#### WOMAN'S SPHERE.

Some talk about a woman's sphere As tho' it had a limit, There's not a place in earth or heaven, There's not a task to mankind given, There's not a whisper, yes or no, There's not a life, a death, a birth, That has a feather's weight of worth Without a woman in it.

# The Woman Who Worries

Looking over in your mind's eye all the women you know, is there any more common and more maddening fault which they possess than that of worrying? While there are a few men who worry, they are in the minority, but the women who worry are in-

numerable. Is it because a woman's interests are more restricted than a man's; because her outlook is smaller; because her home, her children and her servants bound her view? It is useless to speculate as to the why and wherefore. The fact remains that she does worry and that she and everyone else around her would be much happier if she didn't, for the woman who worries as undoubtedly destroys her own happiness and ruins her own nervous system as she destroys the happiness and peace of mind of her immediate household. Somebody says that "worry is a habit, like biting the finger nails, turning in one's toes, or talking slang." That is true, and it is a selfish, sinful habit almost as burtful as a violent temper or a habit of talking scandal and quite as much to be deplered, and like all other bad habits all it needs is constant practice of good common sense to be thoroughly eradicated.

It isn't over a big trouble that a woman worries. Usually when a really great trouble comes upon the houshold a woman rises to the occasion and is the bravest, most helpful and most self-forgetful of the family. But not so in the small discomforts and annoyances which cause the little "pin-pricks" of every woman's daily life. Only too often she spoils a whole day for herself and several other people because the maid has broken a piece of her dinner set or because her new gown wrinkles between the shoulders, or one of the children has spilled something on her best tablecloth. It is one great thing to smile when the mishap occurs and be as pleasant as possible about it, and doubtless you have gained a great victory if you don't display your annoyance there and then; but if, when you are alone again, a little frown comes in between your eyes and you begin to worry about how you are going to replace that dish, what you are going to wear today instead of the ing to get that stain out of the tablecloth, it will be only a small part of the victory, for if one allows little bothers to get a foothold in the mind to wait there and nag, nag, nag whenever one is a little disengaged and trying to rest, the last vestige of real peace and happiness will soon depart forever.

One woman has what she calls her "pleasant thought work-system." Whenever she has housework to do that occupies her hands only and she is tempted to feel grumbly about it, she thinks of the story she read the night before, and lives over with the heroine all her adventures and troubles, or she thinks of some pleasant event that has happened recently, and while her mind is thus occupied her hands do their work so well and quickly that before she realizes it, the work is accomplished. "It is all habit," she says, "good habits grow as well as bad ones, and if you care to hunt, you will find three sides bright and only one dark, which often, with a little rubbing with forgiveness, patience and cheerfulness will brighten up wonderfully."

Worrying often comes from fits of the blues, and a German doctor says that the best cure for the blues is to smile; smile in season and out of season, whether you feel like it or not, and gradually the mental state will adapt itself to the bodily expression.

A charming young woman was heard to say the other day, "I am too much in love ever to have the blues." "Too much in love?" echoed her surprised companion. "Yes," she replied. "too much in love with myself. I regard myself as a mirror, don't you see, put on earth to reflect all the joy and gladness of the universe and so I cannot think of letting myself become obscured and dimmed by such ugly clouds as the blues. I am quite too vain." It is a form of vanity

which we would do well to copy. Finally, don't make much of the faults and failings of those around you-even be good to yourself, and don't harry your soul over your own blunders and mistakes. The best way to correct an error is to apologize if anyone else is concerned and then do

better next time. Avoid the personal view, the small view, the critical and fault-finding view. Flee a gossip as you would the plague and keep in your mind high ideals and great ideas. They will drive out petty worries, conceit and

thoughts of carking care. Nothing better could be found to close this little homily than a poem written by Elizabeth Lincoln Gould for an American paper:

Grant us. O Lord, the grace to bear The little pricking thorn; hasty word that seems unfair, The twang of truths well worn; The jest that makes our weakness

plain. The darling plan o'erturned; The careless touch upon our pain; The slight we have not earned; The rasp of care, dear Lord, today, Lest all these fretting things Make needless grief, oh give, we pray, The heart that trusts and sings.

## PHILISTINE PHILOSOPHY.

Yesterday's triumphs belong to yesterday, with all of yesterday's defeats and sorrows. The day is here, the time is now.

If pleasures are greatest in anticipa tion just remember that this is true also of trouble.

If you ever feel an inclination to write a strong, sarcastic and "fetching" letter, go ahead, dip your pen in aqua fortis and write it. Then throw aqua fortis and write it. It into the waste basket. By the time the other person would have received it you will have gotten over your wrath or forgotten the incident.—The

### A Few Words on Women

The following "Words on Women may have been written by a dis-gruntled bachelor, lonely and dyspep-tic, but they contain a few grains of truth worthy of reflection: A plain woman takes pride in her

friends, a beautiful woman in her enemies. A woman will often say no, when she means yes, but never yes, when she means no.

A woman's charity sometimes begins away from home and then remains A young girl is the nearest approach

to an angel that we have and the most It has never yet been decided wheth er a woman is happier when happy or when miserable.

When a woman is thoroughly tired she finds nothing so refreshing as a nice long talk. When a woman thinks she can't be flattered, tell her it's true-that flat-

In the beginning the woman for sakes the world for the man, in the end the man forsakes the woman for the world. Woman's visual memory is very de-

#### HAPPINESS.

fective, judging from the frequency with which she looks into a mirror.

The corner-stone of the temple of philosophy is to corner all the happi-

ness you can.' Happiness, it has been said, is a mosaic composed of very small stones Each, taken singly, may be of little value, but, when all are grouped to-gether, combined and set, they form a pleasing and graceful whole—a costly jewel. Paradise is here-or nowhere. Do not go from home to find it. If you are miserable and gloomy, go where you will, your jaundice and spleen will get there first.

"In your hearts are the birds, and the sunshine, In your thoughts the brooklets flow."

We carry with us the beauty we visit and the song which enchants us. "Where the sun shines, it shines everywhere," was Reuben's motto. 'Happiness is a thing to be practiced, like a violin.

#### Summer Girls' Fans.

Before the summer girl goes forth to conquer, she makes a tour of the shops where the most artistic fans for her own particular use.

Experience has taught her the value of a fan. She knows its importance as an accessory to her toilette; she knows there is witchery in a fan, especially when it half conceals, half reveals, laughing eyes, and, of course, she knows how to use it with telling

But even if she didn't know all this, the fans themselves are pretty enough and odd enough this year to tempt her into buying them.

They vary in size and they vary in price. There are the dainty very small fans for the lorgnette chain, the odd-shaped Japanese fans, the costly fans of lace, the exquisite hand-painted fans and the assortment of cheap but effective fans of crepe paper. typical summer girl feels lost if she does not own a collection. The irregular shaped fan is one of

the novelties of the hour. It comes spangled and hand-painted. charming, made of green gauze, with a hand-painted design of violets, and with the wood sticks tinted a faint

Wee fans, that look not much bigger than a doll's fan, are all the vogue. They are fashionable, made of black gauze, flecked with silver spangles, and worn suspended from a chain of

black teakwood beads. A novelty for the summer girl, always anxious to show her preference for a certain college, is this tiny fan of ivory, with the college flag in its correct color as its decoration. little Yale fan has the flag, of course, in blue, and a white Y traced upon it, and the girl who owns this fan is sure to fasten it to a chain of Yale blue

beads. The miniature fan is also the fash-It is either of satin or gauze, and the miniature, which is generally some ideal head, is hand-painted. Semetimes it is framed in tiny imitation jewels or spangles. The sticks of a fan of this sort are often of carved ivory, or ivory inlaid with enamel

matching in color the fan. A new idea on the hand-painted fans to have the same design that decorates the fan introduced in the sticks -that is, if purple thistles, for example, are painted upon the fan then when the fan is closed the two outside sticks each show a purple inlaid girls affect so thistle.

Another fad in fans is to have the owner's monogram in gold or mock jewels, decorate one of the sticks. If the sticks are black the monogram traced in little rhine-stones looks effective, and if the fan is small it should dangle from a string of glisten-

ing crystal beads. The newest feather fans are decided things of beauty; one of the prettiest is of white feathers, with mother of pearl sticks, and the top of the fan showing a border of little pink feath-Black and white feather fans are made in this same way. Shaded feather fans are also the vogue, and the wood sticks are stained to match the most pronounced color in the fan. Fans with long handles, which look

as if they were meant only to be displayed in a cabinet, are being purchased by the summer girl who need not bother her head over the saving of the pennies. These fans generally have an exquisitely carved ivory handle and the fan itself is of some rare lace of hand-painted bolting stripes and dots hide the bones that cloth with ,raceful Watteau figures But, of course, it is only the favored few who can buy fans of this sort. This doesn't trouble the summer girl, however, for she can manage quite as well with one of the inexpensive little fans of crepe paper, which she can buy for a dollar and even less. Some of these fans are exceptionally

attractive, and there is no end to their variety.

For the girl who is fond of a brilpaper fan which looks like a big red poppy. There is also the gold and purple pansy in this same style and

the wild rose. The daisy fan and the leaf made of cut out pieces of crepe paper, are both novel and pretty.

The pussy cat fan has a special place in the affection of the summer

It is a hand-painted picture of pussy cat and in shape it is the exact outline of a kitten's head.

### New Wrist Bags.

Into greater and greater favor grow the modish and convenient little wrist bags into which one thrusts any number of small articles, including one's (once so-called) pocket handkerchief. Why the pocket should continue to figure when we are pocketless is a conundrum. Samples, pencil and cardcase also find lodging therein. Some of these have a pocket on the outside, and many have the purse built inside. While many of us admire the snake chain, it seems that the most expensive ones are done in links, an especially good one showing inch-long slender links alternating with small round ones.

ON THE SQUARE. No longer does the lengthy Monte Carlo bag have all its own way. Rather have the shapes grown more

long one is still thought more convenient by many. Some of the square ones absolutely seem to be a bit deeper than they are broad. Depth good, but fishing 'round for things in a too deep bag is a trying process.

SMART EXAMPLE IN RED. or red, nothing smarter can be found than that clever little square bag of red morocco. It has trimmings of gun metal, and gives a vivid dash color to a clever costume. A parasol to match, and red leather heels on one's Oxfords makes one up to the gayest seaside dressing.

POCKETBOOK SHAPE.

Very novel is a taut, flat, handsome wrist bag in pocketbook shape. It is very good in black or darkest green, and is built in the book-like shape of the masculine wallet. In addition to that, it has enough of the very flat receptacles to convince one it was built for the sex most partial to conveniences.

A very admirable one is of green sea lion skin. In addition to the richness of the leather, it is mounted in gilt and green and gold have always stood for richness in color combination. Speaking of leathers, walrus is of course one of the first choices.

BLACK, TOO. In addition to the endless number

of bags in black leather of every possible sort and degree of elegance, there are more dressy ones. Suede is an old favorite. Black moire is very modish, and black uncut velvet is used a good bit. Any of these are rich. After all, bags in tan leather are the most in evidence. They "go" with anything, and especially on the square, though a slightly ob- with beige, linen and kindred colors.

# STUNNING STYLES OF SUMMER ARE NOW IN THEIR FULL SWING

hancing and Entrancing, Now Possible.

With many of her dainty evening gowns the summer girl will wear a sash this year. The sashes are all of the softest ribbon and those scattered with flowers are the favorites.

An effective and new way of arranging a sash is to have it encircle the waist in the form of a finelyplaited belt, drawn down just a trifle in front and caught with a pretty buckle. At the back the sash is tied in a four-in-hand.

For sheer summer gowns a dropskirt of lawn answers the purpose quite as well as one of silk. It should be fitted with the greatest care, much of the success of the dress-skirt depends upon the drop-skirt beneath. A pretty frou frou effect is given to the bottom of a gown if the drop-skirt is trimmed with little frills of lace.

With the filmy linen-colored gowns that are used so much this summer a touch of some bright color in the sasn or collar is almost essential.

The long bead chains which are worn so much this summer are almost barking in their many colors. They can be made at home for about a dollar and a half by a girl who has the time and patience. One of the lat can be found, and selects a number est was made of fine green beads with larger beads of pale yellow with green designs, deep yellow with black and green figures, black with yellow and red figures, and green with a pattern in white and red. The chains are worn doubled about the throat with the big beads directly in the center.

> June has been so cold and rainy that it has seemed quite idiotic to ever think of summer resorts or bathingsuits, but now that July has been ushered in with such promise it seems quite fitting to speak of a very pretty and swell bathing-suit which I saw the other day. The material was black mohair. It was cut low with a surplice collar and beginning under the arms, white wash ribbon was drawn through embroidered slashes to form a deep girdle effect on the waist same trimming was utilized on

The smart girl is embroidering her favorite flower on her veil this summer. On a plain veil the flower design may be worked in solid embroidery to form a border, but the veil is put on so that the border is seen at the In this way it also acts as a pretty trimming for the hat.

The newest evening slippers are of black patent-leather with a high, gay little velvet heel and a big bow on the instep matching the heel in color. The heel is from two to three inches in height, varying according to the common sense of the wearer.

The latest stockings shown by a New York firm are, to say the best, a triffe "faddy." Half-hose which come but little higher than a man's sock "they" say, quite the latest thing are. the modest girl shudders at the possibility of a sudden gust of and decides to allow the men to have a monopoly of half-hose.

The jeweled, beaded and hand-painted stockings are novelties for the very rich, as the "rare thing" costs from \$100 to \$300 a pair, and the cheapest imitations are \$12 a pair.

The most popular color for out-door hosiery, say the New Yorkers, is a vivid parrot green, but very few Canadian girls care for the brilliantly-colored hosiery, which the American much.

For the Canadian girl the black lace stockings, which are always in good style and more important, in Loog taste, are the thing, or the plain black stocking, on the instep of which one's monogram is embroidered in dainty make the waist look smaller. silk, or a spray of one's favorite flow ers with a bow knot of lace so in-serted that it has the effect of tying the stems together. And here also is a brand new way for a girl to show her allegiance to her favorite college. College pins, flags and cushions are cast aside, for inserted on the instep at the side she may decorate her stockings with the college flag embroidered in the college colors.

Is anything much more distressing than to see a painfully thin woman in a decollete gown. There are occasions when a low-cut gown is desirable if not absolutely necessary, but on these occasions the thin woman might wear a gown with a very thin yoke of alternating rows of illusion and lace or even of dotted illusion. The heavier offend the eye and yet reveal the flesh tints and the lines of the neck and shoulders which give the decollete gowns their beauty.

An American woman has found a new way to make money. She has founded a school to teach women how fluence are at our best when our to dress. The subjects of some of her est endowments are most in use.

Great Variety of Wardrobe, En- lectures are "How to dress the hair," "How to make a ready-made gown so that it will look as if it grew on you," "Different hats for different heads," and much more of the same sort of thing. The lectures are to be for good or evil. given for business and professional women whose means are moderate. The founder of it asserts that she can teach the shop girl who earns \$4 a week to dress becomingly, artistically and cheaply. If she can do this her school, which she expects to have endowed by some wealthy person, until it can become self-supporting by means of a dressmaking establishment connected with it, will really be that the desire for pretty clothes is implanted in every woman's heart, munity. and often leads her into much extravagance and even sin, so that if she can be taught to dress prettily, artistically, and becomingly on an income doubt, a benefactor to women.

A well-dressed woman says that there are several reasons why she always looks so well gowned.

She never buys a gown or hat with-out putting to herself three questions. If she can truthfully and intelligently answer yes to all of them, then she is sure she is choosing well and prudently. The questions are: Is it artis-

Is it becoming? Is it fashionable? She never buys dress material without placing it against her face and that in a bright light. She blends the proposed trimmings with same way before making the pur-chase, and then she is sure of a gown that will be both pretty and becom-

The other day I saw such a dainty underwaist which a pretty girl had just finished. It was a tiny baby waist just made round and full of all-over lace and pale blue satin baby ribbon was run through the lace from end to end of the waist. The shoulder-straps were of the lace with the baby ribbon run through and finishing in a tiny bow. It occurred to me that it would be very dainty summer work to make half a dozen of them for Christmas presents for one's girl-friends. It isn't a bit too early to think of Christmas presents either, because when you are always busy and have hosts of Christmas presents to make, you need to begin six months ahead of time if you don't want to spend December in

Nothing is more aggravating to the average woman than the black, gray or brown streak which shows around the neck after wearing a high dress collar. If the mark must be taken off at short notice, perhaps because dress worn a little low in the neck is to be worn, then anoint the flesh thoroughly with warm vaseline. Use a soft linen cloth dipped in vaseline, applying it as if it were soap and turning the cloth whenever the applied surface gets soiled. This is very portant or you will only scrub the stains in deeper. Let the neck rest a little while and then, with warm soapsuds and a very soft sponge, wash off the grease thoroughly. Rinse with hot water several times and then bathe with cold water until the skin is chilled. This should close the pores and leave the skin dry and smooth.

When the skin is entirely dry, well with dry oatmeal. Rub off lightly and when the natural color of the skin is regained the neck will, in nine cases out of ten, be pretty and white. In stubborn cases a paste of bread dough bound about the throat over night will leave the skin smooth and pure when washed off with warm water in the morning.

The very latest coat for summer wear is long, covering one from tip to toe, and made of taffeta or pongee. Pongee in the natural color, a ish tan, made into a long straight coat, loose both back and front, with pretty trimming, makes a very swell while the tucked taffeta etons and plaited boleros are very fetching in-The box-plaited boleros cut off deed. at the bust line set out prettily and

Until they have tried the experiment, very few people realize how unfitted are those accustomed to eager, intense work to enjoy entire idleness. It engenders restlessness and irritates instead of bringing repose and refreshment," says a philosopher in a New York paper. "The fagged brain does not need starvation, but nutrition, and it can only receive it by fresh and satisfying food. If taken away from their ordinary sources of interest, they require something to help them enjoy their leisure hours. A few days those hours so persistently called blissful, in which men and women who have tried to do forty-eight hours' work in twenty-four lie on the mossy earth under green trees, or stretch themselves morning after morning on some tempting lounge or shaded veranda, are enough to prove the fallacy of such means of rest.

An eternity of motionless repose would not seem a boon to minds whose joy has always been in successful as tivity, and we mortals who are in the thrall of our twentieth century influence are at our best when our nobl-

# THE CHILDREN'S CORNER.

A REASONABLE CHILD.

That I am snappish and petulant, That I wont play at all, unless I can be boss, And dictate what the others shall do. But I always am pleasant and smiling and bright,

When my playmates do just as I say, And I never incline to a quarrel or

If I only can have my own way. They say that, whenever a feast is prepared, I clamor for more than the rest;

That I am not content if it's equally shared. But I must have the most and the Of course, I expect them, I frankly

admit, To give me the best on the tray; But I'll never be surly or sulky a bit If I only can have my own way.

They say over trifles I worry and fret, And at nothing I'm often put out, They say, if opposed, I fly into a pet-At the least contradiction I pout. But truly, my temper I never will lose And I'll always be merry and gay, If I am but allowed to do just as I

If I only can have my own way. -Carolyn Wells in Success.

An old and distinguished German professor was once walking with a friend of his when they passed a litthe group of boys. The professor took off his hat to them. "Why, do you take off your hat to them?" said his friend; "they are only boys." "Only boys," said the professor, indignantly. "Among those boys are our future statesmen, rulers, poets and preach-

ers," and he was right. Boys, when you think of it, doesn't it make you wish that you could be what the old German expected his scholars to be? Every day of your life takes you either nearer to or farther from that goal, for with every

The boy who boasts of getting the best of his teacher by cheating him in-to believing that he has solved his problems and completed his task will realize some day that the person cheated was himself, for his lack of education will prove a perpetual handicap and lose him many a good situation, while his dishonesty, started in the school-room, will grow upon of some benefit, for there is no doubt him until nobody will trust him, and he has no credit or standing in the com-

Laziness, bad temper, impoliteness and disobodience are all faults that must be overcome if you would hope of \$4 a week, the teacher is, beyond to come out anywhere near the first in the race of life.

### Uncle Jacob's Violin.

The following story was written by a little Michigan girl, aged 14 years.

A number of girls were slewly walking homeward, each with a dinner basket upon her arm, and they were laughing and talking merrily. They were young shop girls of 16 and 17, who all the long day stood behind the counter, "What about our pienic,

asked Nellie Grant, a pretty maid of 16 years.
"Why, all there is about it is that we

are going to have it. We have decided on June 23." "Yes," chimed in Mae Evans, "the schools are going to have one the same day, and we will enjoy ourselves more in a crowd."

Ben will take us for \$1 each," added another The girls talked and planned until each reached her respective home, where they dreamed away the night

in anticipation. A few nights after, as they were passing a little old red house surrounded by tall locust trees, someone sing-ing "My Old Kentucky Home" in a thin, quivering voice to the accompan-

iment of a squeaky violin arrested their attention. "It is Uncle Jacob," they whispered. Uncle Jacob was well known in that vicinity. He was a darky, and by his kindness and age had won the name of "Uncle Jacob." He was very poor, and lived alone-"alone with his viclin," as he was wont to say. He the old fiddle dearly, and would often sit gazing upon it with loving eyes; but it was old and cracked, and although its tones were thin, it was the sweetest music on earth to him.

All unconscious of the group of girls peering in at the window, he sang on, and when the song was finished he patted his old violin almost reverently and murmured, "Ah, my violin, you'se mos' gone. What'll I do without you. My comrade, stay wif me. It won't be fer long." He stopped and burst into

Uncle Jacob, though once a strong man, was not so now; he was a very weak old man, easily moved and easily pleased. And if he was moved, the girls were more deeply moved. Sadly they walked away.
"Poor old man," said Bess Browne

after walking without uttering one word for at least five minutes, "it's too bad.' No one responded, and their silence

expressed more than mere words. After this incident, when the girls met the picnic was hardly mentioned. One night, as they were, as usual, sauntering homeward after their day's work, they stopped as if by mutual consent, before a music store. Mae went in and the rest followed.

"Isn't that a beauty?" exclaimed Nellie Grant and Julia Trent in the same breath, as they pointed towards a violin. "How Uncle Jacob would like that!" they exclaimed.

"Eight dollars," said Julia, touching the placard. "Were you thinking of purchasing one?" asked the clerk "Yes-no-that is maybe." stammer

"Let's give up the picnic, girls, and

ed Julia.

get Uncle Jacob this for his birthday," suggested the impulsive Mae. "Shall we?" asked Julia. "I'll do as the rest do," said Bess. "I don't care," murmured Nellie, a suspicion of tears in her voice.

Much as they loved Uncle Jacob, it was hard for the girls to give up the picnic, but in the end their generous natures won, and the result was that the picnic was forgotten. Today Uncle Jacob plays and joys himself with his new violin while his old one hangs by a faded

Julia and the rest declare that it was better than the picnic, but they are already anticipating an outing next year. When Queen Alexandra Was a Girl.

blue ribbon upon the wall.

Certain circumstances at the court made Prince Christian Frederick. Queen Alexandra's father, elect to bring up his family in a semi-private manner, and he lived in the big old-fashioned mansion which still stands

in the principal street of Copenhagen To wear with all black, all white They say I am fretful and sulky and the children who were destined to be kings, empresses, and queens slep in modest bedrooms, the windows of which looked out upon the old coach-

One afternoon there was a tea party in the woods at Bernstoff, and the three sisters had a few little girl friends with them. After their tes they swung on the low boughs of the great trees and fell to talking, as children do, of what they wanted in life. Each little maid had her say. The Princess Dagma wished to be very grand and great, and have all obey her. The present Duchess of Cumberland would ask her fairy if she gave her a wish that she might be wondrously beautiful. When it came to Queen Alexandra's turn she said: Well, I should like to be very good and have everybody love me very and have everybody love me much."—Chicago Chronicle.

#### New Tricks and Games.

A surprising little trick and one easily performed is called "The Magic Lump of Sugar," and the feat to be performed is to put the sugar under water without wetting it. Here is the way it eis done: You know that if you plunge an empty goblet upside down into a vessel of water, the water will not rise as high in the goblet as it is in the vessel, because the air in the goblet will prevent it. That is the principle on which the experiment is made. Get a glass bowl or dish four or five inches deep, and pour water into it until it is about two-thirds full. A glass bowl is necessary, for you wish the onlookers to see everything you do. Before you make your experiment, plunge the goblet into the water, mouth down, but do it gently, and let the rim rest on the bottom of the bowl. This you do simply to test the depth of the water, and see whether the level of that within the goblet is some distance below the level of that within the bowl. Having made this preliminary test you remove the goblet, and place on the surface of the water in the bowl a flat, circular cork, and on it a lump of cut sugar. Now place the mouth of the goblet carefully over the cork, so as to surround it, and lower the goblet gently, taking care to keep it perfectly vertical; otherwise it might upset the cork and dump your sugar water. Do all this with much care, and you may hold the rim of the goblet down against the bottom of the bowl as you please, and all the time the sugar will remain dry on the floating cork, for the air in the upper part of the goblet will prevent the from rising. When you have held the goblet down long enough for everybody to see it, raise it gently and remove the cork, and you will find the sugar as dry as when you put it in the water.

THE SPUN COIN.

Here is a parlor trick with a coin: You can tell, even though blindfolded, whether the coin when spun falls head or tail upward. The secret lies in your having in your possession a coin at the extreme edge of which a tiny noteh has been previously cut. This much, although invisible to the naked eye, will, when the coin is spun, cause it, should it fall with the notched side downward) to fall with a sort of sudden flop, instead of, as in the case of an ordinary coin, running for some distance with a long, continuous whirr before finally falling to the ground. So that, if the amateur magician listens carefully, he can tell almost before the coin has finished spinning whether it has fallen on the notches side or not. Of course, he will have ascertained beforehand whether the notched side is heads or tails. The notched side is heads or tails. The difference of sound is no sufficiently marked to attract the notice of the spectators, but after a little practice he will be able to detect it without the smallest difficulty. For instance, if he has notched the coin on the head side,

and it runs down slowly, he cries, "Head," and if quickly, "Teil." AROUND THE WORLD. An excellent game for boys and girls,

and one that will add to their information, is "A Trip Around the World." Upon each of a number of cards is written name of some country which a traveler would cross on a trip around the world. The cards are then shuffled, and from the pack each person draws one or two, if only a few persons are playing, in order that all the cards may be drawn. The leader in the game now announces from what point the traveler in his long trip will start. The one holding the card bearing the name of that country then must tell someinteresting story about that country or its people. While relating his tale he must speak as if he were the traveler who had made the journey, and this was one of the experiences he had met with. When he has finished his story the one whose card bears the name of the next country passed through the traveler begins his narrative. Thue one after another each of the persons is given an opportunity to try his skill in story-telling. The game can be made interesting, especially if some humorous incidents are related. Thus the traveler may have taken the course of the Philippines, and it is the duty of the leader to tell what course was taken. While at those islands he may have taken a ride upon the water buffalo, which became frightened, as these animals often do, and have thrown its fider into a stream, where it made its escape. Or the traveler may have passed through Egypt, and there met with some funny experiences riding upon camels. The curious customs and modes of dress afford very good topics. It is a good plan to distribute the cards at the time invitations are made to an evening's entertainment, for then each one may have some time to look up some informa

#### tion upon this topic. ADVENTURES.

Somewhat similar to the above is the game of "Adventures." The players sit in a line, and the one at the right hand end of the line begins by describing an imaginary person, the hero of the story, and starting this person on a course of adventure, doing his best to place the hero in a situation very hard to get out of. Then the one on this player's left hand takes up the tale, and, getting the hero out of the difficulty in the most logical way, she can invent, proceeds with the story, and places the hero in another fix, so the next player will have great trouble in going on with the tale. hero must not be actually killed, but the more dangerous and difficult the positions are in which you leave him the more fun there is in the game, and the harder the next player will have to work to bring him safely out. Every player who fails to rescue the hero and continue the story must "drop out," This will soon bring the line of players to a very small number, and that respect it is something like a spelling match, but those who have to retire from the game have almost as much fun as those who remain, for they can, of course, hear the end of the story, although they cannot join in the final chapter.