

then draw a mulch of dust on top. The soil should reach up the stem a little, and there should not be too many leaves on top, as the excessive evaporation from them may wilt the plants. Always transplant in the evening, or on a rainy day, and, if necessary protect from the sun for a day or two.

#### Cleaning Feathers and Blankets.

Now that the warm, bright days are here blankets and feather pillows should be cleaned. Pearlina is splendid for washing blankets. An easy way to change feathers from one tick to another is to rip the seam in the old tick for about a foot and leave the same size space unsewed in the new tick. Whip these two openings firmly together and hang the old tick on the clothes-line high enough so both ticks clear the ground. With your hands press downward on the old tick toward the opening and in a few minutes the feathers will all be in the new tick.

### The Windrow

Miss Susanna Cocroft, health expert of Chicago, is starting a movement among the women of the country for Federal supervision of the health of the nation. The campaign with which she is identified was launched at the meeting of the National Conservation Congress.—Woman's Journal.

Recently a bill providing for the extension of the parliamentary franchise to 6,000,000 women was passed in the British House of Commons on its second reading by an astonishing majority of 329 to 40.

Aviator Lieutenant Fevre, flying over Saint Marie Aux Mines, in German Alsace, dropped a wreath and letter requesting the curate of the village to place the wreath on the tomb of his father, Colonel Fevre of the Two Hundred and Twenty-first Regiment of French infantry, who was killed in that locality during the French offensive of 1914. A German aviator, flying over the French lines, dropped the curate's answer, saying that the favor had been accomplished.

"The one constructive idea born out of the war's universal destruction is the proposal to establish at the close of the fighting a League of Nations, by which reason may be enthroned on earth, buttressed by every available sanction"—The Independent. This plan was first proposed at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, June 17, 1915, by a group of distinguished American citizens, headed by ex-President Taft. The other day in London, 1,200 Englishmen, headed by Lord Bryce endorsed the proposals made in Philadelphia and made some additions.

A Russian woman was graduated as architect from the Petrograd art academy this year. Before 1903, women were not admitted, and it is only this year that a woman architect has been graduated. The course is a difficult one and the examination strict. It was necessary to draw plans for a home for military invalids, housing 2,000 men and 300 officers, and a church with a capacity of 3,000 people. With twelve men, this one woman competed and succeeded.

Concluding a narrative (in the "Cornhill Magazine") of his escape from a prisoners' camp in Germany, Mr. Lewis R. Freeman makes some suggestive observations about the Belgian and Dutch frontiers. "Of how I got out of Belgium into Holland (he writes), and finally on to England, it would not do for me to write anything at all at this time, beyond saying that it was entirely due to aid that I had from the Belgians themselves. One of the most interesting chapters of the war will be the one—not to be published till all is over—telling how Belgian patriots in Belgium not only kept touch with each other during the German occupation, but also contrived to send news—and even go and come themselves—to the outer world. Even the 'electric fence' along the Holland boundary has no terrors for them, and I am giving away no secret when I say that there are more ways of getting safely under or over that fence than there are wires in it. It will probably do no harm for me to say that I crossed this barrier on a very

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