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Ask Her This Question

"Do you know of any woman who ever received any benefit from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound?"

If any woman who is suffering with any ailment peculiar to her sex will ask her neighbors this question, she will be surprised at the results. There is hardly a community in this country where women cannot be found who have been restored to health by this famous old remedy, made exclusively from a simple formula of roots and herbs.

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Caniford, Ont.—"I had been a great sufferer for five years. One doctor told me I was suffering from the uterus, and another told me it was a fibroid tumor. No one knew what I suffered. I would always be worse at certain periods, and never was regular, and the bearing-down pains were terrible. I was very ill in bed, and one day I was told I would have to have an operation, and that I might die during the operation. I wrote to my sister about it and she advised me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Through personal experience I have found it the best medicine in the world for female troubles, for it has cured me, and I did not have to have the operation after all. The Compound also helped me while passing through Change of Life."—Mrs. Letitia Blair, Caniford, Ontario.

Any woman who is sick and suffering is foolish surely not to give such a medicine as this a trial. Why should it not do her as much good as it did Mrs. Blair.

CIGARS NOW THE FAD WITH WOMAN SMOKERS

Lady Dorothy Neville the First to Discover That the Cigarette Was Altogether Inadequate.

The eyes of the American customs officers who detained a woman for cigarettes would pop out of their heads if they knew to what extent the smoking habit has grown among women of Mayfair. London. The custom is spreading with such alarming rapidity in society that the cigarette stage has been passed and "small light cigars" have become the fad.

Lady Dorothy Neville, the nonagenarian, was the first who discovered that the "cigarette" was altogether inadequate. Even at 90 Lady Dorothy infamously smokes cigars at luncheon and dinner, and it is said gets considerable comfort out of the fad.

Although cigar smoking is largely confined to the seclusion of boudoirs, E. Nesbit, the writer, in private life Mrs. Robert Bland, whose charming children stories have great popularity on both sides of the Atlantic, is a confirmed cigar smoker.

Recently at the opening ceremony of a society bazaar, and charity exhibition she shocked the white-cravated non-conformist minister by saying: "I have been so terribly rushed I have not thought of a word of my speech. Would you mind sitting at your table and making notes?"

To the horror of the clergyman the famous lady who had come to open the bazaar and speak words of encouragement to his congregation opened a cigar case, took out a fat cigar, lit it and puffed contentedly in full view of the flock.

The fashionable jewellers recognize the growing habit by showing cigar cases made of gold and encrusted with jewels, suspended from wrist chains, looking very much like vanity boxes.

A quiet wedding took place at the Park Hotel last evening, when Mrs. Hattie S. Belyea, of Chelsea, Mass., was united to Capt. John Duffy of Digby, N. S. Rev. Mr. Purdie performed the ceremony at 7 o'clock, after which a luncheon was served. The happy couple were unattended and only immediate friends were present. They left for Fredericton, where Capt. and Mrs. Duffy will spend a few days prior to going to Havana for the winter months. Many handsome presents of cut glass and silver testify to the popularity of the couple.

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WHERE THE HELPLESS ARE PUT TO DEATH

Ancient Custom Practised by the Eskimos in Alaska.

That the custom among the Eskimos of making away with helpless invalids and the aged, to whom life has become a burden, is not yet altogether abandoned is proved by at least two instances during the present year. The custom has just been reported from the Colville River country.

An old man by the name of Tillman was the willing victim of this custom, which runs through centuries of the dim, legendary history of these people. Tillman was a very old man, and for years he had suffered from tuberculosis. The wonderful vitality of these people enables them to resist this disease for many years, sometimes for half a century.

But it was telling on this old man. He lay on his back and coughed miserably. He knew that he would never be well again. So he called his children around him and said that he wanted to die.

He reached for the old Hudson Bay gun that he had carried since boyhood. He cocked it and handed it to his eldest son, telling him to put him out of pain. But the boy had been told by the whites somewhere that it was an sin to kill in this way, and he refused to grant his father's last request. The others also refused. Then the aged Tillman took the weapon, placed the muzzle in his mouth, and touched the trigger with his toe.

OBEYED THE FATHER. On the Russian diomed, an island in Bering Strait, another old man met death in a somewhat similar manner. In this Diomed case, however, the sons obeyed the father implicitly. It was the regular old Eskimo death. There was no shooting. It was in a large igloo, the roof of which is supported in the middle by a stout beam.

To this beam the boys fastened a strip of walrus skin, at the end of which dangled a noose. They helped their father to the edge of the bunk, fastened the noose about his neck, and let him swing off his high bed and strangle to death.

These people are not cruel. No more affectionate people can be found in the world than the Eskimos. Flows are seldom struck; harsh words are seldom uttered. But until recently the ending of hopeless suffering by suicide or by killing the patient was the rule all over the Arctic world.

QUIT WORLD OF COMFORT FOR ONE OF TORTURES

Thoughts Which Came To Dr. Cook As He Plunged Northward---Success or Failure Depended On Their Ability To Transport Nourishment.

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Synopsis of Previous Chapters

In the first installment of his thrilling story, "The Conquest of the Pole," printed in the St. John Sun on Wednesday, September 15th, Dr. Frederick A. Cook told of the start from Gloucester on the Bradley, of the voyage to the Polar sea and of the overhauling on route of the equipment needed for the dash to the Pole. In a graphic manner the discoverer wrote a story of Eskimo life that never has been excelled for human interest. He told of the home life, the tragedy and comedy that mingled in the dreary existence of the dwellers in the Arctic and of the childlike eagerness of the natives to trade their valuable furs and ivory for the simplest things of civilization. The yacht, her owner, Mr. John Bradley, the captain and his party were pictured in the preliminary work for the final dash. Finally, after describing the various places visited in Greenland in search of guides and information as to conditions further north, Dr. Cook wrote of the trip across Inglefield Gulf, past Cape Auckland and on toward Cape Robertson. Here the discoverer closed the first part of his narrative with Eliah and Annotok, the last points of call looming in the icy distance. In the second installment, published in the St. John Sun on Friday, Sept. 17, Dr. Cook described his journey to Eliah and then on to Annotok, the place of plenty which he selected as his base for his dash to the Pole. In the third installment the explorer describes the work of preparing the winter quarters, closing with a graphic description of a narwhal hunt. In the fourth installment Dr. Cook describes the approaches of the long Arctic night which caused his party to Annotok to become very active in preparing for the dash to the Pole. In the fifth installment Dr. Cook told of the actual start on the dash, and described the equipment he took for his great final dash.

The Conquest of the Pole

By Dr. Frederick A. Cook

Sixth Installment

Koolookingwah and Tugot had been our bedfellows for the entire northward run and they had gone through many dangerous and hard experiences together. We, therefore, felt more keenly their departure than the going of the first six. We were at first lonely, but the exigencies of our problem were soon sufficiently engaging to occupy our fibre.

To kill a suffering relative or friend was considered an act of kindness and mercy, just as we consider it an act of mercy to kill animals that we know cannot recover. This may recall the Spartan parents who left their weak or deformed children on the mountainside to die. But such cruelty is unknown in Eskimo society; the children here are sacred, and the most unfortunate and misshapen receive the tenderest care.

PUT OUT OF PAIN. Nevertheless when death was plainly approaching and the sufferer asked to be relieved his request was always granted. Even infants were thus put out of pain. Although there is no one of the conspicuous demonstration of grief that characterizes the saddest moments of a more impulsive people, the sorrow for the dead in an Eskimo household is just as bitter as it is in any home in the west.

In spite of the white man's ideas concerning the taking of life in this way, the Eskimos still more than half believe in it. The ordinary death is reported as follows: "He died himself." But such cruelty is unknown in Eskimo society; the children here are sacred, and the most unfortunate and misshapen receive the tenderest care.

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Now our party was reduced to three, and, though the isolation was more oppressive, there were the usual advantages for greater comfort and progress of a small family of workers. The increased number of a big expedition always enlarges the responsibility and difficulties. By the early part of a polar venture this disadvantage is eliminated by the survival of the fittest, but after the last supporting sleds melted the men are married to each other and can no longer separate. A disabled, unattended dog can be fed to his companions, salted and injured weak meat cannot be put aside. An exploring venture is only as strong as its weakest member, and increased numbers, like increased lines in a chain, reduce efficiency.

The personal idiosyncracies and inconveniences always shorten the day's march, but above all, a numerous party quickly divides into cliques, which are always opposed to each other to the leader and to the best interests of the problem in hand. With but two savage companions, to whom this arduous task was but a part of an accustomed life of frost, I hoped to overcome many of the natural personal barriers to the success of Arctic expeditions.

One Degree in Three Days

By dead reckoning our position was latitude 82 degrees, 23 minutes; longitude 56 degrees, 14 minutes. A study of the ice seemed to indicate that we had passed beyond the zone of ice crushed by the influence of land pressure. Behind were great hummocks and small ice, ahead was a cheerful expanse of larger floes. Using the accustomed vigor of men and beast we had advanced a degree of latitude in three days. Our destination was about four hundred and sixty miles beyond.

But our life had assumed quite another aspect. Previously we permitted ourselves some luxuries. A pound of coal oil and a good deal of musk talow were burned each day to heat the igloo and to cook abundant food. Extra meals were served when an occasion called for it and each man ate and drank all he desired. If the stockings or the mittens were wet there was fire enough to dry them out, but all of this must now be changed.

There was a sharp daily allowance of food and fuel. One pound of peat was used for the dogs, about the same for men, with just a taste of other things. Fortunately we were well suited for the race with fresh meat in the lucky run through game lands.

At first no great hardship followed the changed routine. We filled up

sufficiently on two cold meals and used superfluous body tissue. It was no longer possible to jump on the sled for an occasional breathing spell, as we had done along the land. With overloaded sleds, the drivers must push and pull at the sleds to aid the dogs, and I searched the troubled ice for an easy route, cutting hags and there with the ice axe to permit the passing of the sleds.

Stripped for the Race

We were finally stripped for the race. Man and dog must walk along together through storms and frost for that elusive pivot. Success or failure depended mostly upon our ability to transport nourishment and to keep up the muscular strength for a prolonged period. As we awoke on the following morning and peeped out of the eye port, the sun was gazing along the northeast, throwing a warm orange glow on us that gladdened our hearts. The temperature was 63 degrees below zero, Fahrenheit; the barometer was steady, and high. There was almost no wind, and not a cloud lined the dome of pale purple blue. After two cups of tea, a watch-sized biscuit, a chip of frozen meat and a boulder of pemmican, we crept out of the bags. The shivering legs pushed through bearskin cylinders, which served as trousers; the feet were worked into frozen boots and then we climbed into fur coats, kicked the front out of the snow house and danced about to start the fire of the hearth.

Quickly the camp furnishings were tossed on the sleds and securely lashed down. The dog traces were gathered into the drag lines and with a vigorous snap of the long whip the willing creatures bent to the shoulder straps. The sleds groaned and the unyielding snows gave a metallic ring, but the train moved with a cheerful pace.

"Ume Nooma Toomoo Dosagwah" (Good land out of sight today), we said to one another, but the words did not come with serious intent. In truth, each in his own way, felt keenly that we were leaving a world of life and possibly comfort for one of torment and suffering. Helberg Island was already only a dull blue haze, while Grand Land was making fantastic figures of its peaks and ice walls.

(To be continued.)

BABY TEETHING TIME IS

A TROUBLOUS TIME

When baby is teething the whole household is upset. The tender little gums are swollen and inflamed, and the poor child often cries day and night, wearing the mother out and keeping the rest of the family on edge. In the homes where Baby's Own Tablets are used there is no such worry. The Tablets allay the inflammation, soothe the irritation and bring the teeth through painlessly. Mrs. Jean Boutin, St. Marguerite, Que., says: "When I sent for Baby's Own Tablets my nine months' old baby was suffering greatly from teething troubles and I hardly got any rest. A few doses of Baby's Own Tablets relieved her and the teeth seemed to come through painlessly." Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

BOARD DECIDES TO ASK MR. EMMERSON TO ACT

The draft of the agreement re the transfer of harbor properties by the city to the C. P. R. was practically completed at yesterday's meeting of the Board of Public Safety. A few alterations are to be made by a committee consisting of the recorder, Ald. McColville and Ald. Belyea and the draft will be completed today. It will be forwarded to the Canadian Pacific Railway as soon as possible, and the railway will be asked to have its representatives meet the committee.

In accordance with the suggestion made some time ago in its dealings with the C. P. R. the city be represented by counsel experienced in railway matters, the board decided to ask Hon. H. R. Emmerson to act for the city, should the C. P. R. consent to have its representatives meet the Harbor Board.

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Last evening a committee from the St. John District Lodge, Sons of Temperance, met for the purpose of making arrangements for celebrating the 6th anniversary of the founding of the order, which will be observed next week by a meeting in the Christadelphian Hall, Union street. An interesting programme of addresses, music, etc., has been prepared. On October 25 the annual meeting of the Grand Division of New Brunswick will be held in Moncton.

In the celebration of its 14th anniversary, St. Luke's Anglican church will occupy two Sundays and the intervening week days. The dates have not been definitely settled as yet, but the event is to take place somewhere between the 17th and 21st of November. Bishops and others prominent in the Anglican connection have been invited to take part, but the committee in charge of the celebration have not yet been able to put it into certain form. The services during the week will, however, be given a varied and highly interesting form.



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