall. She remained a monument to the past."

The following may be accepted as the history of Keopolele Apua:

She was born at Keohikaha, Puna, Hawaii, and was about 6 years old in 1781. The name Keopolele was that of a high chief of the time. The chief (all) was accused of grossly neglecting his duties, and a petition was made to the king to have his head cut off, as he was considered an extremely dangerous person. Hence the name Keopolele (the dismembered head). The name Apua means "You will be eaten up," which was the almost universal threat of prophecy when Kapiolani placed the women of Hawaii on a level with men by visiting the sacred precincts of Pele, the fire goddess. At the time this old woman received this second name she was full grown.

AMERICAN GIRL LEASES HOUSE

Miss Burdett Takes the Celebrated Pompadour Mansion in Paris.

An energetic American woman, by name Miss Ellen Burdett, has just leased the large Pompadour house in Paris, which was built about forty years ago by Prince Jerome Napoleon, more familiarly known as "Pon-Pon." Miss Burdett intends to use the extensive dwelling as an American tea and refreshment room during the exposition of 1889 and expects to realize sufficient money during the six months of the fair to buy the house at its conclusion and live in it "ever afterward," as the fairy books record a happy ending. The Pompadour house is in itself a great curiosity and stands just as it did when "Pon-Pon" gave his attractive Italian fetes in the large atrium furnished with a tribune supported by eight columns at the foot of which stand the wonderful Pompadour vases, which gave the house its name, filled with luxurious toilet foliage. Miss Burdett will dress her maids in the costume of the Pompadour period and doubtless her tea room will furnish rest and entertainment for many weary, travel-tired Americans glad to be reminded of home in a foreign land.

Slender's Funeral Sermon.

"De' red' what I's a preachin' over," said the colored deacon, "is done pass ter his reward. Dey offered \$10 reward for 'im whilst he was 'wid us, but death hatched 'im for de sheriff. He passed away endurin' er de biliard, 'w'en hit was so col' dat he had a chill which wasn't due 'twel spring-time, but forced de season er come on 'im. He went a-shiverin' in de night time. He was short er coal in deis work, but bless God! he won't run out er it in de nex'! De city water pipes busted on 'im, en he didn't have no water ter drink. But dey don't drink water whar he at now—'less ways, de rich man didn't w'en he ax Mister Latherus ter 'n' de hose on 'er. He didn't fetch nuttin' er er hit, 'cep de rheumatiz in his leg' hit. It is now my privilege ter consign 'im ter de dust, whar we all gwine lak a race-horse on a plank road, 'w'en de don't study de wants er de heathen en wake up 'w'en de hit is gwine roun'. Bre'r Williams, pass de hat whilst we sing!"

Largest of Land Animals.

"Terrible lizard," recently unearthed near Laramie, Wyo., by Prof. W. H. Reed, are believed to represent the largest land animal known ever to have dwelt upon the earth. The length of the skeleton is 120 feet, of which 40 belonged to the body proper, 80 to the tail and 36 to the neck and head. Prof. Reed estimates that the weight of this monster, when clothed with flesh, must have been about 60 tons.

Young Wannamaker.

New York Spc. Pittsburg Dispatch: John Wannamaker intends making a journalist out of his son Thomas. The purchase of the North American, of Philadelphia, a few days since, I am told, was made by the great merchant, who will turn the paper over to his son.

These Girls.

Maud—Between us, dear, I think the count's compliments rather crude. He told me the sight of my beautiful face actually made his mouth water. Edith—The ideal I'm sure your boy doesn't look quite that much like a human.

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Chicago, Jan. 6, 1899.

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