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The Marrying Month.

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their parents until spring, then set-ting up an establishment for them-selves. During the summer months the intense heat of the great Hun-garian plain, while possibly having no effect upon the courting, serious-ly discourages matrimony. for the numbers of marriages in June, July, and August combined, do not equal that of January alone. In Greece, which is further to the There is a common idea that when men and women fall in love and make up their minds to commit matrimony, the times and seasons have nothing whatever to do with the matter, but that, having resolved to take the desperate leap, they do so without re-

that of January alone. In Greece, which is further to the south than Hungary the cooler months are in high favor. Among the peo-ple who recently made so signal a failure in their effort to thrash the Sultan, the favorite marrying months are October 161; January, 148; No-vember, 145; and April, 135; the pre-ference for October being probably in-spired in part at least by the delicgard to month or day. If this were the case, then according to the doctrine of probabilities, the marriages of the year should be pretty evenly distributed over its months, and no one should have the preference over another. It is, however, a singular, fact that there are favorite months for marriage; that even impatient lovers restrain their desire to be in-dissolubly united and await the sea-son which in their country is deemed most propitious for purposes matrianother. It is, however, a singular,

the hills are again green and for a most bropitious for purposes matri-monial. The matrimonial month, like the festival of Easter, is movable. It is not the same in all countries, for, while some nations prefer one, others choose an entirely different month, often in another season, as the favor-ite for the solemnization of marriage rites. In Russia, for example, consid-ering the importance and sanctity of Christmas as a festival and of Eas-ter as the holiest season of the year, it would be reasonable to conclude that the greatest number of marriage would take place either in December or in the Easter month. Such, how ever, is not the case, for instead of meriting one or the other of her fav-orite festivals at the time for her mar-riages among the subjects of the for marital relation. Of every 1000 mar-riages among the subjects of the for-ther are 232 in January and 270 in February, while in March there is a tremendous falling off in the busies of the fall mass and subsequent recov-ery that the ecclesiastical authorities rawled through this loophole by feigned illness and subsequent recov-ery that the ecclesiastical authorities rawled through this loophole by feigned illness and subsequent recov-ery that the ecclesiastical authorities rawled through this loophole by feigned illness and subsequent recov-ery that the ecclesiastical authorities rawled through this loophole by feigned illness and subsequent recov-ery that the ecclesiastical authorities rawles and rinking the good things provided on such occasions. The effect of Lent on matrimory may be seen by a contemplation of the marriage statistics of two cities, provided on such occasions.

new life. The tide then rises to for-ty-three in April and ninety in May, fluctuating with trifling variations until October, where there are 185, a slight decrease occurring in Novem-ber, and an almost total cessation of the business taking place in Decem-ber, only nine couples in 1000 choosing that month. The explanation of the Russian pre-ference is found partly in climatic con-ference is found content content in the ference is found content c

The explanation of the Russian pre-ference is found partly in climatic con-ditions and partly in sciland reliance to the former is proble of the latter but 78; the difference regard felt in the North for the per-iod of fasting. The former is not only the Lenten sea-son, which by the Greek Church, is observed with an iron discipline far more severe than in any other part of Christendom, but is, in Russian parlance, the rapputnya, or "change and of season " During about thirty days there is every variety of climate that the wildest imagination can devise. Rain, snow, hot sunshine, freeze, thaw thunder storm, wind, blizzard; the months mext in favor are Novem-bus of that period, thus making February and April two of the best months, the fomer having 152, and the latter 111 in 1000 After these two, there not popular either in urban or rur-al France: though, of course, there is giving in maringe during the months, the business suffers a ser-ing rasputnya, for the roads are im passable, the rivers are one day sofit has become the established custom in Russia to drink tea and wait untit Providence chooses to put an end to the season which is neither winter nor spring, but a confusing conglomer the idea of being married without a wedding feast attended by every neighbor who is well enough to come is entirely out of the question; quite in the theory of Similia Simil-bus, or, perhaps, because young people find the heat of the sun sufficiently preposterous, in fact, and as compara-mench when the theory of similia simil-bus of the theory of simila simil-bus, or, perhaps, because young people find the heat of the sun sufficiently preposterous, in fact, and as comparaneighbor who is well enough to come, is entirely out of the question; quite preposterous, in fact, and as compara-tively few can come in rasputnya, that season is almost interdicted. "He martemperature by the fires of love. The most ardent swain doth not protest much when the thermometer is at 100 Fahrenheit; he gives himself a rest and lets the party of the second part take a good deal for granted until the memory climbs down from its lofty perch and the cool breezes of autumn dry up his perspiration, and fan again into a blaze the smoldering fires on the scheme finite dorotion season is almost interdicted. "He mar-ried his daughter in rasputnya," was the sneering remark made by a dros-ohky driver to a recent traveler, when speaking of a local skinflint, intimat-ing the the old gentleman was too

jewelry kept there for such cocasions, and the next annual census retords the addition of one more family to the population of the village. Throughout the English-speaking world the favorite wedding month is June, during which, as a rule, occur nearly two-tenths of the 1000 mar-riages every year. The antiquarians who are fond of finding far-etched analogies trace the preference for June weddings back to Roman days, when the month of June was sacred to Juno, the patroness of brides and matri-mony. If they were correct, it would be reasonable to suppose that the Juno month would be most popular in Italy, where the country people still retain many relies of pagan superstition and observance. The fact that June is no longer the banner month in Italy, but that, as already shown, climatic and religious influences have shifted the majority of the weddings to other months, gives reason to suspect that the same causes, rather than a predi-lection for the month of Juno, have been at work on the British Isles. In that high latitude the month of June is the season which in the middle Unit-ed States is represented by May, the seasoning of budding leaves and blooming flowers. In the spring a livelier Iris changes on

is the season which in the month of Julie is the season which in the middle Unit-ed States is represented by May, the seasoning of budding leaves and blooming flowers.
In the spring a livelier Iris changes on the burnish'd dove:
In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love. Tennyson was right. The idea of looking back 2000 years for the explanation which is furnished by natural conditions is allogether unnecessary, if not absurd. Love-making in the spring time when the language of flowers is on every lip, when the birds are billing and cooing on every bough, when the balmy breezes invite to outdoor life, is as natural to the inmate of the lover of Lucile as to the wooer of "Sally in Our Alley." The early Eng-island, and from New England the preference for June spread little by little over the whole continent. Next after June In popularity comes October. For this month also is a favorite period for the contraction of alliances matrimonial the men of books, and learning find an antiquarian explanation in the fact that among both Greeks and Romans in autumn, the season of grapes and vintage, occurred no e of the wost notable festivals of the year. But in this, as in the former case, it seems useless to seek far.

one of the most notable festivals of the year. But in this, as in the for-mer case, it seems useless to seek far-fetched reasons whon a plain common-sense explanation is at hand. In this country spring and autumn are the pleasantest seasons of the year, and even in matters of the heart people consult their own convenience far consult their own convenience far more frequently than is generally sup-

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more frequently than is generally sup-posed. So far as the day of the week is con-cerned Wednesday is the favorite. If there were anything in the antiquar-ian theory, the favorite week day am-ong the Anglo-Saxons ought to be Fri-day, for Frea, the Saxon goddess after whom our day off ill-luck and misfor-tune is named, was like Juno, a pat-roness of matrimony, but no English or American girl, however devoid of superstition, would care to take the risk of being married on Friday. Frea was the wife of Woden, who has given the name to our Wednesday, but the -cansfer of the favorite week day for weddings from the day of Frea as among the pagan Saxons to the day of Woden, was probably caused by convenience rather than by any regard for the feelings of either Woden or his spouse. Wednesday is the middle day of the week, and therefore the most econvenient, for it affords time for preparation after the preceding Sun-day, and opportunity for travel be-fore the Sunday following. Thus in the day of the week, as in the selection of the month, the convenience of those interested becomes the most import-ant factor. ant factor.

TOOTHACHE.

There are several kinds of toothache,

due to very different causes, and as

-------About the House.

APPLE TARTLETS. Line some patty pans with good puff paste; bake, When cold fill with stewed apples, nicely sweetened. and flavor with lemon. Beat up a litand havor with femole. Beac op a fit the cream, sweeten to taste, ornament each tartlet with a ring of it and place a small lump in the centre. Dust over the cream a little powdered sugar colored with cochineal.

each tartlet with a ring of the and place a small lump in the centre. Dust over the cream a little powdered sugar colored with cochineal. NUTRITIVE VALUE OF CABBAGE. While the nutritive value of cab-bage is less than almost any other en raw makes it a valuable addition vegetable, its digestibility when eat-en raw makes it a valuable addition to the semi-invalid's limited bill of fare. Shaved very fine, thrown into cold water until crisped, drained and served with French dressing, it can usually be assimilated without un-pleasant after-results. THE SEED FLAT. An excellent box in which the seeds for early flowers can be sown is about

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STRANGE ADOPTIONS.

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and when you wish to apply the pa-per, dampen the wall with thin paste, and use thick paste on the paper in the ordinary way. If wall paper is smoked and grimy, it can be clean-ed to look almost like new by making a very thick dough of 1 qt. flour and five cents' worth of ammonia, adding a little cold water if needed. Work and knead the dough till smooth and free from stickiness, then cut off a piece and rub the paper, turning the dough so a clean surface is presented with every stroke, and taking a fresh piece when that gets too dirty to use. If the walls are pained and need a thorough washing, they may be English and French nature periodials have lately been collecting records of instances in which cats have adopted strange friends or nurslings, and they find no lack of such instances. The cases in which cats and dogs have formed close friendly relations are literally too numerous to mention. It really seems as if there were no animal friendship so strong and lasting as that between cats and logs, when once it is formed.

It is well known that mother cats. when deprived of their new-born progeny, will adopt puppies, rabbits, monkeys or almost any other tender young creatures which may be handy. But the London Field has recorded a case for which there was no such apparent explanation.

A cat and a female fox-terrier, which had brought into the world their progeny at about the same time, deliberately swapped their young, the cat taking the puppies to bring up

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wash that will not rub off easily. Such can be made by mixing up 1-2 pail lime and water in the usual way; then take 1-4 pint of flour, mix with a water, pour on a sufficient quantity of boiling water to make a paste, pour it while hot into the whitewash and stir all well together. If you want to paper walls that have been whitewashed make a flour paste, add a generous quantity of liquid glue, apply evenly to the walls with a whitewash brush; let it dry,

Broiled Oysters. Drain large, select or stand wipe them dry with a bid of cheese cloth. Dust lightly with shat and eavenne. Toast squares of bread, arrange them metty on a platter, and put in the warmer or over. Put he oysters on an oyster togeler, and there since Most learned to walk are a broad of very handsome appearance came perhaps even "prance." so that the prate work have learned to walk are a broad of very handsome appearance came perhaps even "prance." so that the prate with a bid. If there are ceilings to broad, and nothing will go as the the lettuce gives the slight every. HOUSECLEANING HINTS.
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MORE TO THE POINT.

My sympathy, he said is always with the under dog. Yes, she replied, but did you ever choke an upper dog loose?

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