Young women may avoid much sickness and pain, says Miss Alma Pratt, if they will only have faith in the use of **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.**

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I feel it my duty to tell all young women how much **Lydia E. Pinkham's** wonderful **Vegetable Compound** has done for me. I was completely run down, unable to attend school, and did not care for any kind of society, but now I feel like a new person, and have gained seven pounds of flesh in three months.

"I recommend it to all young women who suffer from female weakness."—MISS ALMA PRATT, Holly, Mich.

FREE MEDICAL ADVICE TO YOUNG GIRLS.

All young girls at this period of life are earnestly invited to write Mrs. Pinkham for advice; she has guided in a motherly way hundreds of young women; her advice is freely and cheerfully given, and her address is Lynn, Mass.

Judging from the letters she is receiving from so many young girls Mrs. Pinkham believes that our girls are often pushed altogether too near the limit of their endurance nowadays in our public schools and seminaries.

Nothing is allowed to interfere with studies, the girl must be pushed to the front and graduated with honor; often physical collapse follows, and it takes years to recover the lost vitality,—often it is never recovered.

A Young Chicago Girl Saved from Despair.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I wish to thank you for the help and benefit I have received through the use of **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills.** When I was about seventeen years old I suddenly seemed to lose my usual good health and vitality. Father said I studied too hard, but the doctor thought different and prescribed tonics, which I took by the quart without relief. Reading one day in the paper of Mrs. Pinkham's great cures, and finding the symptoms described answered mine, I decided I would give **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound** a trial. I did not say a word to the doctor; I bought it myself, and took it according to directions regularly for two months, and I found that I gradually improved, and that all pains left me, and I was my old self once more.—LILLIE E. SINCLAIR, 17 E. 22d St., Chicago Ill."

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the one sure remedy to be relied upon at this important period in a young girl's life; with it she can go through with courage and safety the work she must accomplish, and fortify her physical well being so that her future life may be insured against sickness and suffering.

$5000 FORFEIT if we cannot forthwith produce the original letters and signatures of above testimonials, which will prove their absolute genuineness. Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

BY THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

STATEMENT

SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE

Mutual Fire Insurance Comp'y

of Kent county Md., Dec. 31, 1903.

INCOME.

Total Income		$11,875 57

DISBURSEMENTS.

Total Disbursements		16,080 40

ASSETS.

Real Estate owned by Company	$ 9,659 37	
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	11,700 00	
Such Bonds and Mortgage Loans upon which more than one year's interest is due	6,100 00	
Stocks and Bonds owned by Company	32,300 00	
Cash in office and in bank	6,270 23	
Interest due and accru'd	899 82	
All other property	123 38	
Premium Notes held by the Comp'y...$201,010.13		
Assets admitted		67,062 80

LIABILITIES.

Losses and Claims in process of adjustment		225 00
Surplus to policy holders		66,837 80
Amount at risk in United States Dec. 31, 1903	2,142,719 00	
Am'nt written in Maryland in 1903	111,703 00	
Premiums in Maryland in 1903	8,894 97	
Losses paid in Maryland in 1903	10,167 19	
Losses incurred in Maryland in 1903	10,167 19	

STATE OF MARYLAND:
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,
Commissioner's Office.
BALTIMORE, March 7, 1904.

I hereby certify that the above is a correct copy of the statement of the MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of Kent county, Md., to December 31st, 1903, now on file in this department

LLOYD WILKINSON,
Insurance Commissioner.

WORLD'S FAIR AT ST. LOUIS.

First Great Excursion via Pennsylvania Railroad May 10.

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition will open at St. Louis April 30, and will be in perfect condition on that date. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will run the first low-rate coach excursion from the East to the World's Fair on May 10, affording residents of the Eastern section an opportunity to see the great Exposition in all the glory of its pristine freshness. Tickets will be sold from all principal stations on the Pennsylvania Railroad System. The fare from New York will be $20; from Philadelphia, $18.50, with proportionate rates, approximating one cent per mile, from other points. These tickets will be good going only on special coach trains to be run on May 10, and returning in coaches of regular trains leaving St. Louis not later than May 19.

Have You Noticed

The great improvement in Ready-made Clothing? More style and better work and trimmings than ever before, and prices are most reasonable. Think of such Suits as we sell for Men at $10, $12, $15, and up to $20; for Young Men at $8, $10, $12 and $15. But you can't tell about them until you see them. We are after a big trade this Spring; we have the styles, we have the stock, and prices are right. Don't miss our Tailoring Department if you want Up-to-Date Suits made to order at moderate prices. Fit and work guaranteed.

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GET CLOSE TO THINGS.

The Experienced Shopper's Advice to the Quiet Woman.

The modest, unassuming woman had been trying for some time to get the attention of a clerk, but they all seemed to be busy, and she had not the aggressiveness to crowd in and grab one.

The experienced shopper, having completed her purchases, had time to give a little sympathy to the quiet one.

"Do you want to buy something?" she asked.

"Yes," was the reply, "if I could only get the attention of the clerk."

"Oh, that's easy!" asserted the experienced one. "Just do as I say."

"But they're all so much more strenuous than I am," pleaded the quiet one. "I'd rather go without than be as unwomanly and disagreeable as some of the women are. I really can't fight for attention, you know."

"Not at all necessary," explained the experienced shopper. "Do you see that tray of trinkets over there?"

"Yes."

"Go over and stand by it and pick up a few of them for closer examination. Put them back, of course, but just paw the collection over without any effort to get hold of a clerk. Reach out for anything you see, as if you were more interested in what's on the counter than in what's behind it."

"I don't see what good that's going to do."

"Try it and you'll find out."

The quiet woman did as directed, and within two minutes a floorwalker was at her elbow.

"Do you want anything?" he asked politely.

She said she did, and he made it his business to get a clerk to wait on her.

"I told you so," whispered the experienced shopper. "Sometimes it isn't necessary to touch a thing. If you just show a desire to get close to things that are easily carried away they'll take you for a shoplifter every time and get a clerk for you so that you won't have any excuse for hanging around."

The quiet woman gasped and felt guilty all the rest of the time she was in the store, but she had to admit that she had learned something about practical shopping.—Brooklyn Eagle.

HE COULDN'T FORGET.

The Surprise He Got on His Thirty-second Birthday.

"I'll never forget my thirty-second birthday in New York," said an old resident meditatively.

"Was it a joyful one?" asked the young man who was lounging about the club as if time hung heavy on his hands.

"Joyful!" exclaimed the old resident. "That's no name for it at all. It was downright lively. I think my wife realized afterward that she rather overdid the matter."

"Tried to surprise you, did she?"

"She not only tried to, but she succeeded. You see, she always was an enthusiast in everything she undertook."

"Bankrupted you in getting you presents, I suppose," suggested the young man.

"Well, not exactly," returned the old resident reflectively, "but her presents came very near bankrupting me later. However, they are a good deal of comfort to me now, so that I can't say I regret it."

"Now!" ejaculated the young man. "Do you mean to say that you still have them?"

"Certainly."

"And how long ago was this thirty-second birthday?"

"Twenty years ago."

"Twenty years! Heavens! That's a long time to keep a birthday present."

"Two of them," corrected the old resident quietly.

"May I ask what they were?" inquired the young man after a pause.

"Certainly. Twins—both girls," replied the old resident.—New York Times.

Why Ralph Edward Objected.

Ralph was a great big boy, nearly three years of age, and had never received a name, being called "Baby," "Pet," "Love," etc. Finally the name for the small man was decided upon, and, dressed in his Sunday best, he went to church with father and mother, where he was to be baptized. As the minister repeated "I baptize thee, Ralph Edward," he dipped his fingers into the font and touched the child's forehead with the shining drops. How important Ralph Edward felt! At last he was somebody.

By supper time his face was sadly in need of washing, but when mother started to wash her son's brow he cried out in dismay:

"Oh, don't wash my forehead! I'm 'fraid you'll wash my name away!"

Lost Humor.

Mark Twain was once asked by an English clerk in a London bookstore to write his autograph.

"My chirography is becoming less and less distinct," complained the author whimsically as he complied with the request. "If this keeps on I'll have to be getting somebody else to write my autograph for me."

"But, sir," seriously responded the clerk, "nobody would want it then!"

Freely Admitted.

She—Women may gossip sometimes, but they have better control of their tongues than men have.

He—You are right. Men have no control whatever of women's tongues.—Kansas City Journal.

In Doubt.

"He's bald, I believe?"

"Yes."

"What's the reason?"

"I can't say. I don't know whether Father Time or his wife got at him first."—Chicago Post.

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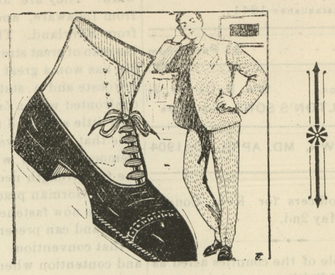

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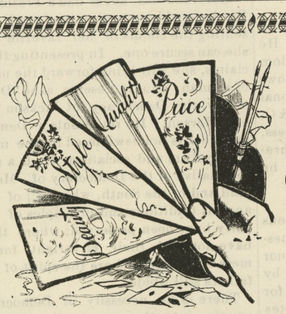

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n14-10t. F. P. & J. B. CANBY.

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