Mrs. Hughson, of Chicago, whose letter follows, is another woman in high position who owes her health to the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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Mrs. Pinkham Tells How Ordinary Tasks Produce Displacements.

Apparently trifling incidents in woman's daily life frequently produce displacements of the womb. A slip on the stairs, lifting during menstruation, standing at a counter, running a sewing machine, or attending to the most ordinary tasks may result in displacement, and a train of serious evils is started.

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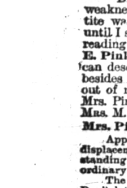

Mrs. Lelah Stowell, 177 Wellington St., Kingston, Ont., writes:

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VANDERBILT GIRL BABY BORN

Heir to Big Fortune Arrives at Young Reginald's Home.

New York special: Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt gave birth to a baby girl at the Vanderbilt home. The little one is a healthy, lusty infant, and the mother passed the crisis well. Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt was Miss Cathleen Gebhart Neilson, daughter of Mrs. Frederick Neilson. She was married in the fall of 1902 at the Neilson home at Newport.

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Another new thing. Can be cut six times during a season and sprouts again with lightning rapidity. Next to Salzer's Teosinte it will make more green fodder than anything else; cheap as dirt and grows everywhere.

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JUST LIKE OTHER MEN

It is not often that Mr. Fletcher buys a new hat two days in succession. He wouldn't have had to buy them this time if he had not been such a coward. At any rate, Mrs. Fletcher claims that was the reason, although Fletcher holds that he was guiltless of cowardice and that nine out of ten self-respecting men would have behaved just as he did.

It all came about as a result of Fletcher's New Year's resolution. The resolution was not really his, but his wife's. She cut it out of a magazine and gave it to him to paste in his hat. Fletcher had just bought a new derby hat that day, and he objected to defacing its crown.

"But you can paste it on the inside," argued Mrs. Fletcher.

"Yes," said Fletcher. "That's where I think it will go if I paste it in at all. It would be rather conspicuous on the outside. But I don't want it anywhere. It won't do me any good to make a resolution. I'll break it right away, I always do."

"But you really ought to try to keep this," she urged. "Just read it and see what it is about."

Fletcher took up the clipping she had laid on the table and read it aloud:

"Resolved, That I will do all in my power the coming year to please my wife."

Mrs. Fletcher nodded encouragingly.

"Well," said her husband presently, "I don't see why you want to label me with that. It isn't in the least appropriate. I always try to please you, and, besides, I'd feel beastly uncomfortable going around with a copy book quotation of that kind stuck in my hat. Supposing my hat should blow off some time and give the fellows a chance to see the clipping?"

In the end, however, Fletcher's arguments proved unavailing, and the resolution to promote domestic felicity was pasted in the crown of his new derby hat. The day after his capitulation was a bad one for hats. Mr. Fletcher's derby came in for its share of buffeting. Twice it was lifted from his head and blown into the faces of passersby, who caught it and returned it with uncomplimentary remarks. The third time it was less fortunate. Fletcher was standing on the rear platform of a Broadway car when a howling blast of wind made straight at him and sent his own hat in company with two others, careening down the street. A small boy gave chase to the fugitive headgear. Two of the hats got the start of him and were sent whirling into the chaotic depths of a vacant lot; the third lodged in an angle of a board fence. The boy picked it up and ran after the car. A man who stood jammed against the railing reached out and took the hat. He hauled it in bottom side up, and in so doing read the New Year's resolution.

"By George!" he said, "one of you fellows must be kept in leading strings all right. Which one of you is it that is so ground down that you have to paste the badge of submission in your hat?"

The three bare-headed men exchanged glances.

"Not guilty," said the heavyweight blonde. "I am not married."

Fletcher and the third man were left to settle it between them. The third man was shabby. He eyed the new derby longingly. Fletcher reddened and shuffled uneasily. The shabby man noticed the signs of confusion and embraced his opportunity variantly.

"It's mine," he said.

The shabby man left the car at the next crossing. Fletcher watched him go with a kind of despair. He had paid $5 for the hat and its loss under such humiliating circumstances afflicted him sorely. Still, he had denied it once, thus making reclamation impossible.

Fletcher bought a second derby exactly like the first. He hoped thereby to deceive his wife and prevent her discovering the exchange, but she noticed the absence of the resolution, and by degrees wormed the whole story out of him. Then was when she called him a coward, but Fletcher maintains that there was no other way out of the difficulty with honor to himself and his sex.—New York Times.

The Man-Eating Clam

Sailors are proverbially fine romancers. One who recently returned from a voyage in the South Pacific tells this story of a narrow escape from death when caught in a living trap on one of the little islands there.

"The ship," he said, "had stopped at the island for water, and I was walking along the beach at low tide, looking for shells and other sea curiosities. I reached a rock which at high tide was under water and started to climb around it; without thought of danger and without paying much attention to the surroundings. As I turned the corner of the rock I felt my foot slip on something soft; there was a snap, and the next instant I discovered that I had carelessly walked into one of the great mollusks or sea clams, which are to be found at low tide along the coasts of those islands.

"These clams are over three feet in diameter, and the muscles which hold their great shells together are like steel springs. When I stepped into the open clam the two shells shut up with a snap, imprisoning me as in a vise. The edges of the shell caught me above the knees, and at first I thought I would faint from the pain. Then I tried to push the shells open. I might as well have tried to pry open the doors of a locked iron safe with my bare hands.

"I had a clasp knife, and, drawing this out, I attempted to cut the muscle which held the shells together. But I couldn't quite reach it, and every time I made a stab the shells would close tighter than ever. I have sailed the seas a good many years and been in bad places before but never one where things looked so hopeless as they did then. There was no use in calling for help, although of course, I did, for I had wandered up the beach nearly a mile from where the rest were.

"But what at first looked like my greatest peril proved my salvation in the end. The tide was coming in, and unless I could escape from this living trap I would be drowned. I thought. So I redoubled my efforts with the knife. They were useless. The tide kept creeping up. Then it finally reached the part of the giant clam where was the muscle which contracts and expands the two shells. To my surprise and joy, when the water reached this muscle it relaxed, only a little, to be sure, but enough so that I could manage to pull out my leg. It was the tightest squeeze I was ever in, you may believe."

We all know the clam-eating man, but this is the first heard of a man-eating clam.—New York Press.

The Rose Jar's Scent

Just a subtle breath of roses, just the faintest whiff of rose leaves,
In the mistiness of twilight stealing softly through the room
From the jar of olden china that has held for years the sweetness
Of a dead and vanished summer and its delicate perfume.

Oh, the wings of fancy flitter and the thoughts go traveling backward
With a mingled pain and pleasure to the days of long ago,
When the rose jar was tended by a maiden fair and holy
Whom you served, as Jacob Laban, for a flaming Rasquemnot.

You remember her first token was a pale rose and a white one,
And you bowed as to some seraph as you took it from her grace,
For the rose was cold, though lovely, but its frost was stone-stored for
By the warmth of all the blush in the half-secreted face.

Her next token was a pink rose—something more than you had hoped for.
Something less than Love demanded by his archer's shining brim—
Then you kissed the lady's fingers and your wonder grew to patience
As you kissed the lady's fingers that were very white and slim.

Then the best of all the red one—oh, the flaming, velvet red one!—
That is dire to touch for a trembling, such a quiv'ring little smile,
But the eyes were starlight and steadfast and you knew through all the playing
That 'twas more than rose she gave you for your keeping all the while.

Oh, the rose of velvet petals! Oh, the lovely, flaming June rose!
Oh, the rose of ruby color, that is like a human heart!
Then you plucked the scarlet blossom of her lips, that love had opened.
Oh, the double-petaled flower that her love had blown apart!

Oh, the fragrance of the rose jar, with its dead and buried treasure!
How it floats upon the stillness of the twilight as of old
Till you thrill to touch her fingers—till you almost seem to see her
Coming toward you from the mystery, the silence and the gloom!

Oh, the joys that, like the roses, blossomed bravely, blossomed bravely,
White and pink and flame of scarlet, but whose beauty bright is fled!
Only now do I forget you, with a message tender, coming
Like the fragrant breath of perfume from the rose jar that are dead.
—Waterbury American.

Size of Noah's Ark

As in the case of the story of Jonah and his brief but intimate acquaintance with the whale, questions have been raised about the authenticity of the story of the trip of the first householder, the ark. Was it possible to construct a vessel having the reputed capacity of that famous craft? What were its dimensions, anyway? These questions have buzzed in the heads of more than one "old subscriber" and "constant reader." The editor of the Syren and Shipping has undertaken to answer these questions and to lay for all time any doubts as to whether the writer of the story of the deluge was ignorant of the subject of shipbuilding.

"Within the last ten years," he says, "the general dimensions of the ark have been closely followed by cargo steamship builders for deep sea and the American Great Lakes service. According to the Bible, the ark was 480 feet long, 80 feet wide and 48 feet deep. Her tonnage was 11,413, and she had plenty of room for pairs of all the distinct species of animals that are classed by Buffon—244—and she could have accommodated a thousand persons, and then have plenty of room for the storage of supplies. In the seventeenth century Peter Jansen, a Hollander, built a vessel of the exact proportions of the ark, and she was successful, as records of the times show, in making money for her owners. Noah, 'the father of naval architecture,' is held in profound respect by naval architects of to-day, who know how immeasurably the Phoenicians, Greeks and Romans and all other shipbuilders fell short of the excellence of the type of the ark as a commodious, safe and economical vessel."

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Miss Rose Gordon, 2,102 Oakland Ave., Oakland Heights, Madison, Wis., writes:—"A few years ago I caught a severe cold, which resulted in chronic bronchitis and catarrh. Our family physician prescribed medicines which gave temporary relief only. I began taking Peruna and improved at once. Two bottles cured me. I recommend Peruna to all sufferers, and am most grateful to you for your valuable medicine."—Miss Rose Gordon.

Washington, D. C., 609 H street, N. W. Dear Dr. Hartman:—"I used to think that the doctors knew all about our aches and pains and were the proper ones to consult when sick, but since I have been sick myself I certainly had good reason to change my mind. During the winter I caught a heavy cold, which developed into catarrh of the bronchial tubes and to inflamed condition of the respiratory organs. The doctors were afraid that pneumonia would set in and prescribed pills, powders and packs until I sickened of the whole thing, as I did not improve. One of the ladies in the Home had a bottle of Peruna and she advised me to try that. Shortly after I began using it I felt that I had found the right medicine. I used two bottles and they restored me easily and pleasantly to perfect health. While my stomach was very delicate, Peruna did not nauseate me in the least, but gave me a good appetite, and I wish to express my gratitude to you for restored health."—Miss Rosalie Von Struening.

CATCHING COLD

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There is no fact of medical science better established than that a teaspoonful of Peruna before each meal during the winter season will absolutely protect a person from catching cold. Now, if this is true (and there is no doubt of it), thousands of lives would be saved, and tens of thousands of cases of chronic catarrh prevented, by this simple precaution within reach of every one.

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It seems strange that as well known and well established as these facts are any one should neglect to profit by them, and yet so much is there are many who pay little or no attention to them and go on catching cold, acquiring chronic catarrh, bronchitis and consumption.

Catarrh May Permeate the Whole System.

Mrs. Mary E. Sampson, West Derry, Rockingham County, N. H. writes:—"I had terrible headaches, both ears run and I was nervous all the time, also had troubles each month; was deaf in one ear for thirty years. I took six bottles of Peruna and one of Manalin and am happy to say that it is the best medicine that I ever used. I am not so nervous, my appetite is good, everything I eat agrees with me, and I am feeling better in every way. I think Peruna is a Godsend to women and a blessing to suffering humanity."—Mary E. Sampson.

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Not Like His Mother.

Life tells a good story of the small son of a certain university professor, whose parents are deservedly popular for their tact and courteous speech. The youngster appeared at the home of a fellow-professor and hesitatingly asked Mrs. —— if he might look at the parlor rug. Permission was, of course, granted, and Mrs. —— felt some surprise to see the little fellow stoop over the rug and stare silently for some half-minute. He straightened himself up, and, meeting her wondering expression, said triumphantly: "It doesn't make me sick!"

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