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Special plea to our consideration in the cause of the theatre gown.—Paris correspondent.

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rather a warm place and let it rise over night. In the morning beat to a cream a half a cupful of butter, one cupful of sugar and three eggs, and stir this mixture into a sponge, then stir in enough sifted flour to make a soft dough, put it on the pastry board, which should be well dusted with flour; roll the dough out to the thickness of tea biscuit dough; with a small cutter cut out the rusk, put them in a baking pan, let them rise again till quite spongy and light, then bake them in a moderate oven about twenty-five minutes. Dissolve two tablespoonfuls of sugar in a little milk, remove the pan from the oven, brush over the top of each rusk with this mixture, then stand them back in the oven just a minute till the glaze is set. Serve the rusk hot.—N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.

Mincemeat Pudding. A mincemeat pudding is a novelty. Two cups of mincemeat, one and one-half cups of flour, and six eggs are required. Whip the whites of the eggs and stir the yolks into the mincemeat. Thoroughly incorporate these, and then put in the whites and the flour alternately, beating well. Butter a mould, leaving room for the pudding to swell, and boil for five hours steadily. If the pudding is allowed to get cool for one minute there will be heavy

STUDY THE CHILD'S DISPOSITION.

It is told of Madame Argo, who was so infatuated with the pianist Liszt in his younger days, that she said to a reproaching friend: "Do not blame me for seeking distractions outside my home. I have a husband buried up to his ears in business. It broke my heart to find that he did not know his own children. He did not even know how many of them there were."

Mrs. F. Wright, of Oelwein, Iowa, is another one of the million women who have been restored to health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"My trouble was with the ovaries; I am tall, and the doctor said I grew too fast for my strength. I suffered dreadfully from inflammation and doctored continually, but got no help. I suffered from terrible dragging sensations with the most excruciating pains down in the side and pains in the back, and the most agonizing headaches. No one knows what I endured. Often I was sick to the stomach, and every little while I would be too sick to go to work for three or four days; I worked in a large store, and I suppose standing on my feet all day made me worse."

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The Dainty Husk. Among the daintiest and most delicious of hot breads for breakfast or luncheon is the rusk. The making of rusk is almost a lost art, preserved only among the cooks of the south. Here are directions for making crisp and appetizing little rusks which will be found most satisfactory if closely followed: Dissolve a small cake of compressed yeast in a glass of warm water. Put a pint of warm sweet milk in a large bowl, add a teaspoonful of salt and stir in enough flour to make a light batter, then stir in the yeast, cover the bowl with a towel, stand it in

A Potato Farcy. Baked potatoes with cheese are relished as a change. Select large potatoes, scrub well, and bake until done. Cut them in half and scoop out without breaking the skins. Mash and beat up lightly with salt, pepper, a little cream or milk, and grated cheese. Fill the skins and brown in the oven. These are said to be very easily digested.—N. Y. Evening Post.

The Collarless Corsage. The decree of the collarless corsage has gone a long way toward advancing the cause of the demitoelet, a deletion of this detail making at once for a distinctive daintiness and dressiness. Again, and quite of recent days, there has come most valuable assistance in the shape of the pelerine, a thing most admirably adjustable, that suffices of itself to immediately alter the aspect of the most décolleté bodice. The pelerine of the present hour is a sharply defined and well-defined, refining the shoulder line sharply and boldly, and thereby balancing the subsequent characteristic droop over the bend of the shoulders. But, however fabricated, the pelerine is a bewitching addition that leads to the picturesque, white, but not as

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Laid up all Winter, but Pills put Him on His Feet and Now He is Completely Well. Indian Brook, Victoria, Dec. 15.—(Special)—Angus, a prominent among those in the district who swear by Dodd's Pills as a sure cure for those ailments in the back that are so sure a symptom of kidney trouble, writes as follows: "While at work in the coal pits, twenty-five miles away, was sent for to relieve his suffering. This was in October, 1901, and he couldn't do a hand's turn of work till the spring of 1902. Then a hotelkeeper advised him to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. That hotelkeeper advised me. The pills were sent to me in August, and then his first question was, 'Angus, how's your back?' 'As well as ever it was,' answered Angus. 'What cured it?' 'Dodd's Kidney Pills cured me completely.' 'And the Postmaster at Indian Brook is always ready to testify to the truth of his son's statement. Pains in the Back, Lumbago, Rheumatism, Dropsy and Heart Disease cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills. Dodd's Kidney Pills will cure them.

Fashion Notes.

Many of the new collars with tiny steel buckles or silk buttons. Glove handkerchiefs, which until last season were shown only among exclusive goods, are found this year in great variety.

Lisle thread stockings with embroidered fronts, lace insteps and toes, are pretty to wear with fancy house shoes and slippers.

The most admired new fur is squirrel head, a lovely, soft fur, smoke color, and wonderfully smart when relieved with ermine or chinchilla. Squirrel back and moleskin are also very fashionable, and perfectly new.

There is a new hair binder on the market. It is a combination of two small tortoiseshell combs, which operate on the principle of a scissors and have a little curved stem at one end to which an artificial curl or switch may be attached.

Siberian squirrel fur is a prominent element of millinery departments. A hat with a soft crown of grey velvet has a broad brim of the grey fur which finishes in wide tabs held close to the hair by a long steel ornament. The lining is shirred blue satin.

A lot of ribbon embroidery is used on evening gowns. It is effective in all cases, dainty on a foundation of mousseline de soie, and rich on brocades. It is sometimes combined with paillettes, for paillettes are coming back into favor. On a dinner gown of white brocade is an embroidery of several shades of red ribbon combined with red paillettes. The dress is trimmed with a lot of white chiffon flounces and touches of red velvet ribbon.—Paris cor.

Sunday School.

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Paul and Silas at Philippi.—Acts 16: 4-24

Commentary. An evil spirit cast out (vs. 16-18). The missionaries made their home at the house of Lydia (see v. 15) while they continued to preach the gospel at Philippi. They had good success and in this city the first Christian Church in Europe was founded. But their victories did not come about without great opposition. There was in the city a certain damsel who was a fortune-teller, who brought her masters great gain. This slave girl followed them on their journeys and cried after them: "Paul was deceived because of this and commanded the evil spirit to come out of her. And he came out the same hour."

II. Paul and Silas arrested (vs. 19-21). After the evil spirit had left the girl she no longer had power to make money for her masters by fortune-telling. This made her masters angry, and they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them before the magistrates into the market-place, where legal business was transacted.

III. Paul and Silas beaten and imprisoned (vs. 22-24). Multitude rose up—An excited mob. This was done without any form of law. The very magistrates who were affecting such great zeal for the law were among the first to disregard it. Rent off their clothes—They violently tore the clothes off Paul and Silas. Beat them—The words mean to "beat with rods" (2 Cor. ii. 25). The Roman custom was to inflict blows upon the naked body.

23. Many stripes—The Roman punishment was not limited to "forty stripes save one," like that of the Jews. 24. Thrust them—All sore and bleeding. Inner prison—The dungeon—a deep, damp, chilly cell, far underground, opening only at the top, without the fresh air or light.

IV. A great deliverance (vs. 25-26). 25. Prayed and sang praises—Their voices were addressed: "Hith and thence added to their pain; their position was one of torture. Sleep was out of the question. They passed the night in devotions. It is a significant fact that the most joyous episodes in that written to the church at Philippi, born out of the experience of suffering.

26. They were brought out—Thus did God bow down and prove His protection. No doubt all the sound and feebly the

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force of the earthquake. Foundations shaken—As God shook the foundations of that old prison so He is still able to shake the foundations of every power or influence arrayed against His truth and the spread of the gospel in the earth. We need have no fear of infidelity or false religions. Jehovah lives and reigns. Doors opened—The chains were made fast to the wall and the shock which burst asunder the bolts of the doors also released the fastenings which held the chains in the masonry. 34. 27. Awakening—The praying and singing did not awake him but the earthquake did. He evidently slept in full view of the prison doors. Drew out his sword—The Roman law transferred to the jailer the punishment due to an escaped prisoner.

28. Paul cried—Anticipating the jailer's fear for his own safety, Paul raised his voice to secure attention at once. His purpose of suicide was a great sin. A hero—Strange for a prisoner to be solicitous about his keeper. But Paul was passionately trying to save men, and the whole gospel is an appeal to men to do themselves no harm.

29. Called for a light—Which could be carried in the hand. This care for his welfare begat a tenderness in the heart of the keeper. It was the arrow of conviction which had reached his soul, trembling. Not for his life or his office, but for his soul, which he felt was in danger of eternal loss.

30. Brought them out—From the inner prison, where they were confined in the stocks, into the court of the prison, or into his own apartments, having no fear that they would escape, but rather convinced that God was overruling all things for them. 31. Sire—The Greek word implies an acknowledgment of great superiority.

31. Believe, etc.—The sum of the whole gospel the covenant of grace in a few words.

32. Spake unto Him—Then they proceeded, more at leisure, to pour into his attentive ears the history of Jesus Christ, to declare His doctrine, and to explain what it was to believe in Him.—Kitto.

33. Washed their stripes—"He had not concerned himself about their suffering condition when he put them into the inner prison; but, now that his stripes were washed away, his thought was to minister to the needs of those who were instrumental in his salvation."

34. Set meat—As they were the instruments of bringing health to his soul, he became their instrument of health to their bodies. Teachings—"Wicked men delight in making good men suffer. All that Christians suffer for Jesus' sake will work for their good and God's glory. Suffering Christians often reach the hearts of more sinners than those who are free from trial. Christians find a house of praise wherever they go."

THE GLORIOUS DELIVERANCE. "The gospel interferes with the plans of the wicked. While Paul and his companions were preaching the gospel at Philippi they met a poor girl possessed with a spirit of divination—a darning demon or evil spirit, under the influence of which she professed to foretell future events. Her masters received much gain by her fortune telling. Men are more anxious to know their fortunes than their duty."

Gospel work accuses opposition and brings persecution. "They caught Paul and Silas," etc. "And the multitude rose up against them" (verses 19-24). The carnally minded, designing, the unscrupulous rejecters of truth and violators of morality unite in opposition to the gospel.

The glorious deliverance. "God is greater than kings, or prisons, or all earthly powers, and can deliver His children when He will." It is not in the power of the wicked to make the righteous unhappy or deprive them of communion with God. From within that dark, stifling, pestilential, old Philippian dungeon, Paul and Silas broke out into prayer and

Small, but Mighty. There are four little words in the language. That volumes of meaning express, and we find oftentimes in their utterance the magical power they possess. They have made or marsd lives without number. And settled grave questions of state. And so potent for good and for evil Their use is the passport to Fate.

Do you know which they are and what they mean? I'm sure you have made a shrewd guess. That these four little words you are using are plain "will" and "won't," "no" and "yes."

—Bertha Stine.

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