



Miss Gannon, Sec'y Detroit Amateur Art Association, tells young women what to do to avoid pain and suffering caused by female troubles.

"I can conscientiously recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to those of my sisters suffering with female weakness and the troubles which so often befall women. I suffered for months with general weakness and felt so weary that I had hard work to keep up. I had shooting pains and was utterly miserable. In my distress I was advised to use Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and it was a red letter day to me when I took the first dose, for at that time my restoration began. In six weeks I was a changed woman, perfectly well in every respect. I felt so elated and happy that I want all women who suffer to get well as I did."—Miss GEMMA GANNON, 359 Jones St., Detroit, Corresponding Sec'y Mich. Amateur Art Association.—\$5000 for full original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

It is clearly shown in this young lady's letter that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will surely cure the sufferings of women; and when one considers that Miss Gannon's letter is only one of hundreds which we have, the great virtue of Mrs. Pinkham's medicine must be admitted by all.

A Genuine Check.
"You cannot possibly escape me," he said lightly, and with folded arms, as he looked at him with disdainful defiance in her glance. "I know you are beautiful and I am poor; that you are wealthy and I am homely; that you are good and I am bad; and one could imagine, yet, as there is no help for it, I am the real hero, though it is all a huge farce to me." Sewing the force of his logic, and wishing to save the author a lot of agony and the readers a lot of suspense and hard work, she surrendered, hateful as the task appeared to her.—Baltimore American.

Liberalism consists rather in giving reasonably than much.—Cicero.

It's a poor poster girl that isn't stuck up.—Chicago Daily News.



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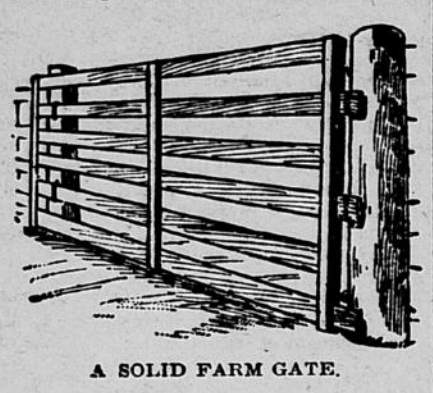
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Good, durable, practical gates at entrances to fields, lanes and lots, are among the greatest conveniences on the farm. Do not put up weak makeshifts. Make them strong and solid and properly hung, so that it is a pleasure to open and shut them. Not long ago a neighbor lost a valuable cow by means of a poor gate. In her effort to reach green grass over the gate it broke down, and her leg was broken. She had to be killed, and as she was only in fair milking condition, it was a total loss. If he had had a strong, substantial gate he would have been \$50



A SOLID FARM GATE.

ahead, and that would have put up ten good gates.

The gate photographed was made six or seven years ago, at the entrance to the barnyard. We combined two objects in this gate—strength and durability, and lightness to handle. We have deep snows and snowdrifts, and we hung the gate so that it could be raised up to pass over the snow. The gate is four feet long and four and a half feet high. For the gate pieces we used six-inch basswood, well seasoned. The ends and center strips are three inches, made out of the same kind of wood. The first, third and fifth strips from the bottom we allowed to project out to hold the gate in place. In case hogs are turned into the yard the bottom piece holds them from pushing and straining the gate. The hangers are of our own get-up and seem to answer the purpose in every respect. In making the hangers we use wagon tire two inches wide and about two and a half feet long. The iron was heated and bent in the shape of a rub iron on a wagon-box, only allowing two or more inches in the side turn to permit the gate to swing. The hangers are fastened to the post with four-inch wood screws. This gate has now been in use several years and is as sound as ever; we have another gate made of basswood that has been constructed over 15 years and is in use today. By all means build your gates of either pine or basswood.—Leo C. Reynolds, in Ohio Farmer.

HELPFUL FARM NOTES.

Potatoes need a rich, well pulverized soil. He who feeds his land well will well fed. "Hard work" on the farm is often not "good work." This is the time of year when it pays to use the low down wagon. A farmer to succeed must do the fair thing by his boys, his girls and his stock. Four quarts of clover seed is deemed by many farmers about the right quantity to the acre. Winter is the best time to poison prairie dogs. Fall or spring the best time to poison pocket gophers. If clover is the only crop used in rotation with corn, let it occupy the land as many years as the corn. If you have not yet gotten up a good supply of wood, do not longer neglect it. Spring is close by and the work will crowd. The man who gets the most out of his farm is he who puts in the most, and mind and manure will count more than mere muscle. More care and less haste in getting in the oat crop would in many cases improve the evenness of the ripening and heaviness of yield. The days are fast lengthening. Have you done all the reading you planned to do "when the evenings are long"? If not, keep at it now.—Farmers' Voice.

TIMELY CORN NOTES.

Have the Soil Well Disked Before Planting and Fertilized with Stable Manure.

But even corn succeeds better if the soil is well disked, before planting, and will respond profitably to an ample supply of stable manure. Corn breeding has had great attention of late, and there is a wide difference in the value of seed corn, even of old and well-known varieties. Corn succeeds better on newly turned sod than any other crop, because it is at first a surface feeder, and can wait for the under soil to become compact and the sod rotted. Plant as soon as ground is warm (May 10 to 20) in rows three to four feet apart—18 inches apart in row—leaving one stalk to the hill. This is a good rule for either grain or silage. It pays to buy the best of seed. One bushel of seed will plant eight acres. That which will produce five additional bushels per acre is therefore worth about \$20 per bushel more for seed than the inferior article.—Rural World.

TAUGHT BY EXPERIENCE.

As Long as Farmers Can't Control the Market It Pays to Cater to Popular Taste.

The merchant lays in such stock as he knows his customers will buy. The grocer makes his stock as attractive as possible, and he knows what class of customers he may expect when he locates in any particular locality. In fact, I do not know of any other class of people who offer goods on the market without knowing what the market is, except the farmer, or more strictly speaking, the farmer's wife. I have just been having a little experience, and you know it is experience that teaches. A friend up in New England spent all her spare time last summer raising geese, and a big, fine flock she had when it came time to market them. We were all there when killing day came. The geese were killed in the old way, by cutting off the heads. They were then brought in, dipped into a boiler of hot water, then rolled in a piece of carpeting to steam, and by the time they were cool we picked. This process makes picking very easy, and does not injure the skin. These people pick feathers and down all into one basket, and offer it at the price of feathers.

I had bought down pillows in the cities, and of course recognized the value of the down; so we instituted a second picking. The feathers can be taken off first and put in a basket by themselves, then the down picked separately. It is really the easier way to do the picking. The down thus saved sells at a much higher price than the selling price of feathers. These geese were all dipped in a thin solution of starch water, which gives the skin a very nice appearance, and were then shipped to one of our large cities. But here is the point. In that particular market customers prefer fowls with the heads on. And here was a boxful, over 300 pounds, all dressed alike, all dressed as the market does not want them dressed, and shipped at—well, at "any old time," just when it happened to be convenient to kill them.

These people, after putting a whole summer's work into goose raising, did not take a paper in which they could read market quotations; did not look for a market quotation to know where to ship their geese, and did not stop to inquire how best to prepare their shipment for the market. What would become of a commission merchant if he were to do business so regardless of the market? He would have to give up business in short order. And I hate to see the farmer or his wife lose the full benefit of a year's work in this way. Farmers do not watch the "market reports" page of their paper closely enough.—Maude Meredith, in Country Gentleman.

STRONG PLANK DRAG.

This Implement Does Effectual Work in Leveling and Putting the Ground in Order.

The drag consists of four four by four scantlings fastened together with rods, with small blocks two inches thick between scantling, with rings on the ends of the rods, hitched to by



POWERFUL PLANK DRAG.

means of rods and ring or a chain and ring. The drag is for the purpose of lifting the drag to free it from rubbish or stone. This drag carries fine dirt along between the scantlings, which fills up all low places and levels the ground. A drag of this description, eight feet long, is a good load for a team of horses, without a harrow attached behind. If more weight is wanted the man can ride the drag. It does effectual work in leveling and putting the ground in order.—Ohio Farmer.

Fat Mutton for Export.

An exchange reports Mr. J. E. Wing, of Ohio, as of the opinion that fat mutton will be in demand for export. "Sheep and lamb feeding is a good game to stick to, provided the feeder raises his own feed. We raise lots of alfalfa and feed in conjunction with ear corn. Never shell the corn. At least that is our experience, and it has been a profitable one. The thin lambs are the ones to buy. The feeder gets the growth with them and will make money by not finishing them to too much. Send them to market on the light side, if anything, is my policy. When buying feeding lambs, be sure to pick those with open, loose fleeces. They do better in the feed lot than close-fleeced stock."

The Destruction of Weeds.

With the approach of spring the perennial problem of destroying weeds on walks, drives, tennis courts and similar places presents itself. About the best method that has been devised is to kill them with some effective solution having either an arsenic, sulphuric acid, carbolic acid or sal-soda base. Any one of these is effective, though the arsenic mixtures, some of which are offered as commercial proprietary solutions, are the most persistent in their effects. For killing weeds in lawns, where it is desired to grow useful plants, as promptly as possible after the treatment, crude carbolic acid is said to be most desirable, as it does not permanently poison the soil.

FOUND HIM OUT.

Thought He Had the Grocer Thrown Off the Track, But Was Mistaken.

"Mind, I was in a strange town dealing with a strange man, and I tried not to act strange, and still the fellow found me out," said the newly married man, according to the New York Times. "My intended wife and I had a sentiment about spending our wedding night in our own home. The honeymoon trip was not to begin till the following morning. That required laying in a stock of provisions for breakfast.

"On the morning of the wedding day I called at the nearest grocery store and ordered a supply. There was butter and salt and eggs and sugar and—well, everybody knows the string. Understand, I do not expect a bridegroom is not expected to do to throw the fellow off the track. I ordered things off-hand, not from a fool slip of paper, but from memory. I talked to the pretty cashier and ate an apple out of a barrel as if I had been born in the place like the store cat. Everything conceivable I did, and thought I had the grocer completely fooled when, on handing me the packages, he said: "Well, sir, I hope you'll give us your trade when you get settled."

A Veteran's Story.

Bath, N. Y., April 13th.—The first consideration of the Commandant and Officers in the conduct of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home here, is the health of the Veterans. Kidney troubles are the most common cause of ailment, very few of the old men escaping these in some form or other. Of course the comrades do as much as possible for themselves, and one of the most popular and useful remedies employed is Dodd's Kidney Pills which seem to be almost infallible in cases of Kidney derangements. Indeed, there are among the veterans, several who claim to owe their lives to Dodd's Kidney Pills. For instance, A. E. Ayers, who came to the home from Minneapolis, Minn., was given up by four doctors in that city. He had Bright's Disease and never expected to live through it, but his life was saved and his health restored by Dodd's Kidney Pills. His experience has made the remedy very popular among the men and no one who has used Dodd's Kidney Pills for any Kidney Trouble has been disappointed.

What Uncle Reuben Says:

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OR His Feed.

"Can't I serve you some nice curried eggs this morning, sir?" asked the obsequious waiter. "Curried eggs?" repeated the guest. "What have I struck—a mare's nest?"—Judge. Hope and humle enable a man to gain his ends.—Chicago Daily News.

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