

Sick Women

Mrs. Valentine Tells How Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Cured Her.

Happiness will go out of your life forever, my sister, if you have any of the symptoms mentioned in Mrs. Valentine's letter, unless you act promptly. Procure Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once. It is absolutely sure to help you. Then write for advice if there is anything about your case you do not understand.

You need not be afraid to tell the things you could not explain to the doctor—your letter will be seen only by women. All the persons who see private letters at Mrs. Pinkham's Laboratory, at Lynn, Mass., are women. All letters are confidential and advice absolutely free.

Here is the letter:—"It is with pleasure that I add my testimony to your list, hoping it may induce others to avail themselves of the benefit of your valuable remedy. Before taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I felt very badly, was terribly nervous, and tired, had sick headaches, no appetite, gnawing pain in stomach, pain in my back and right side, and so weak I could scarcely stand. I was not able to do anything. Had sharp pains all through my body. Before I had taken half a bottle of your medicine, I found myself improving. I continued its use until I had taken four bottles, and felt so well that I did not need to take any more. I am like a new person, and your medicine shall always have my praise."—MRS. W. P. VALENTINE, 566 Ferry Avenue, Camden, N.J.



MRS. W. P. VALENTINE.

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FOR OUR RURAL READERS

A FEW ITEMS THAT WILL INTEREST PEOPLE ON THE FARM

Some Ways to Exterminate Gophers— Great Crops of California—Stacking Straw With Alfalfa—Irrigation.

Grape picking in the Fresno district is now on in full blast. Most of the work is being done by Japanese, Chinese and Indians who receive \$1.75 per day. The crop will be about one-third less than last year.

Dropping of Oranges—Cause

By J. H. Reed, Riverside.

Probably few appreciate the work Prof. Cook is doing through the Cultivator for orchardists better than I. His thorough equipment, keen observation and careful study are helping us to understand better. Many of our orchard enemies, and how to fight them. But I know him well enough to be sure that he will not object to, but rather invite the expression of any honest investigator who might differ with him in some of his conclusions, hence I submit the following:

After a somewhat careful study of the dropping of oranges for a good many years, I am unable to accept the theory that the cause is not found in diseases caused by insects or bacteria, but from decay caused by receiving and retaining excess of moisture in the navel cavity. First, it will be noticed that the position of very few fruits, even from the first, is such as to catch and retain excess of moisture. Again, even if this was not the case, we find fruits absolutely protected from this equally subject to the defect.

In the majority of cases, according to my observation, we find the dropped orange, with a dry black spot at the end, which, on close examination, proves to be the dead excrescence at the navel, with the fibrous attachment to the stem end and adjoining fleshy parts more or less affected. As soon as the vitality of the central bundle of fibers is weakened, the stem loses its hold and the fruit drops.

Where there is slight or no apparent opening, usually the black or diseased part is indicated by the yellowing of the skin at or near the end of the fruit.

But sometimes on carefully examining on the tree we find fruits with no exterior signs of disease, part from the stem easily, in which on being cut, the black or diseased spot is invariably found. The disease causing the premature ripening of full grown oranges, which some seasons aggregate an appreciable percentage of the crop, in my judgment has the same origin as that causing the excessive dropping in the earlier stages of growth. These fruits frequently show a perfect exterior, but on cutting, a black spot emitting an offensive odor is found near the navel end, but at one side of the fibrous connection with the stem end.

There is frequent dropping from previous over-bearing or from lack of vitality of tree from any other cause. But this is quite distinct from that caused by the fruit itself being diseased, which occurs to some degree every season, and sometimes to serious extent, as four years ago, and again this season, the real cause of any remedy for which has not yet been found. The loss from this source, it seems to me, is sufficiently serious to demand thorough, even exhaustive research for its cause.

This brings me to the occasion of this writing, which is to call attention again to the urgent demand for federal help in seeking the cause and remedy for this and other enemies of our citrus fruits and fruit trees, where individual and other local efforts have utterly failed.

Never before has the agricultural department at Washington been so well prepared, and never so ready to help any agricultural interest over serious obstructions, as now. In fact, many interests of much less importance than our citrus fruit interests are now being fostered by it, because of the intelligent urgency of those interested.

We need a citrus fruit experiment station in Southern California. The department at Washington recognizes this need. But it is not going to force it on us. When a united, persistent demand comes from growers and others directly interested, it will be granted.

The loss from dropping this season is estimated all the way from 10 to 30 per cent. Suppose it is 10 per cent. Sit down and figure up what that means in the aggregate to California growers.

In a few weeks Prof. Cook and the papers will be flooded with the inquiry, "What causes splitting of oranges?" After the splits are off and out of sight—thousands of boxes of them—inquiries about puffy oranges will have their annual run at clubs and in the papers. And we will commence the next season just as wise and no wiser than before, as to how to protect our important industry from these and other serious leaks, because their origin and remedy is too obscure to be found, except by an expert with ample time and fully equipped for such investigations.—Cal. Cultivator.

Taft's Proclamation

MANILA.—The profoundest grief is manifested by every class in the community over the death of President McKinley.

Gov. Taft has issued a proclamation which explains to the Filipinos that while the death of President McKinley is an irreparable individual loss, it does not alter the stability of the government or change the course of the administration. This was considered necessary, because the Filipinos thought Bryan would succeed him.

Funeral ceremonies will be held on the Luneta by the civil and military authorities upon the day of the funeral.

Forever Dry.

There is a youngster in Girard college who combines the poetic instinct with a keen sense of humor. He is not a close student—in fact, he regards books as instruments of torture. One of the professors picked up a textbook belonging to him the other day and found on the fly leaf this bit of verse, which no doubt expressed the student's opinion of it:

Should there be another flood,
For refuge hither fly,
And should the whole world be submerged
This book would still be dry.

—Philadelphia Record.

Catarrh

Is a constitutional disease. It originates in a scrofulous condition of the blood and depends on that condition. It often causes headache and dizziness, impairs the taste, smell and hearing, affects the vocal organs, disturbs the stomach. It is always radically and permanently cured by the blood-purifying, alterative and tonic action of

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A Puzzler.

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Gurton—Well, it is just here. Man is the superior being. But how is he going to show his superiority if woman is his equal? That's what I want to know. —Boston Transcript.

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"I wish you and May would become friend again," said a would-be peacemaker.

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"I told her you had said that, and she said: 'The idea! It's easy for her. I never saw her when she wasn't made up.'—Philadelphia Ledger.

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Do Hair No Good, But often Cause It to Fall Out.

Many hair preparations are "fake" because they are merely scalp irritants. They often cause a dryness, making the hair brittle, and, finally, lifeless. Dandruff is the cause of all the trouble with hair. It is a germ disease. The germ makes cuticle scales as it digs to the root of the hair, where it destroys the hair's vitality, causing the hair to fall out. To cure dandruff, the germ must be killed. "Destroy the cause, you remove the effect." Newbro's Herpicide is the only hair preparation that kills the dandruff germ, thereby leaving the hair to grow luxuriantly.

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"After he found out it wasn't."—Philadelphia Press.

EASY COME, EASY GO.

The man who creeps along bent over, with his spinal column feeling in a condition to snap like a pipestem at any minute, would readily give a great deal to get out of his dilemma, and yet this is only the commonest form by which lumbago seizes on and twists out of shape the muscles of the back. This is commonly known as backache, a crick in the back, but by whatever name it may be known, and however bad it may be, 10 minutes vigorous rubbing with St. Jacobs Oil on the afflicted part will drive out the trouble and completely restore. It is a thing so easily caught, it may be wondered at why there is not more of it, but because it is so easily cured by St. Jacobs Oil may be the very reason that we hear so little of it.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, LUCAS COUNTY.

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Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

[Seal] A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

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