

AUNT SEIS.—The seeds have come and we will do our best to grow them. But as they have to be started in heat there is greater risk of their doing well. Ever so many friends are doing their best with them, and some of us have succeeded with the seeds sent last year. After writing your answer we found that we could not send the book as you do not supply name and proper address. Please send them and *Konanos* shall be despatched. Heartly thanks for your great kindness, which must have given you great trouble, we fear.

MARYDEAR.—*Shechinah* is a term not found in the Bible, because it was used by later Jews to express the divine presence. The word itself is late Hebrew, and means "habitation," from the Hebrew "*Shan-ah*," to dwell. It is first used in the *Targums* as a paraphrase for God, with special reference to His Presence in the Tabernacle, and Solomon's Temple, though not in Zerubbabel's, for the absence of the *Shechinah* from the latter was among the points where it differed from the former. The visible symbol of it was a most brilliant light, or glory, enveloped in a cloud; so that in general only the cloud was visible, though sometimes appearing out of the cloud. You must understand that the name is never applied to the cloud or the glory, but only to the Presence which is indicated by them.

EAST.—The word *typhoon* means a furious whirling storm in the Chinese seas. It is from the Chinese word *Tai-fun*, "the great wind." You have made a confusion between this word and *Tycoon*, a title meaning Great Prince, formerly given to the *Shogun*, the second or executive ruler of Japan; the supreme sovereign being the Mikado, who had a sacred character, and was supposed to be of divine origin. Since 1800 this has been changed, and there is only one sovereign, the Mikado or emperor uniting the two dignities.

RUDLER.—Anyone who trifles with, and rates lightly the affection of men and lays herself out to obtain it, without intending to return it, is a flirt; and if she delights herself in this she would be likely to become hard-hearted and cruel. It is very difficult to draw the line, and only a conscientious girl can do it, between play and earnest; but your carefulness in this respect need not make you either dull or stupid, and you can be very friendly and kind without flirting.

M. S. D.—When a girl is "out," that is, introduced into society at eighteen, she may wear a veil—it would look absurd in a younger girl.

AMATEUR PAPER-HANGER.—We gave an article in one of our early volumes on paper-hanging. It is quite easy for you and your brother to accomplish it together. You inquire where you can procure cheap cretonne and art-muslin, but do not say where you are living. It would be easy to find what you want in town. The former is sold by all drapers.

SWEET PEA.—At Cheltenham College pupils are prepared for the London University Matriculation, and B.A. and B.Sc. for the Cambridge Higher and the Oxford A.A. The fees for day pupils are from £9 0s. to £20 5s. For the kindergarten £6 0s. to £9 0s. For board and instruction from £30 to £50. The principal of the college is Miss Beale.

LILY.—Linseed oil is used with oil paints to liquefy them to a sufficient degree, and spirits of turpentine to deaden their varnish and likewise to thin them. You must judge for yourself when and in what measure either of these mediums should be employed. Better to procure a little manual which would instruct you in the mixing of colours. A lesson could not be given in a brief answer. You could get one in any artists' materials shop. The spirits of turpentine are likewise required for cleaning the palette when you have used all you require of the oil paint upon it, and the brushes in the same. Nothing else will remove the paint from the brushes.

F. G. E.—The cheapest books which can be had on the subject of stitches in embroidery are Weldon's, which are only twopence a number, and can be had at any Berlin wool shop. A more expensive one is Beeton's *Needlework*, in which there are 600 illustrations. The great work on needlework of every description is *The Dictionary of Needlework, Lace and Textiles*, which will be found on the list of the reference libraries of the South Kensington and British Museums. It is sold in parts.

FIVE YEARS' SUBSCRIBER.—We believe that Millais' "*Bubbles*" is the property of Messrs. Pears (soap manufacturers), and was not exhibited in the Grosvenor Gallery in 1886. No doubt the owners would oblige you with the information you desire as to the dimensions of the canvas. It is the portrait of his grandson (James) and was painted to order as an advertisement sign. If at their office you might obtain a view of it, but if removed to their private residence you are not likely to see it.

MIMOSA.—We think your moral and mental condition, which appears to be very unsatisfactory, is in some degree to be attributable to a sickly body. As your unhealthy state seems to distress you, there is some hope of your improvement. We can only say, take your case to the foot of the Cross; confess your condition to your Heavenly Father and ask for His pardon and help. In Him you have one "stronger than yourself," and one who calls you "My child." Also thank Him for giving you such blessed work as that of nursing and comforting an invalid mother, and requiring her for her care and support. See 2 Cor. xii. 9, and let those words of promise sink deeply into your heart. So much for the spiritual malady. As for the physical, you should be treated as anemic. Take a walk every day, go to bed early, always have a useful piece of work on hand, and some interesting book, and ask your doctor to prescribe a suitable tonic for you.

APPLE BLOSSOM.—1. We believe that titles of nobility may be purchased in Germany under certain conditions, but of what value are they? They are of no historical interest, and are what we should call "*Brummagem*." The surname of the person who bought one would be known not to be really noble. It would be a sad waste of money.—2. The mother church of Canterbury, St. Martin, is kept in good repair, and is in use. It was built in the twelfth century, and the old Roman bricks are to be seen in the exterior of the walls. We do not think that we have any other church as old as this in perfect repair and in constant use.

MAY.—If you want to get a squirrel, inquire for one at a naturalist's, where birds, guinea-pigs and mice are sold. You do not name your place of residence; but here, in London, there are plenty of such places. No doubt you could obtain one at Covent Garden. We think that if you wished for a tame one you would be disappointed, for they are not entertaining in their ways, though very pretty. They only run round and round on their wheel, which we think a rather painful spectacle, as they never advance a step, and the monotony of the exercise is trying to witness.

LIMBERG.—The great book on physiognomy is that by Johann Kaspar Lavater, which you could hire at any circulating library. He was a Swiss pastor and poet, and published his first great work in 1772, and his second (on the same subject) in 1781-1787. He died on Jan. 2, 1801.

WATER-LILY AND MYOSOTIS WITH SELAGINELLA.



FLOWER SPRAY FOR AUGUST.