



Mrs. Haskell, Worthy Vice-Templar, Independent Order Good Templars, of Silver Lake, Mass., tells of her cure by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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"I wish every sick woman would try it and be convinced."—Mrs. IDA HASKELL, Silver Lake, Mass. Worthy Vice Templar, Independent Order of Good Templars. —\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

Nature Study and Humanity.

The proposed new course of work for the public and high schools of Ontario brings into great prominence which is commonly called "nature study." If it is carried out in the spirit, whether it is accomplished in the letter or not, it should work a great revolution in the attitude of the coming generation toward the comparatively helpless dumb animals, upon whom the most inhuman cruelties are constantly inflicted. Many of these animals have been domesticated by man for their usefulness; others he carefully conserves for hunting purposes; a large proportion he dooms to death because they are destructive or dangerous. Some of the most inhuman practices are resorted to, under the name of "vivisection," in the alleged interest of scientific discovery. While it may not be possible to suppress all cruelty in the treatment of animals, it will be a decided gain to humanity if it is greatly lessened. Surely something worth while in this direction might be accomplished by the united and persistent efforts of ten thousand teachers all in active sympathy with nature.

Cruelty to animals is worse for the human beings who inflict it than for the animals who suffer it. The practise of cruelty is its own punishment. It hardens the heart, deadens the sensibilities, and lessens the amount of enjoyment obtainable through the activity of the emotional nature. To watch the phenomena of animal life is more than interesting, it is fascinating. It is its own reward as cruelty is its own punishment. Animals under continuous observation rise to companionship and appeal to the observer as comrades. No one who has spent time in watching their antics and devices could take pleasure in the thought of destroying them in the spirit of mere wantonness. A true lover of nature would gladly follow a moose or a bison to secure a snapshot, but would not think it worth his while to take a rifle shot unless he were in want of food. The smaller animals are just as interesting in their various ways, especially if, in a state of unmolested wildness, they have never lost confidence in their unmolested observer.

It would be a fatal mistake to limit nature study to observation for the purpose of scientific discovery. That is too important an exercise of the intellectual faculties to be neglected, but it is not the only or even the most valuable use to be made of observational opportunities. There is the beauty to be seen, and it is always present, and there is the suggestiveness of it all to the emotional nature. Children are potential artists and poets. The better the teacher in this department succeeds in stirring the artistic and emotional nature the more successful he will be in arousing scientific curiosity. The greatest poets have always been the keenest and most sympathetic observers of natural phenomena, as witness the use made of nature in their writings. The utmost care will have to be taken to avoid excessive systematization and the fatal tendency to substitute telling for questioning—the dogmatic method for the Socratic one.

Fortunately the teacher-in-training is to have, under the new system, a chance to

study nature for himself without taking account of impending examinations. This applies only to "elementary science," but the topical details cover a great deal of ground, and it will be the fault of teacher and students if less than the most advantageous use is made of this freedom, so far as it goes. It matters little what direction the observational work takes. Some affect flowers, others cryptogamous plants, others insects, others birds, and others large animals. The immediate subject of inquiry is of less account than is the spirit in which the observation is done. The one indispensable thing is to come into close touch with nature through the medium of the senses, to sympathize with her moods, to imbibe her spirit, to enjoy her companionship. Leisure is absolutely necessary for this purpose. The mere sightseer may be repaid by hurrying from place to place; only the patient observer can see nature as she really is and profit by the time spent in making her acquaintance.

The Shimose Explosive.

The explosive used in the Japanese Navy bears the name of its inventor, Dr. Shimose. The destructive power of this explosive was demonstrated during the recent naval engagements. A few weeks ago the inventor, Dr. Shimose, delivered a lecture in Tokio, in which he explained the nature and use of the powder. The inventor said that, according to their use, explosives were classified under two headings, namely, those for mining and those for military purposes, the latter being again classified into those for discharging and those for destructive purposes. "Shimose" belonged to the latter category, and was never used for the purpose of discharging shots. The explosive used by the European powers for warlike purposes was gun cotton. But manifold inconveniences attended the use of gun cotton; for instance, when dried too much it exploded even by slight friction. In order to prevent this danger it was necessary to combine it with water to the extent of 20 per cent., in which case it burned with difficulty when ignited. But when the water exceeded 20 per cent. gun cotton would not explode. Again, owing to possible evaporation, the water contained in gun cotton did not maintain an equal quantity, making its safety unstable. Sometimes it would become mouldy, thus losing most of its explosive power, which could not then be easily restored. At present the most powerful explosive in the world was blasting gelatine, which was used by Americans, though not for military purposes. It was far superior to gun cotton in destructive power, and could be quite safely handled in ordinary times. One defect, however, of gelatine was its easy freezing. Frozen gelatine would explode from the slightest cause, and this fact made it unfit for military purposes. The Shimose explosive was very simply constituted, but it was sufficiently safe to be used by the navy.

Ruskin's Little Wants.

Indeed, I rather want good wishes just now, for I am tormented by what I cannot get said, nor done, writes John Ruskin. I want to get all the Titians, Tintoretis, Paul Veroneses, Turners, and Sir Joshua—in the world—into one great fireproof Gothic gallery of marble and serpentine. I want to go and draw all the subjects of Turner's 19,000 sketches in Switzerland and Italy, elaborated by myself. I want to get everybody a dinner who hasn't got one. I want to macadamize some new roads to Heaven with broken fools' heads; I want to hang up some knaves out of the way—not that I've any dislike to them, but I think it would be wholesome for them, and for other people, and that they would make good crow's meat. I want to play all day long and arrange my cabinet of minerals with new white wool; I want somebody to amuse me when I'm tired; I want Turner's pictures not to fade; I want to be able to draw clouds, and to understand how they go—and I can't make them stand still, nor understand them—they all go sideways plagiat (what a fellow that Aristophanes was—and yet to be always in the wrong in the main, except in his love for Aeschylus and the country—did ever a worthy man do so much mischief on the face of the Earth?) Farther, I want to make the Italians industrious, the Americans quiet, the Swiss romantic, the Roman Catholics rational, and the English Parliament honest—and I can't do anything and don't understand what I was born for. I get melancholy—overeat myself, oversleep myself—get pains in the back—don't know what to do in anywise. What with that infernal invention of steam and gunpowder—I think the fools may be a puff or barrel or two too many for us. Nevertheless, the gunpowder has been doing some work in China and India.—Letter to Charles Eliot Norton, published in The Atlantic Monthly.

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According to reports in various European journals, life in Warsaw must be almost intolerable just now. Not long ago a number of students at Lemberg sent an address, expressing sympathy with the Japanese in the present war, to Tokio. The Russian police in Warsaw declared that some of the signatures were those of Polish Jews, and made this the excuse for making domiciliary visits, issuing summonses against the sons of prominent families, opening private letters, etc. Sometimes they experienced resistance, which was magnified into a story of organized rebellion. There is abundant testimony that the Socialists are making rapid progress in Warsaw, as in other parts of the Russian Empire, and it is said that the police are neglecting all their ordinary duties to keep watch over this particular danger. Public security in the streets is decreasing to the vanishing point. Lately the lower orders have been arming themselves with long knives or daggers, and the natural consequence is the multiplication of fatal assaults and robberies. The criminal classes are practically free from supervision, the police devoting all their time and attention to the Socialists and the students.



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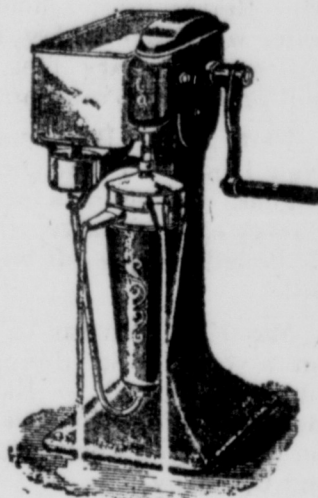
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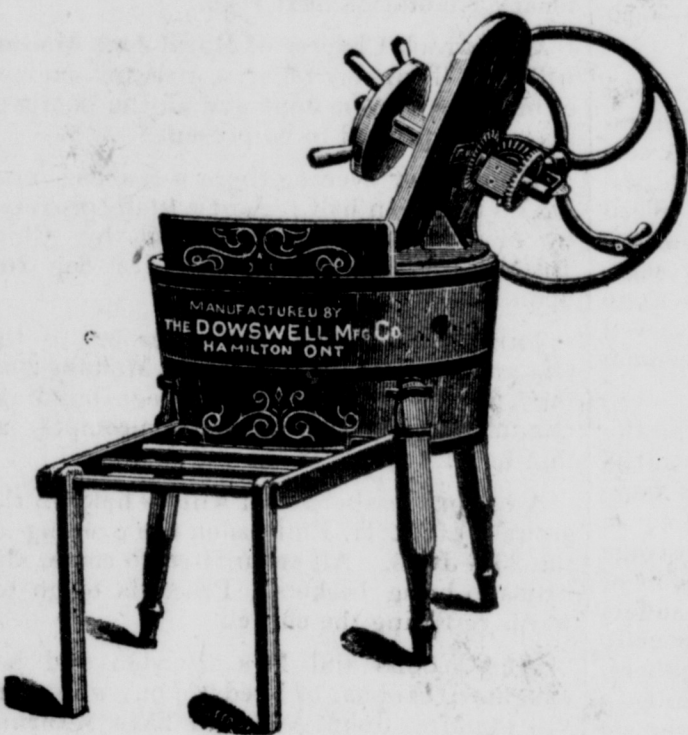
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