HOUSEHOLD.

Mouse-Oleaning Time. To ellow of the cherry flowers,
White gleaming on the bough.
The shining gold of daffedils
Within the garden now !—
But for the silver or the gold
I must not stop nor stay.
They come—the painter with his
The whitewash man to-day.
th, what a mockery is life!—
Teg sweet spring's dewy prime,
The tairest days of earth and sky,
We call "house-cleaning time!"
With more of rapture in their note

The dairest days of earth and sky, We call "house-cleaning time!"
With more of rapture in their notes Than in all human words. Than in all human words. The choir of the birds. But not for me their merry songs, Or blooming of the trees—The sound of carpet-beating comes Borne in on every breeze; And I must brush the cobwebs down, And ply the busy broom, And strew, against the lurking moth, With benzine all the room!
This jubilee of earth and air, The sweet spring's fragrant prize, Why is it that brings it to me, Alas! "house-cleaning time'? Alas!" house-cleaning time'?

A Little Girl's Sewing.

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The baby of two years will beg for a seedle to sew, and, in her small rocking-chair, work industriously at nothing at all for many minutes, but when three or four years of age, can, with time and patience, be taught to wear a thimble, thread a needle, and make a garment for a tiny doll, one of those that is completed when two inches of running up the back, six inches of hemming around the bottom, a draw string around the neck and two holes for the arms completes the dress, and from this on to big dresses for big dolls, which cover, when neatly made, all the ground gone over on a larger scale on a frock for herself, and then to the machine, where her own skirts and aprons can be so quickly put together, is all within the range of pleasant possibilities. The Domestic Monthly thinks stocking darning must be beguiled with story-telling, and some sugary reward, but should be among the first lessons in repairing taught, and that seven years is not too carly for a girl to begin this part of her education, only she should not be comforted at the outset with some old stocking gaping with rents, but rather a pair with just the tiniest hole making itself seen; then it will not be long before the mother can say, "There, your stockings are mended, and you can run and play," and with a cent to spend or a creamdrop or caramel as a prize, there will nothing unpleasant be connected with darning stockings, and it is strange that it should be mostly regarded as a disagreeable, if not a hateful task. In connection with the darning, teach the daughter to leave off stockings as soon as they begin to show white patches, through the inky line now fashionable, for small holes are not so tiresone to fill up as some great rent in the heal or knee.

The sewing on of shoe-buttons is also omething that should come under the

Few things are more slovenly than a wall with holes in the plaster, yet such disfigure ments are likely to occur from the blows of heavy furniture, hammering of picture naise in wrong places and from various other tauses. Such places should be mended at hee with plaster-of-paris, mixed to at thin saste with water. It is best to mix only a sittle at a time as it sets so rapidly that it becomes too hard to handle in a few moments. Apply it and smooth it down with the blade of a knife and cover up the spot with a piece of wall paper matching the pattern on the wall as you paste it on and the spot will never show.

Cooking Receipts.

Son was favorable. The results are given in the following table.

Wideawake.

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41 bushels.

42 to 497 "
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50.3 "
60.3 12 to 42 to 30.5 "
12 will be seen that with both varieties the largest yield came from seeding at the rat of seven and eight pecks per acre. The wideawake weighed twenty-eight and one-half to thirty-seven. In both cases the lightest oats came from the four peck rate of seed per in the following table.

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10 to 10 t Few things are more slovenly than a wall

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HAVANA SOUP.—Grate one cocoanut and simmer it in one quart veal stock for half an hour. (Veal stock is made by simmering two pounds of veal brides in two quarts of cold water until reduced one-half, then strained.) Strain the stock to remove the socoanut, and add to the liquor one pint of cream. Heat again, and when boiling add one heaping tablespoon corn starch mixed amoothly with one tablespoon of hot butter. Season with salt and white pepper. Beat the yolks of two eggs, add one cup of the

broth, pour into the tureen, turn in the boiling broth, and mix well. Serve with boiled rice.

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HASHED POTATOES.—Cut the potatoes as for a pie, put them in a pan, with a little chopped onion, pepper and salt; add a little butter, allowing about half an ounce to each pound of potatoes, and a quarter of a pint of water; cover the pan and let them stew moderately about 30 or 35 minutes.

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Potato Soup.—A quarter of a pound of butter, three large onions peeled and sliced small; stew in a stewpan until brown; stir frequently. When ready have peeled three or four dozen medium sized white potatoes, and slice them in the stew-pan with the onions and butter. Pour sufficient boiling water over for the amount of soup desired. Let them boil for two hours, and then strain through a seive into a soup-tureen. Season with salt and pepper.

FRICASSELD TRIPR.—Cut a pound of tripe in narrow strips, put a small cup of water or milk to it, add a bit of butter the size of an egg, dredge in a large teaspoonful of flour, or work it with the butter; season with pepper and salt, let it simmer gently ior half an hour, serve hot. A bunch of parsley cut small and put with it is an improvement.

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Stewed Lobsters.—Two medium lob-

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STEWED LOBSTERS.—Two medium lobsters, one pint of milk, two tablespoons butter, two tablespoons flour, one-half teaspoon
salt, one-half saltspoon cayenne, one-half
lemon, or two tablespoons vinegar. Open
the lobsters and cut the meat in small
pieces. Boil the milk, melt the butter, add
the flour, and when smooth add the boiling
gmilk gradually. Add the seasoning and
the lobster. Let it simmer ten minutes.
CORNMEAL GRIDDLE CAKES.—One pint of
commeal, one tablespoonful of butter, one
as altspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of
sugar. Pour boiling water slowly upon the
mixture, stirring till all is moistened, and
leave it for 30 minutes. Then break
into the mixture three unbeaten eggs,
which must be well beaten into the dough.
Add five tablespoonfuls of cold milk, one
spoonful at a time, till it is all smooth, and
then bake on both sides a nice brown.
Serve hot, one griddleful at a time, as they
are baked.

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averse to taking to the water again after his lengthy swim of two miles.

It is very convenient to have a little china tement to mend china or glassware. Although no cement has ever been invented which will successfully stand boiling water, yet a piece of china which is intended for flecorative use, and not for hard service in the kitchen, where it will be frequently washed, will be as good as new when it is ince mended.

A peck or more of lime left in a cellar in an appen keg will absorb an immense amount of noisture, which otherwise might form in rould on the walls. Northing is more flangerous to the health of the occupants of a house than a mouldy cellar; yet people becasionally live for years in such a house than a mouldy cellar; yet people becasionally live for years in such a house and escape the danger, and then possibly succumb to it finally when one would least experiment was duplicated, two varieties of oats being used. The work was done on land very uniform in quality, and the season was favorable. The results are given in the following table.

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pecks.	Yield per acre.	
	Wideawake, 44.1 bushels, 45.6 "49.7 "50.9 "	Clydesdale. 39.1 bushels. 41.1 40.1 42.2 42.4 44.4
11.	45.9	20.5 4

THE FASTEST THINGS.

Some Curiosities of Speed.

The fastest railroad train in the world was the special train over the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, which made the distance from New York to Buffalo on Sept. 14, 1891, 440 miles in 443 minutes and 44 seconds. There is no possible doubt but that the time and distance were exactly as stated. Angus Sinclair, in the "National Car and Locomotive Builder," attested the official velocity of the train as being 60.69 miles per hour.

This achievement was so remarkable as to attract the attention of the world. The Birmingham Daily Mail declared that not until then had Americans disputed the records with English railroads. It pointed to the fact that the Northwestern railroad in running from London to Crewe, 146 miles, in three hours and 5 minutes, had opened Americans'eyes. It conceded the trumph, however, to the New York Central road. This was an experimental train. The first regular train to emulate this time was the Empire State express, composed of buffet, smoking and library cars in addition to the regular coaches, and drawn by the same engine. On Oct. 26, 1891, it made the 440 miles in 8 hours 413 minutes, now the regular schedule time and the fastest in the world.

The fastest cooking, authentically attest-

land, Oregon was not official.

Good Habits.

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As one of the most important things, see it is it that you form good habits. The gross is iss of evil speech, the impure word, the low thought end act, the bad temper, the spirit of envy, jealousy, or revenge, the isolating pride—all these of course, you will avoid. But beyond these negative virtues, diligently cultivate positive Christian habits. Speak charitably and kindly of all. Cultivate a helpful spirit. Strive to be always and everywhere useful. Crush ont, if you have it, any ingrained selfishness. Strive with daily effort and prayer after the Christlike spirit of love te all and obedience to duty. Keep a conscience void of offense to duty the Bible constantly, that you may be mindful of these things, and pray for grace to be faithful to its teaching and arteries in which that life shall almost be the channel of your life, the moral veins and arteries in which that life shall almost be the channel of your life, the moral veins and arteries in which that life shall almost be the channel of your life, the moral veins and arteries in which that life shall almost be the channel of your life, the moral veins and arteries in which that life shall almost be the channel of your life, the moral veins and arteries in which that life shall almost be the channel of your life, the moral veins and arteries in which that life s

YOUNG FOLKS.

The Tail of a Cow.

A not infrequent experience in a new country is what the pioneers call "getting lost." To wander bewildered all day in a great forest is not a pleasant adventure; but when it extends through the night, in the densest darkness, the wanderer scratched and bruised by contact with invisible brush, trees and logs, ears filled with the mysterious, often alarming, noises of the woods, nerves overstrung, it is truly fearful. As there is something overawing about the ocean, so there is about the "great woods;" but the awful sensation of being lost on the one or in the other, can be known only by experience. Charley Barnum was twice lost in the Ohio forests before he was 15 years old. One of these incidents I will relate to you.

It was away back in the days when the settlers were so few coat they had not materially lessened the number of wild animals or decreased the extent of the forests, and miles intervened between neighbors. In the winter the cattle were fed chiefly on what was termed "browse;" that is, the tender twigs of trees felled for that object. But in summer the cows roamed at will for pasturage anywhere through the woods, and at sundown were driven home and shut over night in a yard surrounded by a high log fence. It was the boys' business to "get the cows" as night drew near, and often it was a long, perplexing search. Every berd, large or small, had a "bell cow," and the tinkle, tinkle of the bell was the first thing to be found when a boy went "after the cows." It is a queer experience, searching with one's ears for a mere sound; that found and traced, the cows were soon discovered. Charley Barnum usually got out about an hour before sunset, generally pursuing a certain beat through the woods, up and down, round and round, where he had leached that the drove were most apt to roam.

One afternoon he started on this search a little later than common, going first down

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Within a few minutes the bell seemed quite mear, and the noises from the seemed were less distinct, proving that it was rather of disconcerted by the tinkling.

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How to be Happy, Though Single. How to be Happy, Taugh Single
I drew my chair before the fre:
My dressing gown falls on my knees;
My faithful friends who never tire,
My books, are ranged around to please
The changing mood. In all the sire
No Benedict's so well at ease.
With one thing more my bliss were ripe,
And that I seize, my own, my pipe.

And that seeze, my own, my pipe.
The genial Autocrat is near,
And Boswell standing by his side;
There's Fielding, hiding in the rear,
Here Littlewhite and "Nyron's Guide;"
Pendennis, Pickwick, Swift and here
The frolic Muse's sons abide,
Locker and Praed together stand,
And Dobson ready to my hand,

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The bleak wind shrills across the street,
The fire burns up more cheerfully.
What need I, puss, love's bitter-sweet?
I am not Miss Blanche Amory.
We'll rest content with one defeat;
No more emotions, thanks, for me!
Or only this, lulled by your purr,
To close my eyes and think of her.

Tis midnight and the fire is low;
Hour after hour my thoughts will stray,
And leave my trusty books and go
Along the well-remembered way.
Tis better thus, no doubt. Heigho!
There's something wanted, pussy. Stay.!
Til write her in the self-same strain.

—baps she won'tsay "No" again.

EDMUND VINEY.

Spiders have eight eyes. Music type was invented in 1502. Fish are always sold alive in Japan. Gipsies originally came from India. Silkworms are sold by the pound in

The savings bank was invented by a Chergyman.
The Russians invented wood paving for

The ashes of burnt corks make fine black

The wearing of green veils is said to be In battle only one ball out of eighty-five

There are 1,000 men to every 906 women

Sales by auction were formerly held by audlelight. Laplanders often skate a distance of 150 niles a day.

Wooden sleepers on railways last about fifteen years. A thousand children are born in London

workhouses yearly. All the chickens in the western part of French Guinea are perfectly white.

Women Choristers in Vogue

The honorable order of deaconesses has been revived in the methodist church, in which women more nearly share spiritual dignities with men than in any other of the

been revived in the methodist church, in which women more nearly share spiritual dignities with men than in any other of the protestant denominations. In the respect of possessing an active feminine element for parchial labors the episcopal church follows close upon the liberal minded methodist; for not only, like the methodist, does the episcopal church encourage the formation of countless charitable organizations of ladies, but latterly the tide of prejudice has set in flavor not only of the minister's sharing certain actual pulpit duties with devoted lady parishioners, but also of the appointment of women to important uniform service. Quietly have the more broad-minded rectors turned their attention to the formation of choral classes drawn from the feminine element in the congregation. In some three or four New York churches, at Sunday afternoon and feast-day services, a group of young girls, in severe, half-prieatly black robes, chant responses, psalms and hymns quite to everyone's satisfaction. The gowns worn by the women choristers are severe in the extreme—of thin black serge Hanging full from the throat, with the flowing vestment sleeve that falls to the gown's hem. A close little black cloth cap set demurely atop a very simply combed head completes this somber tri's (that in no wise dims the sweetness of o cs carolling from organ loft or pew. It is unnecessary to say that this innovation has proved very popular. It is liked especially by those chiefly concerned, as it allows them to take so active a part in the services.

A nailless horse-shoe, that is fastened to the hoo with a clasp, is coming into use in

the hoo with a clasp, is coming into use in Paris.

The forty-first chapter of Genesis, four-teenth verse, contains the earliest reference to shaving of the beard, where it is told of Joseph that he shaved I whoself.

The dolphin is said to be the fastest-swimmer in the seas. It has been observed to dart through the water at a vate coms puted to be much greater than twenty milean hour, and is often seen swimming round and round a valued which is sailing at highest speed.