

# The Scrap Bag

In writing to a friend, Mr. Hall Calne says: "Soon after 'The Deemster' was produced in England as a play by Wilton Barrett under the name of 'Ben-My-Chree,' a murder was committed in Canada, known as the Woodstock murder. In 'The Deemster' a young man of almost noble character gradually sinks until he murders his dearest friend, and afterwards works out his atonement. In the Woodstock case a man of hitherto blameless life had murdered his friend. One day I received a letter from Ottawa inclosing two others, one from the young man a week before his execution. 'I saw the play in which the poor fellow, Dan Myre, killed his friend and then worked out an atonement. I think it was founded on a book by Hall Calne. Will you send me the book as soon as possible?' The second letter was written late at night on the day before the execution, and I nearly as I can remember, it ran something like this: 'I have just finished the story of that poor lad. I feel stronger for the end. God-by; God bless you.' No one can tell the effect these letters had on me. I seemed to hear the ring on the scaffold of feet made stronger by a work of mine. I value such things higher than any reputation or money."

France is certainly the sensitive plant of Europe, for she is always crying out "Ouch!" in obedience to some imaginary finger point of insult.

"A little way to walk with you, my own."

Only a little way.

Then one of us must weep and walk alone.

Until God's day.

A little way! It is so sweet to live together that I know

Life would not have one withered rose to give

If one of us should go.

And if these lips should ever learn to smile,

With your heart far from mine,

Two would be for joy that in a little while They would be kissed by S. Rodgers.

(The Editor of the Scrap Bag thinks this is getting pretty sentimental, but what are you to do, when it is hot weather and the poets won't let?)

H. R. S., of London township, who writes to the Scrap Bag to know if it is the correct thing when sending a letter by a friend to put "kindness of me-and-so" on the envelope, may as well omit that little formula in future for the custom of writing "present," "addressed," "kindness of," and "favored by" on letters sent by private messengers is said to be going out of fashion. The name of the person and the street and number are now all that is usually written.

He—Do you really think that kissing is wicked? The New Woman—it is worse than wicked. It is insatiable.—Indianapolis Journal.

Failure to catch the hint conveyed under a phrase is a frequent cause of misunderstanding. A raw Highland student, visiting at the house of a Glasgow acquaintance, greatly exercised his hostess by his behavior at the breakfast, where, finding the bones of some fish he was eating somewhat in the way upon his plate, he proceeded to scatter them about him on the floor. "Don't trouble about your fishbones, Mr. —," I'll give you another plate," said the lady, trembling for her new carpet. "Oh, it's no trouble at all," I assure ye, I'm no troubled with the bones," replied the obtuse student; and went on cheerfully scattering his bones as before.—British Weekly.

The gratitude of all women is due to the Arena for its courageous and advanced position on the woman question. Almost every month it publishes some article which deserves a separate and special vote of thanks. Its attitude is in striking contrast to that of some of our other large magazines, whose editorial utterances on this question will be read with a mixture of amusement and pity by the reader who may turn over their bound volumes 50 years hence.

"I love you better than I do myself," said he.

"So do I," said she, innocently.

A chemist has found that the flavor of the cucumber is owing to a poisonous substance called "fungin." Well, what of it? It has always been there. What pleasure can these scientific people take in discovering disagreeable truths about everything agreeable?

"I think I will rent myself out to old maids as a husband-compeller," remarked Rachel.

"Old maids haven't any husbands," objected Harke.

"I mean to procure husbands for them," explained Rachel.

"How can you do it?" asked Harke.

"By paying attention to them," said Rachel. "I've noticed that every girl to whom I've ever been attentive has married somebody else."

A bloomed bicycle girl caused a runaway in New York's Central Park the other day. How queer that is. When horses around here see a Boston bicycle girl in bloomers they whinny with delight.—Boston Globe.

"I wish," said she, as by the pack of crackers they did stop.

"That you, dear George, were like these squids."

For then perhaps you'd pop."

DAILY HINTS TO HOUSE-KEEPERS.

A beautiful soul; a tranquil mind; A temple sweet, a heart refined; High thoughts that peace and joy bestow, All these from temperate living flow.—Canon Farrar.

BREAKFAST—Bananas, Chicago Rolls, Breaded Lamb Chops, Dutchess Potatoes, Graham Toast, Coffee.

DINNER—Beef Pie, Spinach, Potato Salad, Baked Macaroni, Cheese, White Bread, Raspberry Ice.

SUPPER—Corn Griddle Cakes, Butter Toast, Maple Syrup, Stewed Berries, Cocoa.

RASPBERRY ICE. One quart of red raspberries; one pint of sugar; juice of two lemons. Mix; strain through sieve; add one quart of water and whites of three eggs. Freeze.

Wilkie Collins' "Woman in White" would have created little comment by the color of her gown had she lived at this latter day, since she would have been but one of thousands wearing that color. Go where you will, at seashore or mountain, in city or country, indoors or out, white is the predominant color in dress. Last year the men wore white duck suits, and we envied their cool appearance; this year we have not forgotten, but wear white duck ourselves. When we are not going a-yachting, or a-wheeling, or some place where we can wear a duck



OF WHITE MULL.

suit, we don white muslin, and cool the surrounding atmosphere by our appearance, and delight our husbands and sweethearts by the seeming simplicity of our tastes.

Have you ever heard the story of the woman who captivated the hearts of all the husbands at a certain fashionable resort with her white muslin gowns and blue ribbons? The men thought she dressed so simply, and one husband ventured to suggest to his wife that she "go and do likewise." Instead of buying expensive gowns, she took his advice, and he became a sadder and wiser man when the laundry bills came in.

Such will be the experience of those who pay the bills this year, but the items of the bills will be trimmings and foundations for "those simple gowns."

My lady has a dainty mull over white silk, with three plaited panels set in the skirt. For the bodice the mull is simply pulled over a tight lining, while the big puffs which serve as sleeves end at the elbow. Straps of sea-green ribbon ending in choux cross the plaited parts of the skirt, and run from the shoulder half way down the sleeve. A belt of the ribbon finishes the costume, which is especially adapted for a garden party.

A Paris Dress.

I saw a charming dress gown from Paris yesterday of dark navy blue alpaca. The corsage was made with a wide pleat down the front, and the waist on either side was outlined with a narrow trimming of jet. There were four lines of this jet trimming, so that it had the appearance of being striped. The belt was of olive green velvet, with two side tabs, the tabs being finished in fringe to match the trimmings on the waist. The collar was of green velvet. The skirt was plain, except for a double pleat down the front. It was quite simple, but the idea of trimming the waist and leaving the pleat plain was rather novel, and the dress was beautifully cut and made.

They are using in Paris, on the back of the ribbon belts, two rhinestone buckles. The front of the belt is held together by a large bow; or the buckles are worn in front and the bow at the back, as the case may be. Beautiful hand-painted satins of all sorts are among the latest novelties. They are used for bodices, parasols, and capes; and hand-painted ribbons are already in vogue for various purposes of trimming.

Very natty bathing suits are made of black alpaca, with full skirt and trousers to the knees, and full waists with a square yoke outlined with white braid, and short, voluminous sleeves that would do credit to a full-blown evening dress. The Princess is always coming into form again, but it is made quite modern by the addition of epaulettes, cape effect, and all sorts of collars, such as appear on other gowns of the usual cut.

Buttons play a prominent part in fashions of the season, and are used chiefly for ornament except in tailor-made gowns. Large buttons of rhinestones and dainty miniatures are seen, while tiny black silk and small round pearl buttons are sewn on in rows as a bodice trimming.

To Cover a Medicine Glass.

A goblet cover is a useful thing to set over a glass of medicine, instead of the customary and time-honored "saucaplate," which topples off as a heavy soap in the room. The modern improvement on the latter is a small, round mat, either crocheted of white split zephyr and put over around of cardboard, or of stiff Marseilles cloth used in the same way over the cardboard, to the under side of which white note paper has been glued. On the top and in the center of this little mat is a button-holed ring by which to lift it. The cover, of course, may be removed and washed whenever this becomes necessary.

Raw Eggs for Women.

It is said the latest fad with women is the consumption of eggs. Instead of ice cream sodas, when the inner woman needs refreshment she swallows an egg, and the hens throughout the country are feeling very uncomfortable about it. For there are so many women, you see, and a hen can't lay more than one egg a day to save her life. A raw egg is an excellent tonic and is conceded a harmless one for those who are not of a bilious habit.

European Laundering.

While Parisian laundresses are agitating against the practice of men of fashion in sending their linen to be laundered in London, the washerwomen in the British capital are up in arms against the exquisites of Mayfair and St. James's for sending their linen over to Holland to be washed. It would be interesting to learn where the Dutch jennies done have their shirts laundered. Perhaps they send them to Paris.

## COMBINATION GOWNS.

The Uses to Which Odd Lengths of Silk and Lace May be Put.

Did you ever have a friend write you from the country in the middle of the summer season, asking for new styles? If you did you will remember how you hunted from shop to shop for something new, and finally gave up in disgust.

That is the way the fashion writer feels at this time. She is expected to have something new for each day, when every one is out of town trying to keep cool, and in the shops nothing is offered but bargains, and the very fact that they are bargains show that last season claims them as her own. The woman to whom bargains are irresistible finds the bits of lace, embroidery, chiffon and silk very valuable this summer, when fancy waists are made by combining so many materials. The body of the waist may match the skirt and the sleeves may be of a different material or the sleeves and skirt may match, while an endless variety of materials and colors may enter into the adornment. In fact so often is this custom followed that an entirely new waist, for which everything has been carefully chosen will have a patched effect and suggest that the gown was cut according to the cloth.

In the costume pictured the skirt and



A GOWN OF PIECES.

the body of the waist are of figured moire silk, soft yellow in color. The sleeves of pale tulle, match the skirt in color. A yoke of white satin falls in elegant loops over the sleeves, while the yoke proper ends in a point over the center of the blouse front. The neck has a ruche of heliotrope chiffon, slightly apart in the front, to reveal a stock collar, also of the chiffon. The ruche is continued in long, loose ends down each side of the front between the lapels and the yoke proper, and these are carefully tucked in under a belt of yellow.

Will Make Your Skin Soft.

Take one pound of fresh, unsalted butter from perfectly sweet cream, the same of sweet almond oil, one and one-fourth pounds of castile soap, two pounds of decoction of marshmallow, one-fourth pint of alcohol. Melt the butter just low heat, stirring well, perfume to liking, and when well mixed pour into cups and cool.

This is a capital domestic application, but it is best to melt the butter first, pour the clear part from the white, cheesy sediment, and keep it melted with a drachm of gum benzoin tied in a thin muslin suspended in it for twenty-four hours before making up the receipt. This oil of butter, benzoinated and kept in small covered cups, is of itself a very good emollient to nourish and heal the skin.

You hear a good deal about lemon juice as a lotion to cure freckles, as if they were inkstains, but lemons and lime juice taken inwardly will do much more to improve complexions than they ever will outside. Lime juice and water as a beverage is an excellent summer medicine, and the juice diluted may be used as a wash for what it is worth. Lotions of any kind, however, dry too quickly to be of any decided use, and lemonade is much better for lasting effect on the skin. A clean, waxy pomade that does not grease or soil is of great service in keeping the complexion cool and clear from the heat eruptions or the hard pimples under the skin which sudden changes and check of perspiration by a change of temperature will cause in the fairest flesh. These pomades early and faithfully applied do more to prevent freckles than any lotion will to cure them.

For a slight tan a teaspoonful of lemon juice in half a pint of rose water, with half a teaspoonful of vegetable glycerine is a pleasant, cooling and blanching lotion. To have marked effect, lotions should be sponged on the face many times a day and dried without wiping. It is still better to spray the face with them by an atomizer. This little comfort has a useful part in toilet practice, as its cooling effect is exquisite in heat and sickness. Don't allow your dentist to tell you there is no such thing as vegetable glycerine, for it is the best, and fastidious people think the only kind to use for the toilet or in medicine. He may never have heard of it—that is more than likely—but he won't go very far without finding it. A teaspoonful in a pint of lotion or toilet water prevents rapid drying, and makes the application more cooling and grateful. Vegetable glycerine is separated from nut and seed oils just as common glycerine is from animal fat, but is much purer.

Three things are to be guarded against in summer for the interests of the complexion—acidity of the secretions, common to persons of youth; biliousness, to which young people are more prone, and debility from want of fresh, suitable food.

The Placket-Hole.

The placket-hole is a summer feature in feminine attire that is deserving of description. You rarely ever see one that is quite correct, and when you do you wonder how it happened. There is the belt, the skirt waistband and the skirt hand and placket-hole all fighting with each other to see which can disrupt the union, if any union there be. Fashion allows your dressmaker to do a modest and unsuggestive pattern, and as an expediency this is allowable to try to effect a reconciliation between these contending forces in attire, but even that sometimes fails.

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## A Side-Hill Barn.

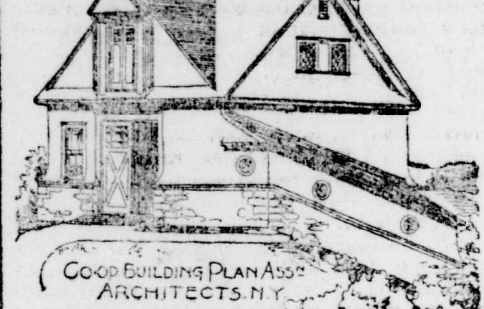
(See this column next week for a "Boat House.")

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If our faithful friend, the horse, could talk, he would probably startle his groom on some cold winter night just before the retiring hour by saying: "Will you please throw another blanket over me?" And the next morning, while his master's hand patted him on the back, he might politely suggest that some improved method of heating the stable ought to be considered.

In our northern climate there is no question that horses suffer much from the cold, particularly those horses that are clipped of the winter coat that nature provides. A basement stable is a very comfortable one, being warm in winter and cool in summer. Great care should be taken to provide ventilation, and to guard against dampness.

A good example illustrates this article. Following will be found a detailed description:

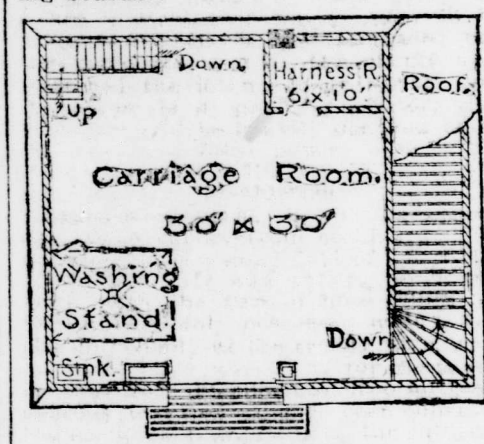


PERSPECTIVE.

General dimensions: Length, 39 feet, 6 inches; depth, 35 feet. Height of stories: Basement, 8 feet, 6 inches; first story, 12 feet; loft, 12 feet to ridge of roof.

Exterior materials: Foundations, stone; first story, gables and roofs, shingles; run-way roof, tinued.

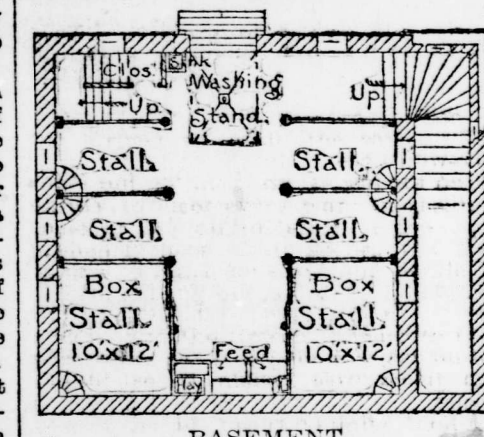
Interior finish: Flooring in all stories and run-way, soft wood; run-way to have cloths, to prevent horses slipping; all timbers in carriage room, also the under side of all sheathing and mow flooring to be smoothed and varnished; the inner side of stone-work extending up to window sills, to be wainscotted with hard pine ceiling boards.



FIRST FLOOR.

Colors: Preferably the colors should harmonize with colors of residence. If standing alone use following scheme: All stonework pointed with red mortar. All wall shingles dipped and brush coated with yellow. Trim cornices, etc., white. Outside doors and sashes, dark green. Roof shingles dipped and brush coated silver stain. Brickwork oiled.

Accommodations: Designed for a hill-side, where stable may be in basement. Space for four single and two box stalls. Washing stand for carriages in rear, and another for grooming horses in the basement. Feed bins in mow, connected by chutes with basement. Back stairway leading from the basement to mow. Grain, hay, etc., may be taken in at the front of the mow by tackle hung to the outlooker provided for that purpose.



BASEMENT.

Cost: \$2,000, not including iron stall fittings. The estimate is based on New York prices for material and labor. In many sections of the country the cost should be less.

Feasible modifications: Heights of stories, general dimensions of plan, kind of materials and colors may be changed. The covered run-way may be omitted. For a level site the stable may be planned at the rear of the carriage room. Chimney may be omitted. Stonework above first floor level may be omitted.

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DOCTORS AND FLY BLISTERS FAIL.

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Robert E. Gibson, Pembroke's well-known merchant: "I contracted rheumatism in a very severe form in 1886, and have suffered untold misery each spring since. I have repeatedly applied fly blisters, with but little success. Doctors with whom I consulted likewise failed to relieve. I was induced to try South American Rheumatic Cure by Mr. W. F. C. Bachel of the Dickinson Drug Company. The first dose gave instant relief, and half a bottle cured."

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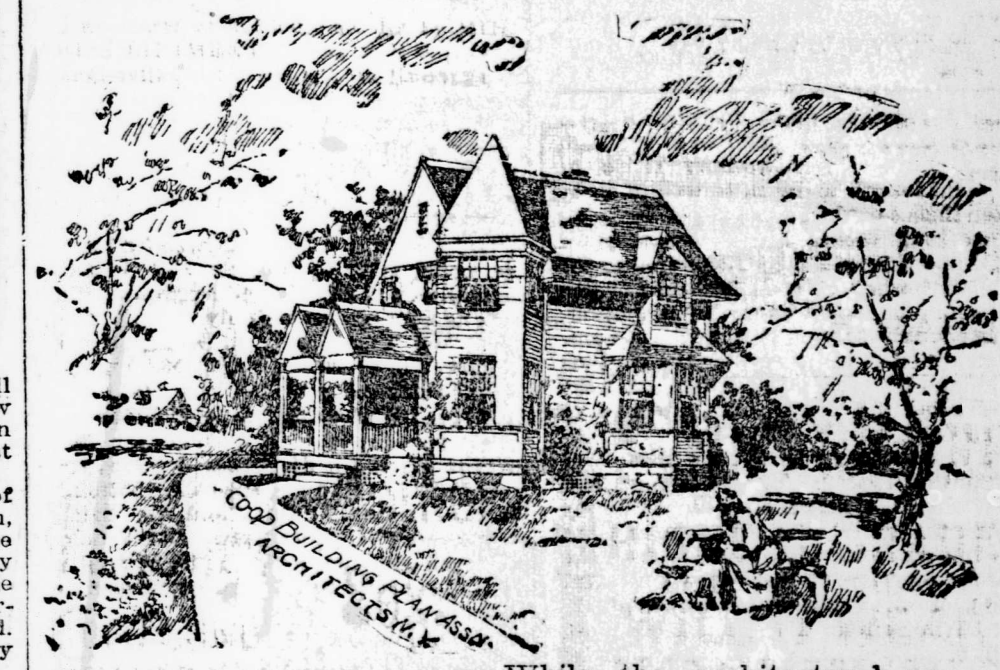
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