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Regular value for 34c.

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For marking Underclothing, Handkerchiefs, etc.

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EU-DE-COLOGNE,
only 80c. tube.

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35c. bottle.
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How Matches Are Made In Russia.

When in some western portions of the Russian empire the son of a home has reached his eighteenth birthday, his parents feel that it is time for adding another breadwinner to the family—a daughter-in-law, healthy of lungs and strong of limb. The simplest way of discovering her is through a sort of competitive exhibition. The community sets apart an annual festival day at which the people gather in a central village, the fathers with their sons of eighteen, to be on the lookout for a promising young lady; the mothers with their seventeen-year-old daughters to be looked upon. Fathers and sons take their stand at street corners, while girls walk up and down under the chaperonage of their mothers.

The parade is not carried on in silence. Between the spectators and the paraders remarks are banded back and forth. "That's the kind of hair I like," a young fellow might say as an auburn-tinted young lady happens by. Quick as a flash the retort is likely to leap from her tongue, "What could you do with any kind of hair when you have nothing in your head?" Or the youth puts out a feel-

er, saying softly, "Come with me and I'll protect you." To which the reply may come from her, "It would take six of your kind to do that." One foolish swain is said to have twitted a girl about the size of her feet. "You look out," came the retort of the buxom girl: "you may get them on top of you some day." And by-standers felt instinctively that the danger was all on his side.

In some way or other, though, the great majority of lads have found their bride-to-be before the day is over. Shyness mixed with pride written on his open features, the youth takes the maiden by the hand and the two walk up and down the street, she casting her glances demurely on the ground, with occasional side observations in his direction. Both appear to be very embarrassed, and probably they are. But the parents on both sides have considered the matter carefully a long time beforehand, and have even talked about it with their children.

In more eastern provinces of Russia, this semi-marketing is eliminated; but ways of making matches are

still more curious. The father of an eighteen-year-old son goes out on a quiet hunt for a seventeen-year-old daughter-in-law. He enters this home and that, requesting that the marriageable maiden be properly arrayed and trotted out for his inspection. Then he proceeds to examine her physique and to ascertain her achievements in sewing, knitting, spinning, weaving, cooking and field work. As to her charms, they are a secondary matter; if they exist, so much the better; but they determine the wise parent neither way. There is some concern in regard to the dowry, whether it shall be a cow, a pig or a sheep; a difference which may cause considerable dickering. It must be clear, too, that no relationship exists between the young people. Even so nominal an office as that of godfather or godmother serves to place impassable barriers between them.

The mother of the damsel on whom the searcher's choice has fallen receives an invitation to the young man's home; she must become acquainted with the "jewel," as for once in his life the lad is now called. If the woman accepts the invitation, a sumptuous supper is prepared, at which every chance is given her to make a study of her prospective son-in-law. In the arguments and the bargainings that ensue he takes no part whatever; in fact, though he is so intimately con-

cerned, it is likely that he has never seen his bride-to-be.

Soon after, the lad's mother makes a visit to the girl's home. Accompanied by two or three of her neighbors, she approaches the house by some circuitous way and, under cover of darkness, knocks three times on the door, and replies to the question from within, what she wants,—"We fain would eat." The door is thrown open, and a curious conversation begins, which is, nevertheless, definitely prescribed by custom.

The visitors seat themselves, and the mother of the boy says, "I have a son, a Hercules of a boy, who can plough three times so much ground in a day as any other man in the village. He is tall and comely; every girl in our neighborhood has her eye on him. But we have heard from afar that in this house there dwells a beautiful virgin of seventeen summers, with eyes as a gazelle, with hair as the golden tresses of the water fairies, with a bosom as white as snow. According to her far-spread fame, she is possessed of all the virtues; good-natured, pious, and born in the sunlight. She can sew, cook, knit, weave and spin; she is handy at milking the cows and at working in the field like a man. I beg of you that you show me this beautiful maiden, for fain would we have her become a wife of our jewel."

Humbly confessing that she was

quite unaware of harboring so accomplished a young lady in her home, the girl's mother pretends to send for her. But, previous to the arrival of the visitors, ten or a dozen neighboring girls had been collected within the house, and these, one after another, like the sons of Jesse before Samuel, are made to pass before the visitors. Like those same sons, they are rejected, too. Finally, when the examiners are confident that the last neighbor girl has been paraded before them, they assume their hostesses that, unfortunately, their call has been in vain; not one of the many damsels approaches the virtues that had been reported. So they unwillingly prepare to leave the house.

"Stay yet a moment!" cries the housewife, seemingly embarrassed. "I have one more daughter here whom I had completely forgotten." The blushing maiden is then ushered into the room, is immediately recognized as the wonderful damsel of whom reports had spread so far, and, weeping, she stands in the midst, while her uncertain destiny is discussed in lively terms. At a given time she breaks out in loud lamentations, and she will not be comforted. But the marriage contract and preliminaries are arranged for, then and there. The banquet is ready, too, which lasts through most of the night.

The next day, by various routes,

the youth and the girl are conducted to the house of some relative, and are there allowed to exchange glances through a keyhole. It may be the only glimpse they obtain of each other previous to their wedding. And all the while the young lady is loudly protesting, and begs repeatedly that the wedding day be postponed. In these requests she is backed by the married women, who constantly chant songs in which the free and untrammelled days of youth are praised and wedded life is disparaged. It is all part of the ceremony, and probably both of the young people are glad at heart.

Household Notes.

Leaves and ingredients of a salad should be kept cold and dry until mixed.

If the top and bottom cellar steps are painted white, some one will be saved a fall.

Wash white leather gloves on a dry, windy day, so that they will dry very quickly.

Never throw away your sour cream. Delicious pie crust may be made with it.

Decorated oilcloth makes very attractive mats and pillows for the summer porch.

Onion-flavored syrup imparts an excellent flavor to water in which ham is boiling.

Fighting Brain of Giant Wars

NEW YORK, June 3.—The dreadnought Tennessee, the largest and most formidable United States battleship afloat, goes into commission to-day at the Brooklyn yards. Constructed here at a cost of twenty million dollars, she is 350 feet long, has a beam of 98 feet and a displacement of 32,500 tons.

A "fighting brain" enclosed in a steel fort near the top of the ward mast, has a number of concentrated devices for observing enemy ships. These enable the crew of the enemy craft to sight the Tennessee. It consists of three decks and their fighting platform is twenty-five men. Signalling devices, connected throughout the ship, insure instant action of range and rapid fire. "Fighting brain" is filled with medical devices for range finding other delicate instruments.

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MARMALADE DISHES \$3.00 each
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5-PIECE TEA SETS. \$30.00, \$35.00
RODGER'S 26-PIECE CUTLERY SET, \$16.50, \$20.00.
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