

development through regular gymnastic exercises is one of the features of the training of the persons in the best conducted reformatories in this country? The head of one of the—almost if not altogether—model institutions, who is both a practical and theoretical penologist, says a man's morale are usually at one with his mental and bodily condition. The reformation then of an evil-doer is along a three-fold policy. His crooked back is straightened at the same time that his moral storage capacity is increased, and his intellect is roused from its sluggish condition.

Have I already overwhelmed your club with suggestions for work? Perhaps so, but this one is so really worth while. The future of the country depends so much—if not altogether—upon the nature of the people in it, that we can none of us afford to ignore the burning questions of the treatment of prisoners and prisons.

What can a handful of women without votes do? Put sentimentality into a deep, deep grave, arm themselves with honorable and always dignified sentiment, and "lend a hand." First and foremost, you will need to know something about the matter in hand, and I know of nothing clearer, more concise, and extremely interesting, than the reports of the annual conventions of the National Prison Association, to which by the way many Canadians belong. These published records can be had of the Secretary, Rev. Fred. Wins, Springfield, Ill.

Yours devotedly,

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OUR COSY CORNER.

A very pretty laundry calendar in cushion form may be made as follows: Take a piece of white linen (the size to be determined by the length of list), and on it with pen and indelible ink write or print a list of the articles usually sent to the wash. Opposite each article write numbers from 1 to 12, inclusive, being careful to arrange them in even lines. Line with colored satin, using a little stuffing sprinkled with sachet powder to give it shape. Trim the edges with lizon lace or silk cord, and hang by cord and loop. When the washing is sent out one has only to stick a pin at the right number, thus saving the trouble of writing it down. A very dainty calendar can be made of white satin with printed list, or it may be done with brush and water colors if one has the necessary skill and patience. It should be lined with colored satin and trimmed with lace or silk cord. These would make very saleable articles at a fair, and if one made a great many it would pay to have them printed. A yard of satin cuts twenty four of the ordinary size.

The *Modern Priscilla* is again to the fore replete with dainty and useful suggestions. Mrs. F. Beulah Kellogg is the editor. Subscription 50c. per year.

High decorations for dinner tables have quite gone out of fashion, and the superb cèpergne of former days is rarely seen. Cut glass mirrors, on which are placed low baskets of flowers or ferns, are much used. A border of smilax or small ferns is generally placed on the table around the mirror, and the corner dishes for small sweets, called compotiers, are usually in cut glass. A small embroidered central cloth is often used. These are in fine white linen, embroidered in colors with patterns of flowers and foliage, and either fringed or trimmed with lace. Often the central cloth is of colored silk or plush, either red, dark blue, pink, or gold, and are bordered with gold and silver fringe, or with rich, creamy lace. Candelabra, with colored candles, each with its little shade, in tints to match the other decorations, are placed at each end of the table, or if the table is round six or eight single candlesticks make a circle around the central plateau.

Simple garden flowers are much used this season for table decoration. At a young lady's dinner party given recently, the only flowers used were pink sweet peas. These were heaped up in a central basket made of osiers, and at each end of the table were smaller flat baskets filled with the same flowers. At each lady's place a bunch of them was laid, tied with pink ribbons.

Very useful things in bedrooms, or sittingrooms, are boxes with lids, made to fit in the embrasures of the windows. The lid is stuffed with layers of cotton batting, or any other soft material, so as to make a comfortable seat. Over this stuffing a plain piece of unbleached muslin is tightly nailed. The crotonne, or other covering is laid in box plaits, neatly finished. These window boxes are very ornamental when covered with chintz, make delightful seats, and serve the purpose of receptacles for dresses, bonnets, etc.

A soap box, or any small sized packing box with a lid, may be made useful and decorative by covering it with chintz, or any desirable covering, first stuffing the lid so as to make a pleasant seat, and putting a valance, either gathered or plaited, around the box. They make pretty, ornamental seats, and are especially useful for shoes. The inside may be neatly lined.

In a drawingroom recently a rather pretty dress was of black cashmere, the under and overskirts were plain, the latter falling almost to the hem of the underskirt in soft curves and folds. The blouse waist, belted in, had a deep yoke filled in with wine-colored silk, over which was laid rich, black lace. A large rosette of black and wine-colored satin ribbons was set high on the left shoulder.

On an olive green wall a curtain of yellow pongee is very effective. A pale blue curtain looks well on a wall of Pompeian red. A little blue silk curtain, trimmed with silver fringe, and suspended by rings from a slender rod, is very decorative behind a mahogany table or rosewood piano. Sometimes these curtains are made of Japanese stuffs, or of plush. In a sombre room a little wall curtain of yellow or gold-colored silk lights up wonderfully well, and gives a charming tone to the whole room.

The *Delineator* gives the most charming papers suitable for all seasons, and the various subjects are invariably given at exactly the time they will be most useful to its numerous readers. The *Delineator* is published by the Butterick Publishing Co. Ltd., 7, 9, and 11 West Thirteenth St., New York. Subscription price, \$1.00 per year.

The Fauntleroy styles prevaile the *lingerie* of the day, and in consideration of their daintiness they are alike favored for children and their elders.

It is no longer necessary for those who fancy the picturesque "Toby" frills to make them at home, unless they prefer to wear their own handiwork, for these dainty neck-garnitures, made up in a variety of pretty colors in scrim, canvas, muslin, mull and *lisse*, are displayed, all ready to put on, in the shops making a specialty of *lingerie*.

Lace and *lisse* form an important part of the various adjuncts of the toilet; both are used for collars and wrist decorations, and the lace is turned and gathered in many folds to form pretty jabots. On tea-gowns jabots of plaited *lisse* are in vogue, forming a soft framing for the face and contrasting well with silk or wool goods upon which they are placed.

A smart bodice that may be worn with almost any skirt is of black Surah; it is quite plain in the back, but in front it is laid in soft plaits and lapped widely on one side. The neck is outlined with a plaited frill of rose *mousseline de soie*, which is brought down to define the edge of the overlapping side, upon which it falls in cascade fashion. The sleeve is gathered at the top and stands high above the shoulder, but the lower portion is in the ordinary coat-sleeve shape. Frills of *mousseline*, which finish the wrists, fall well over the hands, making them appear smaller and more dainty. If the rose tint of the *mousseline* is not liked, the plaitings may be either black or white. Plaitings of white *mousseline* may be purchased at the shops ready for use, but they are not quite so full as those which are specially arranged by the modiste or the home dressmaker.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

WINDSOR RATTAN CO.—The *Hants Journal* has some interesting facts in regard to the manufacture of rattan goods by the Windsor Rattan Co., which is the only enterprise of the kind in the Maritime Provinces. In Toronto and Woodstock, Ont., a large business is carried on in these goods, and quantities are imported from the States, so that the demand is large, and with commendable enterprise the Windsor firm have entered the field. Work was only commenced about a month ago, but the prospects are most auspicious. Mr. A. J. Lawrence recently returned from a trip to New Brunswick, P. E. Island and portions of Nova Scotia, made for the purpose of introducing the goods, and met with a good reception—dealers everywhere giving him great encouragement. Sample orders have already been sent to Truro, New Glasgow and Antigonish. Sample orders are also being sent out as feelers for the Christmas trade, and should the goods be satisfactory, a number of hands will be put on in a short time. A personal inspection of the goods, and comparing the articles with stock imported from other places, gives one the impression that the Windsor stock has nothing to fear by comparison. The chairs comprise a variety of styles, which for finish will compare most favorably with the same class of goods manufactured either in Canada or the United States. Local dealers throughout the Province will find it to their advantage to try a sample order of Windsor made rattan goods, feeling assured that both as regards quality and price they will be the gainers by doing so. All necessary information will be cheerfully given by Mr. Lawrence, who attends to all business communications. The practical part of the business is under the supervision of Mr. James E. Smith, whose ability as a master workman is evidenced in the superior quality of the goods already turned out, which are deservedly admired. It is expected that the manufacture of children's carriages will be carried on to a considerable extent during next winter in readiness for the spring trade, and other branches will be undertaken as the business progresses. Every home enterprise is a positive benefit to Windsor and the Province, and Messrs. Lawrence & Smith should meet with the success their enterprise warrants.

Captain Hall, of Annapolis, has the keel laid for a new schooner, and has put up some of the timbers. A large gang of men are at work, and the construction will be pushed rapidly forward.

Mr. Geo. E. Lavers writes the *Yarmouth Herald* that he has taken a trip over the Nova Scotia Central Railway from Lunenburg to New Germany, 35 miles, or as far as the rails have been laid. He represents everything about the road as first-class.

NEW DISCOVERY.—A Professor of the State University of California claims to have made a discovery, which, if true, will revolutionize the leather industry. The claim is made that experiments have determined that certain combinations of fat and oil, with sulphur compounds, when used for tanning, have the effect of rendering leather impervious to water, and so pliable as to render it almost indestructible. It is asserted that boots and shoes manufactured of leather thus prepared will last five times as long as the foot gear now on the market, with no additional cost. When it is considered that the people of the United States annually expend \$300,000,000 for boots and shoes, the importance of the discovery, which will reduce this expense four fifths, can be imagined. Leather men assume to think that such a discovery is impossible, but say if this Professor secures such a patent they might as well shut up their business and factories. This discovery will be of peculiar interest in Pictou, Halifax and Cumberland Counties.—*Monitor*.

It has been estimated that about four hundred million feet of lumber have been manufactured at or near Ottawa during the present year.