

Fun and Fancy.

An American and an Englishman were discussing the relative size of the Thames and the Mississippi. The American said the argument thus: "Why, sir, here ain't enough water in the Thames to make a gargle for the mouth of the Mississippi."

At a recent concert the trombone player suddenly stopped playing, much to the astonishment of the leader, who demanded an explanation. The unlucky musician apologized, stating that he had blown two of his front teeth into the instrument, but his excuse was considered too thin instead of tooth out.

The other day one of Atlanta's chronic rag pickers went into Swartz's junk shop with a bag full of miscellaneous rags to sell. Swartz looked dubiously at the rag, then at the rag picker, and then exclaimed: "Py shuminyzrieky, vish shall I veigh—vat you got on, or vat you got off?" Then the picker got insulted and went off to another shop.

"Ah! I'm sadder when I sing," she sang in plaintive key; "And all the neighbors yell; 'So are we! So are we!' Why do you sleep in your pew when I am in the pulpit, while you're all attentive to every stranger whom I invite to preach for me?" said a country clergyman to his clerk. "Excuse me," said the clerk, "when you preach, I am sure all is right, but I cannot trust a stranger without keeping a good look-out."

A colonel of one of the regiments attached to the army of the Potomac was complaining at an evening party that from the ignorance and inattention of the officers he was obliged to do the whole duty of the regiment. Said he, "I am my own major, my own captain, my own lieutenant, my own sergeant, and—'Your own trumpeter,'" said a lady present.

Words of Wisdom.

Experience joined to common sense, To mortals is a providence.

Oh, banish the tears of children, Continual rains upon the blossoms are harmful.

A man without ambition is like dough without leaven in it to make it rise.

If you would be perfectly sure that your evil deeds will not be found out, the best way is not to do any.

Distinction is not in being heard of far and wide, but in being solid, straightforward, and loving the right.

When a man dies, men inquire what he has left behind; angels inquire what he has left behind him.

Whoever lends a greedy ear to a slanderous report is either himself of a bad disposition, or a mere child in sense.

Speak the truth; yield not to anger; give, when asked, of the little thou hast; give these three steps thou shalt go near the gods.

DISCONTENT AND DUTY.—Many people spend their lives in hunting for a place in the world that they were never intended to fill. They never settle down to anything with a contented feeling, or feel that what they are doing is by no means worthy to their abilities. They have a sunny ideal of a very noble life which they would like to reach, in which their powers would have free scope and where they could make a very bright record; but in their present position, their life is but a humdrum, prosy outline, in which they can accomplish nothing worthy or beautiful, and, therefore, it is of little use to try. So they go on discontented with their lot, and sighing for something else, and while they sigh the years glide by, and they find at the end they have missed every opportunity of doing anything worthy themselves. The truth is, one's vocation is not so far off possibility, but the simple round of duties that the passing hour brings. No day is commonplace if we only had eyes to see its splendor. There is no duty that comes to our hand but brings us the possibility of kindly service.

Once upon a time people sent letters and papers and books through the mail, and these only, but now this department of the Government appears to be used for most miscellaneous purposes. According to a report from Washington the articles which were detained during last month were sufficient to set up a small museum. Among the curiosities in the lead letter department are alligators, rattlesnakes, centipedes, a model of a human skull, a valuable musical instrument, a piece of a woman's ear, an assortment of Christmas cards painted by a piece of a bride's cake tied with ribbon, baseballs and bats, ashes from a fire in which were placed the remains of a Francis in 1230, Indian weapons, and innumerable minor articles of interest.

Now that there is a reliable remedy for kidney troubles, half the terrible aches to these complaints have been removed. For this let all be thankful, and to Dr. Van Buren's Kidney Cure, and all praise for having thus removed a hitherto considered fatal disease from our path. It was never known to fail. Sold by J. Wilson.

It is not at all unlikely that Ontario farmers will have a short crop of hogs this year. There is a general complaint of pigs having dropped dead, and with many of our farmers now the practice is to fatten spring pigs for next winter's market. The cause of the mortality does not appear to be well understood, but doubtless the long winter has something to do with it. Hogs are never so healthy as when they can get free access to the ground.—[Ex.]

In the history of medicines no preparation has received such universal commendation for the alleviation it affords, and the permanent cure it effects in kidney diseases, as Dr. Van Buren's Kidney Cure. Its action in these distressing complaints is simply wonderful. Sold by J. Wilson.

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Fashion's Fancies.

The yellow primrose, now the rage, was Lord Beaconsfield's favorite flower. Flower dog-collars, and fans to match, will be a pretty feature of summer evening dress.

The pretty zephyrs in "ginghams effects" come in beautiful mixtures of strawberry and olive, pale blue and cream, crossed with hair lines of Venetian red; dark hunter's green and pink, and pale primrose and mauve, crossed with lines of dark golden brown.

White straw bonnets and hats are not considered in quite as good style this season as those of dyed straw in colors. berry, olive, nut, gray, laurel green and brown.

There is a pretty fashion lately come into vogue of wearing tiny baskets of flowers hanging at the side of the evening dress designed for garden-party or dancing wear; they are baskets cut into leaves and attached to the right hand side of the skirt.

Flower fans are also a new fable—fans covered either with the exquisite blooms of the hot-house, to last but a day, or better still, a fan of your own manufacture, composed of artificial flowers and buds, costing about half the price of a ready-made one.

Stylish young ladies now wear the chemise collar with the prominent, curved tulle trimmed with deep Venetian cut-work or guipure embroidery. The cuff to match is a plain turn-over, and is generally half covered with a long glove. The lace border, which is usually put on over a strip of colored ribbon to form an officers collar and cuff, dispenses with the tulle or frill of crepe lisse about the neck and wrists. A small fancy jewelled brooch representing an insect or flower fastens the collar.

The ready-made costumes of light summer woollens are very attractive, both in style and price. Among these are stylish and serviceable cashmires, in fawn colour, beige, terra cotta, showing a gleam of scarlet or gold in the ruche linings and panel facings. The drapings are caught up here and there with flots and flowing ends of Ottoman ribbon or chain satin the colour of the dress, faced with a color matching that of the ruche lining. Skirts of plain visgore in Olive, French gray, shepherd's check, or dark green, made with the velvet ruffle around the bottom, and a long French redingote or polonaise, with pockets, cuffs and collars of velvet, also compose very lady-like costumes.

Many plain Parisian suits are still in masculine style, with jaunty cut-away jackets, embroidered waistcoats, men's cravats and scarf-pieces worn with high standing collar of plain linen; orange yellow kid gloves, stitched with black, cavalier hat and alligator boots, with light or dark cloth tops. New walking coats are also in imitation of men's overcoats, being long and perfectly straight, fitting very snugly front and back, without break or fold in the skirt, and buttoning from throat to hem. This style has been carried to exaggeration, and many ladies of erratic tastes who have donned these undraped wraps have made themselves look uncommonly like a clown.

An excellent way to remodel and modernize an old silk dress, black or light-colored, is to take all the old trimmings off the skirt and bodice, leaving it perfectly plain. If there is enough material left sufficient ingenuity to form the old style of the waist and breadths of the skirts into a plain princess slip, the way is then clear. Trim the skirt with bouffants of Oriental lace, which now comes in beautiful designs at remarkably low prices. If there is sufficient goods to make an alternate ruffle or fan pleating of the silk, it will make all the less lace to buy. If the silk is black, Spanish lace can be purchased for as reasonable a sum as the Oriental. For the overdress place over the silk skirt paniers made of Oriental net edged with a fall of the lace. The drape in the back may be of the untrimmed net alone or may match the trimmed paniers. If the silk of the bodice is in good condition, a berth of the net, finished with double frills of the lace will elegantly complete the trimming. If not, cut the bodice out half low in the neck, the sleeves short, and veil the arms and neck with the net; knots of gay-colored ribbon, or sprays of flower and foliage, will then complete the magical effect of the renovation. Thus can be had a very dressy, a very tasteful, and an exceedingly fashionable toilet, which can be obtained at a moderate expense from a dress which even your great grandmother wore.

Simply miraculous is all I can say of the effect of Dr. Van Buren's Kidney Cure in my case. An elderly lady writes this from Antigonish, N. S., who had suffered from pains in the back for twenty years. Sold by J. Wilson Goderich.

Not a Bad Exchange.

A country merchant visited the city and purchased from a dollar store a table caster, which he took home with him, and after putting a tag on it marked \$14 made a present of it to a Methodist preacher, whose church his family attended. The reverend gentleman took the package home, opened it and examined the contents. The next day he took the caster (with the tag attached) back to the groceryman, and said to him: "I am too poor in this world's goods to afford to display so valuable a caster on my table, and if you have no objection I should like to return it and take \$14 worth of groceries in its stead."

The merchant could do nothing but acquiesce. The modesty of certain ambitious persons consists in becoming great without making too much noise; it may be said that they advance in the world on tiptoe.

As the frosts of winter vanish under the caloric influence of the sun's rays, so does Bright's Disease, Dropsy, stone in the Kidneys and Bladder, and Inflammation of the Kidneys, leave the body upon the administration of Dr. Van Buren's Kidney Cure. Sold by J. Wilson Goderich.

Household Hints.

CHOCOLATE CARAMELS, I.—Three pounds white or brown sugar (brown preferred), one pound chocolate, one pint milk, one-half pound butter, and vanilla to taste at the last; cook until the edges of the pan become a little sugary, then pour into shallow pans well greased.

CHOCOLATE CARAMELS, II.—One cake chocolate, one cupful white sugar, one cupful brown sugar, one heaping tablespoonful flour, one cupful molasses, a piece of butter the size of an egg, and one cupful milk; cook about one-half hour, stirring constantly, pour into pans and mark in squares while soft.

BUTTER TARTS.—One-half pint molasses, one-half pint water, one pound loaf sugar, one quarter pound butter. Let boil without stirring, until by dropping a little water you find it done.

MISCE PIES WITHOUT MEAT.—Five cupfuls chopped apples, one cupful chopped raisins, one cupful of citron, one cupful of currants; add molasses, sugar, a little salt, a teaspoonful of cinnamon, mace, nutmeg, and cloves; orange peel, if you like, or figs or almonds; wet with cider or brandy.

CUP PLUM PUDDING.—Take one cup each of raisins, flour, bread-crumbs, suet, and sugar; stone and cut the raisins, wash and dry the currants, chop the sugar, and mix all the above ingredients well together; then add two ounces of cut candied peel and citron, a little mixed spoonful of each; stir in four well-beaten eggs, and milk enough to make the mixture so that the spoon will stand upright in it; tie it loosely in a cloth, or put it in a mould; plunge into boiling water and boil for three and a half hours.

A BAKED PLUM PUDDING.—Take one pound of flour, one-half pound of currants, one-half of raisins, one-half pound of suet, one egg, one half pint of milk, a little candied peel; chop the suet finely; mix it with the flour; currants, stoned raisins, and sliced peel; add the well-beaten egg, and add milk enough to make the pudding of the consistency of very thick batter. Put it into a buttered dish, and bake in a good oven from one and a quarter to one and a half hours; turn it out strow sifted sugar over and serve.

PLUM CAKE.—Take two pounds of large, fresh raisins, one pound of citron, eight fresh eggs, two cups of powdered sugar, one of butter, four of flour, one of sweet milk, one-half teaspoonful of soda, one nutmeg, grated, half teaspoonful of ground cloves; sift the flour and put in the oven to brown, as you would coffee; cut the raisins in half and seed them; cut the citron in strips half an inch wide, then slice as thin as possible; bake in a six-quart basin two hours. Loaf for it; the whites of four eggs, two cups of powdered sugar, two tablespoonfuls of corn starch, the juice of one lemon, one ounce of rose-water.

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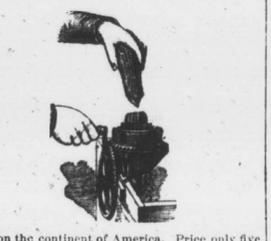
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