Miss Nellie Holmes, treasurer of the Young Woman's Temperance Association of Buffalo, N. Y., strongly advises all suffering women to rely, as she did, upon Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Your medicine is indeed an ideal woman's medicine, and by far the best I know to restore lost health and strength. I suffered misery for several years, being troubled with menorrhagia. My back ached, I had bearing-down pains and frequent headaches. I would often wake from restful sleep, and in such pain that I suffered for hours before I could go to sleep again. I dreaded the long nights as much as the weary days. I consulted two different physicians, hoping to get relief, but, finding that their medicine did not seem to cure me, I tried your Vegetable Compound on the recommendation of a friend from the East who was visiting me.

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Miss Irene Crosby, prominent in Social Life in East Savannah, Ga., adds her testimonial to the value of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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Remember that every woman is cordially invited to write to Mrs. Pinkham if there is anything about her case or symptoms she does not understand. Mrs. Pinkham's address is Lynn, Mass. Her advice is free, and is cheerfully given to any ailing woman who asks for it.

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The Passenger Department of the Illinois Central Railroad Company have recently issued a publication known as Circular No. 13, in which is described the

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for the growing of early strawberries and early vegetables. Every dealer in such products should address a postal card to the undersigned at Dubuque, Iowa, requesting a copy of Circular No. 13.

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HILL'S ESTIMATE OF GRAIN CROPS

Railroad Magnate Declares Wheat Total Will Not Exceed 510,000,000 Bu.

FIGURES CORN AT 2,000,000,000

Expresses the Belief That at No Time Has There Been Ground for Placing the Yield of Coarse Cereal at 2,500,000,000.

CROP YIELDS AND ESTIMATES

Year.	Bu. wheat. Millions.	Bu. corn. Millions.
1900	522	2,105
1901	748	1,523
1902	670	2,524
1903	638	2,244
1904 (Gov't est.)	523	2,237
1904 (Hill est.)	510	2,000

New York dispatch: A total of 510,000,000 bushels is the estimate for the country's wheat crop made by James J. Hill. This is one of the lowest estimates so far made for the crop. "The estimate of the wheat crop when I made some weeks ago," said Mr. Hill, "placing the aggregate for spring and winter wheat at 540,000,000 bushels, was made at a time when deterioration was in progress. Subsequent damage has reduced the yield to about 510,000,000 bushels, or at the extreme 515,000,000 bushels. There will not be more than 500,000,000 bushels of flourishing wheat. My estimate of 2,000,000,000 bushels for the corn crop will not be exceeded.

Doubts Government Figures.

Mr. Hill expressed the opinion that there never at any time were any grounds on which to base an estimate for the year's corn crop as high as 2,500,000,000 bushels, and said that at the most favorable period the indications did not point to more than 2,200,000,000. In speaking of wheat he drew attention to the fact that the government report of condition as of Sept. 1 of last year, when the crop was all made, indicated a yield fully 50,000,000 bushels above the final total. Last year's experience, he thinks, is about to be repeated in this respect.

"If the St. Paul is about to build to the coast," Mr. Hill declared, "I should be very glad to see it make its terminus at Seattle. People would naturally jump at the conclusion that should the St. Paul build to that city the increased competition would work injury to our lines, but this is untrue."

FUMES OF ACID PROVE FATAL

Two Denver Firemen Dead and Others Seriously Injured.

Denver, Col., special: Lieut. Charles Dolof and Truckman John McGlade are dead and two other firemen are in a precarious condition from inhaling fumes of nitro acid, a carboy of which was burst by a bolt of lightning which started a fire in the etching rooms of the Post Printing and Publishing company. Truckman Sherman B. Wilcox has double pneumonia and is in a serious condition. Capt. Charles Eyman is seriously ill. Nine other firemen are also suffering from the effects of the fumes. They are Acting Chief John Dulmage, Lieut. Vincent Davidson, Truckman Edward Hollingsworth, Frank P. Lunt and William Alward, Pipemen John Ryan, Emil Normile and William H. Granges and Driver William Lewis.

APPOINTMENTS BY GOV. YATES

Delegates to Represent Illinois at the National Farmers' Congress.

Springfield, Ill., dispatch: Gov. Yates has appointed the following delegates to represent Illinois at the national farmers' congress, to be held in St. Louis Sept. 26 to 30: G. C. Baker of Plainville, S. N. Black of Clayton, F. M. Weis of Peru, Emory Hoyt of Tonica, H. J. Gunn of McNabb and John Bowers, John Benbo, H. W. St. John and Thomas Parrish of Wellington.

Gov. Yates has appointed Dr. N. M. Ross of Carrollton a trustee for the Illinois Central hospital for the insane at Jacksonville, vice F. M. Menke of Quincy, resigned.

CANADA IS TO ANNEX AMERICA

Andrew Carnegie Denies He Favors Dominion's Independence.

London cable: Denying a statement in a letter from Francis Wayland Glen of Brooklyn in the Ottawa Journal that he favored Canadian independence, Andrew Carnegie says in a letter to the Mail: "Whenever Canada makes a change, I think, it will be her destiny to annex the United States, as Scotland did England. After this is accomplished the motherland will be glad to unite with her then ungifted children."

STOCK DEALER IS BANKRUPT

A. C. White of Columbus, Ind., Has No Assets and Owes $28,624.34.

Vernon, Ind., dispatch: Albert C. White of Columbus, Ind., a farmer and stock dealer, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. His liabilities are $28,624.34, with no assets. The following are some of the heaviest creditors: Commercial bank of Paris, Tenn., $10,594.27; Joseph I. Irwin of Columbus, Ind., $6,226.25; Fall City bank, Louisville, Ky., $5,939.46.

THE STRAIN OF WORK.

Best of Backs Give Out Under the Burden of Daily Toil.

Lieut. George G. Warren, of No. 2 Chemical, Washington, D. C., says: "It's an honest fact that Doan's Kidney Pills did me a great lot of good, and if it were not true I would not recommend them. It was the strain of lifting that brought on kidney trouble and weakened my back, but since using Doan's Kidney Pills I have lifted six hundred pounds and felt no bad effects. I have not felt the trouble come back since, although I had suffered for five or six years, and other remedies had not helped me at all."

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A Vindictive Scribe.

"What was the matter with the Plaindealer last week?" asked the washing-machine agent. "I picked up a copy over at Allegash, and could not make head or tail of a considerable portion of it."

"Aw!" replied the landlord of the Pettyville tavern. "The editor emptied all the dashes, exclamation points and asterisks he had into the forms, and set 'em all up together to express his opinion of some feller that found six complimentary tickets that he accidentally dropped on the street circus morning and then returned 'em to him by mail two days after the show had gone."—Puck.

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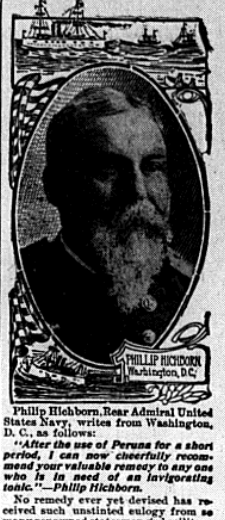

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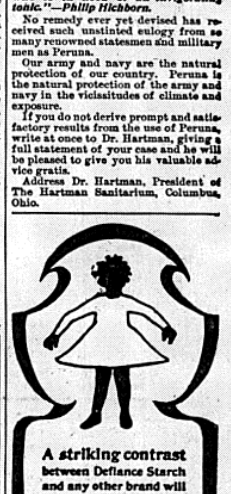

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