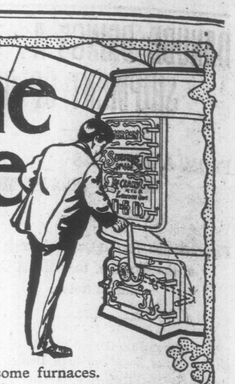

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Scarcely a festival of any repute is given without Mendelssohn's great work being included.

RUMORS OF A BIG DEAL AT ROSSLAND

Proposal to Amalgamate the Le Roi, War Eagle and Centre Star Mines.

Rossland, June 2.—A genuine sensation was sprung in the community this morning when the Rossland Miner announced that preliminary negotiations looking toward an amalgamation of the Le Roi, War Eagle and Centre Star mines was under way. The combined capitalization of the three companies is $10,000,500, and if completed the amalgamation will be the greatest deal in the annals of Canadian mining. The first intimation locally was in a London cablegram to the Miner newspaper.

Upon receipt of the cable a representative of the Miner sought interviews with T. G. Blackstock, of the War Eagle and Centre Star Companies, and Managing Director McMillan, of the Le Roi.

Mr. Blackstock has for the past day or two been in the camp, but until yesterday no one seemed to know the real object of his visit. He expressed himself surprised when informed of the nature of the information solicited. It seems that the news of the proposed amalgamation was a profound secret, known only to the principals on each side. Mr. Blackstock admitted that there were substantial grounds for the report concerning the amalgamation. He remarked that the question had only been opened in a preliminary way, and that nothing definite could be announced now. There will be an examination of all three properties by an eminent expert, and this will be undertaken in the near future, but he declined for the present to reveal the identity of the engineer.

"It is probably unnecessary for me to say that I am a consistent and loyal friend to Rossland," said Mr. Blackstock, "and I and my associates stand ready to do everything in our power to add to the material prosperity of the camp in every possible way consistent with sound business scruples and a due regard for our shareholders. It is possible that genuine and lasting good will result for everybody, directly and indirectly interested in this proposed amalgamation. I sincerely hope that such will be the case. Both the Centre Star and War Eagle are prospering in a very satisfactory manner. There is every reason to hope that they will continue to prosper."

Mr. McMillan made the following statement: "The question of the amalgamation of the Le Roi, War Eagle and Centre Star Companies has been discussed informally on several occasions, and the matter is now under consideration by Mr. Blackstock and myself, acting on behalf of our respective boards.

"In a short time, in all probability, the properties will be examined with this object in view. Providing a proper basis of agreement can be arrived at, there are many advantages to be gained by the amalgamation of interests and the operation of mining properties on a large scale in British Columbia, and any action that in this respect benefits the shareholders, must of necessity benefit the community at large."

PRISONER LYNCHED.

Orangeville, Idaho, June 3.—T. H. Myers, who killed Brownlee and wounded Wallace Bennett, three weeks ago, has been taken from a party of officers and lynched near White Bird. The lynchers were masked, and outnumbered the officers three to one. Myers was being taken to jail.

VICEROY OF INDIA.

Lord Curzon, of Kedleston, to Receive the Freedom of London.

London, June 2.—The Lord Mayor and corporation has decided to confer the freedom of the city on Lord Curzon, of Kedleston, in recognition of the ability and zeal he has displayed as Viceroy of India.

NEW WESTMINSTER CLUB WITHDRAWS

FROM THE PROVINCIAL LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Text of the Resolution Which Was Passed at a Meeting Held Last Night.

New Westminster, June 3.—The Westminster Lacrosse Club, at a large meeting last night, formally left the provincial league, with which it has been connected since 1888. The following resolution was passed:

"That the conditions prevailing within the British Columbia Amateur Lacrosse Association, having become intolerable to this club, the secretary shall be directed to write to the secretary of the said association respectfully tendering the resignation of the New Westminster Lacrosse Club."

The resolution was the culmination of considerable discussion, and is the final act in the controversy over last year's championship, dating from the famous drawn game in Vancouver last August.

The action of the club is not unanimously approved locally, but the hope is entertained that it will result eventually in good for lacrosse generally.

Almost the sole topic of conversation in local lacrosse circles to-day is the final decision of the New Westminster club to withdraw from the British Columbia Lacrosse Association. The resignation of the Royal City Club has been in the hands of the secretary for several weeks, but no action was taken because of a general feeling that the threat would be reconsidered and matters amicably settled before the date of the next schedule league match. All hope of a satisfactory settlement was abandoned this morning when it was learned that at a general meeting of the New Westminster club held last night it was decided to stand by the determination to withdraw.

What effect this will have on the B. C. Association is not known. It leaves only Victoria and Vancouver in the league, and means that all the dates scheuled with either of the former teams and Westminster will be defaulted. If no understanding can be reached by the three clubs directly concerned, the result will possibly be a fatal blow to lacrosse in this province for several seasons. Of course before any temporary arrangement can be made for the present summer, there must be a meeting of the executive of the B. C. Association.

Should the New Westminster club refuse to enter the league again under any circumstances, Victoria will be placed in a peculiar position. If local officials decide to play their scheduled game with Vancouver the result will be the estrangement of the Victoria and Westminster club, while, should it be determined that the circumstances warrant the withdrawal of the local team from the league, Vancouver would in all probability be offended. This morning messages were received from both the Terminal City and Westminster by C. Cullin, captain of the local aggregation, requesting information regarding the attitude of this city's association.

A suggestion is submitted by the Vancouver club which will be taken into serious consideration. They agree to form a second senior twelve, fully as strong as the present aggregation to fill the dates which were to have been taken by the Royal City team. It is extremely doubtful, however, whether this proposal will meet with the approval of the Victoria executive.

This morning a prominent official in conversation with a Times reporter pointed out some of the difficulties in the way of carrying out such a plan with success.

In games with Victoria the proposal would no doubt work satisfactorily as good crowds would be attracted either in this or the Terminal City to see a game between the local and a Vancouver twelve. Matches between the two Vancouver teams on their own grounds would, however, prove a poor attraction, and if it so happened that the Terminal City teams secured first places there would be little interest in the result as the cup would necessarily have to go to the Terminal City. Altogether the sentiment appears to be decidedly against the adoption of such a proposal.

Judging by some of the telegrams from Westminster that city is anxious that Victoria should agree to lend them all the support possible. They announce that during the season exhibition matches can be arranged between the local and Royal City teams. Such games, it is contended, would draw just as well as any league contest, and the club would, by taking this step, insure itself against any special financial loss owing to the disorganized condition of the association.

It is not at all likely that the attitude of the Victoria club towards the Vancouver and Westminster teams will be made public until after the meeting of the general executive. This afternoon an informal meeting of members of the club is being held but, it is understood, nothing will be divulged until it is ascertained whether or not the association has it in its power to remedy matters. If it is decided that it is impossible to effect a settlement it will then be necessary for the Victoria team to decide upon its policy for the season.

ARRIVED SAFELY.

Fishermen Reach St. Johns in Herring Catcher Which They Found Adrift.

St. Johns, Nfld., June 2.—The American herring catcher A. M. Nicholson, of Bucksport, Me., adrift in an ice flow all winter, sailed safely into Bonne bay yesterday. The Nicholson's crew abandoned her on January 29th, and made their way over the ice to the mainland near the Bay of St. George. Five Newfoundland fishermen boarded the vessel on April 5th forty miles from Bonne bay, and, after a trying experience of 57 days, four of the fishermen brought her into port. The fifth had grown weary of the close confinement and left the vessel on May 29th and walked across the ice towards Portland creek. He has not been heard of since.

The fishermen had very little to eat. They lived most of the time on bread and water and flour boiled in a ventilator cover, the only thing left on board that could be utilized for cooking. They arrived in Bonne bay weak and exhausted.

LEGAL NEWS.

Applications Made in Chambers This Morning Before Mr. Justice Drake.

In Chambers this morning Mr. Justice Drake disposed of the following applications:

Re Bear Valley Watercourse—An application by Lindley Crease to adopt report of J. H. Gray, C. E. The report was adopted, costs to be borne proportionately.

Re estate of Thos. Saul—Lindley Crease made application to sell land. Service of notice of application on Barnes to be made by registered letter.

Frayer et al vs. Murray et al—An order was made to sign judgment. J. H. Samson, for plaintiff; W. J. Taylor, for defendant.

Hopper vs. Dunsmuir—An application was made to secure costs of appeal by plaintiff. Security to be put up on or before 7th inst. Proceedings to be stayed in the meantime. H. B. Aikman for plaintiff; H. Pooley for defendant.

Re Estate of J. J. Cohen—An application to approve of transfer of lease was allowed to stand over until 4th inst. J. H. Lawson for plaintiff; W. Moresby for defendant.

Re Albion Iron Works—A question of costs was allowed to stand over. H. D. Helmcken for petitioner; J. H. Lawson and A. W. Crease for shareholders.

RUSSIA AND BRITAIN.

No Steps Yet Taken Looking to a New Commercial Treaty.

St. Petersburg, June 3.—It is authoritatively stated that no negotiations have yet been begun looking to a new commercial treaty between Russia and Great Britain.

The negotiations for a treaty to allow firms in the United States and Russia to sue in the courts of Russia and the United States respectively have been completed, and the treaty probably will be signed by Foreign Minister Lamsdorff and Ambassador McCormick in a few days. Under the existing Russian law, United States corporations can be sued, but cannot sue in the courts of the empire.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Telegram From Emperor William and Chancellor Von Buelow on Completion of Cable.

Berlin, June 3.—Emperor William has telegraphed as follows to the concern which manufactured the second German cable just laid from Azores to New York: "My congratulations upon your splendid achievement."

Chancellor von Buelow telegraphed: "I congratulate you upon this success of German labor in an industrial field which only a few years ago seemed reserved for foreigners."

A GREAT TRANSACTION.

Premier Balfour on the Agreement Between Great Britain and France.

London, June 2.—The Anglo-French convention bill unanimously passed its second reading in the House of Commons this evening. This bill provides for the assent of parliament to the indemnities and cessions of territory under the recent Anglo-French agreement.

Premier Balfour, in the course of the debate, said the speakers showed lack of appreciation of the enormous benefits accruing from the arrangements in regard to Newfoundland. Under the old arrangements peace between France and Great Britain hung by a thread. The difficulty was now removed for ever. He considered the Anglo-French agreement to be one of the greatest international transactions on record, and the beginning of a happier era in international relations.

INDIGESTION, THAT MENACE TO HUMAN HAPPINESS, pitiless in its assaults, and no respector of persons, has met its conqueror in South American Nervine. This great stomach and nerve remedy stimulates digestion, tones the nerves, aids circulation, drives out impurities, dispels emaciation, and brings back the glow of perfect health. Cures hundreds of "chronics" that have baffled physicians. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—68.

The patent office at Washington during 1903 granted 31,699 patents. The net ballance to the credit of this office since it was founded in 1836 is $5,682,540.

THE WELLINGTON HAS BEEN LAID UP

OWING TO CONDITION OF THE COAL MARKET

Four-Masted Schooner Robert Hind Arrives to Carry Stone to San Francisco—Notes.

The steamship Wellington, which for many years plied between Island collieries and San Francisco in the Dunsmuir coal business, is tied up in Esquimalt, where she arrived early last week. Captain and crew have been paid off, and the prospects of the ship re-entering the same service, at least on the California route, are said to be very poor. The company has but one other steamer in the 'Frisco coal trade at present, and all told there are only three plying between the coal ports of Vancouver Island and the Golden Gate. This is the smallest fleet which has been operated for a good many years, and is a forcible illustration of the effect which the consumption of oil as fuel is having on the coal market of the Pacific Coast. In California oil is rapidly supplanting coal, and is retailing at comparatively low prices. Add to this the fact that British Columbians have to meet keen competition from Australians in what coal business there is left, and an explanation is given for laying off the Wellington.

But there is said to be another reason. It may seem extraordinary at first thought, but a little reflection will show that the big Norwegian ships can be run on this coast more economically than such vessels as the Wellington. The Tellus, for instance, carries over a thousand tons more cargo that the Victoria steamer, and her expenses of running are far less. While the captain of the Wellington received something like $200 a month salary, the skipper of the Tellus, it is stated, gets $95 per month, and the some disparity in the wage scale extends throughout for all members of the crew. In regard to the ship's provisions, it is said that as great, if not a greater, contrast was to be found. Therefore it is stated that it is cheaper for Mr. Dunsmuir to charter a Norwegian steamer than to operate a vessel of his own. The Tellus is under charter to him, and the Wyfield and Titania to the Western Fuel Company.

TEES ARRIVES.

It was fortunate that the recent accident to the steamer Tees did not occur in Queen Charlotte Sound, or in some other open stretch of water, as the consequences attending might have been serious. The vessel arrived from the Skeena early on Saturday with a new shaft and propeller in position, and in good sea going condition. She will sail again this evening, just two days behind schedule time.

As previously reported the ship shaft broke close to what is known as the lining. The propeller dropped into the water and the steamer was at once rendered helpless. She was taken back to the wharf, a new propeller and shaft were sent for and were shipped north on the steamer Amur. On the Skagway liner Diver McHardy and Supt. Engineer McGowan, of the C. P. R. service, took passage, the latter to oversee the work of installing the new shaft and propeller. Inasmuch as considerable boring had to be done to accommodate the new shaft, which was larger than the old one at the time and place of breakage, the undertaking proved tedious. The old propeller has not yet been recovered; it lies somewhere at the bottom of the Skeena.

The Tees brought south five passengers, including Dr. Fagan, who went north to investigate the case of smallpox landed at Simpson. The man suffering, who was mate on the Nell, is still in quarantine. His case turned out to be more serious than had been at first expected. Georgetown, where the Nell had called and landed cargo after the case had been discovered, and where the crew had gone ashore, has been quarantined.

Another passenger on the Tees was Dr. Lowe, of Regina, medical attendant of the Northwest Mounted Police. He made the round trip on the Tees to recuperate in health, and greatly enjoyed the scenery and pleasure of the voyage. Other arrivals were Miss Pidcock, Mr. Loewen, Mr. Butterfield and C. E. Harding.

Up at Essington news was learned of a pitiful case of attempted suicide. An Indian boy, as a result, it is stated, of a disagreement with his father, endeavored to take his life by shooting himself in the head. The stock of the gun had been placed on the ground and the muzzle under the chin. Instead of the charge killing the youth, however, it only inflicted a terrible wound by blowing the whole chin away, as also a portion of the lower part of the face, including the nose. The boy was afterwards taken to the hospital and is there receiving medical attention.

Indians and Japs on the Skeena are holding out for more pay than the canners feel inclined to give. They want seven cents a fish, while the wage offered them is one cent less. A large number of Indians were recently brought down the Skeena on the river, and everything is in readiness to commence fishing on the 15th inst., as soon as the question of wages has been settled. The spring run of salmon, however, had not yet set in when the Tees sailed.

DANGER FROM MINES.

While recognizing that the Russians, if acting deliberately, have adopted a policy contrary to the usages of civilized warfare in sowing the Yellow Sea with destructive mines, the officials of the Canadian Pacific railway in Montreal are not disposed to believe that the company's interests are seriously at stake.

"Our vessels," remarked Arthur Piers, the manager of the company's steamship lines, to a newspaper man, "run too far south of the scene of warfare to be seriously endangered. The only way in which one of them could come in contact with a mine would be by the instrument of destruction floating far beyond its original location.

"Doubtless this will account for the recent destruction of the Japanese men-of-war. It is scarcely conceivable that the Russians would so far depart from the recognized usages of modern warfare as to deliberately jeopardize the safety of vessels belonging to non-combatants. If the sowing of mines in the high seas were to be permitted for a moment, there would be no vessel that would be free from danger. For no matter how carefully a mine might be secured, there would always be the danger of its drifting from its moorings.

"So far as I can see, therefore, there is no likelihood of danger to Canadian Pacific steamers except in a contingency such as I have indicated. The course of our vessels is hundreds of miles from the scene of any probable naval conflict at the present time."

WILL LOAD STONE.

The American four-masted schooner Robt. R. Hind arrived Friday morning from Redundo, Cal. She has come to the Royal Roads for orders, and expects instructions to proceed from here to one of the east coast quarries to load stone for San Francisco. The stone is to be carried south for Frank Yorke, a former Victorian, who is now a contractor of the Bay City.

The Times some time ago stated that Mr. Yorke had received the contract for the supply of a very large amount of British Columbia stone, and it is presumed that the Hind's cargo will be but one consignment of many to be forwarded from here.

SPOKANE'S STOPPAGES.

The Alaska excursion steamship Spokane, which inaugurates her service on the 7th inst., will arrive here about 4 o'clock on the afternoon of that day, remaining in port four hours. This arrangement will apply to all sailings of the ship on her summer schedule, and will afford the tourists aboard a good opportunity of seeing this city. It is expected that on her first trip the ship will be well filled. It is also thought that many of her passengers will embark here.

STEAMER SINKS.

News has been received of the sinking of the N. C. Co.'s steamer Leah, which was tied up last fall in the Yukon between Forty-Mile and Eagle. A hole was punched in her hull when the ice broke up, and she filled with water. The Leah was valued at $80,000.

MARINE NOTES.

An Ottawa dispatch says that the Victoria Dock Company have filed a plan of their wharf with the minister of public works.

The American schooner Robt. Hind, which arrived on Friday, was in company with a ship in ballast for three days off the Cape. The vessel was inward bound, and is probably the Donna Francisco, which is under charter to load lumber, and is coming from San Francisco.

Capt. H. C. Thomas, formerly master of vessels in the fleet of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, plying between Seattle and ports in southeastern Alaska, has been given command of the company's excursion steamship Spokane.

THE BOUNDARY OUTPUT.

Shipments for the Year Over Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Tons.

Phoenix, June 4.—Boundary ore shipments this week bring the total for the year over 350,000 tons. The mines sending out ore are reported as follows: Granby Mines, to Granby smelter, 1,020 tons; Mother Lode, to Greenwood smelter, 4,864 tons; Emma, to Granby and Greenwood smelters, 1,010 tons; Oro Denoro, to Granby smelter, 520 tons; Brey Fogle, to Granby smelter, 66 tons; total for the week, 16,660 tons; total for the year to date, 350,801 tons.

This week the Granby smelter treated 11,464 tons, making a total of 265,734 tons thus far this year.

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VISITORS BEHOLD EFFECT OF METERS

GARDENS SUFFERING FROM LACK OF WATER

Condition Which Strikes Them as Strange Until Situation is Explained—In Hotel Corridors.

A party of tourists, consisting of B. F. Crabbs and Mrs. Crabbs, Miss Belle Hall and Miss Ida Hall, of Crawfordsville, Indiana, have been visiting the city during the past few days. They were charmed with the multitude of attractions which Victoria offers for the delectation of tourists, and from the quarterdeck of the tally-ho saw everything there was to be seen. But while loud in their praises of Victoria's beauties, they did not hesitate to indulge in criticism which cannot be characterized as unmerited. In the first place they expressed regret that the landscape was marred by so many high board fences. Lovely gardens, they said, were shut off from the admiring gaze of beholders by structures wholly devoid of symmetry, something unknown in the tourist centres on the other side of the line. In such places as San Jose, Pasadena, Los Angeles, Redlands, and the tourist resorts on the Atlantic, high fences and obscuring hedges were never seen. This strict exclusiveness, they pointed out, grated on the feelings of visitors attracted here by advertisements, which particularly played up the city's beautiful homes and gardens, and although they recognized that these could not be prevented, they intimated that structures of this kind would detract from the reputation of the city as a tourist resort. They also intimated their surprise that so many splendid lawns appeared to suffer for lack of water. As they did not meet the water commissioner in the course of their travels the cause of this deplorable condition was doubtless a mystery to them. This is exactly how the meter proposition will affect visitors. They come here to feast their eyes on the lovely gardens so enthusiastically eulogized by E. F. Knight, the celebrated correspondent, and instead they behold many of them in the sad process of decay. When Mr. Knight was here the meter inquisition had not even assumed the shape of a suggestion, and doubtless when he thinks of Victoria it is as a beauty centre, steadily improving in appearance as time rolls by. "To see ourselves as others see us" is indeed a privilege, but unfortunately the city council is deaf to reiterated admonitions, and continues levelling its fell blows at the city's prestige as a locality unrivalled in the Northwest. Mr. Crabbs and party were guests at the Hotel Davies.

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Victoria and its surroundings undoubtedly afford more opportunities for disciples of the revered Izaak Walton than most localities on this continent, and visitors are not slow to avail themselves of them. But, after having smashed a record or two in trout and salmon catching, the sport-loving tourist frequently becomes ambitious and seeks fresh piscatorial worlds to conquer. There are staying at the Driard a party from the Old Country, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Ward, of London, England, and Arthur W. Sonnenthal, of Bradford, England, who, after spending a few days here, intend leaving for Catalina Island, California. While there they will try their hands at tuna catching, probably the most exciting sport at the famed southern resorts. Those who have tackled these monster fish will swear that the capture of a tuna is the reverse of child's play. They run about two hundred and fifty pounds in weight and are caught with rod and line. Once a tuna gets on the hook it obviates the propelling force of sail or oars. Before it is conquered a desperate battle lasting several hours must be fought. When a man gets a tuna he becomes famous and may spend the rest of his summer at Catalina in lazily basking in the admiration centred on him.

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The advertisement which Victoria has received through the agencies of the Tourist Association is beginning to produce the expected harvest. Contingents of visitors are now en route, and there is every promise of lively traffic in this direction. Some have already been here and are now sowing the seeds of Victoria's gain elsewhere. This afternoon a party of twenty Raymond-Whitcomb excursionists are expected to arrive. Reference to this party has already been made in the Times. It is hardly as large as the usual battalion of excursionists organized by this celebrated agency, but as a scouting party it is of pretty respectable proportions. Manager Harrison, of the Driard, told a Times man this morning that another lot, comprising twenty-four sight-seers, would be along to-morrow. It will be in the latter months of the summer, however, when the invasion of this city will take place in force. Tourists, satiated with the bewildering variety of scenes at the St. Louis exposition, and longing for something natural as a refreshing contrast to the product of human ingenuity, will be glad to give Victoria a prominent position in their itineraries.

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Herbert Ritchie, the violinist, who accompanied Pete Storck to Southern California from Victoria last winter and who has lately been establishing a reputation for himself in the musical circles of Los Angeles and San Francisco, has returned to Victoria to spend a few weeks before leaving for Europe. Since leaving Victoria Mr. Ritchie has become more adept in the handling of his instrument, and critics pronounce his playing as now having the dash and finish of a very promising artist. Mr. Ritchie is very popular in Victoria, and doubtless his many friends will prevail upon him to play in public before he leaves to take up a two and a half years' course in the Sevelk conservatory under Kubelik, a notable master. Mr. Ritchie will finish his studies in Prague, Bohemia. A friend in California has undertaken to put Mr. Ritchie through this training, and the latter sails from New York in July. In the meantime he has been booked for a concert to be given in Seattle three weeks hence.

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A. E. Allen, of the Fit-Reform, accompanied by Mrs. Allen and children, and his sister, Miss J. M. Allen, of Liverpool, returned on Thursday after a three months' business and pleasure trip, taking in all the large business centres of the East and Europe.

Field Labor for Women.

AMERICAN WOMEN BETTER OFF THAN THE WOMEN OF EUROPE.

Statistics prove that there are larger numbers of women compelled to till the soil in Europe than in America. In some countries of Europe women do a large part of the agricultural work. This is thought to be degrading and showing a poor state of civilization. At the same time there is no doubt that if our American women could live more in the open air they would be stronger and healthier. Young girls are often crowded into poorly ventilated schools. Later in life they suffer from backache, spineaches and headaches. They are not fitted to take up the burden of married life.

A woman does not have to be a business woman to get tired. Many women have housekeeping duties and the care of children, which wears them out—makes them nervous. Our advice to all such women is to lie down in the middle of the day or a short period, on the flat of the back, without pillows or supports, and completely relaxing, endeavor to forget worries. More important than all is to get at the root of the troubles. A garden full of weeds will not grow beautiful vegetables, fruit or flowers. In the same way a woman cannot look well who has allowed her constitution to be undermined by the weaknesses, pains and aches which so many American women are prone to. To get at the real source of her trouble, a woman should consult a good specialist in the diseases of women. Perhaps the physician who has had the widest practice in this class of disease in all the United States, is Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y. You can get a medical opinion of your case from him free of charge, and your letter will be treated in the strictest confidence. For the majority of women suffering from those distressing pains and drains which come upon her periodically, there is nothing better than Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

Many mothers of families in the United States have reason to be grateful to the person who recommended Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. This is a medicine specially prescribed for diseases of womankind. It does not cure eczema, catarrh in all its forms, nor heart disease, for it is put up for the single purpose of curing diseases peculiar to women. It has a reputation of over thirty-five years of cures, and has sold more largely on this continent than any other medicine for women. Another point in its favor—it does not contain a single drop of alcohol or of any narcotic. It is purely vegetable. An alcoholic compound for women is something no woman should take. Womanly weakness will always bring on nervous irritability and a nervous condition, for which alcohol is the worst thing in the world. What the woman needs is a vegetable tonic, like Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, which will build up her delicate system and bring about a healthy tone. It cures the drains and weaknesses of women, and the manufacturers offer to pay $500 reward for any case of Leucorrhea, Female Weakness, Prolapsus, or Falling of the Womb, which they cannot cure. All they ask is a fair and reasonable trial.

Mrs. Albert Chrest, of Banbury, Ontario, writes: "It is over a year ago since I wrote to you describing my symptoms and feelings as well as I could, and asked you if you could cure me. You replied, saying that I had a bad form of kidney disease. As I could not afford to take your special treatment, I made up my mind to try Dr. Pierce's medicines. I took two bottles of the 'Favorite Prescription' and two bottles of Golden Medical Discovery.' Am now almost entirely well; can do all my own work, and without any pain. Had suffered with kidney disease for about seven years, and doctored with three different doctors, and took a lot of patent medicine, but they did me no good. Since I have taken your medicine I can safely say that I am well, and work is not a trouble to me as it used to be. I always speak highly of your medicines and recommend them, because I know they deserve a good name. I wish you every success."

Miss Carrie Sprecher, of Mount Morris, Ill., writes Dr. R. V. Pierce, as follows: "I was back in my old home when your letter came. I will try and explain regarding the good I received from your medicines. For over one year I suffered from what my physicians pronounced womb trouble. Had doctored with doctors in the East and also in the West but found only temporary relief. The next time of my sickness I found myself no better, and in that way it kept going on from time to time until I became discouraged. I finally resolved to write you for advice. I purchased two bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, two vials of his 'Pleasant Pellets,' and by using only that small quantity I have found wonderful relief. I say to all who are suffering from troubles similar to mine that it is unnecessary to be sick when one can use Dr. Pierce's remedies."

Read The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, by R. V. Pierce, M.D. Send 21 cents in one-cent stamps to Dr. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., for this 1008 page book in paper covers, or 31 cents for a cloth-bound copy.

AWAITING REPLY.

No Answer Yet Received From Sultan of Morocco Regarding Bandits' Prisoners.

Tangier, June 3.—The rumor to the effect that the American warships will land armed parties on June 6th, if Messrs. Perdicaris and Varley, captured by brigands headed by Rasllus, are not liberated, has been proved to be untrue. The Sultan's reply to the powers has not yet been received, but it is said on high authority that the matter will probably be settled by the end of next week.

"Come and dine with us to-morrow," said the old fellow who had made his money and wanted to push his way into society. "Sorry," replied the elegant man. "I can't; I'm going to see 'Hamlet.'" "That's all right," said the hospitable old gentleman; "bring him with you."

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