

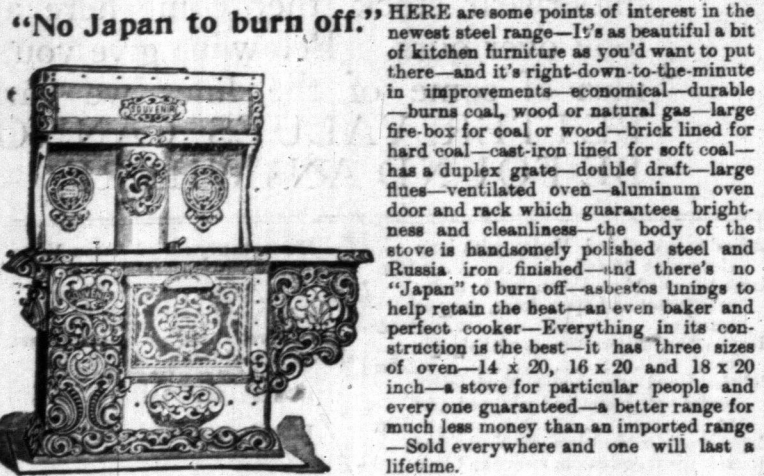
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I SAW TWO CLOUDS AT MORNING.

I saw two clouds at morning,
Flinged by the rising sun
And in the dawn they floated on,
And mingled into one;
I thought that morning cloud was
blessed,
It moved so sweetly to the west.

I saw two summer currents
Flow smoothly to their meeting,
And join their course with silent
force,
In peace each other greeting;
Calm was their course through banks
of green,
While dimpling eddies played between.
Such be your gentle motion,
Till life's last pulse shall beat;
Like summer's beam, and summer's
stream,
Float on, in joy, to meet
A calmer sea, where storms shall
cease,
A purer sky, where all is peace.
—John G. C. Brainard.

THIS THEIR BEST

Millinery Opening at Thos. Stone & Son's

Eclipses Anything in Their Half-Century's Record.

To go back to the beginning of these semi-annual events for this veteran firm would be to revert to an early stage of Chatham's history, for this is the 86th such opening, and has eclipsed the record of all its predecessors, meritorious as they were. Few outsiders have the slightest idea of the immense amount of mental anxiety and actual manual labor by day and night, which are needed to produce the general decorative results worthy of such a millinery temple, for not only is the millinery temple to be made a creation of beauty, but all the store must correspond in artistic effect. The head milliner must have been pleased to see the fruition of her labor and artistic skill in the admiration of the crowds of visitors and in the largeness of the resulting sales of hats.

One of the prettiest hats was in rose pink, lined with French roses, kanne velvet, steel buckles, large bow of satin. Another tasty one was a castor toque, corded velvet crown with high fancy tulle, lined with white. A third is a hat of black velvet with pelisse below crown, with eight handsome tips drooping over the brim, bow of black velvet, lined with steel buckle. The new shades are reseda, green brown, castor, black white pompons, birds' wings and gold trimmings find favor with long steel heels.

Our ambassador, though burning with journalistic curiosity, was sternly debarred entrance into the mysterious precincts where dressmaking was in full swing, under the sovereignty of the celebrated Madame Skirving, whose talents it would be an insult to the intelligence and knowledge of readers to enlarge on, and under whose able management this season has been a record-breaker in her department.

The Mantle Department shows a full range of cloth jackets, imported from the English, German, French and Canadian manufacturers of highest repute, so as to form a complete stock.

In the Staple Department we find table linens, cottonades, sheeting, pillow cases, etc.—a full stock.

The service flairs in full brilliancy of gloves from celebrated makers in Grenoble, France. Fancy goods and notions are in large variety.

The scrupulously refused to leave the premises without inspecting the Carpet and Drapery Department upstairs, so ably presided over by J. E. Brock. He found the carpeting tastefully arranged. This year the leading styles in floor furnishings comprise stronger and brighter colors than heretofore. Heliotropes, greens, blues and reds are in full brilliancy of color. Bagdad curtains were on view in a variety of styles for portieres.

Stripes are much used in more delicate but equally decided colorings. Particularly let the remark be injected that these carpet rooms are admirably lighted. One exceedingly practical adjunct of domestic comfort caught "eye local" eye as he left—to wit, wardrobe couches, capable of holding a quantity of clothes concealed within and yet to all appearance simply couches. Price varies with size and upholstery, and the larger ones fulfill the poet's ideal, "luxurious bed, by night and couch by day."

The dress goods branch was well represented with a large range of cannel's hair, homespun in all the leading colors, broadcloths Venetians and Cheviots—all these both black and colored. Range of wide and narrow in heavy serge for ladies' costumes, one of the great novelties imported by Mr. Stone. Cashmeres, reps, bengalines, solid cloth, were inspected with true inspection to correspond. A full line of the latest novelties.

In silks there was an immense range of black and colored; gross grains, Melvilleux, satin, duchess and pot de soie. A specialty in silk for ladies' dresses, is the Armure Page. In Japan silks, a full range of all shades was exhibited. Taffeta silks for waists in black and colors, were also on view, and a very special line of bengalines suitable for ladies' dresses or waists; also a large range of French flannels in great demand for waists.

In furs 98 articles are sold already, and a full stock of collarettes, capelines, ruffs, muffs, and mits. Full assortment of sable, grebe, Persian lamb, electric seal, mink, martin, and combination of electric seal and silver fox, which also was combined with chinchilla. Add to these Astrachan capes and coats, electric seal coats and you will form a good idea as to the richness of the fur department, also remembering that these furs were bought before the rise in prices and from the best manufacturers.

Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, etc.

She has promised to marry a newspaper man. But I heard it quite broadly hinted that she'll break the engagement as quick as she can. When she gets all her poetry printed.

PERSONALITIES.

The Rev. Dr. Mackenzie, a Presbyterian minister of San Francisco, has made a fortune by raising oranges.

Senator Thomas C. Platt of New York is very fond of fishing and always so employs his leisure time during the season.

Mofakhamed-Dowleh, who is now traveling with the shah of Persia in Europe, is to be the representative of Persia at Washington, where he will arrive in September.

Senator Vest is spending his vacation quietly in his own state at Sweet Springs. "I've tried vacations from Florida to Alaska," he says, "but I find the best place is home."

"Fighting Bob" Evans at one time of his life intended to be a miner and started west at the age of 16, arriving in Salt Lake City with \$200 and a navy revolver.

Edwin Conger, American minister to China, knows the oriental character as thoroughly as any diplomat in the east, and, unlike most, he speaks several Chinese dialects.

Prince Sheng, the director of telegraphs of the Chinese empire, is also at the head of the Imperial bank, a position akin to the secretaryship of the treasury in this country.

BREVITIES

FOR THEIR BREAD

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The name of the Prince of Wales did not appear in the list of those who gave wedding presents to Lady Randolph Churchill. That was in accordance with his own wish, lest he should seem to abet a marriage of which his judgment disapproved. But the prince did not forget his long and kind acquaintance with the bride, and he personally gave to her the day before the wedding a little gold pig set with jewels.

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The clumsy, ready made satin stocks which were the unsatisfactory resort of the girl who does not sew need worry her soul no longer. Tucked and lined soft satin for stocks is now worn by the yard at the ribbon counter, and a very few stitches will achieve a fresh and comfortable stock around which to fold any one of the becoming scarfs or barbes.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

Fruit trees thrive best in a rich soil. Keep a lookout now for borers and tent caterpillars.

It is best not to cultivate the orchard too late in summer.

When trees are to be set out in the fall, they should be ordered from the nursery in good season.

About the only sure plan for destroying the white grub among the strawberry plants is to go along the rows and if a plant is seen that is beginning to wilt dig close to the plant until the grub is found and kill it.

When the conditions will admit, August is one of the best times to set out strawberry plants, but there is nothing gained unless the soil is in such condition as to be readily worked into a good tilth and there is sufficient moisture to start a good growth.

The objection to cultivating in the orchard or among the small fruits now is that late cultivation tends to promote a late growth, often continuing so late that the new growth of wood does not have time to ripen before cold, freezing weather sets in.—St. Louis Republic.

LANOLINE CREAM.

This is an excellent toilet cream for highly sensitive skin. Lanoline, two oz.; cocoa butter, two oz.; glycerine, two oz.; rose water, two oz. and a half; add flowers water, two and a half ounces. Melt lanoline and cocoa butter in double boiler. Add glycerine and, when cooling, both toilet waters. Wash the skin scrupulously clean and rub the cream in gently before retiring.

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was left in a weak run down condition. I was told by a friend that I should use Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I did so, and my health seemed utterly gone. I suffered from nervousness, faint weakness and "maternalism." Life was a burden. I doctored with three different physicians and got no relief. I tried several patent medicines, all with the same result. I began to get worse and to add to the complication I suffered terribly from constipation. I chanced to see one of your advertisements and I commenced to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and "Pleasant Pellets" and began to improve right away, and continued improving and gaining strength. I cannot express the relief, it was so great. Seven months later my little baby was born. I have been able to endure my confinement only by the help of Dr. Pierce's medicine. She was a fine healthy child and the only one I have ever been able to nurse. She is now two years old and I have never had to take any medicine since, so I feel that your medicine has made a lasting cure with me.

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A DELICATE HOUSE GOWN.

The waist is built upon a fitted silk lining and blouses slightly over the belt at the front. It has an effective garniture consisting of an embroidered bolero of justrous black crepe de chene which is fastened below a yoke of blue-bell voile. The yoke is trimmed with a row of the same material blended prettily with frills of soft lace.

The sleeves are close fitting and are finished at the wrist with a row of blue-bell voile that fall in cascades over the hands.

Very pretty indeed are the boudoir costumes this year, which are modeled upon lines of the most artistic simplicity. The expensive designs of the dia and gipsure gowns are admirably duplicated in silkoline, which comes in a variety of pretty patterns and colorings. It is an unwritten law in the world of the fashionable housewife that she should have a few of these washable, and pretentious bows are of recent years served around the four edges of the pillow.

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