

Present your cheeks to each other; it would do quite as well." "Oh, no, mademoiselle," said one of them. "We expect to be engaged some day."

"But, young ladies," I persisted, "I don't see why it is necessary that you should know how to kiss. Let your sweethearts teach you that accomplishment."

"B. h, mademoiselle," cried another; "young men are stupid creatures. Why, my sister Madge tells me that her beau said to her one evening: 'Madge, would you be very angry if I should kiss you on the lips?'"

"And what did your sister say?"

"Try me and see, you big fool?"

As you are aware, our language has no such word in it as to kiss. We French people, who are charged by the whole world with being so frivolous and inconstant, must content ourselves with the word embrace. What colossal stupidity to say "Come and embrace my hand!" or "Embrace me on the cheek!" Not so this English tongue. In it kiss rhymes with bliss and the sound and sense are so delightfully wedded that it is a word which is forever on people's lips and forever in their thoughts. To me it is a mystery sealed with twice seven seals.

THE HOME JOURNAL, although devoted to local matters, as its title implies, is not so thoroughly parochial but that when occasions arise it can extend its vision to notice important events occurring occurring elsewhere, and surely it ever there was justification for this departure, the unparalleled disorder which recently occurred in the British House of Commons would be occasion sufficient. Not only was there personal violence resorted to by some of the members, but actually bows dealt out, resulting from the excitement of the closure being put in force. It is said that when the Speaker appeared there was a shout from many of the members, pointing to Gladstone, "There is the author of it all." Truly, in the future "Remember Melchior" will be eclipsed by this expression of "There is the author of it all," and not likely to be forgotten, for it was a right, so to speak, to be remembered in Israel.

Then, again, the troubles of France with Siam are portentous of danger and apprehensions have, in the meantime, been settled, but whether England or France have got the best of the settlement will doubtless be the subject of many an animated discussion leading, may be, to further trouble.

❀ SPECTACLES. ❀

If your eyes are weak, you should have them looked after at once. We carry the finest lines of gold, silver and steel spectacles and eye glasses of every description to be had in the market, and, with our long practical experience, we are able to fit the most complicated case of defective vision, except when the eyes require to be operated upon by a physician.

We also have a fine line of colored spectacles and eyeglasses suitable for use in the sun.

When you require a pair of spectacles or eyeglasses, we solicit a call.

Our prices are reasonable.

DAVIDSON BROTHERS,

THE LEADING

Goldsmiths, Watchmakers and Opticians

54 GOVERNMENT STREET, VICTORIA.

❀ POINT * COMFORT * HOTEL ❀

MAYNE ISLAND, B. C.

This Hotel is sheltered from all winds but that from the northwest, chiefly a summer wind, thus tempering the heat of the summer months, and making it what it should be, a pleasure to live. To the south of the hotel, and very close to it, is a small crescent bay with sandy beach, a children's paradise, where the little ones can disport themselves immediately in sight of their guardians on the hotel verandahs.

The facilities for making shady walks with the many features of park and garden combined are most natural, giving visitors all the benefit of pleasure and exercise, in perfect privacy yet unconfined or limited.

Ample accommodation will be provided for recreative amusements such as lawn tennis courts, archery, lacrosse and cricket fields, and other kindred games.

A steam launch will be provided for the use of picnic and sporting parties to all points of interest and sport.

Another very important and desirable feature will be warm sheltered sea baths for invalids and those who from delicate health are unable to endure the exposure of bathing in the open air.

It may also be mentioned that on the property is a mineral spring, the water of which contains a large percentage of iron constituting a natural tonic especially beneficial to the system requiring toning or invigorating.

Warm Sea Water baths, Fresh and Salt Water Baths (hot and cold) will be found in the hotel.

For all information, apply to the offices of the Company.

A. W. TAYLOR & CO., Trunco Ave., Victoria,