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Womans Interests

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"Go ahead, Honey," I remarked amiably, "you might as well fess out some of the surface division from furniture by rubbing the surface of any nut containing a large amount of oil.

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Black Hearts

Father was a great lover of fruit, and found both profit and pleasure in his orchard. He delighted to walk about among the trees, eramining them, watching their growth, and guarding them against accident and

merning before breakfast when the weather was fit, to the other side of the orchard and back. One morning in the spring he was gone longer than usual, and when he came in to the breakfast table he had in his hands two or three small branches that he had broken off from peach trees. There had been a frost and he was anxious to find out whether the fruit had been hurt.
When we had finished eating, he

picked up the branches from the table and, looking round the circle, asked what we thought about the prospects Officers and other ranks who were for fruit that summer. The petal had reported missing in all theatres of war, and of whom no definite information has yet been received numbered took them in our hands in turn and examined them, we agreed that, al-though the blossoms looked dead to us we did not know whether they

ooking at them that way." Then he broke off a dozen blossoms com different twigs, and, taking his penknife, he divided each blosse in half and passed them round the circle on a plate for us to examine

the centre" he said. "The rest are green and fresh looking. The ones with the black hearts are dead. They would never have made fruit; in a few days they would have fallen from the trees. The frost kiled them the

other night.' And as the plate went on round the breakfast table, he left off talking of peach blossoms and talked of the hearts of people. He showed us how much alike they were, and how the frost of sin comes and the life within s spoiled. He showed us how hearts are turned black and the possibilities

of a whole lifetime are spoiled.
"You cannot always tell," he said, "by looking at a person's face what sort of a heart he has. If the sin has been going on long enough, then it may show, but at first it usually does not. And we cannot take a knife and go into the hearts of folks, as I have done with the peach blossoms. For that reason many black hearts keep their places among the good ones, and no one knows the difference for a while. But the Great Husbandman knows what is inside, just as He knew that a cup polished on the outside did not always mean a clean cup. White-washed tombstones did not hide from his eyes what the graves contained. us not allow the frost of sin to enter. for we cannot hide black hearts from the Master, even though men may be deceived. And we cannot make black hearts bear fruit."

Told By Radium.

Secrets centuries old are being re-vealed by the medium of X-Rays. Lumber-room and art-gallery alike are submitting their treasures for expert examination, and some of the revela of the new defective are marvel-

Certain metallic elements in the pigments ued in paintings are reflected in X-Ray photographs; the same applies to valuable documents, and forg-

eries have to be particularly clever to evade detection by the X-Ray. By this means, articles photographed have brought to light secrets which would probably lain dormant till the

An oil-painting, depicting the Crucifixion, recently underwent the process and was found to contain a flaw—one of the figures had been deliberately painted over, and in the camouflaged roduction the group appeared entire ing. An old and considered useless book subjected to the same treatment proved the existence of a hidden docu-ment in its covers—a rare and ancient manuscript.

Essences of Plants.

is from Spain that we got r of our so-called essential oils, which are so valuable as flavourings, in per-fuming and for other purposes— chief among them being rosemary, lavender, pennyroyal, thyme, splk**e,** sweet-fennel, bitter-fennel sage and marjoram. They are extracted from plants that grow wild in the uncultivated mountain regions of southern

The total annual production of rosemary oil in that country is estimated at 150 tons; thyme 100 tons; spike, seventy-five tons, and other essences, fifty tons. Minor products of similar kind are rue, juniper, neroli, geran-ium and Spanish rose, all of them

Until very recently the farmers who produced these oils pursued the indus-try only as a side line and intermit-tently. But within the last two years the demand for them has increased by leaps and bounds, exceeding the production fifty times. This demand is mainly by American importers, and one of its effects has been to bring about a wholesale adulteration of the