

THE POET'S CORNER.

Worse Than Marriage. A bachelor old and cranky Was sitting alone in his room; His toes with the gout were aching, And his face was o'erclouded with gloom.

THE FASHIONS.

A Variety of Jottings that Will Interest the Fair-Sex. Violet and rose heliotrope colors are revived, and the newly imported tints in these shades are exquisitely delicate and beautiful.

Long, pretty feathers of a dark shade, and or two of this ribbon and a good quality of broad felt hat can be purchased at a surprisingly low figure.

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A charming dancing toilet is made of green and gold matelasse satin, with an accordion-pleated blouse and petticoat of palest golden-green crepe lisse.

Directoire gowns, made of white or pale-violet silk, are worn by debutantes this season. They are demi-train and granitized with gold or silver galloons, this trimming forming the wide belt, the finish for the folds, and the deep border at the foot of the skirt.

Although many of the new silk and wool fabrics show quaint and rich devices, with silver, steel, copper and gold appearing in some of the Persian and old Roman patterns, and although an endless variety of stylish plaids and stripes appear, still the solid-colored materials in exquisitely rich dyes and weavings, either finished with handsome bordering or made up with velvet or faille, have taken the precedence in the making of the really elegant and lady-like gowns worn this winter.

Victoria Carbolic Salve is a great aid to internal medicine in the treatment of scrofulous sores, ulcers and abscesses of all kinds.

THE HOME CIRCLE.

Fairy Cooking. I do want to enter a protest against "purses," "devilish eggs," "croquettes," "nutrotons," and much of the fancy cooking now in vogue.

In reply to the anxious inquiry of the mother as what she does desire, we hear this fine (?) English, "I don't want anything at all, half the time, especially in New England, the final 'g' missing. The girl, after much coaxing, consents to eat a 'stuffed pepper' (with a fashionable name) and a quarter of a mince pie.

The candy, taken with the miserable cooking that is almost universal, is one cause of the ill health of our girls. It is not in the homes alone that we find too light (alum) or two heavy (careless) bread, saggy potatoes (dropped in to milk-water), fried breakfast (cook too lazy to boil), pie (with crust like damp sole leather) and some fancy dishes that would disturb the digestive powers of a dog if he were foolish enough to eat them.

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Women and Their Pocketbooks.

It is a matter of great wonder to me that women will carry their pocketbooks in their hands," remarked a police officer to a Baltimore News reporter.

Mr. John Reith has returned from the old country. This was Mr. Reith's first trip across the Atlantic and of course he enjoyed his visit, although he combined business with pleasure.

Mr. Lewis McDonald, Walton, of the saw mills here, has sold a hundred acre wood lot in the township of Gray, to Mr. Queregaesser, of McKillop, for the sum of \$7000.

Mr. William Sproat has sold his farm on the Kippen road, Tuckersmith, to Mr. M. C. Conway for the sum of \$7,500.

That is to say, your lungs. Also all your breathing machinery. Very wonderful machinery, it is. Not only the larger air passages, but the thousands of little tubes and cavities leading from them.

Children's Fruit Cake (very nice).—One cup of butter, four cups of flour, one pound sugar, one cup milk, three eggs, three quarters pound currants, three quarters pound raisins, one quarter pound citron, one quarter grated nutmeg, one quarter teaspoonful baking powder; flavor with lemon.

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More Remarkable still.

Found at last, what the true public has been looking for these many years and that is a medicine which although but lately introduced, has made for itself a reputation second to none.

Consumption Surely Cured. To The Editor:—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease.

A Profitable Life. Few men have accomplished the same amount of work and good in this world as the celebrated Dr. Chase.

We this week chronicle the death of Mr. James Saugster, who, after a lingering illness, passed peacefully away at his own residence in Howick on the 29th of December, 1898.

More Trouble May be Expected. if you do not heed the warnings of nature and at once pay attention to the maintenance of your health.

A Promising Boy. A St. Louis dry goods house advertised for a "smart boy," and they got him. They put him behind the counter.

A Boon and a Blessing. A boon and a blessing to mankind is Hagyard's Yellow Oil, the great pain destroyer and healing remedy for external and internal ailments.

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C. P. R. BOOM TOWN PROPERTIES FOR SALE. \$100 AND UPWARDS. I have a large number of Houses and Lots and Vacant Lands in the most desirable parts of the Town—FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN.

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BURDOCK'S BLOOD PURIFIER. Unlocks all the clogged avenues of the Bowels, Kidneys and Liver, carrying off gradually without weakening the system, all the impurities and foul humors of the secretions.

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