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THE WILD FLOWERS.

Awakening of an Interest in Them Has Brought Destruction in Its Train—Plea for Their Protection.

It seems an unfortunate rule that the first awakening of an interest in nature and her ways prompts unthinking destruction. Perhaps it is a necessary stage on the road to knowledge, still we should strive to avoid it if possible, and at least to leave it behind as speedily as we may. This indiscriminate collector has disappeared from among the bird lovers. He may have served a good purpose in his time, but his work is done. Such destruction of bird life as the scientific investigators have found necessary has been fully atoned for by their work in the cause of preservation, both by legal and moral restraints. The work of examining the tissues of dead birds has been completed. The food of every species at all seasons of the year has been determined by examination and analysis. Complete collections of skins at all stages of development and conditions of plumage have been made. The naturalist must turn from a study of the dead to a study of the living, and there a fascinating and inexhaustible field awaits him. The laboratory has done its work, but the more enticing secrets of the woods, the marshes, the shores, and the fields await the diligent investigator.

As nature's sylvan treasures begin to recede there is a sudden awakening of interest and keen appreciation of their manifold charms. The lover of wild flowers is no longer alone, but finds kindred spirits on every hand. Familiar and once lonely routes through the woods and along the streams and marshes are changing to worn pathways. And this new awakening of interest brings destruction in its train. Many of the familiar wild flowers are disappearing from their usual haunts, and it remains for their steadfast friends to save them from further destruction. Man's interference helps the cause and the commonplace to push aside the fragile and delicate. In the struggle for existence the encroaching grass crowds out and kills off the most delicate and beautiful flowers of the suburban woods. In parks where the leaves are raked up and burned the destructive grass takes immediate possession and the wild flowers are doomed. And where grass is not aided by such vandalism the continuous depredations of flower lovers is a slower process of extermination.

To protect and preserve our native flora demands a higher degree of altruism than the preservation of bird life. The ever-potent appeal to selfishness can be advanced on behalf of almost all our feathered visitors, and he who is not moved by their glad message of spring nor their happy activity in the weary summer will give heed to their value in protecting the farm, the garden, and the orchard. Their fine, sensitive organism gives them a higher claim, for it appeals to a human sympathy that recoils from the infliction of pain. But to see the beautiful ultramarine flower of the fringed gentian and the bright scarlet tuft of the painted cup, and leave them that they may produce seed for the next season, requires a selfless perfection of mind to which poor humanity can seldom attain. These and other annuals are suffering severely, and will be exterminated in the vicinity of cities and towns unless their admirers can be made to realize that the supreme test of love is renunciation. Annuals are plants that die after fulfilling their mission in the production of seed, and they suffer most from their admirers. Plants with perennial roots, that send up new growth with each succeeding spring, survive depredations. The trailing arbutus, though possessing a perennial trailing rootstock and hardy, evergreen leaves, has been exterminated in some localities through the carelessness of admirers. The perfume of its early flowers is irresistible, and the stems are so tough and strong that the careless gatherers tear up long trailers from the ground. A little care will save its life without sacrificing any of the pleasures of early spring. The violets and fly flowers survive because their most fruitful flowers are hidden under ground. The daisies of summer and the asters and golden rods of autumn may be gathered by the armful. But true lovers of nature must prove their worthiness by leaving the annuals to fulfill their mission. Abnegation is its own reward.

Canada's Ability to Feed Britain.
Dominion Statistician George Johnson writes: If Manitoba took a strip of land five miles on each side of her existing railways it would give an area of 14,000,000 acres, which, at the average yield of 18.65 bushels per acre, would yield 260,000,000 bushels of wheat, which is more than Great Britain ever imported in one year. If we took the 2,100 miles of railway in Northwest, beyond Manitoba, there would be another 14,000,000 acres, which would give in all 280,000,000 bushels of a surplus. Taking actual results, in 1902 the yield of 2,000,000 acres was 63,000,000 bushels of wheat. Four times that acreage would give all that Great Britain required, and 20,000,000 bushels over. Manitoba contains 43,000,000 acres from which to select the 8,000,000 acres required.

The World's Water Power.
John C. Hawshaw, president of the Institute of Civil Engineers, has calculated the total water power of the world to be equivalent to 10,340,000,000 horse-power (apparently annually). To obtain this figure he assumes a rainfall of ten inches to flow off every square inch of land and places the mean height at 2,250 feet above sea level. "Our present yearly output of 225,000,000 tons of coal would give that horse-power for only a little over half a day."



Why can't we come over to your house and play all night?
Because papa gets so mad when we make a little bit of noise.
What makes him that way?
Mamma says it's dyspepsia makes him act so crazy.
That's about the way it strikes the small boy. The dyspeptic has no idea of his own unreasonable harshness. Little things are magnified and seem to justify his quick anger. There's health for the family by the use of Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, which cures the stomach and other organs of digestion and restores perfect health and strength, by enabling the perfect digestion and assimilation of food.

"I have taken one bottle of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery for indigestion and liver complaint," writes Mr. C. M. Wilson, of Yankin College, Davidson Co., N. C. "I have been taking it since I commenced taking your medicine—in fact, have not felt like the same man. Before I took the Golden Medical Discovery I could not eat anything without awful distress, but now I can eat anything I wish without having unpleasant feelings."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cleanse and regulate the bowels.

Lord Dunsdonald's Invention.

During the recent visit to the coast by Lord Dunsdonald, commander of the military forces in Canada, he exhibited to Chief Engineer Grant, of the Quadra, a little pocket-warming device of his own invention, which he said he had found very useful in campaigns where the weather was severe. It is a miniature stove, burning carbon as fuel, and is constructed of a material which is afflicted with various slight bodily pains. Mr. Grant expressed a desire to become possessed of one, and Lord Dunsdonald gave a promise he would forward one from Ottawa. It arrived yesterday, and it is highly prized by Mr. Grant.—Victoria Colonist.

NEW SENSATIONS IN MEDICAL WORLD

Collingwood Bright's Disease Cure Brings to Light Others Equally Wonderful

Mrs. Fred. Philip of Eglinton Tells Of Her Remarkable Experience.

Discharged From Two Toronto Hospitals—Dodd's Kidney Pills brought Back Her Health.

Toronto, April 21.—(Special).—The report from Collingwood of the wonderful cure of Mrs. Thomas Adams of Bright's Disease by Dodd's Kidney Pills has aroused great interest here and the discussion of it has brought out the fact that Mrs. Adams' case is not an isolated one, that right in Toronto there are people who, suffering from the most dreaded and fatal of Kidney Diseases, have found a positive and permanent cure in Dodd's Kidney Pills.

One of the most striking cases that has been brought to light is that of Mrs. Fred. Philip, now residing on Broadway avenue, Eglinton, one of the northern suburbs of the city. That Mrs. Philip was suffering from Bright's Disease and was in a most shadowy state, there is not the shadow of a doubt. She was in two city hospitals, Grace and the General, and left both places without a hope for the future.

IN THE HOSPITALS.
In Grace Hospital the doctors wished to operate on her but she objected, and leaving the hospital called in another doctor. He told her at once that she had Bright's Disease and had her removed to the General Hospital. The doctors here demurred to an operation on account of the danger.

On being discharged a second time without benefit Mrs. Philip stopped the doctor and started to take Dodd's Kidney Pills. The result is that today all the terrible swelling is gone, she is able to do all her own work as well as look after her bright little four-year-old child. In an interview Mrs. Philip spoke freely of her terrible trouble and gave unstinted praise to Dodd's Kidney Pills.

MRS. PHILIP'S STORY.
"I was sick for six months," she said, "before taking Dodd's Kidney Pills. During that time I was six weeks in Grace Hospital and two months in the General Hospital. I was told in both places that nothing more could be done for me. I started taking Dodd's Kidney Pills in April and am still using them. They have done me a world of good. The Dropsy has all left me and I am now doing all my own work just the same as I was before I was sick."

The talk these cases have caused has also served to show how general the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills has become and how numerous are the cures effected of Pain in the Back, Rheumatism, Dropsy, and all the other results of diseased Kidneys. In fact, cures by Dodd's Kidney Pills can be found by the hundred, but a case in which they have failed to cure has yet to be reported.

COSSACKS OF THE CZAR.

Splendid Horsemen Who Are the Rough Riders of the Russian Army.

Military authorities agree that no cavalry in the world is superior to the Cossacks of the Czar, especially on scout duty and at guerrilla warfare. Service with them begins at the age of eighteen and lasts twenty years, seven of which are spent on active duty, when they go into the reserve. These rules, however, do not apply to the Ural Cossacks, who are volunteers, although they actually serve one year.

When on a campaign the Cossack is the eye and soul of the army. He seems to smell the enemy from afar when no one else thinks of his existence.



COSSACK SCOUT.

tence. They are splendid horsemen, born in the saddle, and neither man nor mount knows fatigue.

Interesting phases of a Russian army review are the feats of horsemanship performed by these wild cavalymen. Crossing their stirrups over the saddle, they will stand erect, brandishing their weapons, while their horses dash madly across the field. Again, two of them at full speed will approach a dismounted comrade, seize him by an arm and a leg and carry him to safety.

Woe betide the army whose rear is harassed by Cossacks, for it will have no peace. Napoleon learned this to his sorrow on his retreat from Moscow.

In times of war there are in the Russian army 130 regiments of these rough riders, each containing six squadrons, eighteen regiments of four squadrons, besides fifty-three independent squadrons. The Cossack is armed with a rifle without a bayonet and carries a sword which has no guard.

The French President.



M. COMBES.
Whose political career in France is thought to be ending.

Nature's Great Purifiers.

People who keep their houses dark for fear of the sunlight spoiling their carpets and furniture, have no idea of the disease-destroying influence of the sunlight and air.

Recent experiments have shown that bacilli exposed to the sun and air were destroyed in two hours, while those exposed to the sun (the air being excluded) were alive after fifty hours of exposure.

A Neapolitan doctor has made an interesting experiment with cholera bacilli; while he found those protected from the sun killed guinea-pigs in eighteen hours, as usual, those exposed to the sun were rendered harmless.

As to the influence of sun and air on bacilli, it was ascertained that the oxygen of the air had a marked effect in assisting the sun's rays, and that the bacteria suffered more from the sun's rays if the supply of oxygen was increased than if it was diminished.

Certain liquids, too, which will undergo putrefaction in the dark, will remain sweet and free from bacteria when exposed to the sun's rays. Air and sun are nature's great purifiers.

The Ten Best Novels.

The Pall Mall Gazette's popular vote as to the ten best novels issued in 1903 has resulted in giving Henry Seton Merriman's "Barlasch of the Guards" a percentage of 81, I. Humphrey Ward's "Lady Rose's Daughters" a percentage of 65, F. Marion Crawford's "Heart of Rome," 61; Whiteing's "Yellow Van," 50; Stanley Weyman's "The Long Night," 44; Frank Danby's "Pigs in Clover," 44; Ellen Fowler's "Place and Power," 37; Quiller Couch's "Hotty Wesley," 32; Beatrice Harraden's "Katherine," 32; E. P. Benson's "Reluctant City," 33. Two deductions are made from the voting: Firstly, that the public are tired of the problem novel and also the serious work dealing adequately with serious social questions. Secondly, illustrations play a prominent part in successful works.



Miss M. Cartledge gives some helpful advice to young girls. Her letter is but one of thousands which prove that nothing is so helpful to young girls who are just arriving at the period of womanhood as Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I cannot praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound too highly, for it is the only medicine I ever tried which cured me. I suffered much from my first menstrual period. I felt so weak and dizzy at times I could not pursue my studies with the usual interest. My thoughts became sluggish, I had headaches, backaches and sinking spells, also pains in the back and lower limbs. In fact, I was sick all over."

"Finally, after many other remedies had been tried, we were advised to get Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I am pleased to say that after taking it only two weeks, a wonderful change for the better took place, and in a short time I was in perfect health. I felt buoyant, full of life, and found all work a pastime. I am indeed glad to tell my experience with Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, for it made a different girl of me. Yours very truly, Miss M. Cartledge, 533 Whitehall St., Atlanta, Ga."

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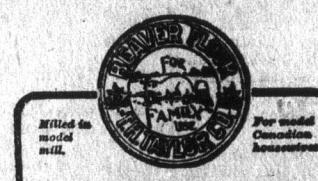
Mrs. Estes, of New York City, says:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I write to you because I believe all young girls ought to know how much good your medicine will do them. I did dress-making for years before I was married, and if it had not been for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, I do not believe I could have stood the strain. There is no other work that is such a strain on the system. Oh, how my back used to ache from the bending over! I would feel as though I would have to scream out from the pain, and the sitting still made me so terribly tired and weak, and my head throbbed like an engine. I never could eat after work, I was so worn out. Then I was irregular, and had such frightful cramps every month they would simply double me up with pain, and I would have to give up working and lie down. But Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound changed me into a strong, well woman. Yours very truly, Mrs. MARTHA ESTES, 513 West 125th St., N. Y. City."

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