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What a pleasant place is the old market to patter about in on Saturday mornings! How delicious is the smell of the flowers and fruit, and how picturesque the vegetable stalls, with their heaps of autumn stores! What masses of splendid color the pumpkins, the peppers, the squashes, the tomatoes and the varying greens of the cabbage and celery make, and how quaint are the queer old-fashioned bouquets of fragrant common garden flowers which stand in prim rows on the flower stands! What varied types of people one runs across, and what a medley of classes and masses foregather here on market day! The woman who orders all the stores for the larder by telephone loses all the pleasure of buying them at first hand, fresh from the fields, and "tasting of flora and the country green;" she loses all the pleasant excitement of pricing and chaffering with the wholesome-looking market women who bring newly-made butter and fresh laid eggs to town; she knows nothing of the delights of examining and selecting poultry for the weekly supply, and bargaining for the same without the aid of a middle dealer, who may or may not impose upon her. It is a busy, animated place, this old market—this place where thrifty housewives most do congregate on Saturday mornings. And the thrifty housekeeper is of all classes—you see her in the person of some elegant society dame in rich attire, her neatly gloved hands grasping the stark legs of a pair of fowl which she is carrying unblushingly over to her butcher or vegetable dealer to send home for her; and she is there in the person of the clean-aproned, be-shawled, ruddy-faced old woman, whose knotty brown hands have become expert in bending the bones of chickens or turkeys to test their age and tenderness. At the butter stalls, where little bone spoons are in requisition to taste and sample, costly bonnets or well-groomed heads jostle beside ancient ark-like, shabby affairs that perch on tousled locks, twisted hurriedly up, and simple ordinary folk who come midway between these extremes go placidly and unaffectedly about with large baskets which are tempting sights enough with their choice purchases of rough-shelled brown eggs, chickens, butter and parsley. Here a stout old woman, with bonnet strings flying loose for comfort and coolness, waddles along with a pair of squawking hens, her hand grasping firmly their yellow legs, and there an old fellow follows meekly the partner of his joys and sorrows, as she bargains for this or that, and adds it to the already weighty basket. Smart boys are there with newly bought chickens or bantam cocks peeping from under their coats, and at the entrance to the stalls a fakir harangues the crowd of men that are always drawn to a fakir as a needle to a magnet. At the flower stalls stand youthful housekeepers exchanging compliments and civilities with a newly-met acquaintance, while they select gorgeous spikes of gladioli, or linger caressingly over the starry purple and white asters that are the flowers of the moment. All is animation and subdued orderly confusion, and everywhere can be heard the gay greeting of friends who stop in the crowd to chat or gossip, or merely to fling some saucy greeting over their shoulders as they pass in the crowd. Every now and then there is a block in the aisles between the stalls or carts; there is the pleasant sound of many voices and much laughter, and over all, the rural sound of young cocks and cluttering hens, that lie in coops all unconscious of the savory fate that awaits them within a day or so. Above all, there is the kaleidoscope effect of the whole mass of marketers, the background of stalls piled high with the largess of the fields, in gorgeous masses of color, the many types of marketers and the sense of animated barter and exchange everywhere.

CHILDISHNESS.

My little son, who look'd from thoughtful eyes
And moved and spoke in quiet grown-up wise,
Having my law, the seventh time disobey'd,
I struck him, and dismiss'd
With hard words and unkiss'd—
His mother, who was patient, being dead.
Then, fearing lest his grief should hinder sleep,
I visited his bed.
But found him slumbering deep,
With darken'd eyelids, and their lashes yet
From his late sobbing wet.
And I, with moan,
Kissing away his tears, left others of my own;
For, on a table drawn beside his head,
He had put, within his reach,
A box of counters and a red-vein'd stone,
A piece of glass abraded by the beach
And six or seven shells,
A bottle with blue bells
And two French copper coins, rang'd there with careful art
To comfort his sad heart.
So when that night I pray'd
To God, I wept, and said:
Ah, when at last we lie with tranced breath,
Not vexing Thee in death,
And thou remembersest of what toys
We made our joys,
How weakly understood,
Thy great commanded good,
Then, fatherly not less
Than I whom Thou has moulded from the clay,
Thou'lt leave Thy wrath, and say,
"I will be sorry for their childishness."

Coventry Patmore.

Beds are like women, insomuch as they follow certain styles of dress. The up-to-date bed is a thing of beauty, made of shining brass or polished wood. The old way of tucking in the counterpane has quite gone out; the fashionably dressed bed having its covering put on smoothly, over pillows as well as mattress, and then allowed to hang well down to the floor on both sides. In the matter of counterpanes there is any choice of novelties, so that the housekeeper has no difficulty in making a pretty and effective selection for her beds. There are the ever-popular and beautiful Marseilles quilts, or the more expensive lace affairs to spread over colored silk or sateen. Then there are the cheaper counterpanes in crinkled cotton or in corded pique, both of which come under the heading of dimity counterpanes, and are pretty trimmed with simple white ball fringe. Besides these are the dainty French chintz counterpanes, either plain at the edges or trimmed with ball fringe. These fall to the floor on either side of the bed, and when chosen with reference to the wall paper and hangings of the bedroom are very effective and charming. The chintz counterpane is trimmed also with a ruffle of the chintz, which goes all round and takes the place of the valance on a brass bed, the valance having gone out of fashion. The complete covering of the bed, pillows and all, by the counterpane has revived the long, round bolster, which is more easily and effectively covered than the pillows. The bolster takes the place of the pillows by day, the pillows being put away during the day and only used at night. The pillow-sham, however, is by no means out-of-date, and the woman who chooses to retain the fashion of dressing her bed with elaborately beruffled or embroidered shams, may do so and not feel herself behind the times.

There is something delightfully girlish and feminine in the vanities indulged in by the young Queen of Holland. It is said that since her coronation she has developed a decided taste for dress, and, queen tho she is, has been frequently reproved by her mother, for devoting too much time to questions of the toilet and her personal appearance. Her tendency to plumpness and her short stature—two trials, which, by the way, she shares with the meanest of her subjects—have always been with her very sore points; lately she has had the low common sense heels replaced on all except her walking boots by Louis XV. heels, thereby gaining fully half an inch. She thus increases her height from five feet five and a half to five feet six, while her waist measure has suffered a corresponding diminution, and her belts are now made twenty-one and a half inches instead of twenty-two. We all have our troubles, girls, and queens are apparently no exception to the rule. Of all the queens of Europe, the Dowager Maria of Portugal has the distinction of having the smallest waist measure. It is only twenty-one inches, while our own good, sensible Queen enjoys the reputation of having the largest waist measure—it is only a good thirty-five inches!

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LONG TRIP IN A BALLOON.

Two Frenchmen Have Traveled 1304 Miles in the Air—Time 36 Hours.

New York, Oct. 12.—The closing competition in the exhibition balloon matches will live long in the history of aeronautics, says a Paris despatch to The Herald. One, at least, of the competitors has far outdistanced any previous officially recorded aerial voyage. A telegram just received from The Figaro's correspondent in Kiew, Russia, announces the arrival of the balloon Centaure at a spot beyond that city. Comte Henry De La Vaulx is the record-breaker. He was accompanied on his journey by Comte Castillon de Saint Victor, who held the previous balloon record of 1370 kilometres, from Paris to Westerwick. The Kiew voyage took 36 hours. The distance of 1370 kilometres is measured as the crow flies. The distance between Paris and Kiew is 2100 kilometres (1304 miles).

Banquet to the Soldiers.

The banquet and the reception to be tendered to a large number of the returned members of the South African contingents, under the auspices of Luther Western Pioneer L.O.L., No. 479, on the 19th, in St. Andrew's hall, have every appearance of being a marked success. Among some of those who have signified their intention of being present, and who will address the gathering, are: Hon. Clarke Wallace, E. B. Osler, M.P., E. F. Clarke, M.P., Dr. G. S. Ryerson, Thomas Crawford, M.L.A., Dr. Pyne, M.L.A., J. Castell Hopkins, ex-Mayor Shaw, and most likely Col. Samuel Hughes, M.P., of Lindsay. Letters from a large number of the prominent men of Canada, expressing their opinion of the bravery displayed by the Canadian soldiery in South Africa, have been received, and will be read at the banqueting tables.

Toronto Humane Society.

At the monthly meeting of the Toronto Humane Society yesterday afternoon, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered Rev. Morgan Wood for the eloquent address he gave in the Pavilion under the society's auspices.

The Humane Officer reported nine convictions in the Police Court for cruelty during the past month. He had visited the Cattle Markets, etc., and had examined a large number of animals said to be badly used. It was decided to ask school teachers to assist in Bands of Mercy work among the children. Literature and all necessary information will be supplied at the office, 103 Bay-street.

The Demon Dyspepsia—In olden times it was a popular belief that demons moved invisibly through the ambient air seeking to enter into men and trouble them. At the present day the demon, dyspepsia, is at large in the same way, seeking habitation in those who by careless or unwise living invite him. And once he enters a man it is difficult to dislodge him. He that finds himself so disposed should know that a valiant friend to do battle for him with the unseen foe is Parmelee's Vegetable Pills, which are ever ready for the trial. 246

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Mr. Ewan Will Speak.

Mr. John A. Ewan will speak of his experiences in South Africa on next Monday evening, 15th inst., at 8 o'clock, in the lecture room of Old St. Andrew's Church, corner Carlton and Jarvis-streets, in the interests of the Young Women's Missionary Society.

"Commonwealth's" First Trip.

The new Dominion Line steamer Commonwealth, which sailed from Liverpool on Friday, the 5th, was at her dock in Boston at 5 o'clock last evening. This, for a maiden trip, must be very satisfactory to her owners.

A Stock Broker Expelled.

New York, Oct. 12.—George T. Sullivan of the stock brokerage firm of Sullivan & Sullivan was expelled from the Consolidated Exchange to-day. He said the firm will continue to do business as usual.

THE RIGHT THING.

A New Catarrh Cure, Which is Rapidly Coming to the Front.

For several years Eucalyptol, Guaiacol and Hydrastin have been recognized as standard remedies for catarrhal troubles, but they have always been given separately and only very recently an ingenious chemist succeeded in combining them, together with other antiseptics, into a pleasant, effective tablet.

Druggists sell the remedy under the name of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, and it has met with remarkable success in the cure of nasal catarrh, bronchial and throat catarrh and in catarrh of the stomach.

Mr. F. N. Benton, whose address is care of Clark House, Troy, N.Y., says: When I run up against anything that is good I like to tell people of it. I have been troubled with catarrh more or less for some time. Last winter more than ever. Tried several so-called cures, but did not get any benefit from them. About six weeks ago I bought a 50 cent box of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets and I am glad to say that they have done wonders for me, and I do not hesitate to let all my friends know that Stuart's Catarrh Tablets are the right thing.

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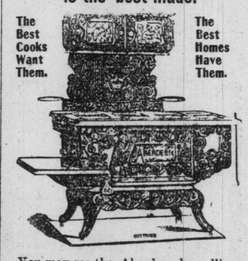

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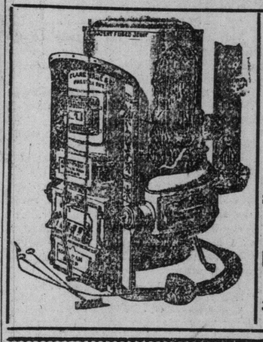

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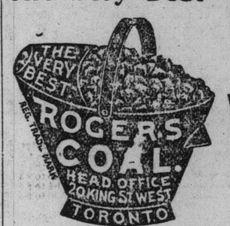

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