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At Easter.

In mellow surges the organ notes
Ecstatic roll and range:
As though a thousand rhythmic throats
Raised raptures new and strange,
The music roars, and falls, and floats
In rhapsodies of change.

Resplendent through the pictured panes
An argent effluence streams,
And falls, like vivifying rains,
A blessing where it beams,
Until the soul walks, free from stain,
The land of heavenly dreams.
I take thy hand, O sainted heart,
The hand thou gav'st of yore—
My spirit lifted where thou art
Beyond the world's uproar—
And with thee, in a place apart,
I walk the jasper shore.

—Clinton Scollard.

An Easter Bonnet.

A little bit of pearly lace that droops
and crinkles gracefully,
With tiny sprays of crimson bloom a-
nodding everywhere:

Two dainty wings—celestial things!
Two twisted crimson velvet strings,
That start amid the flowers and steal
adown my lady's hair;

Some little silvery ornaments that shine
and sparkle saucily—
A Lilliputian bow or two, half shyly
hid away.

In size it might perhaps be right
To shield a humming bird from sight—
'Tis useless where my lady's curls in
bright profusion play.

—Mildred McNeal.

Easter.

It is interesting to note that people in general are inclining more and more to the celebration of church festivals which were formerly observed by one or two divisions of the Christian body. It is not so long ago that the celebration of Easter was looked upon somewhat askance by many denominations; and yet today these denominations give Easter and Easter services a prominent place in their church calendar. The movement is certainly in the right direction; laying aside all prejudices of denomination or creed, it is well that the whole Christian body can find common ground on certain days. It is well that they should celebrate not only spiritually, but outwardly, this great day in the Christian year. Even those who profess to be among the faithless may meet, too, on the same ground at this spring time festival, and observe and be thankful for the re-awakening of the year—the symbol of new life which one finds in all Nature. Whatever his belief or non-belief, no one should be unmoved or unresponsive to the new season, to the promise of life which he sees every year renewed and reiterated in Nature, as well as finds in the tenet of faith. The Easter-time should be a season of joy, of fresh hope, of new endeavor, of practical faith in humanity and in God.



April girl with April eyes,
Gleaming with a shy surprise,

We assert

When you pass us laughing by,
Since you smile and since you sigh,
You're a flirt!

Lady herald of the spring,
Buds and bees and birds you bring,
Promise, too,

Of the shining summer hours;
April girl of sun and showers,
Hail to you!

To our Readers.

What do you think of April Western Home Monthly? Pretty nice magazine, don't you think? It's not as easy a task to run a high class, clean magazine as some people imagine, but the task became a pleasant one indeed when nearly every letter that we receive, reads thus:—Dear Mr. Editor.—"I think the Western Home Monthly is the nicest and most interesting paper published, and I really don't know how I could get along without it. Papa reads it, Mamma reads it, my brothers and sisters read it and there seems to be something in it to interest everyone of us." Letters like that make the editorial staff and the management feel good. It encourages them to greater efforts in preparing the next month's number.

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We feel that your affection for the Western Home Monthly also extends to us who prepare it for you.

This feeling of mutual regard we want to cultivate and keep green, for once this mutual appreciation is established, the rest of our work is a pleasure and a delight, for we are dealing with friends who are friends indeed—friends tried and true.

There are many good things of interest in our April number and its hard to say which is the most attractive when all is so good.

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A Memorable Easter Journey.

With a sigh of relief she nestled in her corner of the section, a trim little figure in a long cloak. It was not without a pang of remorse that she realized how truly thankful she was to be rid of the expostulating relatives and friends who had seen her off not withstanding the early hour of leaving Vancouver. They had been so persistent in deploring her departure "just before Easter." As the train moved slowly through the narrow streets, through which a brisk March wind was blowing, merry-faced, dark-eyed children yelled derisively from the banquettes, and a smile came responsively to the mobile face of the girl whose heart beat high with the thought of freedom.

She was flying from the "man she ought to marry." She was conscious of the futility of her flight, for there must be the inevitable return only to face the situation again, and perhaps—indeed, most probably—to capitulate, after all. Yet even a temporary respite was sweet.

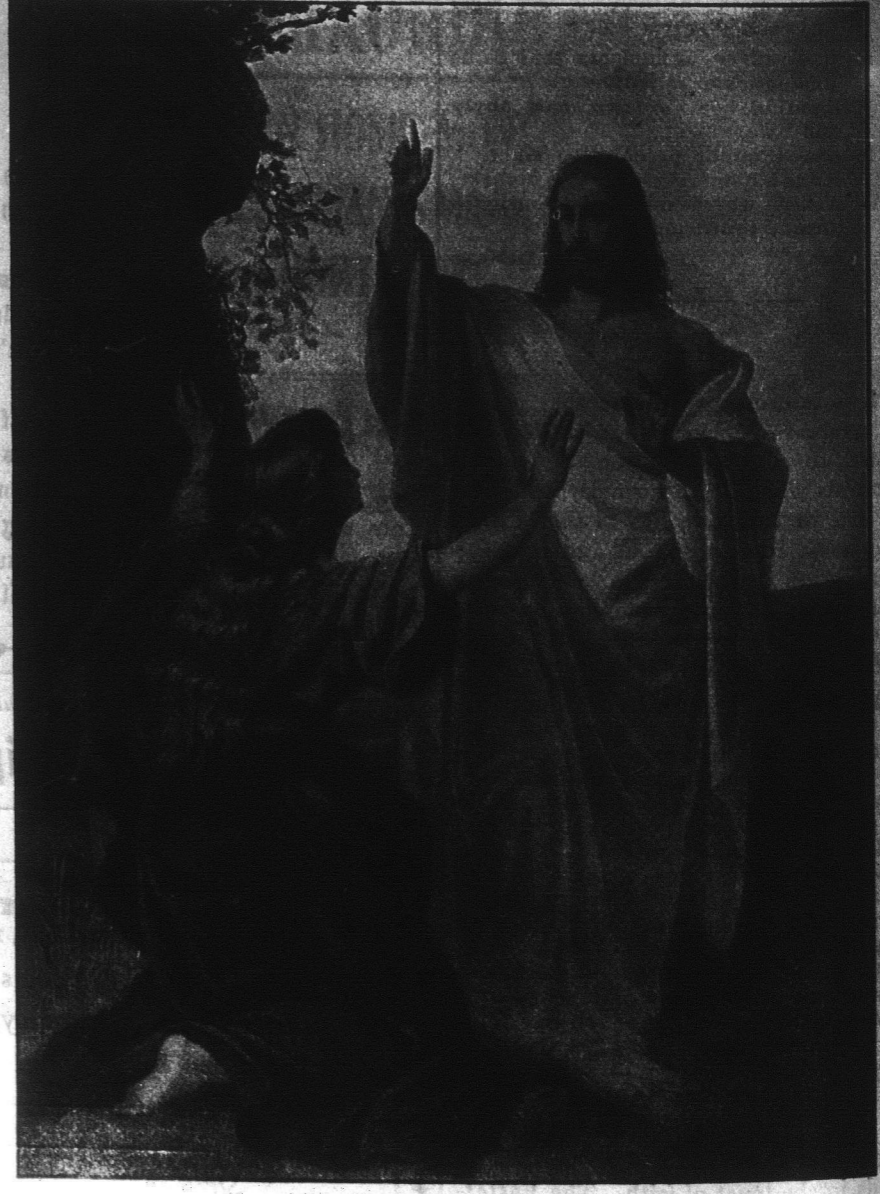
Now that she was alone she could face squarely the problem before her. Love once more seemed a real thing, not a fleeting dream of early girlhood, an idea to be abandoned in maturer years when the material over-shadows those sweeter visions of the ideal. She was twenty-five and still unmarried. So she told herself with a pang at her heart—not because old-maidhood, with crooked finger and unsmiling visage beckoned from a far distant future, but because she had the loving impulses of the true woman. She wanted her mate. She had sacredly cherished from her earliest girlhood the dream of a home, where there should be warmth and light and love—her own home—where she and her "King" should reign supreme. But the heart that throbbed beneath the big buttons of her cloak at the sweet thought of love remained untouched. And she was growing old! Soon she

would cease to be attractive. But what could she do?

She thought of the men that had wished to marry her. There were the commonplace ones who were impossible, though they had loved her truly. There were handsome men who appealed to her artistic sense, but who inevitably disappointed her when she came to know them well. There were the bright men wrapped up in their own ideas and ambitions, with unattractive personalities and invariable selfishness sure to become evident in time. There were good men, able men, worthy men, but not one that could touch her heart. And there was the "man she ought to marry." Every one said so—her father, whose judgment she considered infallible; her married sister, worldly but good-natured, whom she adored; her friends, his friends, all of their little world, in fact. He was all that could be desired, and entirely devoted to her. Yet as she looked out dreamily on the waters that shone through the pine trees as the train sped along, she knew that were she never to see him again she might feel regret, but a regret untouched by sorrow.

She was sorry. She sighed so deeply that a kind-faced old lady in the next seat turned and looked at her anxiously. He was such an excellent man! But, alas! he showed a tendency to take on flesh with advancing years, and his hands were white and soft. He talked a great deal of his family tree, and he was apt to tell the same story twice to the same person. His personal peculiarities were displeasing to her. He had a way of shrugging his shoulders and fumbling with his eyeglasses which she disliked. In fact, she did not love him.

Because the situation had become unbearable and she could not see her way clear to resist the pressure being brought to bear upon her from every side, she had suddenly announced her intention of making an Easter



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visit to her only brother in Calgary. He and his wife doted upon her and she longed for the peace of their home.

She selected a magazine from a pile of periodicals by her side and began to turn its pages. It was a periodical she liked and always took time to read, but it could not hold her attention today. Her fellow-passengers were few and uninteresting, for it was not yet the season for travel East.

It was after a short stop at a way-station that the sleeping-car conductor, followed by a man with a small satchel and a gun-case, entered the car. They paused at the section opposite hers.

"You can have this," said the conductor.

The man was young and of athletic build, tall and with a back that lacked perfect straightness because of the muscles across the shoulders. He wore a suit of dark gray and wore it well. His rather lean face expressed strength and kindness of character. Unconsciously the girl leaned forward and gazed at him eagerly. She recognized him at once. He was the "man whom she could love."

He lifted his satchel and gun and placed them securely in the rack above. "He hasn't an ounce of superfluous flesh," she thought. "He is lean."

He removed his soft felt hat and light spring overcoat and hung them up. Then he ran his fingers carelessly through his thick light-brown hair, leaving it rather rough. The other man kept his carefully brushed. Throwing himself into the seat, he found the sun in his face and pulled down the shade, when, turning, he met a pair of big blue eyes gazing eagerly into his. At this he experienced what was for him a strange sensation. It was indescribable. Perhaps it was a thrill. At any rate, it was a disturbance in the region of his heart.

The girl sank back into her seat with heightened color. Shameful! She, an unchaperoned young woman, had been caught staring boldly into the face of a stranger! What would he think of her? In her distress she stole a glance at him. He was leaning back comfortably with his hands in his pockets, his eyes fixed gravely on the toes of his shoes. The strength and force of his face seen squarely were softened in the profile. His forehead next to his hair was very white. There was a suggestion of a keen sense of humor in the shading about the mouth and eyes. The latter were dark gray and set under strong brows. She drew a long breath. She had dreamed of such a face.

Suddenly he looked up and met her eyes again, whereupon she buried herself in her book in an agony of confusion.

The stranger began surreptitiously to observe her. He saw at once that she was a lady. Everything about her bespoke refinement—her little well-shod foot peeping from under her long cloak, her small white hands, and the proud carriage of her head upon her shoulders. Her face was turned away, but he could catch a glimpse of a pink cheek, the curve of a sensitive mouth, and an adorable little nose.

"She thought she knew me," he decided—then with another glance, "I wish she did."

He began to think of another woman, perhaps because this one was now in her various phases of loveliness so unlike her. He admired the other so much that he had been thinking seriously of asking her to marry him. He shut his eyes and could see her—strong and lithe, with red cheeks and wind-blown hair, "brazzing" a ball across the links; beautiful and vivacious, surrounded by admirers in a ballroom; atop of a thoroughbred horse, laughing, radiant, flying before the wind—always brilliant, self-possessed, capable, queenly—what a woman to help a man in his career!—a woman besieged by admirers, and inclined, perhaps, to smile—a little—on him. Yet presently he stole another glance at the girl across the aisle who was now apparently absorbed in her book.

"What a little creature she is!" he thought. "What a dear little girl for a man to come home to at night after a hard day's work!"

On the seat opposite was her small

satchel, and pasted on the end of it, overlooked by its owner, was plainly to be discerned the mischievous label of a Winnipeg hotel where she had stopped on a trip East the previous summer. Observing this, he at once assumed that she lived in the East, where she was probably returning after a visit West. He was conscious of a feeling of disappointment.

"She looks like an Easterner," he thought—then—"A little girl like that will be swallowed up in the city of Winnipeg and I shall never see her again."

A moment later he laughed at himself for a sentimental fool.

Presently the train conductor came in for his ticket. "Well," he said, "what sport did you have, sir?"

"Oh, pretty fair," was the answer. "What a pleasant voice!" she thought. "I have quite a string of birds in the baggage-car."

"Glad to hear it," said the conductor as he punched the ticket. "I guess you'll find things pretty lively when you get back East." And he passed on.

So he was going to the East! And she would get off at Calgary! Just a few hours and she would in all probability never see him again. Their paths had merged for a little space, but in the future they would lie far apart. "This is fate," she thought bitterly, and felt its shadow lie heavy on her heart.

The sun had disappeared beneath a leaden sky and the man raised the shade. As he did so she noticed his hands, which were large and brown—strong hands, she decided, capable of a good hearty grip. Outside the prospect was not cheerful, for it still had the cold, raw look of early spring. "Now," he thought whimsically, "if that little girl over there were only sitting here close by my side, and we could talk together while she looked up at me with those big blue eyes, and smiled on me with that sweet little mouth—by George!" And his heart bounded at the thought.

Silently he began to anathematize the conventions of good society. Here he was, a gentleman, as the world understands the term, longing to speak to, and, if possible, to serve, the dearest, sweetest, most lovable little woman in the world, yet were he to presume to address her without an excellent excuse she would feel herself insulted, and justly so. The very respect and admiration she inspired, he told himself, precluded the idea. No, he must sit inane, helplessly by while this pearl among women, the only one whom he had ever felt that he could really love, went on her way to Winnipeg—while he got off at Calgary!

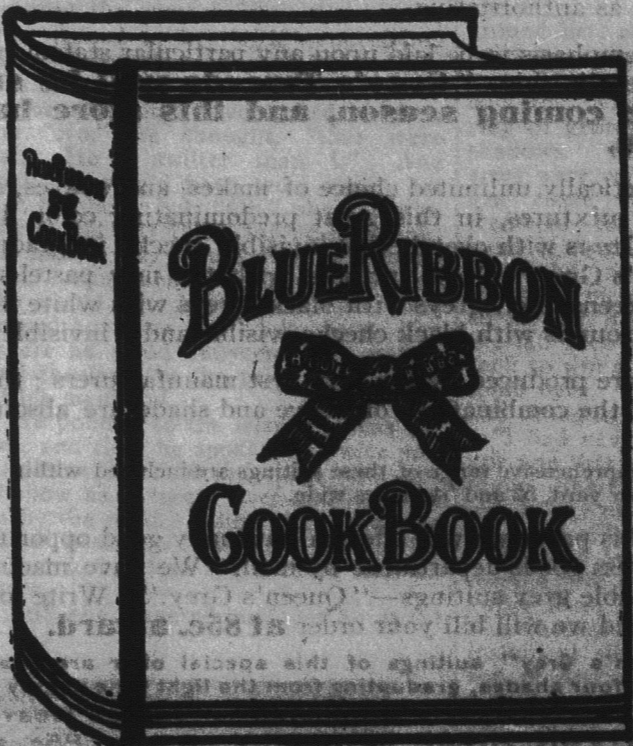
The train-boy, noisy and persuasive, came along with his arms full of Easter magazines. As the man selected one from the number the girl peeped at him from the corner of her eye. She experienced a decided sensation of pleasure when she observed that he chose the very magazine that she had been reading. She took it up from her lap with renewed interest, whereupon the man, his attention attracted by the movement, looked across and saw also that they were reading the same book. Each could not but see that the other saw.

"Our tastes are the same," he thought, and he, too, was pleased.

The morning passed as mornings do on board a train. The other passengers read or slept or gazed wearily from the windows. There were but two who felt no sense of drowsiness, and for whom the day did not drag. They wished it would never end, for they had done that foolish thing which, as it happened, each had many times in the past denounced as impossible for a man or woman of any sense or strength of character to do—they had fallen in love at first sight.

After luncheon, of which each partook somewhat sparingly in the dining-car, the man sat for half an hour in the smoking apartment and tried to reason with himself out of what he felt to be the absurd frame of mind in which he found himself. Heretofore, sentiment had played little part in his life, as college, the hard work of his early manhood, and later the interests of a successful career, had absorbed his time and energies. The feeling inspired by this little girl whom he did

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When he returned to his section he could scarcely keep a smile from his lips. The car was warm and she had laid aside her hat and cloak, and sat revealed in all the trimness and daintiness of her traveling-gown.

"She is the kind that grows lovelier and dearer the oftener one sees her," he thought, and then there came to him a most painful suggestion. Suppose there were another man! The thought which followed, that she might be married, he dismissed at once as intolerable.

As for the girl, she was having an unhappy time. All the strength of her soul was in rebellion against circumstances. She experienced a kind of mental and spiritual nausea when she thought of her return home where every influence would again suggest the other man as her inevitable destiny. The thought became more and more distasteful. She was a woman who at all times knew her own heart and did not attempt to deceive herself as to its dictates, so she fully realized that as she had tried to love the other man and failed, so now she could love this stranger without even trying.

As the day lengthened and twilight shadows began to darken the car, the man ceased to try to shake off the attraction that had enthralled him. Foolish and unreasonable it might be,

but he accepted it as a fact. The girl abandoned herself to her unhappiness, leaning back with her cheek pressed against the cushion and her eyes turned toward the night. She was the more miserable of the two because she was hopeless. The man had the blood of fighters in his veins and hoped against hope that a way might yet be opened. The car faded away as he could see instead the home of his dreams. He could hear the voices of children, and in a midst of tenderness

see the dear face of a little woman with sweet blue eyes—his wife—to have and to hold against the whole world itself—and a kind of rage seized him as he swore that he would not give her up.

Meantime the abomination of a train which bore these two unhappy people went swiftly and serenely on its way, meeting with never an accident, and keeping all of its engagements punctually to the minute.

So they sped toward Calgary, where the train was to make a stop of

twenty minutes. They had reached the outskirts of the town, and the glare of the lights shone through the windows, before the girl, with lagging fingers began to adjust her cloak and hat. He at once concluded that, wearying of the train, she had determined to get off for supper. She made her few preparations listlessly, wishing that something might happen so she would not have to go. Once, for a moment, she met the eyes of the man regarding her gravely, and her heart beat more quickly.

She was drawing on her gloves when the train pulled in at the station. The other passengers had made their way out, when, as she followed into the aisle, she found herself confronted by the man. He barred her way, his face white with emotion, as he told himself savagely that he could not let her go. He held her with his eyes, and they stood silently together while heart spoke to heart—when suddenly she was encompassed by a pair of strong arms and her brother's kind face bent above her.

"Hello, little girl!" he cried. "We began to think you hadn't come. What a treat for sore eyes!" Then he observed the man who was so much engaged with his baggage.

"Why, hello, old man! Just back from your hunt, eh? Have you met my sister, Miss— of Vancouver? Kate, this is Dr. Sidney Jones, from our district, you know," and the two bowed gravely.

But a moment later as they made their way through the crowded station, many paused to give them a second glance, and smiled in sympathy. The stout man, happy and good natured, looked at peace with the world, but the faces of the big man with the gun and the little woman tripping blithely by his side, were illumined with a radiance not of earth. A heavenly vista opened to their sight, for they were two who happily had met and "read Life's meaning in each other's eyes."

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I

Dun Angus lies far away on the Old World's very edge, where are the Islands of the Evening Star. By this name I call in my story the Isles of Arran, that are westward of Ireland in the Atlantic Sea. Look out towards them at eventide from the Connacht shore. They float in the crimson land of sunset, where islands and clouds, sea and heaven, seem blended. The great sun goes down beyond them, the evening star is kindled over them, and when at length it is truly night, you find that they have not faded with other clouds of twilight, but see them floating still like dark-hulled ships upon the gloaming sea, then you know they are islands.

On the western coast of the largest of them is a sheer line of cliffs, of giddy height, walling off the ocean. Dun-Angus, a great fort of stone, stands on the very verge above the green water. Its vast broken circle engirdles a space of level floor thinly grass-grown. The stone circle, however, breaks at the cliff edge, and you can peer straight down into the marbling waves and watch the sea-birds hovering, and the black-headed seals swimming, and the white surge flashing and fading far, far below.

No house is within the fort, but once a lordly house stood there. Along the inside of the wall run ledges for fighting-men to stand upon, and there are steps for them to climb by. Outside, rank upon rank, like warriors bewitched to that grim stillness, are sharp-pointed standing stones. They were ranged there to break the rush of the enemy against the fort wall. You shall hear how that came. Many a time those stones were red with blood that gushed out hot from the spear wounds and sword hacks made in the breasts and sides of men, while cries of pain rang out shriller than the shrieks of the sea-birds.

There are many tales to be told of Dun-Angus, but the one I am about to tell is the most terrible of them all, a tale of love and hate, of wooing and pursuing, of bloodshed and fire and death. Were it told aright it would make the flesh chill upon your bones, and the hair thrill about your brow, and the heart in your breast grow faint with fear and wonder.

There was a warrior lived in the great fort once. Angus he was called. His name clings to the place yet, and maybe his ghost haunts it, though he is dead a thousand years and more. Go there at night when the moon is riding through racing clouds and the wind breathes in from the west and the league-long billows swing against the cliff wall. You will see sights undreamed-of in the broad glare of the day; white ghostly shapes leaping and writhing down on the rocks below, black flitting spectres crossing the floor of the fort, strange shadowy and shining forms in the gloom of the doorway and couchant among the stone army that stand a guard without. Tossing spray showers, you say, and shadows of the clouds, and moreover that the moans and wails you will hear are the gurgle of waves in the caverns or the wind caoing through the stones.

Such things are easily accounted for! But when you have heard the story of Angus you will allow that there should be ghosts here, and that maybe these are the ghosts of unhappy men and women that haunt the place of their misery and fill the midnight air with pitiful lamentations. There was a lady, nobly born, Findavar, a king's daughter, with knee-long shadowy dark hair, and eyes blue as the mountain loch. She lived on the Connacht shore between the mountains and the sea. In her maiden musings she walked often on the yellow sand, and all her heart's longings went out over the shining water to the cloudlike isles that floated purple in the sunset under the evening star.

The woodlands and the moors and lakes and the soaring mountains of her

father's territory were of no account to her. The rush of the brown salmon-abounding streams, the roar of the wind through forest boughs, stirred her little; but when she came to the rocks and the sands beside the sea and looked westward, and breathed the wind that came brine-laden from beyond the edge of the world, it was as if a spell was wrought upon her. Her heart tingled with strange and nameless hopes, her eyes softened with tender tears, her cheek flushed as if at the kiss of a fairy lover invisible and divine. "And oh," she thought, "what joy to sail out into the sunset and dwell in some palace of those purple isles!"

At length her longing was fulfilled. Once as she paced upon the strand on a breezy day of May, of a sudden a currach came plunging through the white crest of a wave and tossed in upon the shore. Then through the shallowing foam a tall stranger came striding. He shouldered an oar and dragged the light currach with one hand. He was noble and tall, with hair ruddier than gold flowing about him, and eyes blue and glancing. He had splendid manly limbs and a sunburnt countenance. His cloak was of scarlet and yellow



with gorgeous embroidery. A brooch of gold flamed below his throat in a great golden circle, and the pin of it went from shoulder to shoulder.

"His ornaments are those of a king," thought the wondering maiden, and she remembered tales of divine warriors who rose from the ocean and wooed the daughters of men. Sea-princes of the tribe of Mananaan Mac-Lir. This was one such, surely!

Suddenly he saw the maiden. He flung out his arms and laughed aloud joyously, then dropped the currach that he was dragging, and came to her side with swift strides. Was he man or sea-god, he said not to sue, but lifted her to his shoulder, and clasping her with strong arms, turned seaward without delay.

So much she wondered, and so fearfully her heart beat, that she could not find voice to cry aloud, though her brothers and certain of her father's people were within hearing in a woodland brake near the strand, where they tracked the deer. She trembled like a leaf, and when at last fear overcame her wonder and she struggled, as if she would fain escape, he took her closer in his arms, and kissed her on her red lips, and looked into her blue eyes, laughing triumphantly.

Then, because no lover had kissed her till now, her face grew like the sunset sky, and tears welled in her eyes, and to hide them she drooped her shapely head, so that her shadowy

hair might fall and hide those blushes. But the stranger from the sea, with caressing hand, tossed back those veiling tresses and kissed away the tears, and now she had nowhere to hide her rosy face except upon his heart.

When he saw that he had tamed her, he let her slip from his arms unto the sand, and with wooing glance and tender words bade her wait. There she sat trembling but very meek whilst he brought the currach into the waves, then turned to her with outstretched arms. Now she saw that his purpose was to bear her away, and she rose in doubt and would have turned to flee; but, "No," she thought, "that were vain. He is swifter than I." And then she would have cried aloud for her brothers; but, "Oh," she thought, "he would slay them, for he is strong; or, haply, they would slay or wound him." And then in her heart she knew she would not have him hurt, and turned her gaze to look upon him where he stood between the waters and the land, in the pride and beauty of his manhood.

He pointed to the islands across the sea, and then he spoke in a voice soft as the whisper of the surge on the shallow as it creeps over and is drunk in by the sand, telling her that he must bear his fair love safe to his island fort before night came with its stars.

Still she wavered, and yet he stood

By the time the stars came out that night over the purple water, Findavar sat at the feast in the house of the Dun by the side of her Formorian lover. The round house was full of light and noise; in the midst of it the flames licked up about the great brazen caldron, and the smoke rose wavering to the tentlike roof and spread there in a blue mist and curled up out into the air. The princess sat as in a dream, divided between joy and fear. Now the room flared red around her, and she saw in the fierce brightness the faces of all those revellers. Now the fire suddenly gloomed, and the wall was blackened with a ring of grotesque goblin shapes, their shadows. Black monster hands and arms were waved at her from the hollow circle of the roof. Findavar trembled till she found the strong hand of Angus that lay close to hers. Then he clasped it, and forgot to touch the mead that foamed in his oaken mether, and cared only to gaze on the fair face of his stolen lady, and to seek to win a glance from her shy and timid eyes. He rejoiced in his heart and thought:

"I had never so fair a love as this, nor one that came to my arms so willingly. She is so young, so young; she will be my one love and only till fate send me a fairer."

Then he looked where among the women folk a red-haired girl he had stolen from Kerry sat, sad and sullen. She was not sad for him, however, nor jealous at all of the bride, though the son of Angus—and hers he was too—played beside her knee, a merry child and comely and strong.

"She is saucy and proud as ever," thought the pirate; "and since she only wept at my kisses I will trouble her no more. She shall grind at the quern, and can weep her fill there for that lover of hers she left forlorn when I bore her away." He kissed Findavar before the whole company, and laughed to catch the eyes of Shav fixed on him in moody hate.

The revel grew louder, and above it all Findavar heard confusedly the voice of a bard troling forth some song to praise her beauty and the valor of Angus. She heard the twanging of ill-tuned strings, and noted the coarseness of the singer's voice. Then she sighed softly, remembering the harp and sweet music of her father's court in Connacht.

And yet surely this unknown prince of the island, her lord and lover, had wealth and glory, and might have sweeter music for the asking. His and clear blue pebble. A mine of gold in plenty, and he had decked Findavar with the rarest beads of yellow amber and clear blue pebble. A mind of gold like the young moon shone over her white brow against the darkness of her hair. She wondered, therefore, at the hoarse bard and the ill-tuned harp, for she held music as more glorious and fitting in a king's house than either gems or gold.

"But come," said Angus, swinging aside a curtain that hid the foot of a little stair behind their feasting-seat. "Come, see, and tell me if there be in any palace of Connacht as wondrous a grinning as this I have decked for my bride."

He led her up the stair to a room that was small and dark. From one narrow window they could gaze down upon the revellers. A faint light came through it and showed that the wattle-work had been hastily hidden with costly hangings of scarlet, on which were embroidered serpents and other mystic twinning things.

Angus reached up his strong arm and undid a bolt that let a door swing outward. And lo! through that empty space there was nothing to be seen but the deep gloom of the heaven, lit with great white stars and streaked with the faint glimmering of the Milky Way. Findavar shuddered, yet rejoiced. She had in truth come to her island of the stars led by a fairy lover. He drew her to the window, and holding her in strong arms, let her lean forth. The cold night wind breathed through her hair, bringing with it into the curtained room the strange fresh scent of the sea. Findavar suddenly cried aloud, and lo! she found no garden bower, no grassy lawn, no scented boughs of apple-trees below the window of this



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grinian, only an awful void abyss that
yawned down, down, down. Ah! now
her peering eyes had pierced it, and
had seen the uncertain shimmer of
water, the silvery white swirl of
marbling waves, and faintly came the
plash and distant boom that told her
that this bridal bower was hung like a
scart's nest on the verge of a giddy
cliff above the restless sea.

It was when she turned shuddering
from the window that Angus, laying
his hand upon her brow, asked her
first what name he would call her by,
and of what race she sprang. He had
not troubled before. It was enough
that he found her fair. He had not
dreamed that she was royal.
"Findavar, daughter of Lorcan of the
Red Spears." He repeated the words
that she had spoken, in a tone of
wonder and pride. He was silent a
moment. Then he laughed aloud in
joy and scorn. He had stolen, though
he knew it not, a king's daughter, the
child of his fiercest enemy, a bride that
he would have to fight for and defend
from the strongest chiefs of Ireland,
till his life or hers was o'er. With love
hot in his heart, with Findavar safe in
his grinian, what recked he? He
laughed aloud in scorn. "My Dun is
strong," he said. "Fear not Findavar,
my Dun is strong; but thou shalt be
the cause, fair love, of as many wars
as the great bull of Cualgne!" And
his laughter rang out into the void
and found no echo; but from far below
came the low booming murmur and
faint liquid plash of the ever-moving
sea.

III

The joy of blue-skied Beltane-tide
lit the rocky isle. The joy of love and
youthful life shone in the gentle eyes
of Findavar. She was well content
with the sea-prince of the Dun, and
never weary of watching the shade and
shine come and go over the immense
plain of wrinking ocean. The summit of
the island is a level floor of gray-white
limestone, on whose surface grows
neither grass nor any other herb.

Across the rock run great rifts, as
if a giant plough had been dragged
along, and Findavar, reaching her
slender hands down into the crevices,
brought them up full of the hair-stem-
med green quivering fern that is the
wonder of those islands to this day.
Like giant stairs, the rocky terraces
descend to the landward side of the
island, breadth and steep alternately,
and many a time Angus took the lady's
hand in his and led her down to the
very sea edge, and standing thus to-
gether they looked across the sound to
the Connacht shore. And she in
her innocent love would soon turn her
eyes away to look on the face of her
lord, nor did she pine for the mead-
ows where the grass is soft, or the
moorland where the heath is long and
brown, nor for the trees of the forest,
shaking their branches, with whisper
of light leaves overhead.

Dearer was the barren isle, because
of the prince who ruled it and who
swayed her heart.

And Angus, as he looked across the
sound, would be watching for any fleet
of currachs coming in pursuit, laden
with warriors ready to do battle in re-
venge for the wrong done to Lorcan
of the Red Spears. But summer went
by till Samhain-time, and there was no
sign of the revengeful king. "Doubt-
less," thought the pirate, "he has learn-
ed to fear the name of Angus of the
Dun," and then he laughed to think
that one day a son of his own might
go forth across the stormy sound and
stand in the doorway of Lorcan's
palace, and claim before all his clan to
rule after that old king by right of
royal birth and warrior worth.

But when the babe of Findavar was
born, lo! it was a girl child, and Angus
strode apart in anger and cared not to
bide his disdain of that weakling thing.
He had no patience, this fierce sea-
robber, and even as the young mother
sat with her sweet eyes gladdening up-
on the little one at her breast, he call-
ed to him the red-haired boy—his only
son—and fondled him in her very
presence, and would have him eat
beside him at the board. The
boy was bold and very wilful,
and Angus laughed at his baby
fierceness, and loved him for it. One
day he proffered him a share of the

bread sweetened with honey which was
set apart for Findavar and himself.

"Eat, young sea-eagle," said the
father. "This is the chieftain's bread,
and thou art the chieftain's child."

But the child flung aside the sweet
morsel.

"My mother's tears," he said, "are in
that bread. I saw them fall into the
meal as she bowed above the winnow-
ing sheet. I cannot eat of it. Why does
my mother weep?"

Angus did not answer, but brooded
awhile, with eyes of pride fixed upon
his son. Findavar thought, "Now I
shall lose his love, and my father's
love is lost long ago; he has not even
pursued me, and cares not that I am
gone." Her heart turned sadly home-
ward, till her tears fell down on the
face of the little babe, and, "Ah," she
thought, "soon I shall grind at the
quern, and another shall sit by his side
and feast on the bread kneaded with
my tears."

Soon that poor little child that was
her only comfort was taken from her
too, and laid cold in death in a crevice
of the rocks under the quivering fern,
and they had much ado to find earth
to cover even so small a thing.

Now was Findavar comfortless,
quite, and thought her reign of love
was over, and nothing more to do but
die.

She sat on the cliff edge and watch-
ed Angus with his warriors go away
on a foray. The great fleet of creak-
ing currachs, full of armed men, went
with dipping oars across the azure of
the sea as a bird flock goes through
the blue of the sky.

Shiav, the red-haired woman of
Kerry, came and sat by her and looked
afar after them with longing eyes.
"Oh," said that poor exile, "would
that he would bear me back to my
native shore!" and she told how her
father's house had been ravaged on the
very night of her bridal feast, and she
torn from the arms of her chosen love
by Angus of the Dun. Findavar shud-
dered and thought, "What if he bring
home from this foray some newer and
fairer love? Ah, if he forget me, I can
only die! I could not live and look
upon their joy!"

But Angus came home sooner than
was dreamed, staying no more than a
night by the far Clare shore; and when
he entered the Dun, all spray-wet from
the sea, fiercely kissed Findavar, and
as fondly, she thought, as at his first
love-making.

Greatly she wondered. But Angus
had heard news which made her again
precious in his eyes. Lately he had
doubted that she was a princess at all,
for surely Lorcan of the Red Spears
would have pursued a royal daughter.
Now he learned the reason of that de-
lay.

In that very day on which Findavar
was stolen there had come against
Lorcan's clan and into his territory a
dread foe from eastward of the Shan-
non. All the summer and autumn-
tide had been spent in war. In winter
he took time to recover from that
strife and to muster new force; be-
sides, the tempest of that season pro-
tected the island chief; but now was
spring come again, and with it came
the day of Lorcan's vengeance.

Angus heard word in Clare of how the
dread king was mustering his allies
and preparing his currach fleet; so
swiftly he came back to Dun-Angus to
defend his bride, and now that she was
cause of war, dearer was she than
ever, his one love and his queen,
whom he would hold against all
others.

IV

I need not tell you of the battles that
were fought ere Lorcan made good his
landing in the island. The first strife
was on the sea, the warriors of either
host in currachs hurling spears at each
other, to reach the cowhide that was
stretched on the frames of the light
vessels. Many a currach, rent thus,
sucked water and sank down, leaving
its rowers and fighting-men to swim
for life, whilst their enemies speared
them like seals; the clear green of the
ocean was stained with gurgling blood.
The long leathern weed that stretches
waving arms from the sea-floor en-
wrapped many a sinking corpse.

The next struggle was on the slio-
perry sea-rocks when the invaders had

gained thus far, and in both these first battles Angus had help from Ceannan and Concobar, chiefs from Inishmaan, who stood him in good stead; but at length they quarreled fiercely over the plunder of the slain, and the Inishmaan's chiefs went away with all their fighting-men, leaving Angus to settle his own quarrel with Lorcan of the Red Spears.

At length he was driven to shelter behind the walls of his Dun, and then was it that he placed those rugged stones in rank outside the north door, so that from that side the fort could be defended easily by a few men skilled in hurling spears. The foemen could not rush in a crowd against the wall, but were broken in their charges by the stones, and many of them died there shrieking horribly, with brazen spears quivering between their ribs and blood spouting.

Findavar could not help but tremble and weep when she heard such shouting around the Dun, and when Angus came back from a sally, flushed and

sat always turning the empty quern and singing a shrill, fierce lay. And what she sang was a curse upon Angus, an incantation to all those mysterious powers that in the estimation of the pagan Irish ruled the destinies of men. Sun and wind, moon and stars, they worshipped, the spirits of evil or beneficent strength whom they called the sidhe—ghosts, men say, of the dead De-daanen warriors and women, who haunt the hills of Eri yet.

She called on them to punish Angus for his cruelty; to rob him of his bride, as he had robbed another; and to give his bones to the birds of the air or the fishes of the sea.

One day Angus rose up in his wrath, for he could endure her curses no more, and he struck her with his great fist upon the lips. With that blow he hurled her bark against the hearthstone so that her temple was struck, and of that hurt she died.

After this Findavar shrank from his embraces and feared his look; and his little son who had called the de-



"Findavar!" Her Father Called

triumphant with trophy heads of those he had slain, she shrieked and hid her eyes, fearing to see her father's face, or some one of her brethern.

And in her heart she secretly longed to be captured again and taken to her quiet home, and to be restored to her father's love, for though Angus showed her great tenderness, and though she rejoiced that she was not forsaken and that her beauty was praised, yet she doubted his faithfulness, and longed for the more steadfast shelter of fatherly love.

Sorely they suffered from hunger and from thirst. Their food was mainly salt fish stored against such a time as this; and for water one had daily to descend by a rope the face of the cliff to where a little spring trickled through the limestone.

The red-haired slave-woman of Kere had now little meal to grind, but she was crazy quite, and

woman mother, shrieked and spat if he came near; and he grew mad in his wrath and went out against the warriors of Lorcan, seeking death. None would fight him, for the king had vowed he should not die in battle, but be starved to death like a gray wolf in winter, or be burned alive in the Dun. But neither by starvation nor fire was he destined to perish, as you shall hear.

It was the middle of a night of balmy air and all was still. The chieftain slept within his grinnian; Findavar, vexed with homesick longings, lay still but slept not. Around the walls stood sentinels on guard, but half of them too were slumbering as they leaned upon their spears. Why should they watch when no foe was in sight? Lorcan and his warriors had doubtlessly encamped beyond the ridge of the rocky summit, intending no assault. One by one the weary sentinels forgot to watch, and each, leaving that care

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to the others, yielded to the enticing
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Findavar arose, as indeed she often
did, and paced restlessly through the
round house where women and child-
ren lay asleep, then by a door she
passed out and attained the circling
wall of stone and saw how it was with
the guardsmen. She did not waken
them, but wrapping her great woolen
mantle more closely round her, stood
there in the starlight, and longed for
her father to come and save her.

Of a sudden she saw dark forms
loom out against the sky. Men were
leaping over the rocks very silently.
They bore not only spears, but torch-
es, and she knew well what was meant.
They drew near, and fastening the
flaming brand on the spear-shafts,
hurled them against the house. She
fled within for safety, not being able,
without awakening the sentinels, to
pass out by the stone arch and escape.
Their bodies lay across it. Soon she
heard a sleepy st. on the wall, then a
startled cry. The guardsmen were
awake, but too late. The house in the
Dun was on fire, the foe was entering.
She stood in the middle of the hall and
waited only for some of her own
kindred to burst through the smoke
that she might give herself to their
keeping.

And now who was that with great
bare arms smiting down a grizzled
soldier at the door? Lorcan her father,
no other, and behind him Scorain and
Ceth, her brothers, and Ciadach, a
prince of Clare, to whom she had been
promised as a bride. The smoke was
now around her and before. The flames
hung a curtain of wavering fire
about the wall; she stretched out her
arms to her father, crying to him
to guide her through that awful heat
into the cool air. Women and child-
ren were waking around her and wail-
ing. She heeded them not.

Suddenly above the crackling of tim-
ber and roar of fire and clash of arms
a clear voice called her. She turned,
and there on the stairway stood Angus
with outstretched arms. He was
gaunt and wan. Her heart pitied him.

Anon great volumes of lurid smoke
rolled between them, but cleared away
and showed him still standing there
with outstretched arms; behind him
was the window, a space of blue-black
heaven lit with great white stars.

"Findavar!" her father called, for
now he saw her first; and "Findavar!"
cried her brethren all, and most en-
treatingly of all, "Findavar, my beloved!"
cried Ciadach, Prince of Clare.

But she turned from those hands
stretched forth to save, and turning
fled. Fierce tongues of flame darted
across her path, but fearless of all,
through the fire she went, and straight
to the arms of Angus.

Poor child! I hardly dream she knew
to what a doom she went. He had no
sword wherewith to defend her, but in-
deed he knew all defense was now vain.
He would keep her from his rival's
arms. That at least! He clasped her
close to his heart as he stepped back
to the window. Once they heard her
cry aloud in sudden fear; but he kissed
her eyes and turned her face to his
heart that she might not see. She
could not see, but now she knew what
was to come, and sobbed weakly.

He stepped back to the window,
always facing his foes, who followed
through smoke and flame, with bared
swords and faces of terror, only hoping
to creep near and catch the victim's
floating robe and drag her down and
save her so.

Their hands were half outstretched
to clutch, when Angus saw them and
stepped to the window-ledge, poising
on one foot. The sweat of horror
stood on their brows, and their lips
murmured, "Spare her!" Then, with
a shout of defiance, back he stepped
into the abyss. Down, down, down
they whirled through that awful space,
bride and lover clasped together in a
close embrace.

Those that leaned through the win-
dow to look after them saw only the
great white stars above the violet sea,
heard only the liquid plash and faint
distant boom of the restless billows.

Thus came it that the Isles of Arran
were ravaged by Connacht men, for
Lorcan ceased not with the burning
of that one Dun, but went against the
pirates in every fort of the three
islands, till all were destroyed. The
great stone walls you can see to this
day, and men say that they afterwards
gave shelter to the holy hermits who
built their wattle huts within those
mighty circles for safety against the
Danes.

But within the Dun of Angus there
hath never been a house from that day
to this; and why should that be if not
that it is haunted by the unhappy
of Findavar and her Formorian lover,
and of all that perished with them by
hunger and fire and sword?

That Maketh the Heart Sick.

It was at a picture exhibition, and
Mr. Longlocks was gazing tenderly at
the creation of his genius, when a soft,
clear voice struck on his ear:

"Oh, how really charming! What a
work of art! Oh, if I could only see
the artist!"

Mr. Longlock's heart thumped. Was
it possible that the long-desired cus-
tomer had at last materialized? He
turned, and confronted a lady.

"I am the painter, madam," he mur-
mured, blushing.

"Indeed! I am so pleased to see
you! Could you—would you please
mind telling me where your model had
her hair dressed so beautifully?"

Too Good to Live.

The Patient—There's something
wrong with my heart, doctor. I fear
I'm not going to live very long!"

The Doctor—Nonsense! Give up
smoking.

"I never smoke, doctor."

"Well, stop drinking!"

"Never drank liquor in my life."

"Well, you must keep earlier hours,
then!"

"I'm never out of my bed after nine
o'clock."

"Oh, well, my dear sir, I think you
had better let nature take its course.
You're altogether too good for this
world!"



Ranchers in the Foot Hills, Alberta.

Something More on Marriages.

By FLORINDA TWICHELL.

Happy marriages would, I believe, bear more or less scientific investigation. Unconsciously to themselves, perhaps, the contracting parties have observed the physical and psychological rules of affinity.

The mysterious attraction, we may call it, which draws young people together, may be largely physical, and though it is not an infallible guide, it is an indispensable one to a really happy marriage. There is this difference between this kind of a marriage than where the choice is merely an intellectual one. Though the husband or wife, who finds that he or she has made an unwise choice, in the latter case, may through a sense of duty, be true to their contract, it can not stand the test of the first. It is not the love that clings to an unlovely companion through the changing vicissitudes of a life of hardships and toil, that brings the husband and wife down to old age true and faithful to each other.

There always will be a difference between the lover and the husband, that every young wife, with more or less heartache, has to adjust herself to; and her early training ought to fit her for this, and if she can not see in the lover the possibilities of a good, practical, industrious husband when the sentimental illusions of courtship days are over, she had better not marry him. Most good lovers are good husbands. So the sooner the great struggles that come to the young married woman, who has idealized her husband, finds that he is not going to measure up to the ideal, the happier she will be in the future years. Especially do young girls, brought up without brothers, look for finer sensibilities and sentiments than men, as a rule, possess. A great deal that they have imagined that their husband possessed never existed, save in the ideal. Yet the disappointment is often almost tragical in the heart struggle that follows the awakening. But the sooner it is over the better, and the couple may be congenial after all.

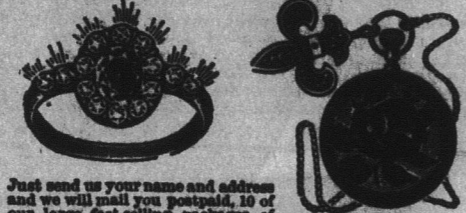
While exactly opposite physical types are drawn together by this physical attraction, it may attract those of such opposite tastes that happiness can never follow, after a longer acquaintance. Just here to the point of what I want to say. I believe in early marriages, not of immature boys and girls; but I do believe in long acquaintances. The man and wife who have no intellectual pleasures, no tastes in common, can never understand each other, and there is little hope of a happy life. The young girl raised in a refined

Christian home makes a chance acquaintance with a young man. He is gallant and handsome. He has a physical influence over her, but he belongs to a profane, coarse family. He cares for nothing that she cares for. It would take generations to bring him up to her level, intellectually and morally. Her life is one long disappointment. The children are hard to bring to the code of morals. People wonder that they are not like her, so carefully have they been reared. She may entertain a vain hope of revolutionizing her husband's nature; but life is too short, yet I would encourage the effort.

There may be congeniality of tastes to some extent. Possibly not a material way, though I once knew a couple whose incompatibility came in this way. She, from religious scruples, would eat no sugar; he, from a professed preference, would eat no salt. Other members of the family eat both, so the matter was, to say the least, a very great source of inconvenience.

Someone had criticized a young wife for not seeming to be in love with her husband. She replied, "I like him very much. I never tire of his company, he always interests me. That is why I married him. We are great friends." Here is the secret of happiness, comradeship. People of different temperaments, different pursuits, yet there is added to a real love a comradeship that makes their married life a safe business venture. Advancing age does not alter this relation. It is indeed beautiful to see an old couple, whose lives are more and more linked together as years pass, and they come to speak alike, look alike, and sometimes I think when one goes the other of necessity must soon follow; and it seems to me they have been getting ready to live together through all eternity.

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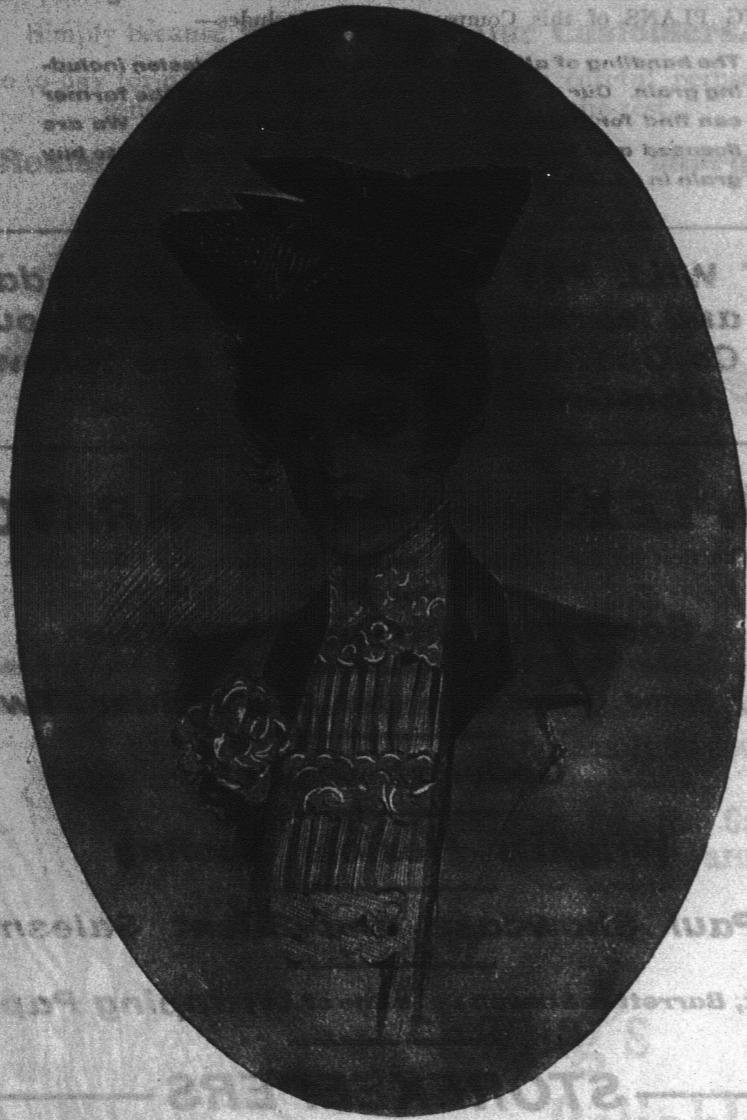
Easter and Millinery.

With the approach of Easter one stands in little fear of contradiction in making the statement that as regards things temporal, the millinery question is paramount, at least in the estimation of the sex to which it makes its appeal.

This year Eastertide comes late, which fact gives prospective wearers a good chance to determine which of the many new styles appeals to them the most forcibly, and this season it must be confessed that materials, shapes, and colors afford infinite variety, so much so, that after looking through the principal establishments of New York, Chicago, Toronto and Winnipeg, we might well reply to the eter-

ity, some encroaching so much on the upper brim that only about an inch is left in front, and at the sides, just sufficient to drape the trimming on. These make smart suit hats, and offer little resistance to the wind, which fact alone should prove a strong argument in their favor when applied to Western weather conditions.

Another revival, and to many a welcome one, after a long period of indifference, is seen in the large showing of leghorns. In the natural unbleached shapes, particularly with the tuscan lace straw insertion in the brims, some beautiful models are shown, and while there is a strong feeling for the smaller caught-up effects before referred to, there will no doubt be many to recognize the claims



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nal question: "What is new?"—everything.

Those whose past experience should enable them to form a reliable forecast believe the coming season will be one which will allow the well-dressed woman the greatest scope for working out her own individuality as expressed in her head wear. Such authorities are of the opinion that the best trade will not rush on a few fads to the neglect of equally worthy offerings. Let us hope their predictions will be verified; the results will be better for the manufacturer, the dealer, and, most important of all, the wearer.

As regards the actual hat itself, one cannot help remarking two very strong tendencies: First, the variety of the flat plaque, hood and cone effects, caught up and twisted into every conceivable shape, and for every possible use, from the jaunty tailor-made to the most delicate and filmy carriage confection. Second, the revival of our old friend, the short-backed sailor, which has returned to us in various forms, as regards dimensions of crown and brim and the degree of droop to the front; most have the high bandeau incorporated in the shape, which gives it the decidedly stylish tilt. Many of the crowns are of the large two-piece vari-

ety of the leghorn, whose taste or facial type demands a fuller shape.

It must not be imagined from the foregoing that the made hat has quite had its day, for it is still with us in a wide choice of materials, particularly strong being the beautiful horsehair and tuscan braids, fine satin, finished crinoline braids, malines, chiffons, and laces, all of which are to be seen on some of the newest creations used, either singly or in combinations of any two or three. Malines, mechlins, or tulle, for all three names are in use to describe the same material, are perhaps more shown than any other fabric. A new departure in this line is the lately perfected process which makes the net moist proof, thus enabling it to retain the original finish after being exposed to a degree of dampness that would reduce goods with the old finish to a most undesirable state of mussiness.

Chiffons are still quite largely used, in fact, they have now got to be quite indispensable for summer use, and are used for such a variety of purposes and in so many different ways that it is hard to imagine what the modern milliner would do without them.

A new material much shown, particularly on suit hats, is the stiff crino-

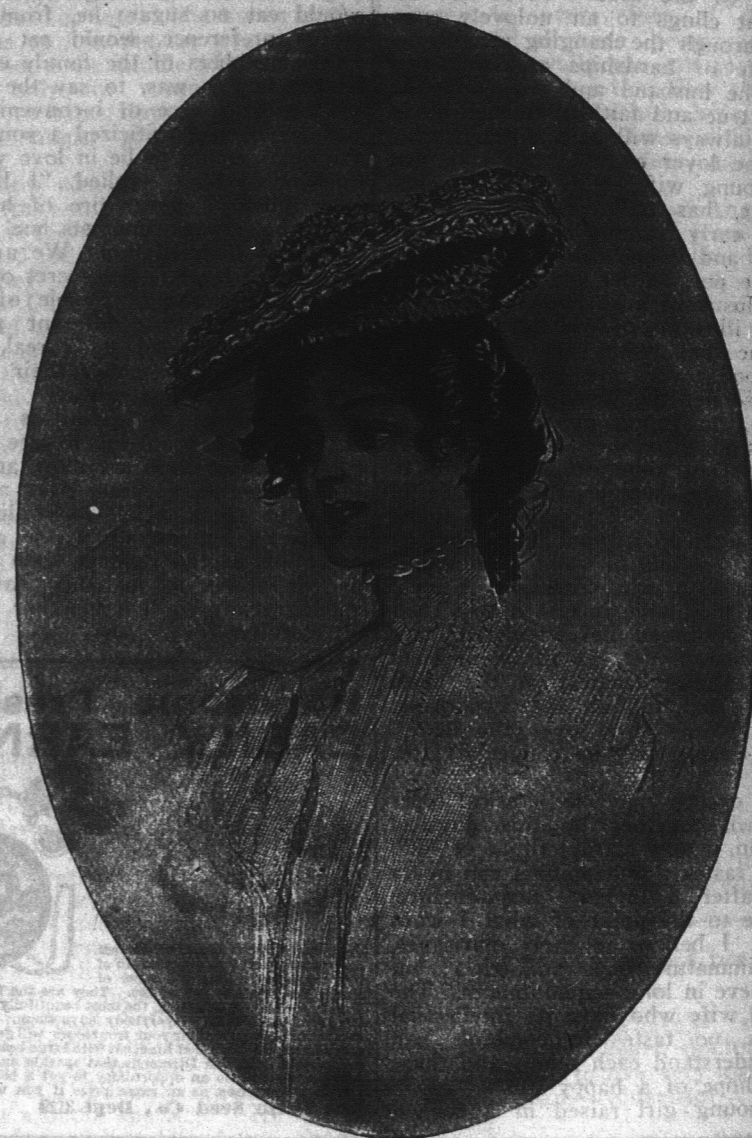
line drape, which comes in plain colors resembling very much in effect poplin or lustre. It is also to be had in pale pastel shades and solid or mixed tinsels. It is most desirable, and once put on is there to stay. It makes a peculiarly happy combination with quills or the new long pointed wings.

Ribbons are in for another sure place in the wearer's regard. The soft makes are still popular and quantities are used on one hat, particularly for back trimming that an ordinary person could hardly credit. There seems to be a decided feeling for both black and colored velvet ribbons which when used on the fine pressed milan and split straws are hard to improve on, as while quite in keeping with the general effect, they still tone down that suggestion of harshness which is apt to strike one as regards hats of this nature where the trimmings are not in good accord. Plaids and Dresdens are also in demand, the former especially for children's and misses' use. Some beautiful lines in Dresdens are shown with

geranium and violet leaves are also strong in natural shades; then there are many makes hard to classify in exquisite pastel tints to blend with flowers and trimmings.

Ostrich feathers in black, white, and shaded are much used in some of the higher priced hats, and milliners doing a good class of trade expect a heavy demand, as for some kinds of swell, dressy hats their use is simply indispensable. Aigrettes, too, are being much called for at present. Their use affords a very dressy and almost complete trimming for the smart tucked and frilled chiffon and ribbon and chiffon hats so much used for early wear.

While paradise seems to have declined a little in popularity, osprey is seen everywhere in quantities that would suggest very faintly its great value. However, so long as it is correct, that portion of the public who keep in close touch will pay the price, so by all means, madam, if you can afford it, have the longest, fluffiest bunch you can discover.



The very latest mushroom effect with a high rolling side and the new dome crown. Crown and left side entirely made of high lustre satin ribbon on silk. Rim of combined chiffon and ribbon. The above style shown by The D. McCall Co., Limited, Wholesale Millinery, Winnipeg, Man.

the flower embroidered on the ribbon instead of being stamped or woven in as formerly.

You have probably read that tinsel threatens to have another run. Well! it certainly looks that way at present. Gold braid and lace, also silver, besides combinations with other fabrics, are freely shown, but the public verdict has not been enthusiastic so far as the West is concerned. This class of trimming has a tendency to become very common, and many will judge it in the light of past experience.

Flowers are still strong, with the rose perhaps in the lead; among other favorites might be mentioned hyacinths, hydrangeas, geraniums, poppies, wisteria, lilac, lily of the valley, and the ever popular violet. All the foregoing are used in the natural tones, and also in a wonderful variety of beautiful pastel shades in most delicate combinations of pinks, helios, greens, violets, etc. The all-flower hat has not by any means seen its best days. It is to be had in every blossom duplicated in the artificial product. Foliage, too, is seen in abundance, used for whole hats or for brim or crown, combined with malines, chiffons, nets, or flowers. The rose foliage easily leads,

With the advent of warmer weather, look out for the vogue of the lingerie hat. It will be a powerful factor in summer styles, and unless we are very much at sea its popularity of last season will be quite overshadowed. The principal materials employed are the sheerest white Valenciennes net and batiste laces. The trimmings favored are soft duchesse and messaline ribbons and delicate roses.

It is a long step from lingerie hats to motor caps but an article on spring headwear for 1906 would hardly be complete without a passing reference to this most useful addition to your millinery outfit, especially should it be your fortune to ride or drive much in the country. The new shapes are made with a very full crown, with a perfectly flat brim running all the way round, as in the old-fashioned sailors; while others have the brim rolled up close at the back and gradually flattened out towards the front, where the effect is similar to the brim of a man's hat. Both styles are very becoming, and are a splendid protection to the eyes from wind and dust. Besides this, fashion sanctions them, so you are quite safe to wear one, even if you never saw an auto.

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Love Thrives on Judicious Flattery.

By Helen Oldfield.

Failings sometimes lean to virtue's side. Violent poisons, used in infinitesimal doses, are among the most potent remedies known to medical science, and, even so, there are occasions not a few in the conduct of life when what are ordinarily vices in excess, in moderation are not only desirable but take on the semblance of virtue. Indeed, it is an old saying that many vices are merely virtues run to seed. "Enough is enough, and too much is too much, be the enough or the much what it may." George Arnold wrote one of his best poems in praise of laziness:

"Yet, why not preach up laziness?
I think it would be well:
If some who cry it down a sin could
only feel its spell!
Those hard, ascetic natures who
look for naught but Use
In everything one says and does."

false praise, adulation, which in turn is defined as excessive praise; and commendation bestowed to accomplish some purpose, which last may well include Mrs. Wiggs' regimen of compliments instead of switches upon her children, a regimen which, wisely practiced, would go far to increase the peace and happiness of many a home. Rigid moralists are too prone to condemn all pretty speeches, all graceful compliments which can be classed as unnecessary, not to say untrue; under which rule almost all common politeness, as practiced in society, is flattery. Matthew Arnold, in "Literature and Dogma," states over and over again "that conduct is three-fourths of life." To which proposition might well be added the corollary that flattery, or unnecessary politeness, is three-fourths of conduct. In the first place, who shall



"The Virgin and her child."
After the painting by E. Goolall, R. A.

Such people argue upon the well known formula that "things which equal the same thing are equal to each other," deduce the proposition: Rest—idleness—idleness—laziness; ergo rest—laziness, and thus one of the cardinal requisites of nature is brought into disrepute. Few things are wholly bad when used intelligently; it is the abuse which works the evil, usually, at least.

Upon this principle an essay, if not a poem, might well be written in praise of flattery, which by no means deserves the opprobrium cast upon it by many sticklers for truth and candour, which last is too frequently but another name for rudeness.

The same definition of flattery as given by standard dictionaries

decide what praise is justly merited and how much? One does not pause to measure drop by drop the oil which one puts upon a machine to insure its smooth running; and he was a wise man who called politeness the machine oil of every day life. And nowhere is that oil more needed than in the daily intercourse between husband and wife; the closer the connection between surfaces, the more danger of friction is.

"A fact well known and often shown."

In morals as well as mechanics."

Strictly speaking, the finished product of a well bred person is the expression of their

for the feelings and practices of others is neither more needless than flattery judiciously employed. If "Language was framed but to hide the thought, moral as deep as the proverb is old," then also "manners" were invented as a cloak to conceal opinions and feelings which it is wise to suppress, and that not only from motives of self-interest. People who have been taught from their youth up to "behave properly" yield precedence to another in entering a room or in serving at table. Why? Because they really think that in a world of absolute justice the other man would have the right to the first place as being their superior in any respect? Not at all. The usages of polite society ordain it, that is all, and one is anxious to show himself a gentleman in breeding. "Place aux dames" was the motto of chivalry, not of right, and the ancient saying "After you is manners for me," as applied in the conduct of a host to his guest, is as a thing as the convention which causes the Spanish don to assure the stranger within his gates that the house and all within it are his to command, an assurance upon which the stranger had best not presume.

The whole structure of civilized society is based upon suppression of truth and false suggestion—in other words, flattery. Be polite and you will make others happy; besides you will gain their good opinion, which may or may not be worth something to you. It is matter beyond contradiction that the abnormally polite man, the man who never misses an opportunity to say pleasant things, to pay little attentions, who, in short, devotes some brains, much good will, and yet more unflinching patience to the business of making other people satisfied with themselves, always gets along in life. It is extraordinary what an atmosphere of gayety and kindness he carries about with him and how popular he is. Of course, one may overdo it. Too much sugar sickens; fulsome flattery overreaches itself and disgusts sensible people; which, however, does not in the least alter the fact that those who think the best and see only the good, and who, hating the object of their search, hasten to proclaim it, are they who make life pleasant for themselves and others.

The fact is that absolute frankness between people (the remark applies still more to two people than to twenty) who desire to dwell together upon terms of peace and unity is a social impossibility. Outspoken people, unless they are largely gifted with the charity which thinketh no evil, are invariably unpopular. It is almost always best to think well before one speaks; one so often has cause to change one's opinion, to regret the hasty word which, once spoken, may not be recalled.

In occultism speech is regarded as an act. "The tongue is a fire, and, like fire, it scorches as well as warms." The rule for speech given to the fifth Root Race by its Manu, to be committed to memory and repeated the first thing in the morning, the last thing at night, and whenever thought of during the day, is: "Let him say what is true, let him say what is pleasing; let him utter no disagreeable truth, let him utter no agreeable falsehood. That is the eternal law." A shorter form of this is: "Let him say what is true, let him say what is useful, let him say what is pleasant."

Some people go through life pouring out truth as though it were essence of violets, whereas in most cases it should be kept in a small vial, marked "for external use only," and administered only when necessary. There is no reason for the common theory that truth is admirable simply because it is truth. Besides it is a difficult question what the truth really is, and, moreover, who has the right to decide it for others? Between unmerited praise and unmerited blame the choice may be safely said to be always in favor of the former. With those who have good in them the

best way to bring it out is to believe in it, while undeserved fault finding only makes bad worse. Incautious speech has served to estrange more souls than ever years of silence has accomplished.

As already said, the judicious flattery which takes the form of compliments and pretty speeches is above all essential to the happiness of married life. Husbands and wives ought not only to think well of one another but to say so, and often. "Men are but children of a larger growth," while women, where their affections are concerned, are actually infantile. Yet married people continually insist upon treating each other as though they were grown up and superior to all the ordinary weaknesses of humanity. The "canker of the heart" of married life is more often than otherwise merely rudeness in the shape of speaking one's mind plainly, without regard to how the act may hurt. Husbands and wives, and intimate friends also, are apt to think themselves privileged to be rude. "She is my wife; she knows I love her dearly; she won't mind." But she does, all the same. "He is my husband; he will understand and know I don't mean half I say." "He (or she) is my oldest friend; he will take anything from me. There is no need for ceremony between us," and so one takes a bludgeon and batters down the tenderest feelings of life upon the fatuous supposition that they are wound-proof because of their tenderness. Alas, "What fools these mortals be!"

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"It does, John, it does," the judge replied.

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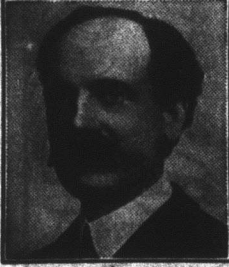
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Correspondence

Note.—We are unable this month to publish all the letters mailed us. The balance of them will appear next month.

Our readers are taking a great interest in our Correspondence Columns as is evidenced by the many expressions of opinion tendered us from various parts of the West. We are pleased to be in a position to furnish our western people with a medium for the exchange of their views on the subject of matrimony.

Knee Hill Valley, Alta., Feb. 20, 1906. Editor.—Through your valuable assistance I have already got several lady correspondents with a view to matrimony.

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Medicine Hat, N.W.T., Feb. 28, 1906. Editor.—I have been following your correspondence column for some time and find it both interesting and amusing. Having always lived in the West, I have a pretty fair idea of how western men are matrimonially inclined.

A WESTERN YOUNG WOMAN.

Toronto, Feb. 24, 1906. Editor, The Western Home Monthly. Dear Sir:—I want to visit on a ranch or farm in the West this summer but am not so fortunate as to have there any friends with whom I could stay.

WANTS HER NAME AND ADDRESS.

Oslar, Sask. Feb. 15, 1906. Editor.—Will you kindly give me the name and address of the young lady from Saskatoon who is writing in your magazine.

WON'T ACT AS "VALET" TO ANY MAN.

Calgary, Feb. 12, 1906. Editor.—In your February number you have published a letter from "Marriageable Man," Knee Hill Valley, Alta., who is looking for a wife.

"CANADIAN GIRL."

Manitoba, Feb. 27, 1906. Editor.—I have been reading with great interest the bachelors' letters in your paper. I notice all those asking for wives, wish them to have health, strength and moderate good looks.

"LIKES THE MAGAZINE."

Wolseley, Sask. Feb. 26, 1906. Editor.—I am proud to be a reader and subscriber of your interesting magazine. I am a reader of many different periodicals, but I fall to find one of them equal in point of quality of its reading matter, illustrations, etc.

A POINTER TO BACHELOR.

Manitoba, Feb. 27, 1906. Editor.—I have been reading with great interest the bachelors' letters in your paper. I notice all those asking for wives, wish them to have health, strength and moderate good looks.

"A CITY GIRL."

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"HOPEFUL."

Calgary, Feb. 12, 1906. Editor.—In your February number you have published a letter from "Marriageable Man," Knee Hill Valley, Alta., who is looking for a wife.

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P.S.—I am speaking from experience as I have four married sisters and two married brothers.

BACHELORS HERE'S YOUR CHANCE.

Crystal City, Man., Feb. 26, 1906.
 Editor.—Having read your correspondence in your valuable magazine, I take this opportunity of expressing my views on the matter of matrimony. I may say the districts where some of the bachelors live in, whose letters I read with interest, must be quite different from what it is about here. About here the all important thing to the marriageable young men is the depleted condition of their money chest. I would like to get acquainted with the young man who tooted his own horn so loud in your February number. I am 22 years of age, dark hair, blue eyes, height 5 feet 4½ inches, weight 134 lbs., a Protestant in religion, and considered good looking by my friends. Having lived on a farm for 5 years I think that should be ample testimony of my ability to suit the most fastidious of men. Any young man wishing to correspond, please send photo with first letter.

"One Who Pities The Bachelor."

WANTS A HUSBAND.

Winnipeg, March 1, 1906.
 Editor.—You will do me a favor by putting me in correspondence with a good industrious bachelor farmer. I am a Scotch girl, aged 24 years, height 5 feet 6 inches, dark brown hair, brown eyes. Hoping you will oblige me.

"HIGHLAND LASSIE."

GOT THE NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS.

Edmonton, Feb. 28, 1906.
 Editor.—I wrote you a hasty letter some few weeks back requesting you to recommend me to a Christian Protestant bachelor, and one who is fairly refined, and an abstainer from whiskey and tobacco. If you know of such a bachelor with a comfortable home, please get him to correspond with me. I have little time for writing, as I am employed keeping house for a family who, when the men come home from business, they smoke their pipes and expectorate about the house until they fairly make me sick. These people are in society, "I thank you," I am sorry for the society. They jeer and ridicule the farmer and imagine that they are the cream of the whole West. I am fond of country life, provided I have a comfortable home, and am thoroughly domesticated. I can make good butter, and fond of poultry and understand incubators. I think I would make a good wife for "Mr. Right" and would do my best to make him happy. My parents came of a good family and while they lived they would not allow their daughters to get married. Now I want a home, and I am old enough to have one, but am afraid of taking a wrong step by myself. I trust Mr Editor that you will help me. I am rather tall, considered good looking, and getting on the shelf just a little.

"OLD MAID."

WANTS BACHELOR'S ADDRESS.

Moosomin, Feb. 26, 1906.
 Editor.—I saw a bachelor's ad. in your valuable magazine for a young wife. You will please send me this young bachelor's address as I am anxious to become a bachelor's young wife. I remain, yours very sincerely, also confidentially.

ENCLOSED LETTER TO FARMER.

Moosomin, Feb. 27, 1906.
 Editor.—Would you kindly forward the letter enclosed herewith to the Farmer at Moosomin, who desires to correspond with a young lady with a view to matrimony.

WOULD LIKE TO CORRESPOND.

Prince Albert, Feb. 28, 1906.
 Editor.—Please put me in communication with "Marriageable Man" Knee Hill Valley, also with "A Bachelor." Wakarusa, Man. I read their letters in a recent number of your magazine and wish to correspond with them.

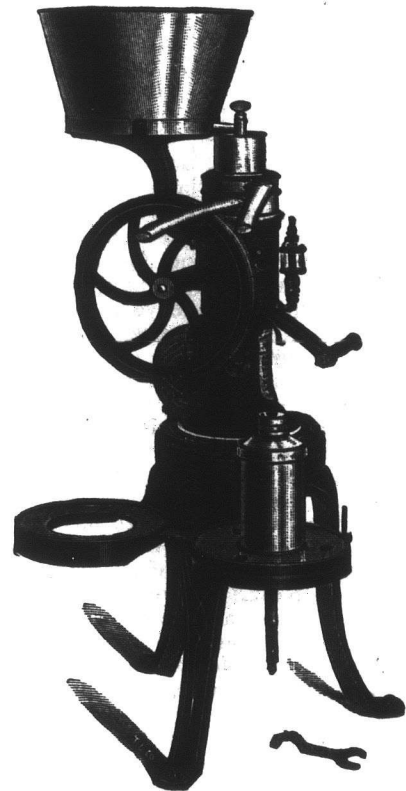
WANTS BACHELOR ON "STILL HUNT."

Winnipeg, Feb. 25, 1906.
 Editor.—Please send me the address of a bachelor Farmer on "Still Hunt" as I wish to correspond with him. Please publish my name.

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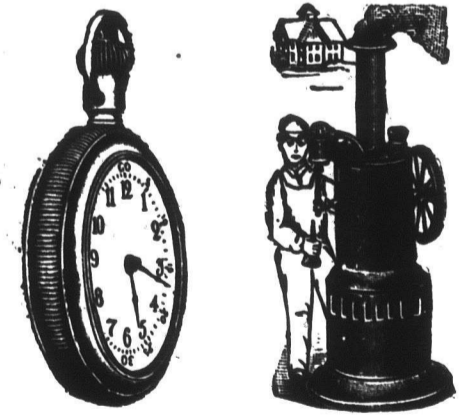


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Correspondence—continued.

Would Stick by Him.

Portage La Prairie, Feb. 17, 1906.
Editor:—

In your February number "a bachelor" rather seriously took "We Manitoba Girls" to task for looking for snaps. What better snap could any girl get than to be the wife of one of those sober, steady, industrious young bachelors of the Northwest. I am pleased to see there are so many of them sober for the sake of the "wives-to-be." I cannot say of the bachelors of the Portage Plains that they are "Pokey-old-way-Backs," rather they are much too up-to-date, driving flip horses and rigs and feeling manly in the declaration that they can take a glass of liquor or leave it alone. It is all very well of course, but if the habit became a fixed one would the future wives think them manly? They are very shy on the matrimonial question however doubting, perhaps rightly, their ability to keep a wife. One young man states that he has not time to leave home to get a wife. Would he after marriage have time to leave with his wife, or would the old saying be true: "She's dead. She's Married Now," as we often see it the case. I am a young woman, tall, slight and fair and think I would make a dear good wife for any good man, and would be quite willing to go to the end of the world with him.

One from Portage Plains.

Girls, What Do You Think of Him?

Lauder, Man., Feb. 17, 1906.

Editor:—
I have taken great interest in your correspondence on the subject of matrimony and if you could introduce me to a young woman of the right sort you would earn my everlasting gratitude. I am a prosperous young farmer with a half section of land fully equipped with horses and machinery and my ideas of a good wife run something as follows. She should be a good cook, willing to feed and look after the poultry, pigs, calves, milk about five cows, keep the house clean, do the washing, ironing, weed the garden, and be prepared to get a lunch on the table for an occasional caller. Of course she could play the piano, go to town or mend the clothes in her spare time. Hoping you will be able to send me a photograph of a suitable young lady of dark complexion. I might mention that I am a bachelor, my age being 23.

A Home Lover.

She Wants a Good Man.

Reston, Manitoba, Jan. 22, 1906.

Editor:—
It was with some interest that I read the article in your January issue signed "Where duty lies." I must say that I glory in her opinion about voting as I have always thought it a very unladylike thing. In my opinion such things are for men, not for women. Just stop and think for a moment how out of place a woman would appear in a polling place. I, for one, think a woman's place is in her home, her duties should be to try and make husband and children happy. Of course there are some women who try to make husband and children happy and make home a success but they utterly fail. What is the reason of this you ask? Now I will tell what I think it is that makes so many marriages a failure. It is for lack of love on the husband's side. Some men seem to think that women are just working machines, to keep the house neat and tidy and cook food for the family to eat. Some men never think that a woman gets tired; an animal can get tired sometimes but a woman never; its just laziness. She should never get tired of the same old hum drum work over and over again. He never thinks his wife needs a rest. Now a man's work on the farm is quite changeable; there is seeding, harvesting and threshing. Then after that he generally goes to town every day with grain; so you see his work is not all alike. But

what about that poor wife at home? She must still stay there and cook and mend and scrub, and a hundred and one other jobs that need doing, but still she never gets tired. Oh, no! A woman has an easy time in the man's eye, but if that man is asked to do a chore around the house in his slack time it is something terrible. In the article that I referred to in the commencement of my letter, the writer says that good men are hard to get and vice versa. Well, why is it that good women are hard to get? Simply because good women are not going to throw themselves away on a poor tool of a man that has neither heart nor soul in him and who only thinks of self. I do not want you to think that I am of the opinion that all men are alike, for I know that there are some good men in the country but the question is how to get them? If anybody can answer that question I might sign myself on the list of marriageable women.

An Interested Reader.

They All Want Her.

Hednesford, Feb. 10th, 1906.

Editor:—
Will you kindly put me in communication with the young woman, Saskatoon. Unfortunately he is summing up of a good many bachelors is only too true. If what they spend in whiskey was only saved how much better off many of them would be.

Another Bachelor.

Only the Best for the West.

With this issue, the McClary Mfg. Co., of London, Ont., start their range advertising for the fall trade, and we notice that they are specializing on their famous Kootenay Steel Range. This Range was built for the trade of the west, and takes its name from the west. This fact alone proves the importance with which Canada's largest manufacturers in the east regard our Province. The McClary Co. specialize on a cast-iron range in the east, and while it is a very modern and superior stove, they have found that westerners will have only the most expensive and best steel ranges, which is their reason for advertising a steel range in this Province. The "Kootenay" is indeed a handsome and substantial looking range, and is built to stand the severest kind of work, and at the same time possesses every modern improvement known in the stove world. Its makers, the McClary Manufacturing Co., are well known in the west, having for many years had a branch warehouse and office in Winnipeg. This branch is managed by Mr. J. W. Driscoll, who is well and popularly known to the trade, and has built up a large trade in the various McClary lines. The McClary business has grown with Canada. It was started fifty-six years ago with two or three hands. To-day these mammoth industries employ over eleven hundred people, and have a branch warehouse in every important Canadian city.

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The Duty of the Educated Man.

By George Harris, President Amherst College.

Three attitudes, now, may be taken towards the democracy in which we have our habitation by educated men.

One attitude is withdrawal. One may isolate oneself from vital concern in the actual life of the people. Having an assured income provided by others, a man may devote himself to pleasure, to travel, to literary culture, putting himself practically out of relation to the world of human struggle and attainment. Religiously, this was the monastic life of the Middle Ages—out in the wilderness, out of the world. The gentleman of leisure, leading a luxurious life, is the secular monk. The literary dilettante is the intellectual or esthetic monk. The pietist who would save his soul by not doing certain things is the modern religious monk.

The second attitude is the parasitic, or, even more strongly, the piratical. One may go into the democracy for what one can get out of it for oneself. Such a one would exploit democracy for his own benefit, and pay as light a tax as possible. The generations and contemporaries have established a society holding certain values, and the exploiter, like a thief in the night, breaks through and steals. The state saves him the trouble of maintaining a band of armed retainers. Laws and courts are good, for they protect him in his thieving. The army is at his back that he may till his vineyard and run his mill. The maxim of a pirate in a democracy is "My rights, your duties."

The third attitude is the reciprocal. A man looks out on democracy and contributes to it, putting in as much as he takes out, or more, paying his full tax, making his pursuit part of a whole which is for good. His maxim for at least half of his life is, "Your rights, my duties."

The educated man is expected to take this last attitude. He has been loudly accused of taking the first attitude, of isolating himself from public affairs, or at least, of holding aloof as an impracticable critic of the order of things, of standing on the shore declaring with many gesticulations how the ship of state should be sailed, but never handling a tiller or pulling a rope. There has been enough of this to bring reproach on academic discussion of affairs. By academic discussion of politics, for example, is meant theoretical impracticable, doctrinaire, but there is an important part for the man of talent and education to play. I do not say that his part is more essential than that of the average working man, for all parts are necessary in the social organism. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of thee," but also the hand cannot say to the eye, "I have no need of thee." The state needs citizens of intellectual ability, of character, and of high standards for leaders, rulers, and teachers, and has a right to look to the university for them, since the state, directly or indirectly, maintains the university. By cherishing higher educational institutions the state signifies its need of cultured men in the professions, in business, in legislation. By a process of selection young men of promise and ambition continue their education for several years that they may render service of a higher order than manual labor—the service of leadership, which is as much needed as manual labor, without which manual labor is inefficient. That is to say, the state expends on a selected class of thorough training that they may be fitted for higher service in the state.

We have outgrown the crude notion of democracy as equality and that there is no use for an aristocracy. Some of the doctrinaires are still proposing schemes for equalizing the condition of men. But it is not the purpose of democracy to raise all men up nor to draw all men

down to a common level. Its purpose is to put the best men in the highest places, to recognize superiority. For the aristocracy of birth it has no great regard, although it does not forget that blood tells. For the vulgar aristocracy of wealth it has supreme contempt. To the accident of rank and title it is indifferent. But it recognizes the aristocracy of merit, knowledge, character. Democracy would replace the aristocracy of birth by the aristocracy of worth, would set aside the aristocracy that buys place with gold for that which earns place by capability and distinguished service. Democracy needs nothing so much as it needs such an aristocracy. Otherwise, it is a mob, a crowd, a horde, a mass of unorganized, of disorganized units. The word "aristocracy" means the rule of the best. If the best men have guidance and control, progress is constantly made. If they are set aside in favor of the incompetent, there is confusion and every evil work.

Education makes the ideal definite. The educated man is aware of the personal and social ideal of democracy, and can direct his energies intelligently towards its realization. The movements of our time affect many who do not understand them. Not until changes have occurred do the uneducated discern them. Anybody can compare the beginning of this century with the middle of the previous century and perceive advance in the means of locomotion and communication, even in education, politics, and religion. Many who do not understand the significance of great movements are borne along by them to their own material, intellectual, and moral advantage. But educated men perceive tendencies in the making and foresee results not yet attained. All liberal and professional studies are for the one purpose of showing the ideal—the personal and social ideal—not only that it may be perceived, but that there may be direction towards it in new and changing conditions.

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	100	S E 1/4	26	35	18	7 50
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	60	N W 1/4	16	36	21	7 50
	60	All.	32	36	20	7 50
	100	N E 1/4	26	36	20	7 50
	100	N E 1/4	28	36	20	7 50
	640	All.	4	37	15	7 50
	640	All.	6	37	18	7 50
	640	All.	10	37	19	7 50
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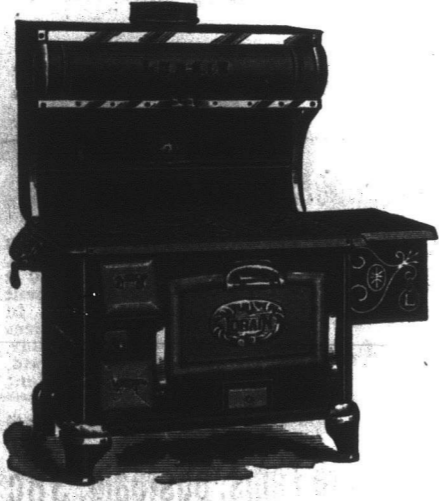
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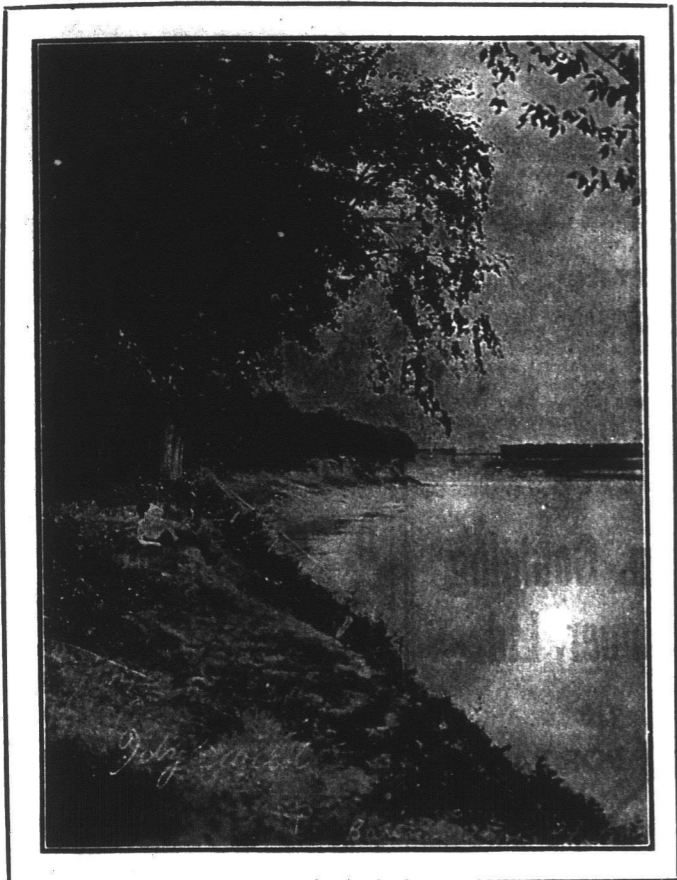
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A great many people who think they are pious, who make great pretensions of religion, are unhappy because they exaggerate the wickedness of others and pester themselves with the notion that the world is a very bad place.

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A man may have a clear conscience and yet be actuated by a great many mistaken notions, and thus make himself and others very unhappy.

There is a certain kind of piety that is very disagreeable, not only to the possessor, but to all others. True piety, however, is agreeable. It not only makes its possessor happy, but makes him tolerable to others.

Who completely attends to its own business.

The one who is really pious is not of his own failings, and strives to be himself better, with little or no reference to others. Finding fault with the conduct of other people is

no piety at all. We cannot hold any man to live according to our own notions of right and wrong. To attempt to do this is sure to bring unhappiness.

A man's religion should be judged by the effect upon himself. If a man's religion makes him happy, that is a good recommendation for it. If it makes him unhappy he has no moral right to recommend it to others.

The only real religion is charity and love. Charity does not find fault, but seeks to find good in everything. A person who sets out in this world to find good will find it, and with it he will find a degree of happiness. A person who sets out in this world to find evil will find it, and with it he will find wretchedness and misery for himself.

Happiness is a temperament. Some of the poor make themselves unhappy because they are not rich. Some of the rich make themselves unhappy because they are rich. The man who has work to do makes himself unhappy by imagining that he has too much work. The man who has no work to do makes himself unhappy because he has no work. The secret of happiness is to accept our lot in life and make the best of it.

Every man, of course, should strive to improve his condition, but his strife need not be of a sort as to make him unhappy. Persistently, calmly, and heroically striving to better one's condition will bring happiness. Patience, contentment, charity for others, interest in the world about us, these are the conditions of happiness.

Neither fame nor fortune can bring happiness to a man who is discontented.

A poor man, struggling against adversity, is unhappy, for he is discontented. It may be he is promising himself to be contented should he succeed in getting rich or famous. He may be willing to admit that he is un-

happy now, that he is discontented, but he expects to be happy and contented as soon as he meets with success. The chances are that he will not though. He has formed the habit of discontent, and it will cling to him. If a man cannot be happy and contented in poverty he will not be happy and contented should he get rich.

If circumstances oblige you to associate with people who do things which you conceive to be immoral, to be wicked, to be degrading, do not quarrel, do not preach, do not scold. These people have as good a right to their ways of life as you have to yours. Live your own life. Let your example be your sermon.

Do not discuss matters unless it can be done in the best of humor. Do not assume that you are right and other people are wrong. If you wish to talk such matters over with them, do it fairly, do it courteously. Treat them as if they were your equals. Compare notes with them. Maybe they are not so bad as you think. Maybe you are not as good as you think. Just compare notes with them. The chances are you will learn something for your benefit from the wickedest man, from the most degraded creature in the world.

But even if it should happen that you are all right and they are all wrong, you will be much more likely to do them good if you assume no superiority over them.

Spend no time in regrets. Do not be afraid of the future. Hold fast to the conviction that right will finally triumph. Never lose sight of the fact that the greatest of earthly treasures is a clear conscience and a contented mind.

Pickled Cabbage.—Shave firm white cabbage into a wooden or earthen vessel, sprinkling a handful of salt to each cabbage, and let stand over night. Then drain off the brine, pressing cabbage well and pack in earthen jars, in layers with half a cup of mustard seed, dessertspoonful of celery seed, to each head, sprinkled through. Fill up with cold vinegar, cover closely and keep in a cool dark place.

CANADA'S ADVANCE.

Industrial Accomplishments of Recent Years Cited.

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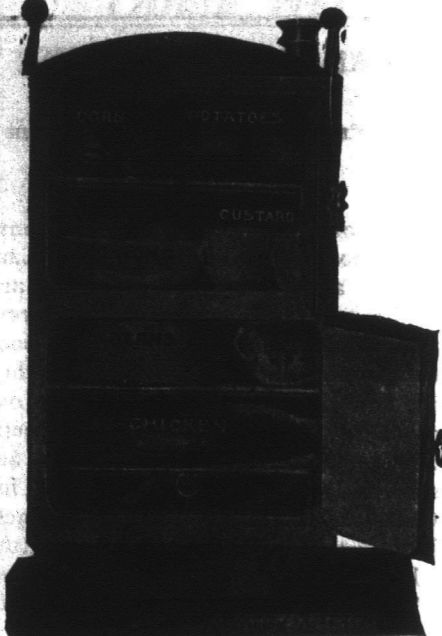
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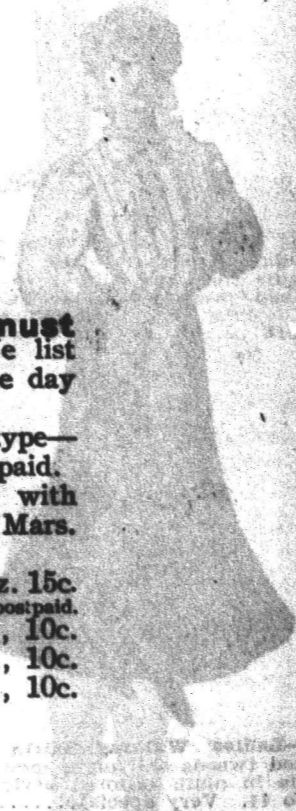
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WINNIPEG, MAN.

"Busy" Business Man Bar to Progress.

Written for the Western Home Monthly by a Business Man.

Among the young men of to-day who are looking for opportunities for launching into successful careers it may be said that the great majority have before their eyes as an example for emulation the typical business man. In this statement I want to make a marked distinction between the business man and the business man who is chronically of the busy type. For in my opinion there is no type in existence who in all his relations with the world is so absolutely a bar to progress of the human race.

Not infrequently this busy business man is not busy. He is emotional, excitable, and is borrowing troubles and tangles. He thinks he is most strenuous, when as a matter of fact he has lost merely his self-control. Personally he may rush madly by train and dash to his office, dash to the elevator, bounce into his office, and in an hour recovering from his excitement. But this man in his estimation is one of the busiest of men, and the busy feeling grows

upon him until it becomes a condition of fixed mental aberration in a passive state, or until it as violently breaks out into a certain business hydrophobia.

Manifestly neither the business man nor the busy business man is able, willing, or called upon to receive every person who asks him for a portion of his time. But in my experience of this busy business man, he squanders more time in busying himself, mentally and physically, than he would need to give every person a hearing who might call upon him in the routine day.

This man who is mentally aberrated with the ingrowing idea of his busy condition, and who is yet more or less passive under the spell, is one of the most irritating of the types. He has the demeanor of gentleness, perhaps. He can smile, sometimes, vaguely in a far off manner. But business abstraction is buried into his eyes until you may feel that in using them with hypnotic intent he might induce you to become a packing box or a block of blank stock certificates.

His most maddening aspect is shown when you have approached him with

something which is not business, thank God, but which is so much worthier that he is compelled to reiterate almost incoherently that he "would be delighted to take the matter up with you—only—you know I am so—so frightfully busy, always, that I—I—" and you have no impression of the conversation ever getting any further than that stammering personal pronoun. His whole bearing, so far as it is sane, is that he is regarding his busy business as he regards an incurable disease from which he is doomed always to suffer—as perhaps he must.

This same caller appearing before that other type of violently busy man logically may expect almost any kind of explosive negative, and at the best having it tempered with the querulous reiteration of his busy condition amounting to more than an obsession.

This monomaniacal representative of business in its busiest garb is the one man in business who has given to the term "business" much of its hard, uncalculating immobility and narrowness. His outlook on life is abnormal to the fast to the grim specter. Time, and he goes protesting toward any object in life which would halt his partner.

Viewed from any side, this over-busy business man wears the standing and indelible confession of his inefficiency. The man feeling the pressure of his business day after day is

unfitted for the exactions of his work. He is a quart cup in the gauger's plant where only the gallon measure is of economical use. He needs make too many trips from the cask to the barrel in rendering his service. He is in use in many places, however, and in the process he is inimical to good business in a great measure and wholly so to all else in life.

Yet this is the type of business man which with so many observers of the business world naturally attracts the attentions. We have become too much the blind apostles of strenuousness. It no longer interests us that a man with calm exterior and an inward confidence in himself moves with even certainty to a legitimate end. The limelight and the grand stand are the properties necessary to attract in his accomplishments. Without this portable background for attainment, the world does not care to look, to say nothing of learning.

"I have been putting in a month of hard work, but I'll be able to look over the top of it soon," is an expression creditable to a man who has upon his shoulders the success of a business. "I am so busy I don't know which way to turn," is a much commoner and excited expression, however, and when you hear it put it down that it comes from a weak nature confessing its inefficiency.

April Sale News

ROBINSON & Co. LIMITED

Send for Samples

MAIL ORDER SPECIALS FOR APRIL.

The prices we mention here for new Spring merchandise are surprising when coupled with the well known RELIABLE character of every article sold by this store. The Replenishing Season is here and for months we have been preparing for it. Every department offers its best and newest

Ladies' and Misses Skirts.

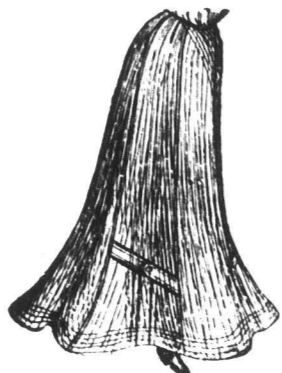
Our Ready to Wear Skirt values for April are simply astonishing. The styles are correct, the tailoring excellent and the price extremely low. Order by number giving waist measure and length required.



S 265—Ladies' Walking Skirts of dark mixed tweeds and plain melton cloth. Made in plain tailored styles. Sizes 37 to 44. Very special.....\$1.95.



S 266—Ladies' Walking Skirts, of light grey homespuns. Made in smart pleated styles and box pleated. Sizes 37 to 42. Price.....\$4.35.



S 267—Ladies' Skirts, in melton cloth and lustre. These are made up in pleated designs. In lustre colors, black, navy and cream. Melton colors, black, navy and brown. Sizes 37 to 44. Price.....\$2.95.

merchandise, just the sort you are looking for. Read carefully this bargain list, it will pay you.

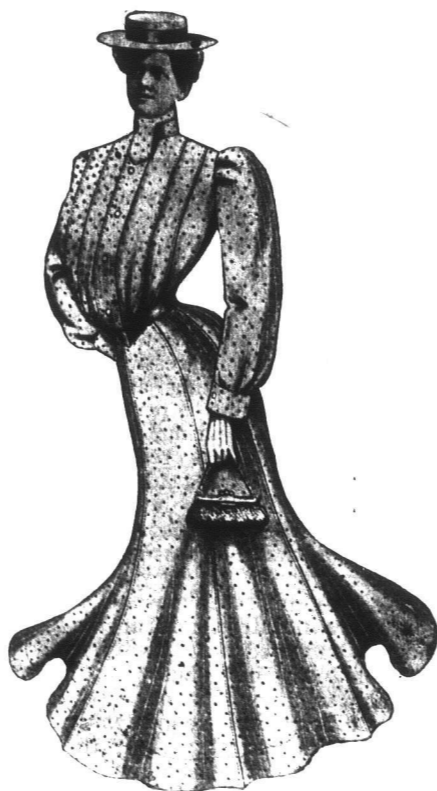
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S 268—Misses Skirts, made up in melton cloth. Seven gores, nicely stitched seams. In black, navy and brown. Sizes 30 to 36. Price.....\$1.50.

SHIRT WAIST SUITS AND BLOUSES.

We have secured large quantities of these four specials, which accounts for the remarkable value.

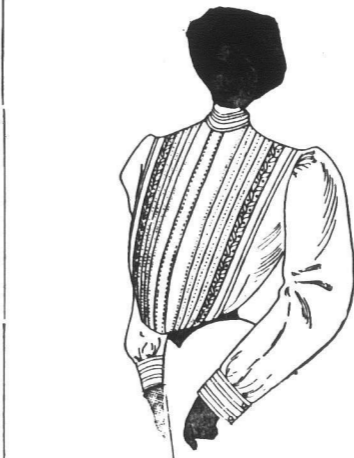


S 269—Ladies Print Shirt Waist Suits, made with tucked blouses and full skirt with deep full. Colors light blue, navy, black and white. Sizes 37 to 44. Price.....\$1.35.



S 270—A Special Line of Ladies Blouses, in colored print and white lawn. Hemstitched tuck and emby. insertion. Sizes 32 to 44. Price.....50c.

S 271—Ladies' Black Sateen Blouses, wide tuck front and box pleat. Sizes 32 to 44. Extra value.....59c.



S 272—Ladies White Lawn Blouses, trimmed with four rows emby. insertion and wide tuck, another style of fine lawn nicely tucked. Sizes 32 to 44. Price.....\$1.00.

LADIES' WASH PERCALE UNDERSKIRTS.

S 273—Ladies' Wash Percale Underskirts with deep tucked flounce and two ruffles. Assorted colors suitable for summer wear. Length 38 to 42. Price.....75c.

Ladies Spring Coats.

S 274—Ladies Spring Coats, in light grey and fawn tweeds, loose pleated back, nicely piped, and collar of white and brown broadcloth. Sizes 32 to 44. Very special.....\$5.00.

ROBINSON & Co. LIMITED

102 MAIN ST. WINNIPEG

Ladies Suit Department.

S 275—Ladies' Spring Suits, made in the latest tailored styles, the Eton and Pony coat, trimmed with braid and buttons, sateen lining. Skirts circular and pleated. Colors, grey, tweed, black and white. Sizes 32 to 42. Prices.....\$12.50 to \$20.00.

S 276—Ladies' Suits, ranging from \$20.00 to \$45.00, in fawn, grey, black, navy, cream, checks, and garnet. Made in smart styles, Eton coat with girde attached, long and elbow sleeves, lined throughout with silk. Another decidedly new style is the pony jacket. The skirts are made in the circular style with double box pleats in front and back, finished with folds and braid. Sizes 32 to 42.

Dainty Neckwear and Belts.

F 31—Collar Turns, pretty narrow style, dainty patterns in eyelet embroidery and blind embroidery effects. Price.....10c.

F 32—Deep Collar Turns can be used as Buster Brown's, good patterns, all sizes. Price.....15c.

F 33—Dainty Chiffon Jabot Collars, with cream or white trimmings, chiffon ruching, etc. Well made in good full style. Sizes 12 1/2 to 14 1/2. Price, 50c.



F 31—15c.

F 32—15c.

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F 34—Islet Embroidery Belts, heavy embroidered effects on linen, pique, heavy gilt buckle. Price.....50c.

F 35—Wash Belts in Pique, hemstitched linen, all over embroidered, tucked effects in muslin. Price.....25c.

F 36—Muslin and Lace Chemisettes, dainty styles, very fashionable this season. All over lace, price 50c. Embroidery, price, 75c. Hand embroidered, price, \$4.50. Val. and Emby. insertion, price, \$1.00. Inst. crochet effect, price, \$1.00.

F 37—Wash Collars, dainty tab. collar with bands of linen, trimmed with French Knots. Special price.....25c.

F 38—English Stocks, in pretty vesting patterns and plain lines, very desirable for general wear. Price.....35c.

F 39—The Embroidery Collar, a general favorite, easiest laundered, most serviceable, can be worn with silk or muslin waist. A very dainty line, price, 15c. Tab effect, Islet Embroidery, price, 25c. Heavily Embroidered on lawn, price 35c. Extra fine patterns, price.....50c.

F 40—Lace Scarfs, in white, creme and Paris, 1 1/4 by 1 3/4 yd. long, fine dotted net with heavy lace ends. Price, 50c.

F 41—Lace Scarf, with dainty embroidered net, very fine Handsome Rose pattern, ends extra length. Price.....\$1.00.

Black Dress Silks.

Every desirable weave and make in Black Dress Silks is found in our stock, in good dependable qualities. When in Winnipeg, call and see our Dress Goods and Silk Departments, it will give you some idea of the extensive stock we carry. And bear this in mind, we are pleased to have you examine our goods whether you wish to buy or not. Note the following special bargain for April.

30 Pieces of Bonnet Black Dress Silk, 21 inches wide, finished both sides alike, every yard stamped and guaranteed. Good, heavy, rich quality. Regular price, \$1.00. Special sale price.....75c.

Colored Silks.

Elegant Line of Colored Silk and Wool Eolienne Dress Materials, 44 inches wide. Uncrushable quality, in colors of Brown, Black, Navy, Resida, Nile Green, Grey, Cardinal, etc. Regular 75c. per yard. Sale price.....59c.

42 inch Colored "Roxanna" Dress Materials, one of the newest weaves this season. Hard finish, will not catch the dust. In colors of Cardinal, Green, Myrtle, Resida, Grey, Light Brown, Dark Brown, Cream and Black. Sale price per yard.....50c.

20 inch Colored Japanese Pure Silks, (all colors) Special per yard, 19c. 23 inch superior quality (all colors) Price.....25c.

27 inch extra super. quality, per yard, Price.....45c.

20 inch Self Spot Poplin Silks. Washable, (all colors). Special price per yard.....50c.

20 inch Fancy Check Shirt Waist Silks, Chiffon Taffeta, good range of colors, and various sized checks, per yard, price.....59c.

Louisine Pure Silks, 19 to 20 inches wide, in all colors including White, Cream and Black. Per yard.....50c.

Tamaline Pure Silks, 21 inches wide, both sides finished alike, best quality, (all colors) including White, Cream and Black. Per yard.....50c.

White and Cream Dress Goods.

It is generally understood that for the coming season, White and Cream will be in great demand; so much so that even now in various weaves, Cream and White materials are very scarce. Below we give a few lines from our stock, specially priced for April.

42 inch Cream Cashmere, 45c. per yd.

44 inch Cream Cashmere, 65c. per yd.

42 inch Cream Lustre, 40c. per yd.

44 inch Cream Lustre, 60c. per yd.

42 inch Cream Nun's Veiling, 50c. per yd.

44 inch Cream Nun's Veiling, 60c. per yd.

50 inch Cream Serge .. 65c. per yd.

50 inch Cream Serge .. 75c. per yard.

42 inch Cream Roxanna, 50c. per yd.

42 inch Cream Delaine, 50c. per yd.

44 inch Cream Delaine, 60c. per yd.

44 inch Cream Bedford Cord, 75c. per yd.

44 inch Cream Fancy Mohair, 85c. per yd.

New Spring Tweed Dress Goods.

Beautiful Line of New Spring Tweed Dress Materials, 54 inches wide, for tailor made gowns or separate skirts. We have a lovely assortment to choose from, in Grey, Fawns, and all colors, plain and fancy checks and stripes. Price per yard, \$1.00 and \$1.25

Handsome Covert Coatings.

These come in three beautiful shades of Fawn, and are used extensively for coats this season. 58 inches wide. We carry in stock only one quality—the highest grade. Price per yard. \$2.50.

Ladies Hosiery.

Ladies' Llama Hose in an extra fine quality, full fashioned and seamless, this is good weight stocking for spring wearing. Sizes 8½ to 10 in. Price per pair, 45c. or 3 for \$1.25.

Ladies' Plain Cashmere Hose, in a very fine quality, perfect seamless, and in a medium weight. This is our leader. Sizes 8½ to 10 in. Price per pair, 40c. or 3 for \$1.00.

Ladies' Black Lisle Hose, in an extra good quality. Stainless Black and in light or medium weight, sizes 8½ to 10 in. Prices 50c. to 85c. per pair.

Ladies' Fancy Lisle Hose, guaranteed fast and stainless in neat check of Black and White, Green and White, Blue and White, and Red and White also in a fine range of Plaids. Sizes 8½ to 10 in. Prices 50c. to 75c. per pair.

Ladies' Silk Hose, in an extra fine quality, with lace ankle, in a fine range of patterns. Colors, Brown, Grey, Blue, Pink, Cardinal, Black, and White. Sizes 8½ to 9½ ins. Special price per pair.....\$1.50.

Victoria Lawn.

30-40 inch Victoria Lawn's, "Robinson's Special" Fine even weave, per yard.....10c.

31-40 inch Victoria Lawn. Even thread, per yard.....12½c.

32-42 inch Victoria Lawn. English manufacture, smooth finish, close weave, per yard.....15c.

Ladies Gloves.

Ladies' Silk Evening Gloves, in an extra fine quality, in colors, White, Cream, and Black, lengths 18 to 27 in., and in all sizes. Prices, 50c. to \$1.25 per pair.

Ladies' Suede Gloves, in a fine quality, with fancy stitched backs, 3 dome fasteners and in the newest colors, Green, Blue, Grey, Brown, Mode, Tan, Black and White. Sizes, 5½ to 7½. Price per pair, \$1.50. Guaranteed.

Ladies' French Kid Gloves, in an extra fine elastic quality, with silk stitched backs, 2 dome fasteners. Colors, Grey, Mode, Brown, Tan, Black, and White. Sizes, 5½ to 7½. Price per pair, \$1.00. Guaranteed.

Ladies' Driving Gloves, with deep fringe cuff, in an extra fine make of mocha Tan only. Sizes, 5¾ to 7¾. Price per pair.....\$1.50.

Dent's Heavy Driving or Walking Glove, in a fine quality and a perfect fitting glove. Colors, Tan and Grey. Sizes, 5¾ to 7 in. Price per pair.....\$1.25.

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SERVICEABLE SPRING FOOTWEAR.



X 125—Ladies extra quality dongola kid boots, patent toe cap, heavy extension soles, military heel, with leather insole. Plain lace or Blucher cut. Sizes 2½ to 7. Price.....\$2.00.



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X 127—Boys' strong Kangaroo calf lace boots, with heavy leather soles, a good solid school boot. Sizes 1 to 5. Price.....\$2.00.



X 128—Men's patent colt boot with Goodyear welted sole and dull calf top, a medium weight dress boot. Sizes 5½ to 10. Price.....\$4.50.

X 129—Ladies' Chocolate Vici Kid Boot, with single sole, cuban heel. The proper shade for spring wear. Width Sizes 2½ to 7. Price.....\$2.00.

X 130—Ladies' Vici Kid, Oxford, same as A 50 in low cut. Width D or E. Sizes 2½ to 7. Price.....\$2.50.

X 131—Men's Box Calf Lace boots, with heavy or light Goodyear welted soles. Sizes 6 to 10. Price.....\$3.50.

MEN'S CLOTHING

Men's Two Piece Suits for summer wear, made from all wool homespuns, and imported tweeds. Light grey neat striped patterns, made in both double and single breasted styles, coat half lined. Sizes 35 to 44. \$10.50.



Men's Working Pants, made from heavy all wool Domestic tweeds, in Navy Blue and Dark Grey colors. Sizes 32 to 40 waist measure.....\$1.65.

Men's Stripe Pants, in medium weight Domestic tweed, neat dark pattern. Sizes 33 to 42 waist measure... \$1.25.



Men's Fancy Tweed Overcoats for present wear. Made ¾ length, full sacque back. Superior linings and tailoring. Sizes 36 to 42.....\$12.75.

"Robinson's Special" Men's Suits, made from Canadian tweeds and worsteds, in neat grey and brown patterns, both double and single breasted style. Sizes 36 to 44.....\$9.75.

Men's Pants made from worsteds in stripe patterns, suitable for spring and summer wear. Well cut and tailored, sizes 32 to 42 waist measure.....\$2.50.



Men's Fine Serge Suits, in Navy Blue and Black. Made from hard finished serge in both double and single breasted styles. Only best quality linings used. Guaranteed perfect fitting. Sizes 36 to 44.....\$12.50.



Boys' Three Piece Suits, made from fancy Canadian tweeds, in neat mixed Grey and Brown patterns for spring and summer wear. Coats made single breasted. Sizes 29 to 33.....\$3.40.



Boys' Norfolk Suits, made from fancy tweeds in light Grey, Brown and mixtures. Nicely made and lined throughout. Sizes 25 to 30.....\$3.25.

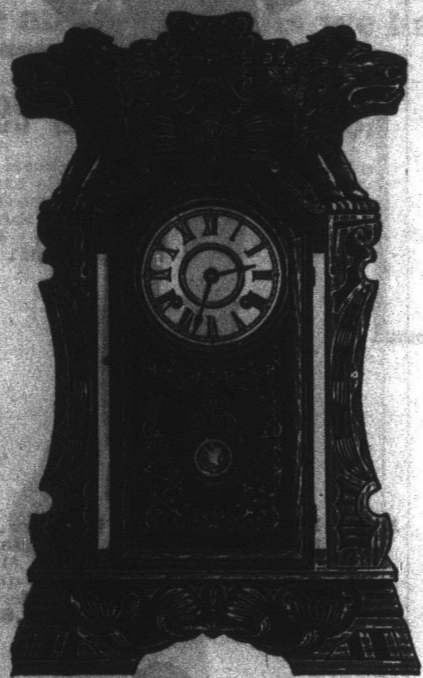
Boys' Wash Blouses, made from fancy prints and gingham, in Eton and Russian styles. Sizes 3 to 7 years. Price.....35c.

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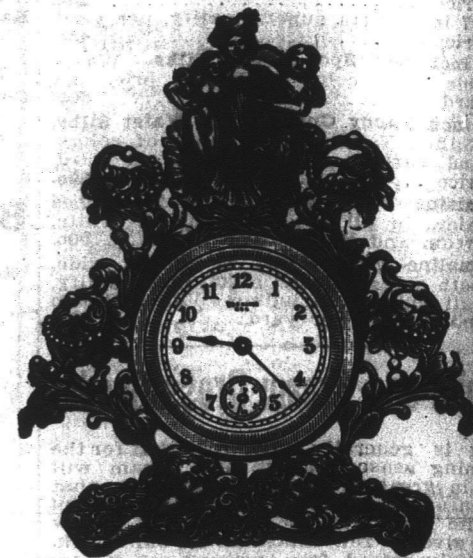


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What the World is Saying

The Ruminations of Russell Sage.

WHEN a man reaches the age of 90 and can count his dollars by the millions, he may be depended upon to give a pretty accurate philosophy of the science of life. What saith Russell Sage?—

If I had my life to live over again, I would make charity a life study. It is a science. It cannot be learned in a day. The older a man gets the more he gets to realize this. From my own investigations I have found that there is a large class of professional beggars that prey upon the well-to-do and charitably inclined. Real charity is dispensed without the blare of trumpets. If I had my life to live over again, I would marry earlier than I did. The tender care of a good wife is the finest thing in the world. I would do as hard a day's work as I knew how. I would take my pleasure simply. I would dine simply on plain food.

Praises that do not Bring Blushes.

WE are almost daily in receipt of letters which sound the praises of the Western Home Monthly. We do not print them. We desire the Journal to find its own way and strictly on its merits. We publish, however, the kind remarks of the editor of the Alberta Star. They are typical of all the letters we receive in connection with our periodical:—

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Archbishop Langevin a Practical Prelate.

THE beloved Archbishop of St. Boniface at the eleventh anniversary of his consecration was the recipient of many flattering remarks.

But that which touches the heart of Protestants and Catholics alike is His Grace's interest in the practical matters which concern the West. This interest was referred to in the address presented to him:—

Great as has been in recent years the development of our prairie capital, greater still in proportion to the population is the onward march of your Grace's cathedral town. The suggestions as to civic improvements which fell more than once from your archiepiscopal lips have borne fruit in the grading of our streets, the introduction of water works, electric light and tramways, and the erection of a fine town hall. Town lots are eagerly bought up and new residences are springing up everywhere.

The Benefits of Vaccination.

DR. SHEARD, the Medical Health Officer of Toronto, has been goaded into strong language by the anti-vaccinists. He accuses them of making untruthful statements about the evils which result from vaccination.

The Anti-Vaccination League are issuing pamphlets against vaccination which abound in alarming untruthful statements adroitly prepared for the ignorant and ill-informed. Such statements are men of the wildest character. For instance, when it is claimed that such diseases as cancer, consumption, skin diseases, blood poisoning, and gangrene are common occurrences, and distinctly traceable to vaccination. In 13 years I have vaccinated

39,000 people in Toronto, and of these I am not aware that a single case of permanent disability or disease ever occurred, and I challenge all the anti-vaccinationists in the country to prove the contrary.

Rockefeller and Religion.

JOHN D. is growing reminiscent. He delights to hark back to the days of poverty and struggle. The struggle and the success he claims have been forming and fusing the character he now possesses. Having made a success of his own life, he passes on the advice to the young men of his son's Bible Class:—

If you all feel as I did when I began, I feel sorry for you. But I would not be without the memory of that struggle. And discussing the struggle for success: What is success? Is it money? Some of you have all you need to provide for your wants. Who is the poorest man in the world? I tell you the poorest man I know is the man who has nothing but money, nothing else in the world upon which to devote his thought and ambition. That is the sort of man I consider to be the poorest in the world. Money is good if you know how to use it.

Senator C. M. Depew.

DAVIS GRAHAM PHILLIPS, in the Cosmopolitan, is giving Chauncey M. Depew some bad half-hours these days. The questions he asks the railway magnate cut to the quick. Here is one:—

What are his senatorial duties? What does he do in the body that is now as much an official part of the plutocracy as the Executive Council of a Rockefeller or a Ryan? No one would pretend for a minute that he sits for the people. Indeed, why should he, except because he took an oath to do so? And among such eminent respectabilities as he an oath is a mere formality, a mere technicality. Did the people send him to the Senate? No! The Vanderbilt interests ordered Platt to send him the first time, and when he came up for a second term the Vanderbilt-Morgan interests got Harriman's O. K. on an order to Odell to give it him.

Murder to be Legalized.

SINCE Dr. Elliott announced to the world that it was in the best interests of all that incurable people should be put to death, the idea has grown rapidly. A bill to legalize the killing of incurables, the hideously deformed, and the hopelessly idiotic has been introduced into the Iowa Legislature. Dr. Gregory, a member, says in explanation:—

I would simply make lawful what is practised by the greatest physicians and surgeons in the land. At the risk of being convicted of murder they often take human life, simply because they know it is a mercy to the patient and his relatives. Every large hospital is the scene of such murders almost daily. It is a pity that the practice is not more extensive. My bill contains every reasonable safeguard.

How to be Pretty though Plain.

HOW shall we become pretty? Every periodical has its "Hints on Health," but summed up, they all mean what the Toronto News has so felicitously said in a few sentences.

It seems rather blunt to say that the average girl with a muddy complexion does not keep herself

thoroughly clean; but it is true. It always hurts to tell the truth. Without doubt, the exceptions prove the rule, and the rule is: "Keep clean to have a pretty complexion." And keeping clean does not mean merely to wash the face once a day and keep a general outward cleanly appearance; it means to keep the pores in every part of the body absolutely free from dirt. Drink quantities of water to keep the inside of the body clean. Under such treatment, combined with plenty of fresh air and exercise, the most unruly skin will become pink and white and fresh looking.

Is the World Getting Better.

REV. R. J. CAMPBELL, of London, has been asked the question whether the pessimistic or the optimistic view of life is the one to take. His reply shows a fine discrimination:—

It all depends what you mean by the terms. Mr. G. K. Chesterton says optimism implies pessimism. We would not need to talk of optimism if we were not afraid of the possibility of pessimism. It is impossible to take the view that things as we know them are ideal, but to me it is equally impossible not to believe that they are working together for an ultimate good which will be worth the price we are paying. I once heard an Oxford Don, a man of considerable historical learning, stoutly maintain that the world was getting worse. But I do not think General Booth thinks so, and he has seen as much of the seamy side of life as any living man.

Too Much Home Work.

THE cry against "home work" is growing louder and more insistent. Dr. Wm. P. Northrup, of New York University, has this to say of the girl scholar:—

She hurries home from school, is never late, takes a few minutes of outdoor play because someone has prescribed it, runs home, curls up, and studies hard till the evening meal. This meal she engulfs in the shortest possible time, slips off her chair, and is at her book again. She studies until someone insists on her going to bed. You will wonder where the dweller in crowded districts in such a strenuous life, snatch a few hours of tranquil daily recreation in outdoor sunlight. They may wonder how the nerves are to be daily or completely nourished and rested. Alas! they are neither rested nor nourished. They fall daily into further arrears. They may drag on till early spring. In March is the feast of St. Vitus.

Miss Tarbell and the Trusts.

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How to Detect a Cat.

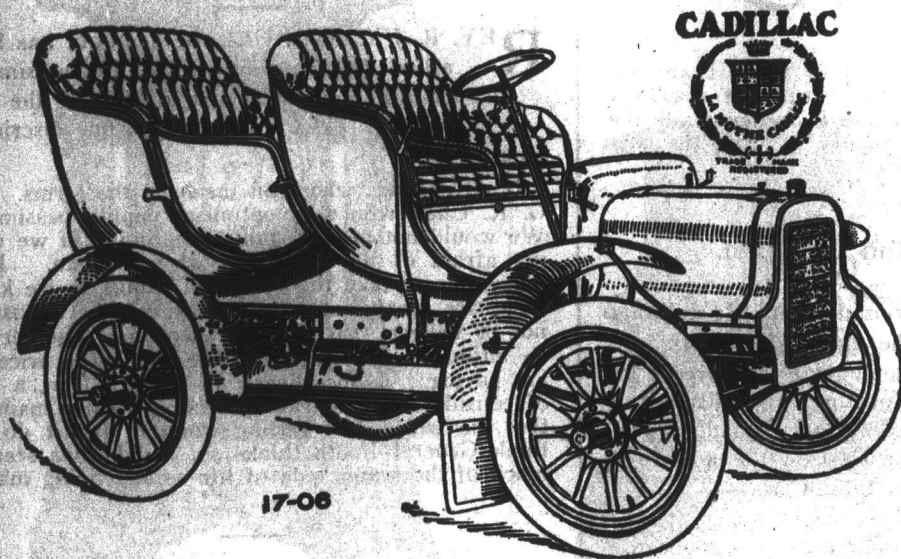
WE always knew when it was around, but science takes nothing for granted—even the presence of a cat. Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, in the Ladies' Home Journal, has arrived at certain conclusions which may help those who look for cats with a boot about midnight—the usual hour for the loosing of feline musical chords:—

The most interesting question concerns the means by which assurance is reached of the presence of the unseen animal. We must admit that all animals and human beings emit emanations which are recognisable by many animals, and are thus in wild creatures protectively valuable. I have seen a woman who can distinguish by mere odor the gloves worn by relatives and friends. This lady, who likes cats as pets is able to detect by its odor the presence of a cat when I and others can not.

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The Young Man and His Problem

By JAMES L. GORDON

A GENIUS FOR ORGANIZATION. There is an old proverb, we propose by this repetition to consign it to the shelf, or relegate it to the past, or add it as one of the latest acquisitions to our infant accumulation of ancient history; a proverb to the effect that when three full-blooded Americans gather together on a railroad train they immediately organize. A constitution and by-laws are at once adopted in which it is clearly indicated that there are to be at least three officers, president, secretary, and treasurer, and these three shall comprise the executive board. By this arrangement each man has his office, an ambition which is supposed to be another of the American's peculiar characteristics. Even though the American brotherhood of organizers meet and resolve that the impossible shall be resolved into the realm of the possible, they feel decidedly better after the resolution has been safely railroaded through.

They may practically imitate the action of the committee appointed to build a new country jail. The committee met and voted unanimously to adopt the following threefold resolutions: "First—Resolved that we will build a new jail. Second—Resolved that we will build it out of the materials which compose the old jail. Third—Resolved that we keep the prisoners in the old jail while the new jail is being built."

THE POWER OF ORGANIZATION. When zephyring winds find a common centre, a proper point, for the focalization of power, prepare for a cyclone. When the spirits of the north wind go forth to war they organize the mist into ocean drops, and ocean drops into crystal bullets, and then riddle the bosom of our mother earth. A snowflake is small, but the wildest whirlwind that ever blew could not organize a snow-storm without snowflakes. Each snowflake counts.

IN UNION THERE IS STRENGTH. In union there is strength. But the strength of the union will depend upon the strength of the units. It has always been difficult to organize common poverty into common wealth. Death has never been organized into life, nor darkness into light, nor stupidity into brilliancy. There are some men who don't enthuse, and some things which won't evolve. Ten fools can never be organized into one philosopher. Ten idiots will not furnish brain matter sufficient for one bright intellect. One thousand cords make a cable, but one thousand circles of mist make a fog bank.

LAZY MEN. The danger of an organization is this, that it may prove to be a hiding place for lazy men instead of a bee-hive of those who are laboring for men. Life members are not always live members. Active members are sometimes inactive. Standing committees are often found comfortably sitting. Sustaining members sometimes are fit illustrations of suspended animation. A vital question for me to answer is this: When I step into an organization, does it average up or average down? If the average is lower, it does not necessarily follow that I have gained anything because the organization has suffered a loss. The breaking of the camel's back does not necessarily save the last straw which broke the back of the camel. An organization is a fizzle and a failure when it simply affords a hiding-place for shirking individuality.

MEN MUST BE WEIGHED. Gigantic institutions must rest upon the shoulders of giant individuality. It is all well enough to adopt a constitution and by-laws; but all will not be well enough if there is nothing to be constituted and nobody to stand by the laws. The vitality must equal the organism. There is a strong demand to-day for a stronger individuality and a more pronounced type of personality. The quality of an organization depends on the vitality of the individual. Men must be weighed as well as counted. "In union there is strength"; but everything depends on what you unite. "One shall chase a thousand, and two shall put ten thousand to flight"; but number two must equal number one, or the result will not be as encouraging as has been prophesied. Organize an army of weaklings and you will have an army of weakness. Organize an army of cowards and you will have an army of cowardice. No society is stronger than the average strength of the average member. Is there danger that in the multiplication of machinery men will become mere machines? Efficient organization should go hand in hand with strength of individuality; for the success of one depends upon the strength of the other.

THE MAN AND THE PLAN. A place for every man and every man in his place. No man without a place, and no man out of his place. "Every man in his place round about the camp." This is the perfection of organization. A poor plan with a powerful personality behind it means more than a splendid plan with poor propelling power in the rear. Let us have the splendid plan wrapped up in the personality of a splendid specimen of a man. Let the emphasis be on the man; "the moving creature which hath life."

ONE MAN POWER. The most powerful organization in the world to-day is the organization of a clean conscience, a clear brain, a warm heart, two vigorous lungs, an uncomplaining digestive apparatus, steady nerves, and an even temper—these seven swinging in harmony with the best constitution and by-laws ever yet produced—a human anatomy, robed in flesh and crowned with light.

"ZEAL vs. KNOWLEDGE." I know there are some persons who regard enthusiasm with suspicion. They are apt to regard any manifestation of enthusiasm on the part of young people, especially if it takes any definite direction, as "zeal without knowledge."

They are always on hand after a revival of religion, to warn the young converts, lest "their hearts run away with their heads."

They are so much alarmed lest the spiritual thermometer should go up to one hundred in the shade, that they propose to keep it down below zero in order to avoid that danger.

As for me, I propose to strike hands with the Indian who said he would rather have the "pot boil over than not boil at all."

Give me the man with a large heart and a small head, rather than a man with a large head and no heart at all.

But give me, in preference to either, a man whose head-light and heart-light are just about equal; then you will have a warm-hearted, clear-headed Christian worker, and you can't have too many of that sort.

They say that one reason why General Grant was such a successful general during the war was because of his remarkable coolness right in the heat of battle.

When the battle was the hottest, Grant was the coolest. He never lost his presence of mind.

Well, my friends, if coolness is a qualification necessary in Christian warfare, then I know of scores of good people who are thoroughly qualified.

They are cool—as cool as icebergs—have been for some time—and, in all probability, will be cool for some time to come.

One clear-headed, steady-nerved, well-poised general will do for a whole army of one hundred thousand hard-hearted, hot-headed fighters.

What we want is warmth, fire, enthusiasm. Energy at a white, glowing heat. Are you an icicle or a sunbeam?

MAJORITIES IN THE GERM. True minorities are majorities in the germ. A decent minority is better than a debauched majority. A live dog is better than a dead lion. A young minority is better than an old, fat, and flabby majority. Every majority once existed as a minority, and every minority once had its sole existence in the soul of some one individual. The politician asks for a good working majority. God asks for a good working minority. Earth's majorities must some day become insignificant minorities. Heaven's minorities shall some day blossom forth into eternal and all glorious majorities. Strong men are like the thermometer; the hotter you make it for them, the higher they rise.

FIRST THE SNEER. This world always rejects a man before it accepts him. Like Paul at Miletus—denounced at first, and at the last defied. First the world will swear at you, and then, if you wear well, the world will swear by you. Like Garrison, you may be hounded by a mob in one generation, and honored by a monument in the next. First the sneer and then the cheer. First the lash and then the laurel. First the hiss and then the kiss. First the curse and then the caress. First the trial and then the triumph. First the cross and then the crown. The battle-bleached crown will wear the diadem. For every scar upon the brow there will be a star in thy diadem. "If we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him."

NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE SUCCESS. There is an old proverb, that "nothing succeeds like success, and yet there is nothing new about it. It is only a new form of the well-known Scriptural statement of a natural law which runs through the entire universe: "Unto him that hath shall be given, and from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath." The larger attracts the smaller, always. The stronger attracts the weaker, always. The law of gravitation is responsible for what we call "momentum."

A CANDIDATE FOR GLORY. The moment you fall in love with your mother, you become a true son. The moment you fall in love with your sister, you become a true brother. The moment you fall in love with the future companion of all your joys and sorrows, you are in heart a husband. When you fall in love with your lower self-centred self, you are an animal of the baser sort. The moment you fall in love with your higher nature, you are a candidate for glory.

AN EXCEPTION. That man is an exception to the rule who takes exception to something in the world, and to whom the world takes exception; and an exception proves the rule. An exception proves more; an exception proves that the rule does not always work. An exception proves that a new rule is beginning to work. An exception may prove to be the beginning of a new rule. For every new age God has a new exception. To be a successful exception is to wear the first crown in the new and rising dynasty. Martin Luther was a success as a great historical exception. He planned a new rule, and secured a new ruling from mankind in its favor. A successful exception is an exceptional success.

CHARACTER BUILDING. He who would achieve lasting success will need character for the foundation, method in construction, the best system as ballast, energy as the propelling power, caution for a safety-valve, and faith in God, man and self as the sky over-arching all.

WEALTH OF WISH AND WEIGHT OF WILL. Every young man is a peculiar combination of wish and will. Without the capacity to wish, there would be no power to will, and without will-power, the wish would have no power.

The young man who has a wealth of wishes, but weakness of will, is apt to be much moved, but he who has a wealth of wishes, combined with a weight of will, is not only much moved, but moves much. Young men do not make the circumstances which surround them when they begin the battle of life, but a man with a weak will is moulded by his circumstances, while the young man of strong will moulds his circumstances.

When two men plunge into a stream, both are surrounded by the same circumstances or environment, but one sinks while the other swims—one is borne up while the other is borne down—one is governed, while the other governs his circumstances.

LOCK EVERY JOINT. Young man, if you really believe that God has a special work for you to do, and the fact that you are in this world is proof positive that God has something in this world for you to do, then put your foot down, square your shoulders, close your fists, put your teeth together, lock every joint in your body, and with your spinal column true to its own uprightness, and your head thrown back far enough for the white light of God's throne to transfigure every line and lineament of your face, write an all-glorious "I will" on every difficulty, discouragement, defeat, and disaster which may stand between you and your soul's desire.

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to devote himself to a business career? **COLLEGE HALL OR COMMERCIAL OFFICE?** Like the poor, it is always with us. Business men grow contemptuous towards the chrysanthemum-headed, and the cigaretted-fingers of the college-graduate. He is so unpractical, so blooming, so cheeky. But educators show by figures, which cannot lie, that the race after all is to the college man.

What saith the Pres. Butler?—
“Statistics show that out of 10,000 successful men in the world, taken from all classes of life, 8,000 are college graduates. That looks like a clincher, and ought to be. The educated man easily takes the prizes of life, all other things being equal. The question resolves itself into this: Shall a boy begin life with a broom or a book? In the final wind-up, the book has it almost every time.

The Aldermanic mind of Toronto has been stirred to its Aldermanic depths over a question, which, we are afraid, even a Toronto Alderman cannot answer. What is a minimum wage? Thinking that they were going to lead in the van of civilization, these economic luminaries proposed

WHAT IS A MINIMUM WAGE? to give their city an opportunity of seeing how the principle would operate when applied to civic works. They have been stopped in their mad career, however, by a verdict given by the Chancellor of Ontario, in the Crown Tailoring Co.'s case. That verdict was to the effect that “it is illegal for the city to impose a condition that Corporation work should bear the Union Label.” Apropos of this question. What is a minimum wage? It is an economic fallacy. Labor is a commodity which the working man has for sale, and, says Industrial Canada, “like all other commodities, the price it brings is regulated by the conditions of supply and demand.” Fluctuations in its value are bound to occur. When a scarcity arises, prices go up; when the market is flooded, prices go down. “It is useless to build artificial dams that will hold in check the flow of downward prices.” The whole fabric of industry and commerce built up on such a basis would become top-heavy, and would momentarily be threatened with collapse.

All good citizens are interested in the Lord's Day Act, which Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick is to introduce this Session of Parliament. The Act, upon its face, looks very stringent, but upon examination, it advocates pretty much what Canada has for a long time enjoyed.

THE PROPOSED LORD'S DAY ACT. It looks towards prevention, rather than cure. Space forbids the publication of the whole Act, as it is to be introduced. We give some of its exemptions:—

“Works of necessity or of mercy are exempted, as, for example, necessary or customary work in connection with Divine worship, selling drugs and medicines, work of physicians for the relief of sickness and suffering, receiving, transmitting or delivering telegraph or telephone messages, conveying travelers and His Majesty's mails, maintaining fires, or doing urgent repairs in cases of emergency, or other work of a like incidental character, essential to any manufacturing process which otherwise could not be carried on during the other six days of the week; continuance to their destination of railway trains in transit when the Lord's Day begins, which are loaded exclusively either with live stock destined for immediate shipment at any ocean port, or with perishable goods, or with both; the carriage to the next divisional point on any railway, or to the next regular port of call of any vessel, of any freight which is in transit by such railway or vessel when the Lord's Day begins.

The Literary Digest quotes the following from the French Economist (Paris):—

“According to the American ‘Bradstreet's,’ Canada, during 1905, has received almost 200,000 immigrants; from 60,000 to 65,000 came from Europe, principally from the British Isles, but about 130,000 from the United States. The ‘American Invasion’ was, at first, rather a shock to old Canadians and their government. The question arose whether political difficulties might not result, and whether a free citizen of the Union could accommodate himself to the position of subject to such a constitutional monarch as Edward VII. But it was rather rash to anticipate any pressing troubles from this circumstance, especially as those who passed from the States to the Canadian Northwest were Americans of very recent date. Among these were many Scandinavians, who found it advantageous to sell their American farms for \$30 or \$40 an acre and purchase land in Canada for one-fifth of that price.

“Among such immigrants are many French Canadian people who have made money in the cotton-mills of Lowell and Fall River and were returning to their former home. This immigration has been encouraged by the immense harvests of 1905.”

It is in the memory of all how that Grover Cleveland used to be Grover the Great. He was so impressive, so spectacular, not to say, theatrical, that the public eye used sometimes to be lifted from even Chamberlain, to be

THE DOCTOR AND THE DOCTORED. rested lightly and astonishingly on Grover C. But here the analogy ends. The “eye” still looks at Chamberlain,

while Cleveland has been relegated to that limbo of forgetfulness prepared by the public as the living resting place for many of her most worthy subjects. Yet Cleveland will not be forgotten. Ever and anon, he makes a kick against the established order of society, and for the nonce becomes the storm centre of an infuriated section of our public. The latest kick is against the doctor. “We have come to think ourselves as worthy of confidence in the treatment of our ailments, and we believe if this was accorded to us in greater measure, it would be better for the treatment and better for us. We do not claim that we should be called in consultation in all our illnesses, but we would be glad to have a little more explanation of the things done to us.” Ah, ah! That's a solar plexus blow to the medical profession—to the look of mystery, the nod, the “ha?” and the “hem?” of our wise sawbones.

The representatives of Winnipeg commercial life have been enjoying some oratorical treats lately. The speaker was Mr. A. F. Sheldon, of Chicago, and the subject upon which he so eloquently discoursed, was, “How to Sell Goods.”

HOW TO SELL GOODS. Prosaic? No; not in the hands, or rather, the legs, of Mr. Sheldon. The beaten tracks of the oratorical out-

put, such as home, mother, country, were departed from, and a new and rich vein discovered in the plain title of “How to Sell Goods.” Mr. Sheldon is nothing if not analytic. He divided salesmen into four classes: wholesalers, retailers, specialty men, and promoters. The work of each relied on four factors: the salesman, the customer, the article, and the sale. There was no such thing as luck or chance. But it is in the moral realm that Mr. Sheldon shines as a bright particular star. It was news to many that if one must be a good seller, he must be a good liver. Good in two particulars. He must have character and robust health. In his analysis of character he borrowed largely from psychology, for character is made up of intelligence, memory, imagination, will, and all their attendant factors. The addresses were unique. It must come to some with the weight of a great humiliation that they must be good in order to sell goods.

That the Church has been a mighty influence in the moulding of individual and national life has never been seriously questioned; that she is still the same mighty influence is patent to all. But it is news to hear of her as a passive agent in the populating of our

THE CHURCH AS AN IMMIGRATION AGENT. Great West. It appears that one of the managers of a great land company has been giving the Toronto Globe some of the reasons of the exodus from the United States to this country. One of those reasons is the existence of the Church in the towns, villages and hamlets of Alberta and the other provinces and territories. “What surprises and pleases our best settlers is that even in new communities in your Western Provinces they find good schools and large, well-filled, and strongly manned churches. I speak from first-hand knowledge, when I say, as a piece of immigration policy, it would pay your Canadian government to aid in every possible way the Home Mission committees of the churches of Canada that are establishing the institutions of civilization and religion in these new settlements.” Where our land agent can show a free, self-supporting church, the prospective settler decides that such a community is a good one in which to bring up his family.”

The conversion of the Princess Ena caused a flutter of excitement in religious circles, which has subsequently deepened into deep resentment at her action. It is whispered that personages in high places were petitioned to interfere, but to

THE CONVERSION OF PRINCESS ENA. no purpose. Love laughs at royal interference as heartily as at locksmiths.

So, in due time, and with due form, the love-lorn princess entered the Catholic Church. The entrance into that church has been condemned on several grounds, but it was left for Archdeacon Kerr, of Montreal, to find an objection, in the fact that she was re-baptised. This, the good Archdeacon regards as an affront to the English Church, of which she was formerly a member. He appears to speak for that great church, when he states that such action on the part of the princess was an “affront so flagrant, so pitiless,” as to cause grief and astonishment to multitudes of devoted and loyal Churchmen throughout the world. This affront has been particularly offensive, because no steps have been taken to make it less intolerable.

It is always a delight to the laity when the great come down from the high perch of their profession, to the surer platform of common experience, throw technicalities to the winds, and talk to the popular mind in the language of its understanding. John

HON. JOHN MORLEY ON READING. Morley, the scholar, statesman and author,

reached the dizzy heights of scholastic seclusion, but found them chilling, if not cold, and with the good sense for which he is noted, has begun to warm himself at the fires of the common hearth. He tells us in a few words how to be well-informed, to be thinkers and citizens:—

“The object of reading is not to dip into everything that even wise men have written. The object of literature, as given by Cardinal Newman, is to open the mind, to correct it, to refine it, to enable it to comprehend and digest its knowledge, to give it power over its own faculties, application, flexibility, method, critical exactness, sagacity, address and expression.” Ponder that statement! It is the last thing that can be said on the important subject.

The veterans of 1866 Association are doing the country a signal service by calling attention to the debasement of the flag of our country. We publish the resolution passed at its annual meeting of the Veterans' Association:—“The flag of our country, being the emblem of Britain's might and glory, it ought, whenever and wherever displayed, to evoke feelings of patriotic pride in every British subject, but this Association views with regret the prevalent and increasing custom of making it the medium of calling attention to auction sales, and otherwise using it for advertising purposes, demeaning the flag, and taking from it the respect with which it ought to be viewed. Resolved, therefore, that the President appoint a committee to act with the kindred associations, or otherwise, in endeavoring to secure a discontinuance of the practice of using British or Canadian flags for such purposes.” All right thinking, patriotic Canadians endorse the resolution.

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The Woman's Quiet Hour

by E.G.K.

Motto for the month.

There is no unbelief. Whoever plants a seed beneath the sod And waits to see it push away the clod Trusts in God. —Bulwer-Lytton.

Planting Though March has not let Time go his grip, as I write there are already suggestions of spring and planting time in the air. At the moment I have a keen envy of the woman who has a yard and garden to clean up and get ready for the summer-time. Some of my readers will hardly believe that, but though not born on a farm, I was brought up on one, in old Ontario, and when the spring days come round I feel the old inspiration to go out and rake up the chip yard and the garden beds, anything to be out in the spring air and sunshine. What splendid things those chip yards were in Ontario, where wood was plentiful, and all winter long the great logs had been chopped and split, and the small pieces of wood and the great clean chips accumulated. Now, even in Ontario, it is all done by sawing machine, and there is only piles of sawdust instead of the sweet smelling chips that we used to stack up to boil the kettle in the summer-time. I can smell the odor of the chip yard and the freshly turned earth as I write.

One day in March I was at the Experimental Farm, in Brandon, and went into the workroom, over the seed house. Two men were busy grafting standard apples, on the roots of the Siberian crab, and the odor of the grafting wax brought tears to my eyes, it reminded me so strongly of old times at home.

The familiar odor brings back other days to you. From the spring-time grafting my thoughts jumped to days spent in the sugar bush. Our sugar bush was not a great affair, it was only used for making home supplies, but the amount of fun we, as children, got from days spent in it could not possibly be measured by the quantities of sugar made.

What glorious Saturdays we spent. Looking back, it seems to me that Saturdays were always fine and sunny in sugar making time. I cannot remember a wet one. There was the rush through the woods in the morning to see if the sap troughs were full, the crashing through belated snow drifts, and the turning up of the damp, dead leaves, with their peculiar pungent odor. Back to the camp, and packing down snow hard in a pan, so that the boiling molasses might be run on it for taffy; the cooking of dinner at the camp fire, potatoes baked in the ashes, slices of ham toasted over the coals on a forked stick, coffee made with properly boiled sap, and tasting, to childish palates, like nectar of the gods, and last, and crowning glory of all, the sugaring off at night. The solemn stirring of the great kettle, which was finally swung off the fire and the sugar dipped into moulds. Then came the innings of the children, with butter chip in hand, we gathered round the kettie and scraped the hot sugar from sides and bottom. French bon-bons are all very well, but they have no flavor compared with hot maple sugar eaten in the fragrant spring woods, in the glory of the camp fire and with the moonlight making strange, weird shadows under the trees. I am sure to many a man and woman from old Ontario these few memories will recall a thousand blissful recollections of "The dear, dear days" which began to fall. The New West is great, but it is

but the children born and reared in it miss some very keen joys that were the common heritage of their fathers and mothers born in old Ontario, and not the least of them, spring days spent in the sugar bush.

The Eyes. The keen winds and brilliant sunshine of the western spring are particularly hard on the eyes. Grown people usually take some precautions in the way of dark spectacles or a thick veil, but very little attention is given to the care of the children's eyes at this time. Many a case of weak eyes is thus made permanent. It is, of course, next to impossible to induce school children to wear dark glasses, or veils (if they be girls) but almost any child is willing to wear a peaked cap, especially if it is of the automobile type, and the peak is a great protection from both sun and wind.

A lotion that should be kept on hand and used freely in these spring days is made of a teaspoonful of boric acid powder and a pint of boiling water. This should be made at night and used quite hot, before going to bed, bathing the eye freely with a small, clean sponge or a bit of soft rag. Be sure to let the lotion run inside the eyelid. Use it cold to bath the eyes in the morning. If covered from the dust it may be used for two or three days. It should, however, be divided into small quantities and each member of the family have their own; never allow two children to bathe their eyes in the same supply of lotion. After bathing, dry the eyes gently with a soft cloth, and do not rub them. The lotion allays all itching and heat, and generally has a most soothing and restful effect, and is a perfectly safe thing to use.

Some idea of its value as an eye wash is gathered from the fact that the medical department of the Japanese army saw that every soldier was provided with a supply of this acid powder before he went on the march, and he was, moreover, carefully instructed how to use it. The small amount of eye trouble among the Japanese soldiers during the Russo-Japanese war is mainly attributed to this precautionary measure. A word to the wise is sufficient.

For Burns. Keep a bottle of carroll oil (lime water and linseed oil mixed) in your medicine cupboard, along with some antiseptic gauze. It is the quickest and safest remedy for even severe burns, and for the ordinary burn is almost instant relief. A bit of oil silk placed over the bandages will keep the oil off the clothing. It is well to remember that a bad burn is a frightful shock to the system, and to be prepared to stimulate the action of the heart if necessary. A burn that covers one thirteenth of the surface of the body, even if but skin deep, is sufficient to cause death. A teaspoonful of aromatic ammonia in a little hot water that has been sweetened, is a good thing to give the patient. It should be swallowed quickly and a handkerchief held over the mouth and nose for a moment to prevent the strangled feeling that follows the taking of ammonia if the breath is drawn in suddenly.

Agricultural College. The dairy section of College. The Agricultural College. has been opened, for some time, and the other work is being put out to see it. The new building, which is a fine and splendid one, is reaching the best

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It is to be regretted that the college, when complete, will have no dormitory accommodation for young women, but that will assuredly come later if there is a demand for it on the part of the young women. At the present, the door of the dairy school stands wide open, and it is an opportunity that should not be lost sight of. It is quite possible to secure board and lodging in Winnipeg and go out by street car to the School.

Kitchen Hints.

Put a few grains of rice in the shakers to prevent the salt from caking.

Have a few asbestos mats for the stove. They will not cost more than 10c, each and then you can quiet the baby without fear of the milk boiling over.

Now that eggs are growing more plentiful, the old time deep custard is an excellent dessert for the Sunday dinner. Put a trifle of baking powder in the crust and it will not hurt the weakest digestion. Be liberal with the eggs and make the custard at least four inches deep.

If there is to be a June wedding in the family, make the cake at once, and do not forget to put in a few teaspoonfuls of mixed jams to keep it moist.

If a cockroach has invaded your kitchen get a package of powdered borax and dust it well in all the corners. You will find this an effectual remedy.

Recipes.

As the winter draws out, it is astonishing how tired one gets of the food that has been served with almost unvarying regularity. One of the great drawbacks of our west land is the scarcity and the high price of green vegetables early in the season. It will be found a pleasant change to serve russet apples baked in the pan with the roasting beef. If you have never tried baked apples with roast beef, you will be surprised what a pleasant change it is from potatoes.

Mustard and cress may be had in a week's time if you sow the seed on a piece of blanket stretched over a tub of water in the kitchen and kept warm and moist. Thin bread and butter, with the delicate blades of the mustard and cress laid between make most appetizing sandwiches.

E. C. H.

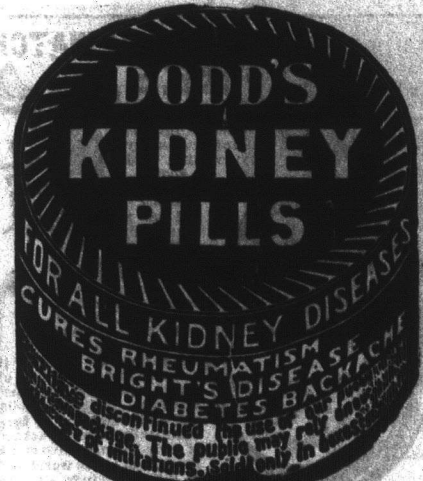
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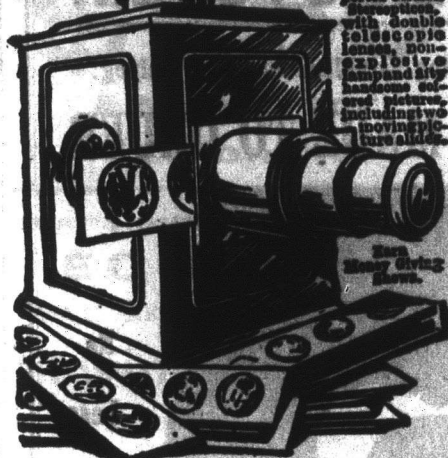
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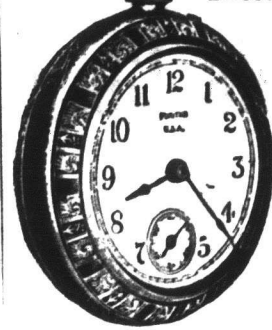
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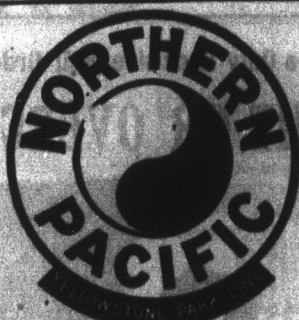
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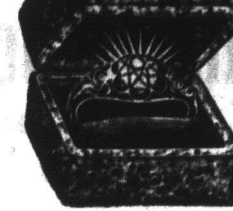
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What to Wear and when to wear it

HATS. As I predicted last month, hats are with us once more. The city openings are all over and by the time this reaches my readers the local openings will be in full swing. Last year the styles were particularly good for the woman who had to be her own milliner. This year they do not lend themselves so readily to amateur manipulation, but fortunately for the woman of limited purse, the sailor hat is one of the leaders and these come in many of the fancy straws and braids all ready for the decorations, so that if you can wear a sailor you are all right. Shapes are medium in size as a rule, although there are a few large hats and a still smaller number of very small ones. As has already been said, sailors, of every known variety are leaders, then there are a large number of mushroom hats and a great many hats that are manufactured from mohair flops put over wire frames and are dented and tucked and twisted in a manner quite beyond the ordinary mortal to achieve. There are a few turbans, but not many. Just enough for the woman who finds them especially becoming to cling to the shape without feeling that she is outre or extreme.

There is one feature common to all hats, and that is the extremely deep bandeau at the back covered with heavy masses of trimming in the form of flowers, mechlin pleatings, or ribbon bows or rosettes. It is almost impossible to overdo this effect.

MATERIALS. For actual frame work there is a great deal of the mohair braid and the mohair flat or flop, but as a matter of fact mechlin or tulle leads, it is on everything and in everything. With it is combined ribbons, gauze and Duchess leading, and flowers. It is a flower season and every kind of flower is good and it is permissible to wear 20 different kinds on one hat, but roses, lilacs and violets lead, with large quantities of maiden hair and asparagus fern mixed with them. Entire hats are made of rosebuds, full blown roses and of violets, or lilacs. On most every hat is noted, either in buckle, galoon, the stems of the flowers or in the ribbons, a touch of gold. This is so artfully introduced as not to become wearisome and certainly lightens up the hat and brings out the beauty of the many colorings. Gold buckles sequined with pearls is another fad of the hour and very pretty they are.

SHAPES. The sailor hats show small round crowns, large crowns that come nearly to the brim and the usual regulation sailor crown. These hats are all worn well tilted over the face and the back filled with flowers, etc. One very popular sailor hat is that with the medium round crown and very deep bandeau at the back, the brim round and about three and a half inches deep. The under brim of the shape, is of fine straw, covered with puffings or pleatings of mechlin. A double box pleating of the mechlin placed around the crown and caught just over the left eye with a small bunch of buds, a single rose or a single spray of lilac and the back of the hat closely banked with the same flowers. A very good model along these lines, was noted at one of the openings. It was a fine chip hat of Alice blue, the facing a deep pleating round the crown were of mechlin of a deeper shade, a tiny bunch of pink rosebuds caught the pleating at the left front and the back was filled in with June roses packed as closely as they could be got in. Sometimes as many as four dozen roses are put on the back of one hat. Another combination for this style of hat is moss green with decorations of white and purple flowers. The English mushroom hat has been poetized and glorified and is really a thing of

beauty, although that is difficult to believe. In every case the mushroom is raised on a bandeau shallow in front and very deep at the back. Many of these hats are frames of silk wire covered thinly with tulle and then with flowers. A very pretty one had the edge covered with a narrow band of moss green, the whole upper brim and crown were covered with white lilac, with a single deep red rose near the side front. The under brim was faced with sprays of the lilac and pink rosebuds and the high back filled in with fishtail pleatings of green mechlin.

COLORS. Pale blue and pale pink and all the mauve and purple shades lead and frequently they are all combined in one hat. To shade blue through pink to mauve is a work of art, but it is successfully done and the effect is charming. It should not, however, be attempted by the amateur, as the result is apt to be disastrous. The mauve shades are really "it," if I may be pardoned the slang, and indeed they are more popular than becoming, as mauve is a very difficult color to wear. Pale blue and pale pink are almost as fashionable and fortunately they are much more becoming. Green and Burgundy (the newest shade of all) come next in popularity, and by the way they combine most effectively. Burgundy is a deep dull, rich red with an undertone of purple. It is much worn in hats along with the pale grey street costumes which are a feature of the season's styles. Burgundy combines with pale blue and pink and also with mauve, but the last named is not an artistic blending.

BLACK HATS. In black hats, a style known as the capoline is in favor. This is a shape something like a long turban, it has a deep band and a distinctly separate crown. One of the effective decorations of these hats is to have the deep band made entirely of frills of black val lace and three Duchess plumes falling over the hair at the back. Duchess plumes are very fashionable and are frequently used along with flowers, but bird of paradise feathers and ospreys, both soft and stiff, lead in the line of feathers; unfortunately they are bad for country wear.

WHITE WOOL GOWNS. Speaking of June weddings, reminds me that white wool gowns are going to be quite as fashionable as they were last year. Many materials are used for them but serge of light weight and fair body is the most popular and the most serviceable. These white wool gowns are so pretty that every woman should have one if possible. It does not cost a great deal to have them sent in to Winnipeg a couple of times in the season to have them cleaned and they look new each time. They should be made with the three-quarter sleeve and long gloves worn with them.

LINGERIE HATS. Hats of eyelet embroidery were in last year to a limited extent but are much more fashionable this year. They have lost that babyish look which was objectionable, by the introduction of ribbons and flowers, in moderate quantities. This is a style of hat that any girl, clever with her needle can make for herself, and can always laundry for herself afterwards. They are always stretched on a wire frame. They are made either of sheer linen or of Hardanger cloth, but the latter is rather heavy and not so easy to manage. A popular fad this summer will be a dress of sheer linen decorated with eyelet embroidery and with a lingerie hat to match. It takes a very short time to decorate a dress and hat with eyelet embroidery and it is decidedly the most effective decoration for sheer linen.

TALLORED HATS. The shirt-waist or tailored hats are very pretty this season and many of them run along lines that resemble to some extent the turbans of last year. They are all very moderate in size and there is even less trimming on them than there was last year. Very many of them come in fine milan, mohair braid, chip or unbleached leghorn, the last named being a particularly serviceable hat and one that does not readily show soil or rough wear.

PARASOLS. Sunshades are very pretty this spring, and one of the newest styles is the white parasol hand painted. I think I hear someone say, what earthly good are they for the country. Well, just stop and think. There are scores of bright

girls all over this Canadian West of ours who have taken lessons in china, watercolor or oil painting. Now, why should they not turn this accomplishment to account and make for themselves a dainty article of dress that will be a pleasure to themselves and to all who see it? Of course the more expensive parasols are of white silk but a fine quality of white sateen is quite good enough. It will only take a few hours to decorate it with bunches of violets, clusters of apple blossoms or sprays of roses, and all summer long you will have a dainty parasol for lawn parties or other summer functions. Best of all it will have cost very little beyond the time spent in the actual work of painting. Such a parasol, along with a pretty hat and the simplest white gown, will make a costume dressy enough for any summer function, even to a June wedding.



The Imperial Quartette of Neepawa gave two concerts in March.

The Portage la Prairie band gave a concert during the month.

The Carmen String Orchestra did good service at the Dufferin banquet in honor of Hon. R. P. Roblin.

The James Fax Company of artists gave a concert in Maple Creek on Saturday, March 31st, in aid of the Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Madam Albani, with her splendid concert company, said goodby to Toronto recently. The Toronto Festival Company assisted her in Mendelssohn's "Hear My Prayer."

The American Jubilee Singers have been scoring great successes in Toronto. They have appealed to all members of the musical public, because of their delightful plantation songs.

The choir of Queen's Avenue Presbyterian church, Edmonton, assisted by Miss Ethel Webster, soprano; Miss McAmmond, elocutionist; Mr. Jackson Hanby, tenor; Mr. Howard Stutchbury, baritone, and Clarke's orchestra of ten pieces, under the direction of Mr. J. T. Richardson, gave a grand recital of sacred and secular music in Queen's Avenue church, Sunday evening, March, 16th, in aid of the organ fund. The members of the choir purchased a new two manual organ by Doherty, and the instrument will be installed in the church within the next few days.

Eighteen band concerts were given in the various parks of Winnipeg during the year, and were well attended by an appreciative public; in fact, the crowds were so great that special efforts had to be made to preserve the perishable properties of the parks. This is the second year the board has given these concerts, and paid for them out of their levy prescribed by the "Public Parks Act."

A concert was given on March 13th. in Stonewall by the Kerr-Dass Concert Company. The concert was given under the auspices of the Stonewall Baseball Club.

The Kneisel Quartette, which makes its annual visit to Toronto under the auspices of the Women's Musical Club, will include in its programme a work of Smetana, heard here for the first time. It is a quartette entitled, "Aus Meinem Leben," and is autobiographic of the composer's life, written when he had a vague presentment of the insanity which overtook him. It was played in New York. The Evening Post says that it was most thrilling. "four instruments achieving results equal to those of a grand orchestra with opera singers."

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- Vocal Solo—The Sword of Ferrara
- Mr. O. H. Day.
- Piano Solos—Berceuse..... Chopin
- Si Oiseau J'Etats..... Henselt
- Mr. E. N. Kitchen.
- Vocal Solo—Nature's Adoration..
- Beethoven
- Mr. A. A. Codd.
- Recitation..... Mr. Mantle
- Vocal Solos—Mighty lak' a Rose..
- Nevin
- Beat Upon Mine..... Nevin
- Mr. C. W. Handscomb.
- Piano Solos—Etude in A Flat. Chopin
- Waltz in A Flat..... Chopin
- Mr. E. N. Kitchen.
- Vocal Solo—The Mighty Deep.... Jude
- Mr. G. N. Bull.
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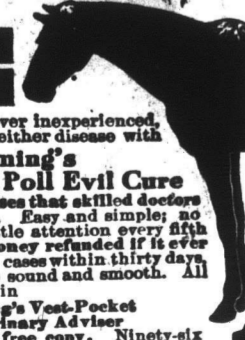
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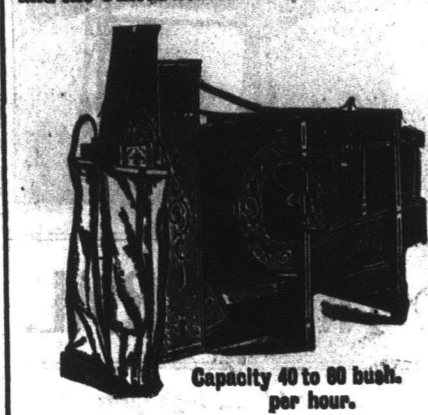
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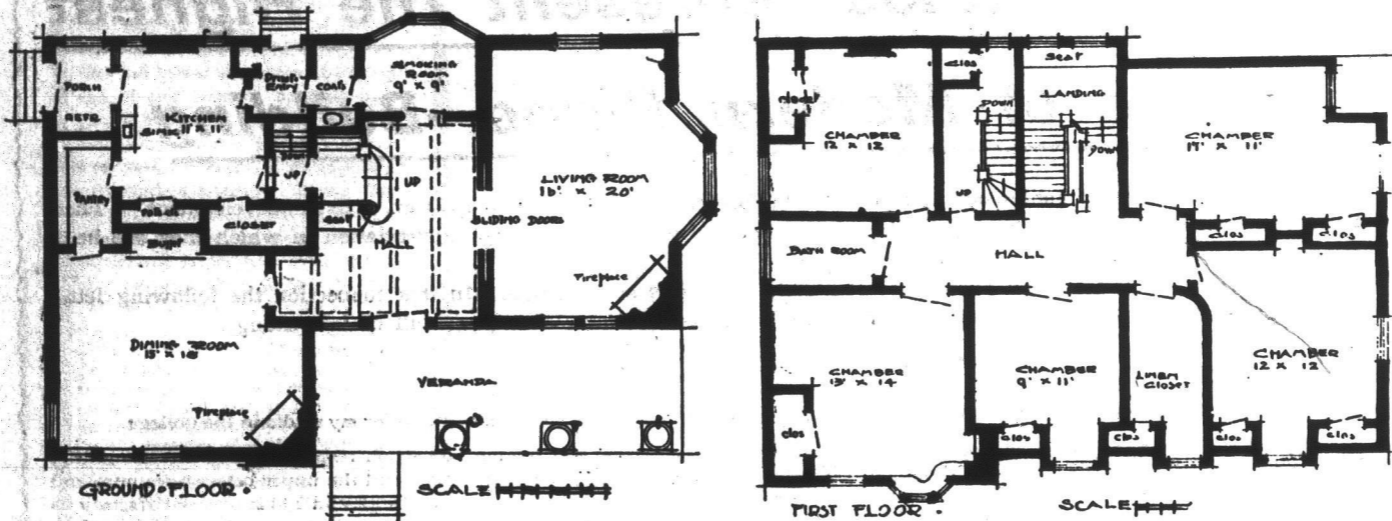
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different modifications it has been built several times, and impresses the observer that this is the home built to be occupied for generations, where comfort, not display, is the prevailing motive. Many houses are built, more expensive in every detail, but the carrying out of the proportion, the lines,

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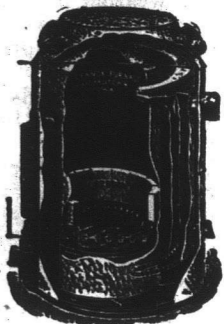
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Katherine Metcalf Booth:—Of all nationalities, only the German goes to the opera for the sake of the opera alone.

A Girl friend's telegram to Alice Roosevelt:—I always said Old Nick would get you.

Horace Chevier, M.P.P.:—The land department has become dead, for years it has been a cesspool of political corruption.

C. Wesley Speers:—Fifty car loads of settlers' effects will be loaded in Illinois alone, to-morrow for shipment to Canada.

W. E. George:—Canada does not demand reciprocal preference. She does not need it. She is prosperous, and can be prosperous without it.

Manoe O'Hiel:—Yes, I have ideals. I couldn't have done the little I have done but for ideals, and when I can no longer dream, I shall die.

Richard Le Gallienne:—Woman cares not by whose hands she is moulded, whose image she wears, be it warrior, poet, or priest, so long as she feels the veritable grasp and impress of power.

Hon. Hugh John Macdonald:—Sir Wilfred Laurier who claimed to have found Canada a nation, can claim no part in that transaction, for he was one of its opponents.

Sir Wilfred Laurier:—I have known Lieut.-Gov. Forget of Saskatchewan, for thirty years, ever since we were in Montreal together, and anyone who would interfere with him would get a strong rebuke.

Sampson Walker, M.P.P.:—The Osteopaths and every other "path," even to the "paths that the snake hath not crossed, and the eagle hath not seen," has been before the committee on this bill. I think it should now be passed.

His Excellency, Earl Gray:—Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate, gentlemen of the House of Commons—In again summoning you to meet for the despatch of business I am glad to be able to congratulate you on the prosperity prevailing throughout the Dominion.

Andrew Strang:—In 1868 I first came to Winnipeg as a commercial traveller. I found the hotel crowded and was told I could share a bed with another lodger. I found that lodger to be J. H. Ashdown.

Grand Master James Argue:—I would recommend, brethren, that you study the constitution and ever remember that to be good Orangemen does not mean to speak disparagingly of those who may differ from you on religious questions.

A. J. Balfour:—I hold that Fiscal Reform is and must remain the first constructive work of the Unionist Party. The objects of such reform are to secure more equal terms of competition for British trade and closer commercial union with the Colonies.

Hon. Colin H. Campbell:—It is known that the Bell Telephone Co. has control of the Cabinet, and it is an open secret that the retirement of Sir Wm. Mulock was caused because they were balked in accomplishing what they desired, and that he was succeeded by the Bell Counsel, Mr. Aylesworth.

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W. Robertson Nichol:—We do not shed tears because we cannot fly, and why should we make ourselves miserable by envy or irritation or misdirected effort, because our intellectual range is so narrow, or our intellectual force so small? Literally, it needs all kinds of men to make a world, even our poor kind.

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Bliss Carman:—One cannot but recognize the shameless materialism of the age, its brutal selfishness, ignoble avarice, and utter disregard for all the generous ideals of the spirit. We have gained the whole world, but in doing so we have lost our own souls.

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E. Chevier, M.P.P.:—The day of public ownership has dawned. The flowing tide is with it. Ere long it will sweep all before it. Political parties are beginning to recognize the fact and are attempting to utilize this strong and growing sentiment for their own purposes.

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Hon. Hugh Clark:—I don't know whether it is within the purview of this Legislature to investigate the business of life insurance companies, but I have been assured by a barrister that the Legislature has such authority, and if it has the authority I think it ought to investigate the manner in which these companies do business.

Hon. Frank Oliver:—The acclamations in the ridings of Saskatchewan and West Assinibola are the most effective answers that could be given to the charges against the Liberals in the Saskatchewan provincial campaign.

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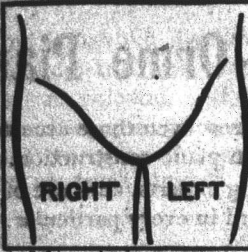
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A freshness of south shores and seas,
New blown from distant fields aglow
With gorgeous bloom and sudden show,
Breathes forth, in fragrant promising,
The dear delicious things of spring.
A blossomy shower of pink and white,
A bluebird's warble, blithe and bright,
A leafy world of odorous joys
Sweet ringing to the robin's noise—
And Nature keeps her promising
In sly surprises of the spring.
Then, sweetheart mine, let thy glad voice
With spring and with thy love rejoice,
Enrapturing all the listening earth
With ecstasies of lover's mirth,
Till birds around in envious throng
Echo to mates the self-same song!

seeds thickly in the trench and cover them with two inches of soil.

After germination, and the seedlings are two or three inches high, the surrounding soil should be drawn around them. Be careful not to cover the crown of the plant. Keep repeating this as the seedlings grow until the trench is almost full, leaving, however, a shallow groove about the roots, in which the water is to be placed during the summer months. Thus treated the roots are deep and cool when the heated term comes.

When the tendrils begin to form arrange the supports. Poultry netting of coarse mesh is good, also brush, such as tree prunings with the branching tops left on. As summer approaches give plenty of water; let it run in the shallow trench, so that the roots may be benefited. Also mulch with old compost, lawn clippings or leaves, as this retards evaporation and keeps the roots cool and moist.

Spring Flowers For The Table.

Spring buds and blossoms are the most appropriate decorations for a spring luncheon or dinner. One pretty way to use them is to have a round basket, about eight inches in diameter and five inches high, covered on the outside with pussy-willow twigs tied or sewed on. On the inside have a tin pan filled with water, in which have a variety of spring flowers.

The pussy-willow may also be combined with the scarlet blossoms of the flowering quince. A large bowl of pussy-willow boughs and the Pyrus japonica should occupy the centre of the table, the bowl resting on a centre-piece of white Japanese drawn-work placed over red silk. Petals of the quince blossoms should be scattered freely over the tablecloth. Surrounding the centrepiece have four little fairy lamps representing the heads of kittens; the light shining through their glass eyes, and big bows of red ribbon being tied around their necks. The place-cards may show little pussies made from the pussy-willow buds neatly gummed on the card; pen or brush supplying heads, tails, paws and background.

Asters For Winter Blooming.

Sow the seeds in the open ground in May and cultivate the little seedlings when they come up. Water freely, and allow no buds to form. In July pot as many plants as wanted in three or four inch pots according to the size of the roots. Use rich soil, a mixture of loam, sand and well-decayed manure. Water thoroughly and place in the shade for a week. Then give more sun, and induce a thrifty growth by pinching off the tips of the branches occasionally. Once a week give some form of plant food. When the pots become too small for the plants transplant them to larger pots, disturbing the roots as little as possible, and using one size larger pots. When the roots crowd these shift again until eight-inch pots are reached. These frequent shiftings will produce a vigorous root action, and healthy foliage, and large flowers will be the result. In late September, if early frosts occur, cover the plants. In October give them a permanent home in the window. Keep the foliage clean by spraying, and give as much sun as possible. Be every bit as careful not to over-water them as you are not to let them suffer for water; once stunted no amount of care will develop large flowers.

During the holidays the plants will make a brave show. The small side flowers should be pinched off to allow the central bloom of each branch to become more perfect.

A square of real green moss placed in the centre of the table, with little bunches of spring flowers, such as violets, primroses, arbutus, etc., placed upon it, makes a charming spring centrepiece.

At a tulip tea the prevailing color of each room may be of the same color as the tulips. Each mantel should be decorated with maidenhair ferns and fairy tulip lamps. If one have electric lights the bulbs should be covered with crepe paper in the shape of tulips. The dining-room table should bear a glass bowl filled with pink tulips, and the candles should be shaded with pink silk shades.

Another way to use tulips is to have each tulip of the mass in the centre of the table tied with green ribbon matching the stems, the ribbon from each flower being carried up and caught to the chandelier in a great fluffy bunch.

Crocuses.

When making out your order for bulbs do not forget the crocus. The flowers are not lasting, but are very bright, pretty and showy while they do last. A few will not make much of a display, but they are very cheap, and when planted in large quantities and in different colors few other flowers are more appreciated. Coming, as they do, at the dawn of the new season, and often when the snow still lingers on the hillsides, they cheer us and give us a hint of the brightness and beauty that is soon to come. The yellows are the showiest of all, and more flowers are produced from one bulb of the mammoth yellow than from any other sort. Then there are the pure white, white with lilac stripes, and the dark purple, all of which are extremely pretty. Last year for the first time I tried sending a few of the crocus blossoms to a friend who told me they lasted three days, and were beautiful as long as they lasted. A long window box with several of these will brighten up a room wonderfully. To be grown successfully in the house, however, they must be given a room with a temperature never exceeding fifty degrees, otherwise the buds will blast. Crocuses may be planted thickly over the tulip bed. The flowers appear almost before the snow is gone in the spring, and fade before the tulips develop.

How To Grow The Sweet Pea.

Seeds sown in late March or early April will yield a late May harvest, and from then on until frost the tangled masses of green vines will bear myriads of blossoms presenting an opalescent sea of beauty, if these directions are followed.

Prepare the soil with some good fertilizer: if manure is used let it be well decayed. Fresh manure may rot the seeds, but if the seeds germinate a wealth of vines and no blossoms will be the result. Having spaded and pulverized the soil, stretch a line as long as the rows are to be. The young vines are so fresh and green when they appear it is a pity to mar their unconventional grace with unspiced rows. Select a sunny situation as the vines need plenty of heat to develop the blossoms. By the side of the line make a trench two inches deep. Sow the

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Temperance Talk.

Life and Death.

So he died for his faith. That is fine—
More than most of us do.
But stay, can you add to that line
That he lived for it, too?

It is easy to die. Men have died
For a wish or a whim—
From bravado, or passion or pride.
Was it harder for him?

But to live: every day to live out
All the truth that he dreamt,
While his friends met his conduct with
doubt.

And the world with contempt—
Was it thus that he plodded ahead,
Never turning aside?
Then we'll talk of the life that he led—
Never mind how he died.

"Bob" Burdette on the Saloon.

The well-known writer, Robert J. Burdette, at one time called the "Burlington Hawkeye Man," expressed himself many times as opposed to the saloon. Recently a fight against the saloon was made in Pasadena, Cal., where he is now located, and in the course of the discussion the saloon men stated that Burdette favored their side of the controversy. This statement called forth an emphatic denial from Burdette, in his characteristic language, and from that reply, which is too long to print here entire, we take the following extracts:

"About the power of prohibitory laws to prohibit—the laws of the State against murder do not entirely prevent murder. But, nevertheless, I am opposed to licensing one murder to every so many thousand persons, even on petition of a majority of the property owners in the block, that we may have all the murder that is desirable in the community under wise regulations, with a little income for the municipality. I believe in the absolute prohibition of murder.

"The laws of the country prohibiting stealing do not prevent stealing. Nevertheless, I am opposed to a high license system of stealing, providing that all theft shall be restricted to certain authorized thieves, who shall steal only between the hours of say 6 a. m. and 11.30 p. m., except Sunday, when no stealing shall be done except by stealth; entrance to be made in all cases on that day by the back door, at the thief's risk. I believe in laws that absolutely forbid theft at any hour on any day of the week.

"And on the same grounds, and just as positively, do I believe in the prohibition of the liquor traffic. And I never said I didn't. And I did say that I did. And I do.

"I do say that the best way to make a man a temperate man is to teach him not to drink. But a saloon is not a kindergarten of sobriety. Your town is under no obligation to any saloon. All that it is in respectability and permanent prosperity it has grown to be without the assistance of the liquor traffic.

"If the saloon men insist in quoting me on this topic, let them commit this to memory, that they may repeat it as they need it: I do not know one good thing about the saloon. It is an evil thing that has not one redeeming feature in its history to commend it to good men. It breaks the laws of God and man. It desecrates the Sabbath; it profanes the name of religion; it defiles public order; it tramples under foot the tenderest feelings of humanity; it is a moral pestilence that blights the very atmosphere of town and country; it is a strain upon honesty; a blur upon purity; a clog upon progress; a check upon the nobler impulses; it is an incentive to falsehood, drink and crime.

"I search through the history of this hateful thing, and read one page over some mother can bow her grateful head and thank God for all the saloon did for her boy. There is

no such record. All its history is written in tears and blood, with smears of shame and stains of crime, the dark blots of disgrace."

Howard to Saloon-keepers.

(Extracts from speech of Clinton N. Howard, at the great Rochester-mass-meeting attended by a committee from the local liquor dealers' association by appointment of their craftsmen to report the character of the meeting and the men attending or contributing, intending to organize a boycott. Howard took the committee for his text—two thousand people applauding his indictment.)

Men in the liquor business, do you wonder that we men who are trying to serve God in the highest sense by serving Humanity, do you wonder that we hate it? Do you wonder that at great cost in time and money, without gain to ourselves, or hope of reward, we fight it?

Do you wonder that for your own sake, the people's sake, the boys' sake, the mothers' sake, the city's sake, we ask you to stop it?

On May 1st your liquor tax expires. We ask you in the name of your own manhood, and for the sake of everything good and pure on earth, don't renew it.

We want you to understand us. We are not fighting individuals. We have no issue with you as men. But we are the enemies of your business. We hate it.

We are not alone in this. You hate it. Ask yourself the question. It is a bad business.

You know that better than we do. Any service that we can do you as brother men we would most gladly do.

Anything that we can do to destroy your business, as the worst enemy of man, we will do—cost what it may. We will leave nothing undone. We will suffer any hardships, make any sacrifice, pay any price, that will rid this city of this fearful curse.

We ask every individual saloon-keeper; we ask YOU—to stop it now. Wash your hands clean of this iniquity. Find some honorable employment. Don't be a fugitive and vagabond on the earth any longer.

The curse of God Almighty is on your business. You know it. Your coffers drip with human blood. You know it.

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Of all men you are regarded as the scum of the earth in this world and face a fearful destiny in the next. Are you blind to all these facts? Are you dumb to all appeals?

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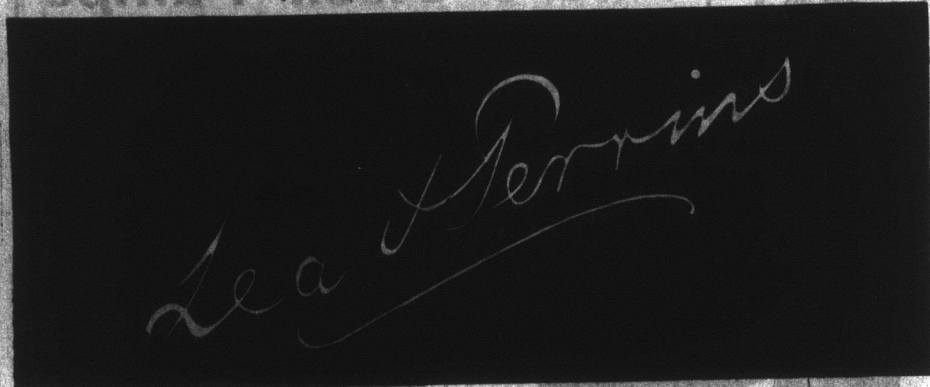
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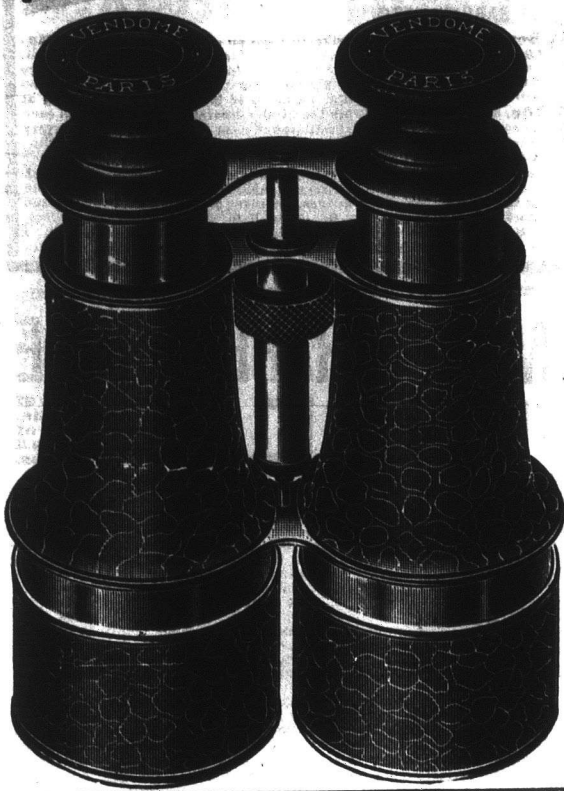
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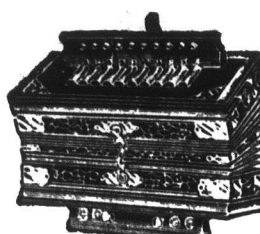
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Easily-made Easter Gifts.

A handy bag, no matter what its size or shape may be, will prove a welcome present any time, but the Easter season affords a special opportunity for gift-making, and these four practical articles are suggested as being inexpensive, appropriate and useful for many purposes.

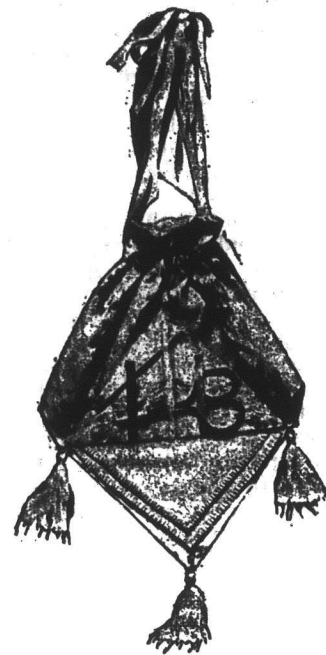
The first illustration shows a most convenient bag with five compartments. It is made of green linen, with white satin ribbon for the binding and strings. The four side pieces are

hem between them to form a casing for the strings of white wash ribbon.



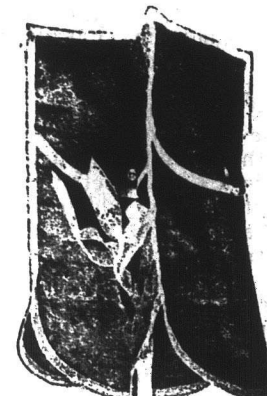
A Laundry Bag for Collars and Cuffs.

The flowered silk bag was made of three-eighths of a yard of material, using one-eighth at the bottom for the needle-case and scissors. Lightweight cardboard, pointed shape,



A Silk Bag for Silk Patches.

each eight inches and a half by five inches wide; the small pockets are four inches long by five inches wide, and the bottom piece is a five-inch square. An extremely neat finish is obtained by sewing the pieces together with the seams on the outside, and then binding them with the narrow ribbon.



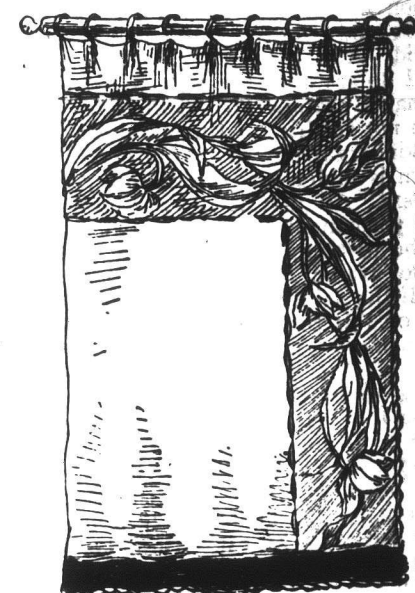
For Buttons and Thread.

should be used to stiffen the ends, over which the silk may be neatly fastened. Two yards of ribbon will be needed for the strings, which should be of some plain color to harmonize with the silk.

Design for a Curtain.

The model indicated as a design for a curtain has for its foundation a tan-colored furniture satin, with a border of wood brown of the same material. This can be made to harmonize in color with the room.

The flowers, which are crocuses, are embroidered in shades of yellows, while the leaves are worked in tender olives. Along the edge of the border



DESIGN FOR A CURTAIN

connecting it with the foundation is a coronation cord of brown silk. Across the bottom is a strip of rich brown velveteen, the whole curtain finished at the lower end and side by a heavy brown cotton cord. The curtain is lined with a gold-colored sateen. This same curtain can be made of denim, the flowers and leaves outlined and then worked in long-and-short-stitch in all their natural colors.



Daintily Trimmed with Lace and Ribbons.

with blue silk. The bottom edge is gathered into a three-inch circular piece of the lawn, with the seam button-holed in the same way as the wheels. A strip of lawn is needed to make the casing for the blue ribbon strings. Cut the material out from under the wheels.

An easily-made bag is the one for laundry, formed of a handkerchief trimmed with white silk feather-stitching. Turn back the corners so that the bag is four inches deep. Gather each of the top of the turning and make a mill loop on the

Pretty Finger Doilies.

A very pretty set of finger doilies can be done by embroidering each one in any of the different small blossoms. The models shown are three effective schemes in very fine pure white linen. The one representing daisies is worked in the natural colors of the flowers, the leaves in a medium shade of green, while the ribbon effect solidly done in white. The violet doily is



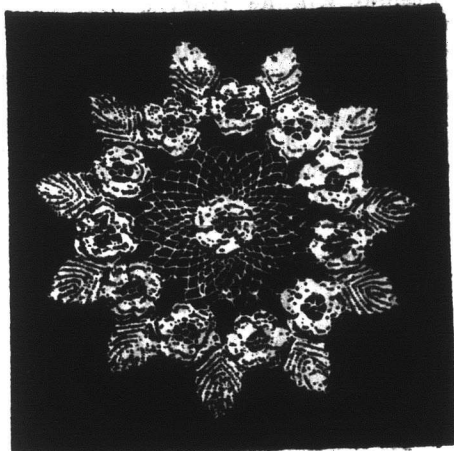
PRETTY FINGER DOILIES

embroidered in delicate tints of purple, the leaves olive green, the bow knot either outlined or solidly worked, also the one indicated in lilies of the valley is worked in white floss with delicate pale-green leaves. Each doily is fringed, and the edge finished with a fine buttonhole.

Rose and Leaf Mat.

Begin in the center with a chain of 12 stitches, join.

1. Chain 8, (a treble in ring, chain 5) 5 times, join to 3d stitch of 8 chain.
2. Under each 5 chain make a shell of 1 double, 1 treble, 5 double trebles, 1 treble and 1 double, 6 shells in all.
3. (Chain 6, a single between 2 doubles of next 3 shells) 6 times, keeping the chain at back of work.
4. Under each 6 chain work 1 double, 1 treble, 7 double trebles, 1 treble and 1 double.
5. Like 3d row, with 7-chain loops instead of 6-chain.
6. Under each 7-chain work 1 double, 1 treble, 9 double trebles, 1 treble, 1 double.
7. Like 3d row, with loops of 9-chains.



8. Under each 9-chain work 12 doubles.
9. Chain 5, miss 1 double, fasten in next; repeat all around.
10. Slip-stitch to center of 1st chain, * chain 5, fasten in center of next 5-chain; repeat around.
11. Like 10th row.
12. Work to middle of 1st chain, chain 7, fasten in center of next chain, repeat from * around.
13. Work to middle of 1st chain, * chain 7, fasten in next chain, repeat around.
14. Work to middle of chain, * chain fasten in next chain; repeat from * around.
15. Chain 9 (after working to middle of 1st chain) fasten in next; repeat. This completes the center of the mat. wanted larger continue with the chain loops, widening as indicated, until you have a circle of loops around the

the center rose, as large as desired. If preferred, the rose may be left out of the center, and a flat mat made.

The outer row of roses is made like that in the center, each separately, as far as the 7th row, joining 4th petal to the preceding rose and 5th and 6th petals to 2 loops of the center. Join in this way: Work to center of petal (that is, make 1 double, 1 treble and 5 double trebles) catch in center of corresponding petal of previous rose, and complete the petal;

work the same way, catch in center of 4-chain loop of center, fill petal; fasten in next loop in like manner, when making 6th petal; then miss a loop of centre before joining next rose. It will be seen that 3 loops are allowed to a rose.

The leaves are made as follows: Chain 14, turn, miss 2, a double in each of 11 stitches, 3 doubles in last stitch, 10 down other side of chain, turn; chain 1, a double in each of 10 doubles, missing 1st double, 3 doubles in 2d of 3 doubles at top, 11 doubles down other side, chain 1, turn, miss 1st double, 11 doubles in 11 doubles, 3 in center of 3 widening doubles, 10 doubles in 10 doubles down other side. Continue thus, alternating 10 and 11 doubles, until there are 7 ridges. Always work in back loop of stitch.

Make 11 leaves, as described, fastening 1 between each 2 roses with needle and thread. Green may be used for the leaves, red for roses and brown for center loops, if desired.

Good Way To Keep Paper Bags.

There are very few housekeepers who do not find uses many times a day for the ordinary paper bags that are continually accumulating. A most excellent way to keep these bags so that they will always be not only easy of access but also in good condition, and in assorted sizes, is to have a pine board, three inches wide by one inch thick, neatly planed. Screw two brass rings in the top by which the board may be hung to the wall or pantry door, and drive three nails with the heads filed off on the board. The bags will slip on and off the nails easily.

Another good idea is to reserve a small drawer in the kitchen or pantry for them. Before being placed in the drawer they should be carefully smoothed and folded.

An enamel cloth bag tacked on the pantry door is also a convenient receptacle for these bags. An ingenious housewife has fashioned a bag, convenient for holding paper bags and also for odds and ends of string. The bag is made by cutting two pieces of linen or duck of the length required. One piece is four inches narrower than the other. The narrower strip is stitched across its width to the wider strip to form three pockets. The two strips are placed flatly together and stitched and bound all around with braid. The middle pocket is made wide enough to hold large and small paper bags; the end pockets are intended for string.

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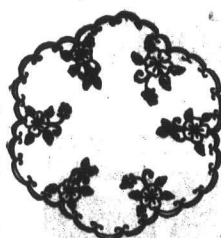
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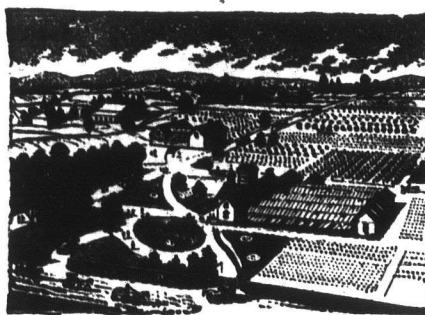
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Sleeplessness on a cold night may often be relieved by tying a silk handkerchief over the head, which sometimes gets cold while the rest of the body is warm.

After exercising or bathing when the pores are open and the skin is in a glow, do not rush out into the open air or into sudden changes of temperature. Severe colds are taken unless good judgment is exercised at such times.

A very agreeable drink for a sick person can be made by using milk instead of water in brewing tea. Proceed in just the same way that you would in making a cup of tea with water, which in order to be palatable should never be steeped.

A home-made cough syrup that is highly recommended calls for the juice of one lemon, half a stick of licorice, pounded fine, a tablespoonful of glycerine, and a couple of ounces of good brandy; bottle and shake well, so as to thoroughly blend the ingredients. One to two teaspoonfuls is the dose.

In case of a sprain, the first item to be considered is perfect rest and the next reducing the swelling, which may be accomplished by application of hot water bandages. If one is far from help or alone, press the painful parts with the thumb and finger, repeating the treatment until some relief is afforded.

A good remedy for bronchitis, which is liable to attack one at any season of the year, is made by the following recipe: Three ounces of linseed, four ounces of sugar, a few cloves, two lemons cut in slices, with two pints of cold water: simmer in a porcelain pan for an hour, strain and add a wineglass of whiskey. Dose a tablespoonful every two hours, until relief is obtained.

Sleeping between blankets is a great preventative of chills, as by so doing the body is not chilled by coming into contact with cold sheets. Those who suffer from cold feet should wear loose, white woollen bed socks. Heat-giving foods, such as butter, dripping, suet pudding, milk puddings, cocoa, soups and broths, produce heat in the body, which flannel, as a non-conductor, prevents from leaving the body.

It has always been claimed that chilblains never trouble people with good circulation, but this does not forever hold true. Sometimes people with evidently the best circulation possible are bothered with chilblains. Bathing in warm, not hot, mustard water will often soothe the irritation, but if not, the afflicted part can be painted with a liniment of iodine and the painting continued while the chilblain remains. The liniment should be prepared by your druggist or by some one who knows exactly the value of the remedy for if the preparation is not properly and carefully made it will do more harm than good. This holds as well with the use of the drug in any case where it is required.

When choosing flowers to take to a sick friend, give preference to bright colors; white flowers, while beautiful, do not cheer as those of gay colors do.

FOR BREAKING UP A COLD.

Anything that will set the blood into active circulation is good for a cold. Bathe the feet in hot water and drink hot water, or hot lemonade, on going to bed; take a salt water sponge bath and remain in a warm room; bathe the face in very hot water every five minutes for an hour or so; snuff hot salt water up the nose every hour or two. Four or five hours' exercise in the open air is often effective. Four or five grains of quinine taken at night will usually have a good effect. A vapor bath, followed by a cool sponge bath, is good. In bathing, one should be careful not to get chilled.

FREEZING AND FROST BITES.

A point to bear in mind at this season is that, in case of freezing or frost bite, heat must never be applied at first. Aim at gradual restoration. Use friction, with snow or ice or cold water, and get up all the friction possible. After a while let heat be applied in the most gentle manner possible. If, in the case of freezing, animation does not return, try artificial respiration, as in the case of drowning. If sores follow frost bites, treat with some reliable ointment. If there is much inflammation, poultice liberally. It is risky to rub frozen skin too hard. A safer way is to hold snow against the frozen spot with the warm hand till it melts and thus gradually suck out the frost. Friction of the surrounding skin may be necessary to restore circulation.

AN OLD-FASHIONED REMEDY.

A good old-fashioned home remedy for cold on the lungs, or any soreness in the chest, is simply spirits of camphor and lard.

To two tablespoonfuls of lard add three tablespoonfuls of spirits of camphor and mix thoroughly; place over the fire until it is melted; then spread on a piece of flannel. Hold the flannel to an open fire until it is quite hot, then lay it on the chest.

If applied at night on going to bed in almost any case by morning the soreness will be relieved. If applied in the daytime one should be careful not to expose himself to cold air or draft. It can be changed and heated occasionally.

This is a simple home remedy used in our childhood days, and we have had occasion many times to prove its efficiency in later years.

HAVE YOU BEEN IN THIS FIX?

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Poetry Of The Hour.

To The Old Prince Edward Boys.

February 27, 1906. The Wizard of Winnipeg winded his horn; Even down through the Southland its echoes were borne; A wand'rer responsive, the elfin notes heard; Her heart to fond fancies their melody stirred. The walls of her work room are wafted aside; And Mem'ry's horizon grows wondrously wide; Fair phantoms come fitting, long lost from her ken; A past incarnation she lives o'er again. In fair old Prince Edward life's quaffed with a zest; Its boys are the bravest, the brightest, the best. She spins o'er the highway to places galore: Gull Pond and Gomorrhah, Soup Harbor, Rossmore, The Sandbanks, The Mountain with Lake at the top, The picnic, the races, the boating, the hop, Brave Bloomfield, proud Picton, and "down to Long Point"— But there's one place that puts all the rest out of joint. 'Tis old Cherry Valley; the hearth-fires burn there; Our fathers and mothers she hears now in prayer; She's greeting the home-folks,—go east or go west, She love's Cherry Valley,—and home folks are best. But the echoes are silenced, the fancies are fled; Prince Edward's "Old Boys" from Prince Edward have sped; And the maiden who knew them, remembered by few, Still loyal to "Lang Syne," sends greeting to you. —E. O. Werden.

If Thou Wert Gone.

If thou wert gone far from this world's vain cavil, For me the joy of earth would then be done, For all my hopes would onward with thee travel— If thou wert gone. If thou wert gone the day would lose its gladness, Across my path would shine no summer sun; Then would I know the utmost depths of sadness— If thou wert gone. If thou wert gone, the illa that ever woo me, Around my heart might all unhidden throng; I tremble at the fate that would pursue me— If thou wert gone. —Celia Burt Wall.

The Grandest Thing.

What is the grandest thing of all? The work that waits each day; The work that calls us on every hand Is work that for us is truly grand, And the love of work is our pay. What is the highest life of all? 'Tis living, day after day, True to ourselves, and true to the night, Standing for truth from dawn till night, And the love of truth for our pay. What is the grandest thing of all? Is it winning heaven some day? No, and a thousand times say no; 'Tis making this old world thrill and glow With the light of love till each shall know Something of heaven here below, And God's "Well done" for our pay. —Jean Blewett.

The Lost Little Sister.

On summer nights, as days did gleam, With waning light, from red to wan, And we did play above the stream, That near our house-lawn rambled on, Our little sister lightly flew And skipped about, in all her pride Of snow-white frock and sash of blue, A shape that night was slow to hide— Beside the brook, that trickled thin Among the pebbles, out and in. When wind may blow, at evening-tide, Now here, now there, by mound and nook, It may be on the leafy lime, Or gray-boughed withy by the brook, Or on the apple-trees may fall, Or on the elms, beside the grove, Or on the lofty tower's wall, On places where we used to rove— Then every sound, in every place, Will call to mind her pretty face, Where periwinkle's buds of blue, By lillies' hollow cups may wind, What, then, can their two colours do, But call our sister back to mind? She wore no black—she wore her white She wore no black—she wore her blue. She never mourned another's flight, For she has been the first that flew, From where our nimble feet did tread, From stone to stone, the water's bed. —Wm. Barnes.

Cupid's Garden.

Every spring in Cupid's garden, Bushes may be seen Bearing strings of flowers coral, Bleeding hearts they are tho' floral, Hanging twixt the green. Cupid's arrows, sharp and deadly, Caused this dire woe, Each young heart now doomed to wither Has been pierced and then brought hither, Bleeding, trembling so, Now he waters them repentant, Tends them all in vain; Hearts that Cupid once has riven He can never more enliven Nor restore again. —Martha Martin, in February's Canadian Magazine.

Fate.

Two shall be born the whole wide world apart, And speak in different tongues, and have no thought Each of the other's being, and no heed; And these o'er unknown seas, to unknown lands, Shall cross, escaping wreck, defying death; And all unconsciously shape every act And bend each wandering step to this one end— That one day out of darkness they shall meet And read life's meaning in each other's eyes. And two shall walk some narrow way of life, So nearly side by side that should one turn Ever so little space to left or right, They needs must stand acknowledged face to face; And yet with wistful eyes that never meet, With groping hands that never clasp, and lips Calling in vain to ears that never hear, They seek each other all their weary days, And die unsatisfied. And this is Fate. —Susan Marr Spaulding.

What They Call It.

Grandma says we're right in style, A-risin' in our automo-bile, Grandpa says we're fit to kill' A-ridin' in our automo-bill. Ma, she says we ought to feel Grateful fer our automo-beel P' says there ain't no other man Kin run an auto like he can, Auntie preaches near and far 'bout our lovely touring car, Uncle Bill says he ain't seen N'where such a good machine, Brother Jim he keeps a-braggin' 'bout the speed of our new wagon, Pa, oh, it sounds so grand and noble As'n sister Sue says automoble. —Puck.

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Hints for the Housewife.

The Doctor's Beard.

Many think that the germs of disease May be lodged in the beard on the face, And that doctors their whiskers should shave, Thus removing a good hiding place. But if doctors should shave off their beard To prevent disease germs lodging there, Then the public would also request That their heads be denuded of hair. And for still farther safety they'd ask That some changes be made in their dress, Put what pattern their fancy would choose, We are only enabled to guess. They might think that the African's robe Of a cloth on the loins would be grand, But for one we protest from the start Of complying with public demand. For the doctor can easily kill All the germs that may lodge in his beard; Antiseptics, when freely applied, Will leave nothing at all to be feared. We maintain that a doctor has rights, Which the public are bound to respect, And his beard is his Maker's own gift, Which he has a right to protect.

To Hang in The Laundry.

It is hard for even the housewife of large experience to remember exactly the simple agents for removing various stains. Knowledge of the average maid or laundress is still more limited, hence a device which serves in our house is a constant jog to the memory. It is a set of rules printed upon a yard of the blackboard cloth used on schoolroom walls. Instead of writing with chalk I printed the rules neatly in the form of a table in white oil paint, thinned with turpentine. This medium, if properly dried, is permanent; it cannot be disturbed either by steam or by rubbing. After allowing it to dry for four or five days it was tacked on the kitchen wall enclosed in a frame of plain pine picture moulding. I measured the blackboard before hanging and bought the moulding properly cut at the corners, so that it fitted together with no labor except putting in the tacks. Below is given a copy of the table for any one who may care to make one.

Ink Stains.—Soak in sour milk. If a dark stain remains rinse in a weak solution of chloride of lime.

Blood Stains.—Soak in cold salt water; then wash in warm water with plenty of soap; afterward boil.

Grass Stains.—Saturate the spot thoroughly with kerosene, then put in the washtub.

Iodine Stains.—Wash with alcohol, then rinse in soapy water.

Hot Tea and Coffee Stains.—Soak the stained fabric in cold water; wring, spread out and pour a few drops of glycerine on each spot. Let it stand several hours; then wash with cold water and soap.

Iron Rust.—Soak the stain thoroughly with lemon juice; sprinkle with salt and bleach for several hours in the sun.

Grease Spots.—Hot water and soap generally remove these. If fixed by long standing, use ether, chloroform or naphtha. All three of these must be used away from either fire or artificial light.

Pitch, Wheel Grease, Tar Stains.—Soften the stains with lard, then soak in turpentine. Scrape off carefully with a knife all the loose surface dirt; sponge clean with turpentine and rub gently till dry.

Mildew.—Soak in a weak solution of chloride of lime for several hours. Rinse in cold water.

Sewing-Machine Oil Stains.—Rub with lard. Let stand for several hours, then wash with cold water and soap.

Scorched Stains.—Put the scorched

place, rub with soap and bleach in the sun.

Fruit Stains.—Stretch the fabric containing the stain over the mouth of a basin and pour boiling water on the stain. In cold weather fruit spots can frequently be removed by hanging the stained garments out-of-doors over night. If the stain has been fixed by time soak the article in a weak solution of oxalic acid or hold the spot over the fumes of sulphur.

Soot Stains.—Rub the spots with dry cornmeal before sending the clothes to the wash.

Vaseline Stains.—Saturate the spot with ether and lay a cup over it to prevent evaporation until the stain is removed. Use ether with very great care.

Chocolate and Cocoa Stains.—Wash with soap in tepid water.

Varnish and Paint.—If the stain is on a coarse fabric dissolve by saturating with turpentine; use alcohol if on a fine fabric. Sponge with chloroform if a dark ring is left by the turpentine. Be very cautious not to use either the chloroform or turpentine where there is either fire or artificial light.

How To Mix Paints.

A correspondent asks us a question on this subject, and we have no doubt there are numerous painter's manuals, or books of instruction in existence; but many of these are not very reliable. We give the following table of compound colors, showing the simple colors which produce them which may be of some service to our inquirer.

Buff—White, yellow, ochre and red.
Chestnut—Red, black and yellow.
Chocolate—Raw umber, red and black.

Claret—Red, umber and black.
Copper—Red, yellow and black.
Dove—White, vermilion, blue and yellow.

Drab—White, yellow ochre, red and black.
Fawn—White, yellow and red.
Flesh—White, yellow ochre, and vermilion.

Freestone—Red, black, yellow ochre and white.
French Gray—White, prussian blue and lake.

Gray—White lead and black.
Gold—White, stone ochre and red.
Green-Bronze—Chrome, green, black and yellow.

Green Pea—White and chrome green.
Lemon—White and chrome green.
Limestone—White, yellow ochre, black and red.

Olive—Yellow, blue, black and white.
Orange—Yellow and red.
Peach—White and vermilion.

Pearl—White, black and blue.
Pink—White, vermilion and lake.
Purple—Violet, with more red and white.

Rose—White and madder lake.
Sandstone—White, yellow ochre, black and red.

Snuff—Yellow and vandyke brown.
Violet—Red, blue and white.

In the above table the first-named color is always the principal ingredient and the others follow in the order of their importance. Thus in mixing a limestone tint white is the principal ingredient and the red the color of which the least is needed. The exact proportions of each must be determined by experiment with a smaller quantity. It is best to have the principal ingredient thick and add to it the other paints thinner.

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BOYS AND GIRLS.

Little Kindnesses.

You gave on the way a pleasant smile,
And thought no more about it;
It cheered a life that was sad the while,
That might have been wrecked with-
out it.

And so for the smile and fruitage fair
You'll reap a crown sometime—some-
where.

You spoke one day a cheering word,
And passed to other duties;
It warmed a heart, new promise stirred,
And painted a life with beauties.
And so for the word and its silent
prayer
You'll reap a palm sometime—some-
where.

You lent a hand to fallen one,
A life in kindness given;
It saved a soul when help was none,
And won a heart for Heaven.
And so for the help you proffered there
You'll reap joy sometime—somewhere.

Franklin's Advice to the World.

Time is money.
Make haste slowly.
Forewarned, forearmed.
Little strokes fell great oaks.
Eat to live and not live to eat.
There are no gains without pains.
A good example is the best sermon.
Three removes are as bad as a fire.
One to-day is worth two to-morrows.
Married in haste, repent at leisure.
Constant dropping wears away stones.
He that goes aborrowing goes asor-
rowing.
Fools make feasts and wise men eat
them.
God heals, and the doctor takes the
fees.
There never was a good war or bad
peace.
It is hard for an empty bag to stand
upright.
When the well's dry we know the
worth of water.
Dost thou love life? Then do not
squander time.
In this world nothing is certain but
death and taxes.
Never leave that till to-morrow which
you can do to-day.
If you'd have a servant that you like,
serve yourself.
If you would have your business
done, go! if not, send!
Those have a short Lent who owe
money to be paid at Easter.
Beware of little expenses, a small
leak will sink a great ship.
Experience keeps a dear school, but
fools will learn in no other.
Idleness and pride tax with a heavier
hand than kings and parliaments.
Early to bed and early to rise
Makes a man healthy, wealthy and
wise.
Vessels large may venture more,
But little boats should keep near
shore.

False Sympathy.

Most people find it difficult to resist
the note of sympathy in a friend's
voice, even when it has not been called
for and is not even deserved. But
there is a sympathetic friend always
around opening our eyes to our suffer-
ings. So great a snare is sympathy
that girls and women will jump at any
bait.

The girl who has a slight headache
begins to feel really ill when a friend
bubbling over with sympathy calls in
and begins petting up the "poor old
dear."

When she cannot possibly rake up
any present grievance she harks back
to the troubles of the past.

In time the most sympathetic friend
gets tired of the girl who has got into
the habit of walling, whereas other
folks have found her out and dropped
her long ago.

Bear your troubles with silence;
your character will become strength-
ened, and you will keep the friendship
and real sympathy of the best charac-
ters you know. Making troubles a sub-
ject of conversation shows very poor
powers of entertaining guests or host-
ess.

On the Installment Plan.

To buy on the installment plan is
popular nowadays, but no one must
imagine that it is something new.
Nature instituted the method when
time began. You do not pay all
at once for the late hours
you keep. Some of you spend several
evenings a week in enjoyments which
keep you up till the small hours, and
you boast that you are able to rise and
go to your work in the morning with-
out feeling much the worse for wear.
The friction between yourself and the
friend you value most does not seem
to you to amount to anything. Sharp
words are exchanged, bitter reproaches
flung back and forth, and then comes
the reconciliation, and all runs smooth-
ly again.

Do not fancy, because you are pay-
ing for these things on the installment
plan, that they cost nothing. The late
hours and overtaxing of your strength
are gradually sapping your system.
In a year's time you will notice it more
than you do now. In five years every
one will recognize that the payment is
going to leave you bankrupt. Do not
flatter yourself that your friendship is
unchanged by the constant bickering
and fault finding. A little loss of re-
spect to-day, a decrease of affection,
too slight to be noticed, is all; but
these payments kept up for years, have
meant heart-break over and over again.

Heard In The Street.

What Was Said:

You will find me most any time.
I told the two of them to go home.

I didn't look to see you to-day.
I have forgot my cheque-book.
The lines of that building are terribly
good.

When he had money he threw it
away.

Was you a-callin' me?
I would kind of like to know where
he is.

He always done his work well.
Where can I find McCarthy, he who
moved your furniture?

A widow woman lives in the lower
tenement.

Neither of them have any beauty to
boast of.

Fresh air and exercise are the best
preventatives.

You know as well as me that he
never said no such thing.

I'll be glad to do all I can
Where's my gloves?
You needn't put on the kids to go
there.

I had just laid down when the door-
bell rang.

If I was as old as you be, I think I'd
be able to do it.

This dress has never been laundered.
Where are you going to?
Wish't I could find a thing where
it ought to be," says I.

What Should Have Been Said:

You will find me at almost any time.
I told both of them (or, them both)
to go home.

I didn't expect to see you to-day.
I have forgotten my cheque-book.
The lines of that building are exceed-
ingly good.

When he had money he threw it away.

Were you calling me?
I should rather like to know where
he is.

He always did his work well.
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You know as well as I do that he
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I shall be glad to do all I can.
Where are my gloves?
You needn't put on kid gloves to go
there.

I had just lain down when the door-
bell rang.

If I were as old as you are, I think
I should be able to do it.

This dress has never been laundered.
Where are you going?
"I wish I could find a thing where it
ought to be," said I.

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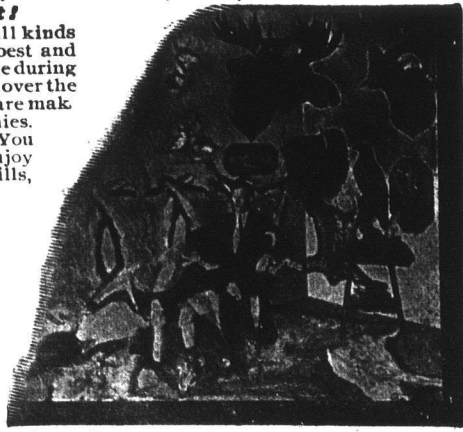
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Women and The Home.

Buttermilk.

Some people long for lemonade
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And some for soda—with the aid
Of sundry wicked winks.
But, when the sun is fierce and high,
'Tis then my fancies turn
To buttermilk—'tis then I sigh
For nectar from the churn.

Forgotten then are drafts of wine
That all the senses cloy,
And you your happy soul resign
To deep drawn breaths of joy.
And he who does not know of this
Has one glad truth to learn—
That buttermilk is liquid bliss
When ladled from the churn.

The Woman.

She belonged to a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, but she made the poor dressmaker work day and night to get her ball dress ready on time, and then forgot to pay the dressmaker for weeks and weeks. She belonged to the society for the amelioration of human kind, but she was keen on hunting bargains that were made possible by the toil and suffering of her sisters in noisome sweatshops.

She reprimanded the small boy that threw a stone at a cat, yet she drove a team of horses with docked tails. She wrote a beautiful article for the local paper advocating the organization of Audubon societies among the boys and girls, then donned a hat containing three stuffed birds and gaily went to the editor's sanctum to submit the article.

She was chairman of the committee on social science at the club, and gave the servant girl a cheerless garret with broken and marred furniture.

She was prominent in her church kensington, and read a paper deploring the fact that the poor do not attend church more, and while reading it she wore silks and satins enough to defray the living expenses of the average workingman's family for six months. Something about the inconsistency of the men might be added to this, but space is too limited to even make a start on that subject.

Tea Drinking.

According to an investigation made by Dr. Tebb, public analyst of England, the amount of tea consumed in this country averages six pounds per year to each person. This means that the average person who uses tea every day swallows between three and four grains of caffeine and nine grains of tannin. When we add this to the amount of caffeine and tannin that is taken in coffee, and other beverages, we find that the average person is swallowing a large amount of these poisons.

Very few people have any idea that tea or coffee is injurious to them. Women who are in the habit of drinking tea, feel that they cannot do without it. Of course, it is stimulating, and it is the effect of the stimulant that makes them think the tea does them good.

Many a person suffers from palpitation, dyspepsia, sleeplessness, emaciation, anemia, etc., but they would not be willing to believe that it is tea or coffee that is causing the trouble.

They would be very much surprised if told their illness was due to intemperance. The too free use of tea or coffee is just as much intemperance as an over use of any other beverage.

Tea drinking is made more harmful oftentimes by the way in which the tea is made. Tea should never be allowed to stew or boil, as this extracts a large amount of the tannin. The safest way to make tea, is simply to pour boiling water on the leaves and allow it to stand for a few minutes. Neither should tea be drunk while very hot, as this causes indigestion also.

We presume that the people who are drinking tea will not

be in a hurry to give it up, no matter how much may be said as to its injurious effects; but at least we would caution the tea drinker to be moderate in his use of it. An intemperate use of tea may turn the "cup that cheers" into a health-destroying potion.

Round the House.

Open the bedroom windows, take the bed apart and open the closet door before coming down in the morning.

Never set a bed in the corner of a room; there should be open space on at least three sides. Never sleep with the face turned to a rear wall.

It is not necessary to have the walls of a room disfigured by a banging door. Take an old cotton spool, put a bit of wadding around it and cover with a dark material as near the color of the carpet as possible. Pass a long brass headed nail through the reel and drive it into the floor a few inches from the wall.

If your bureau drawers move in and cut with difficulty, rub soap over their edges. If that does not remedy the trouble use sandpaper.

In sweeping do not use one side of the broom all the time; change it about often; this will keep it straight, and as long as it lasts it will sweep well.

If you want a good dressing for the dining-room or hall or kitchen floor, try the following; it dries hard, glossy and will not scratch: One pint of good coach varnish, one pint of boiled oil, one half pint of turpentine, mix.

Silver can be kept bright in an airtight case with a good-sized piece of camphor.

Keep the Shades Up.

The habit of keeping the window-shades down, which is so common a practice, even when there is no direct sun glare on the window, is a direct setting at naught of physiological principles which teach us the importance to health of body and mind, of an abundance of light. Sir James Crichton-Browne, in an address on light and sanitation, delivered at the jubilee conference of the Manchester and Salford Sanitary Association, says: "I have spoken of light as purifying our atmospheric environment and as freeing us from certain superficial parasitic distempers, and I wish now to remind you that it has still more deep and intimate human relations of a sanitary nature; for light is a necessary condition of mental and bodily well-being. Its tonic physical effects are everywhere recognized. All properly organized men and women love the light, and it is not merely to children that darkness brings with it a sense of powerlessness, danger and alarm.

"Essential for all the purposes of life, for the supply of oxygen on which existence depends, light is the universal stimulus. Falling on the eye, it sets up functional activities, associated with intellectual and emotional states, and attempts have been made to discriminate the physical effects of its different elements, and to employ colored light in the treatment of mental disorders. These attempts cannot be said to have been hitherto very successful, but still it is curious to note that many independent observers—indeed, I believe, all observers who have written on the subject—have arrived at the same conclusion: that the blue rays have a depressing, and the red rays an exciting, effect on the brain.

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Rose Snaps.—Mix to a rather stiff batter two and one-half cupfuls of sugar, three eggs, one cupful of butter, a teaspoonful of soda, two teaspoonfuls of rose; roll very thin, cut into rose shapes and bake in a moderate oven.

Banana Croquettes.—After removing the skin and coarse threads from bananas, cut in half, roll in egg and sifted bread crumbs seasoned with salt and pepper, and fry for a minute and a half in deep, hot fat, draining on soft paper before serving.

Oyster Patties.—Prepare cases from puff paste or purchase from the caterer. Scald sufficient oysters in their own liquor, then drain and chop fine. Make a richly seasoned cream dressing, and while hot, stir in the oysters, fill the heated shells and serve hot.

Cabbage Tart.—Slice or chop fine a small head, and season with salt and pepper; cook in a kettle in just enough water to keep from burning; take one-half cupful sour cream, one-half cupful vinegar, two eggs, butter size of an egg, beat together and pour it over the cooked cabbage in the kettle; let it boil up once and serve. This can be eaten by a dyspeptic without harm.

Fried Carrots.—Select the smallest young roots; wash and scrape them and boil them until nearly tender enough for the table, then drain and saute them in butter until slightly browned on all sides; sprinkle with minced parsley and serve very hot. The carrots may be cut into large strips before frying, if that way is preferred. Some persons add a trace of sugar to the butter in which they cook.

Squash Crumpets.—Beat four eggs until light, then add one and a half cupfuls of milk, one cupful of canned squash, three tablespoonfuls of melted butter, one cupful of wheat flour and half a cupful of entire wheat flour, half a teaspoonful of salt, three tablespoonfuls of sugar, one-half cupful of milk and two teaspoonfuls of baking powder; beat these ingredients well and bake in buttered muffin tins for twenty-five minutes.

Orange Egg Pudding.—Peel and slice a half dozen oranges and set aside, with a cupful of sugar over them; in a mixing bowl pour the whites of six eggs; beat until stiff, add a pint of thick cream previously whipped and two teaspoonfuls of gelatine, which has been dissolved in a little cold water; set this mixture away to cool, and, when partially hardened, stir in the orange and sugar very lightly and pack in a mould. Serve cold.

Pineapple Muffins.—Sift two and one-half cupfuls of flour and mix with it three teaspoonfuls of baking powder, a saltspoonful of salt and four dessert spoonfuls of sugar; beat two eggs in a bowl and into it pour two-thirds of a coffee cupful of milk; add this to the other mixture and beat in three table-spoonfuls of melted butter; lastly, stir in one cupful of grated pineapple; fill the muffin rings two-thirds full and bake about twenty-five minutes.

Pumpkin Pudding.—Press a pint of dry, cooked pumpkin through a colander; let one-half pint of milk get scalding hot and add to it one-quarter pound each of butter and granulated sugar; when the butter is melted, beat in very gradually eight eggs, which have been whipped until very light. Flavor with the juice of a lemon, a grated nutmeg and a large teaspoonful of powdered mace and cinnamon mix-ture. Line a shallow pudding dish with good pastry, pour in the pumpkin mixture and bake in a quick oven. This is delicious.

Baked Cranberry Pudding.—Place a quart of berries in an earthen baking dish add two cupfuls of sugar; cover with a light crust; bake in a moderate oven one-half hour. Serve with hard sauce.

Cranberry Dumplings.—Cut squares of dough, put on each a spoonful of thick sauce, bring the corners of the dough together at the top to hold the sauce. These are equally good whether steamed or baked.

Oyster Sausages.—In the proportion of one dozen large oysters to one-half a pound of rump steak, chop both ingredients fine, season with salt, pepper and herbs and roll into the form of sausages, frying quickly in deep, hot fat.

Curried Fowl.—Cut a fowl in pieces; shred an onion small and fry it brown in butter; dredge thickly with curry powder and fine salt, and put all into a stewpan with one pint of good stock; stew slowly until all is cooked, and serve with a dish of well-boiled rice.

Baked Omelet.—Place six eggs in a frying-pan over the fire; as soon as they begin to "set" remove and place in a very hot oven; when slightly browned, fold or turn a hot dish on top of the pan and upset the omelet with a quick motion, thus dishing it with the underside uppermost.

Orange Puff Pie.—Cream together three-fourths of a cupful of sugar and three tablespoonfuls of butter and beat in the juice of an orange and half of the rind, grated; add the beaten eggs, reserving the whites of two of them for icing; line a deep pie plate with a rich, flaky crust and fill with the mixture; bake, and, when done, cover with an icing made by beating the whites of the two eggs with three tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar.

Pickled Walnuts.—Take the walnuts when they are well filled out but tender; pierce each one with a strong needle three or four times and lay them in a brine, which completely dissolves its salt, changing for fresh every day for nine days, then spread the nuts in the air till they become black; put them in crocks and pour over them this mixture, boiling hot: A gallon of vinegar, an ounce each of ginger-root, allspice, mace and whole cloves, and add two ounces of peppercorns, boil all together for ten minutes; cover, pressing the nuts under the vinegar with a plate, and let them stand six weeks before using.

Pickled Oysters.—Strain the liquor from one hundred large oysters, and add to it a quarter of a pint of best vinegar, a quarter of a pint of white wine, four saltspoonfuls of salt, six spoonfuls of whole black pepper and a little whole mace; put this on the fire and let it boil a few minutes, then pour while boiling hot over the oysters and let them stand ten minutes; pour the liquor off and let both liquor and oysters get cold, then put the oysters in glass jars and cover with the liquor; put on the covers and close tightly. These will keep for some time.

Sweet Apple Pickles.—Select smooth apples below medium size and have them uniform; peel carefully and leave the stems on; allow two quarts of vinegar, four pounds of light brown sugar, one ounce each of ground cinnamon and cloves; tie the spice in little cheese-cloth bags and some sticks of whole cinnamon; when scalding hot, put in enough apples to cook well; when they can be easily pierced with a broom straw, skim out in a stone jar and cook the other apples; pour the hot vinegar over the pickles, turn on inverted plate or saucer over the jar and tie up securely with white muslin.

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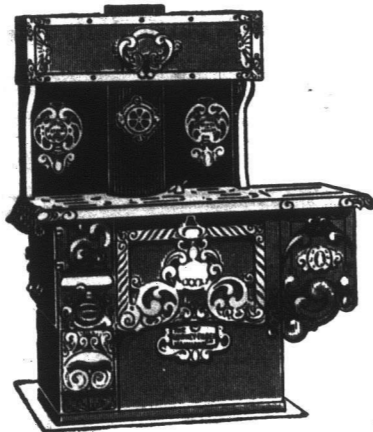
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Papa's Kiss.

"Why don't you kiss like mamma?"
Asked the little maid of three,
As she ran to greet her papa,
And climbed upon his knee.
"Her tisses taste like candy,
And is dood enough to eat;
But your mouf do taste awful,
And ain't the least bit sweet."
"That is so," replied the father—
Her eyes he dare not meet—
"There's no reason why, my darling,
My kiss should not be sweet."
To him the thought was galling,
That each evening with his kiss,
He had thoughtlessly polluted
Those innocent young lips.
"Come here, dear wife and mother,
And help me take this vow:
Neither liquor nor tobacco
Shall touch my lips from now.
And oh, dear heavenly Father,
Thou who art good and wise,
I thank Thee for this angel
Who has opened my blind eyes."

Dairy Hints.

Keep the cow clean by currying her every day.

Never let cows drink from a pond that has no outlet.

You cannot make good butter if the cows eat garlic.

Never add anything to milk to prevent it from souring.

Never mix fresh milk with that which has been canned.

Never move a cow faster than a slow walk if she has a full udder.

Don't let a milker who uses tobacco milk if you want good butter.

Any person who milks a cow should have the finger nails cut close.

The first streams from the teat are very watery, and had better be milked on to the ground.

The cow that gives a regular amount of milk the year around has a better record than the cow that gives a large amount of milk after freshening and then fizzes out.

Winter dairying brings the big money. Have butter to sell when your neighbors have none. Then besides the winter milk, cows will do very well the coming summer also.

Bad odors in the milk can sometimes be gotten rid of by stirring the milk well or pouring from one vessel to another. Aeration of the mixture of air thus accomplished banishes the odor.

Cows that are losing great patches of hair around the neck and tail have the mange. Cure it. Take one of the coal tar products, mix with fifteen parts of water and brush well into the skin. Much of the milk goes to fight the mange, which is a drain on the system.

The richness of a cow's milk is not always indicated by the color. White milk is sometimes rich and yellow milk is sometimes deficient in fat. See what the Babcock test says about it and then you will know what cows in the herd are loafing and beating their board bill.

The old cow has a yearning disposition, this time of the year, to spend a good share of the time scratching herself. It is cow nature to do this. If she has been provided with a good stout rubbing post in the cow lot, she will soon discover what it is meant for and take the greatest satisfaction in using it.

Don't get the notion that it does not pay to feed grain to good milk cows. Notice that we say good cows. The cows will be in better health for summer and will pay for their grain. Practical experience proves this. Grind the grain. Barley and oats, or oats and wheat, or corn and oats, make good mixtures. Oil meal and bran or gluten feed can also be used to advantage after you have been converted to

Blindness in Horses.

So many farmers have windows in their barns placed directly before the heads of their horses. Very evidently it has never occurred to them what effect this would have upon the eyes of their much abused dumb friends.

As we all know, a horse while eating, from the manger is continually raising and lowering his head; we might say, at every bite he takes. Now this continual and frequent change of light, from a semi-dark manger to the glaring light of the window and vice versa, affects the eyes more than we are aware of.

We are not prepared to say here just what the results would be with all horses under like conditions, but think we are justified in stating that it certainly is one of the causes of the many cases of blindness varying from partial to total blindness, and which causes shying, stumbling and fright.

We don't mean to say that we would dispense with windows, for we strongly believe in an abundance of light and fresh air. By all means have your barns well lighted, but not from the side which the horses face, or if this must be, make the windows so far above the horses' heads as not to throw the light in their eyes.

"Most Everything."

This was the answer I received after propounding to a man the question, "What do you feed your horses?" The interrogation was drawn out by the fine appearance and good spirits of the team after which we were riding. These horses were not confined to a narrow regimen, but had the chance of a nip of various things for which horse appetite calls. There are many things that horses like much better than those that the thoughtless owner hands out to them. Even a nibble of straw is acceptable occasionally. An apple, a few small potatoes, an ear of corn, some wheat bran, linseed meal, carrots, etc.—all of these have a place in affording variety in diet for the horses. Such feeding is much more economical than a narrow, changeless diet. In continuously feeding narrow, ill-balanced rations the horse's kidneys and other excretory organs are over-taxed and often clogged by simply throwing away material which in a varied, well-balanced regimen would have important food value.

Incubators on the Farm

Many farmers believe that the methods of their fathers are good enough for them, and that the old hen is the best incubator they can employ. Some farmers, however, are beginning to appreciate the necessity for hatching chicks early, in order that the pullets may be matured and lay early in the fall, when eggs are high and the cock-crels be grown and marketed, when they bring the highest prices. In order to do this, it is necessary to use incubators, for the hens seldom want to sit in March and the early part of April, when the chicks must be hatched in order to be most profitable later.

Incubators are no longer expensive; time was when it was necessary to pay one hundred dollars or more for 150-egg incubators, while better machines, holding the same number of eggs, can now be purchased for less than a quarter of that figure. There is no good reason why every farmer cannot hatch chicks early with an incubator, brood them with brooders and have broilers to sell in summer, and eggs in the early autumn, when his neighbors have none. It is simply a case of getting a good incubator, of which there are plenty, using good, fertile eggs, taking good care of the chicks and making a good profit.

"Well fed, half bred" is an old saying among cattle feeders. It applies just as well to poultry.

Mixed Cream and Dirty Separators.

A certain hand separator agent, while soliciting patronage, claimed that separator bowls need to be washed but once in two days. Evidently this agent did not intend to travel the same road twice. By such prevarication he is perpetrating the worst kind of an outrage on the hand separator, as poor skimming and abominable cream must follow in the wake of such advice.

Don't fail to wash the hand separator after every separating, as warm milk in an enclosed separator bowl, mixed with the little refuse that is certain to remain there, soon becomes a rotten mass to adhere to every portion of the bowl. In a short time this becomes a veritable incubator for hatching the bacteria that will infest and multiply in the warm milk that follows, and soap-house butter must be the inevitable result. The filthy farm separator and gilt-edged butter will never travel together.

Don't mix the warm cream fresh from the farm separator with the cool cream from the previous skimming. Cool before mixing; if you don't, the butter maker will be justified in refusing the whole mass.

Poultry Pointers.

The farmer can raise poultry and produce eggs for less money than the man in any other business.

Good feeding means giving a variety of good, sound, wholesome feed. This is the whole of feeding in a few words.

No one should be satisfied with common "scrub" poultry. Get good stock and try to improve it every year.

Mark the hens that moult earliest and put them in the breeding pens next year. They are the ones that lay in winter.

Feed that is good for a cow in milk is good for a laying hen. Even silage chopped fine is a good winter feed for poultry.

A well-known poultry expert tried late hatched chicks. The result made him poetical. He says they faded away like a dream.

The hen that oftenest flies into the garden or is oftenest in mischief will very likely prove to be the best layer in the flock.

Hens will eat filthy feed but they should not be allowed to do so.

Try to get the pullets at work laying before real cold weather comes on. Once they begin it is much easier to keep them going than it is to coax them to begin after winter sets in.

Keep the turkeys tame by feeding them every morning and evening. They sometimes get very wild towards fall, when grasshoppers are thick and stubble fields are all around.

Don't think you can select a good layer by looking at her. This has been tried by a lot of well posted poultrymen and the decisions were tested by a trap nest. The result showed that the egg-type is not yet discovered.

Grade Your Spring Grains.

Farmers in past years in this country have given comparatively little attention to the selection of spring wheat and the other various spring and winter grains. Not one farmer in a thousand would take the trouble, nor has he the time, to go over his grain fields just before harvest and make a careful study of individual plants to determine their vigor, stooling capacity, the size of the head and grain, or the extent to which it is rust and smut-proof. The easy way for the farmer to accomplish the same result in a measure is to use a good grader and select the largest and plumpest grains for seed. These grow only on the most vigorous stalks with the greatest rust and smut resistance. Do not sow small seed of any variety of grain.

The short way for the farmer to do this is to buy or rent a first-class grader, and some time before sowing take time to grade all his grain carefully. In this way he will grow larger crops, and in no way that we are aware of, unless it be in selecting seed corn, will he make as many dollars in the same length of time.

Prof. C. A. Zavitz, of Guelph Agricultural College, Canada, read a paper before the Kansas Corn Breeders' Convention, reporting experiments made at his station with the following results:

Large grained oats yielded 62 bushels per acre, while the small seed yielded less than 47 bushels. Large grained spring wheat yielded 21.7 bushels, the small seed 18. Large grained winter wheat yielded 46.9 bushels, small seed 40.4. Similar results followed with large and small seeds of barley and field peas. This is precisely what anyone might expect.

Tripe and Potato Stew.—Cut one pound of cold cooked tripe into inch pieces with half the amount of cold boiled potatoes; make a rich cream sauce of two tablespoonfuls of butter, a tablespoonful and a half of flour and a cupful and a half of rich milk; season with a teaspoonful of onion juice, salt and cayenne, and add the tripe and potato; toss gently in the sauce until thoroughly heated through and serve in a hot, covered dish. Oysters are sometimes used in place of the potatoes.

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The Lion's Share.

Patrick Murphy, while passing down Tremont St., was hit on the head by a brick which fell from a building in process of construction. One of the first things he did, after being taken home and put to bed, was to send for a lawyer.

A few days later he received word to call, as his lawyer had settled the case. He called and received five crisp, new \$100 bills.

"How much did you get?" he asked.

"Two thousand dollars," answered the lawyer.

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Presidential Facetiousness.

Of the many unconventional spontaneous speeches of President Roosevelt the following is one of the most humorous:

Recently Congressman Alexander, of Buffalo, took about a dozen Daughters of the Revolution to see the President. The ladies were all "dressed up," of course, and they made an imposing procession as they filed into Mr. Roosevelt's room.

The President arose with a chuckle, and said: "My dear Senator Smoot, how do you do? Please present me."

The Daughters giggled, and Congressman Alexander was so flustered that he could not say a word for a minute or two.

The Train Flew.

An old patriarch and his wife from the hills of Indian Territory were riding on a railroad train in the Choctaw Nation for the first time in their lives. They were very much interested in the scenery and the novelty of their experience when the train suddenly ran upon a long trestle. Looking out of the window, the old people saw the ground recede from beneath them, and they held their breath in abject terror. When the train finally reached the dirt roadbed again the old woman looked at her husband with a sigh of relief and said: "Thank the Lord, Silas, we've lit!"

Lost His Certificate, Too.

A certain merchant of Baltimore, who is well-known for his philanthropic spirit, was approached one day by an Irishman, formerly in his employ, who made a touching appeal for assistance. Said he:

"I trust, sor, that ye'll find it convenient to help a poor man whose house an' everything in it was burned down last week, sor."

The merchant, although he gives with a free hand, exercises considerable caution in his philanthropy, so he asked:

"Have you any papers or certificates to show that you have lost everything by fire, as you say?"

The Irishman scratched his head as if bewildered. Finally he replied:

"I did have a certificate to that effect, sor, signed before a notary; but, unfortunately, it was burned up."

Too Much Postage.

The lawyers were discussing the merits and demerits of a well-known member of the New Orleans bar who had been gathered to his fathers, and one of the party recalled the time when he studied in the old man's office.

He had a copying clerk whose inefficiency continually worked the judge up to a point of explosion.

One day a wire basket fell off the top of his desk and scratched his cheek. Not having any court plaster he slapped on three postage stamps and went on with his work.

A little later he had some papers to take to the United States Court, and forgetting all about the stamps, he put on his hat and went out. As he entered the office the judge raised his head and fixed him with an astonished stare. The clerk stopped and looked frightened and finally asked:

"Anything—er—wrong, sir?"

"Yes, sir," thundered the old gentleman. "You are carrying too much postage for second-class matter."

Absent-Minded.

A certain absent-minded professor, who was a deep thinker, and consequently pre-occupied, was reading one evening after dinner when his wife approached, and, touching him on the shoulder, remarked softly, "Mr. and Mrs. Branner are coming over this evening, so just go upstairs and put on your other coat."

The quiet little professor complied without a murmur. An hour later, when the visitors had been in the house some time, the hostess excused herself for a moment and slipped upstairs to see what detained her husband. She found him in bed, calmly sleeping.

"Oh, to be sure, the Branners!" he said, when she awakened him. "I must have forgotten what I came to for when I removed my coat, for I kept on undressing and went straight to bed."

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A prospective Boston bridegroom, who meant to be master in his own house, called on the well-known Unitarian clergyman, Rev. C. W. Wendte, who was to tie the knot the following day. "I have heard," he said, "that you omit the word 'obey' from the marriage service. Will you kindly insert it to-morrow?" Mr. Wendte obligingly promised to do so. "With thou, Lucy, promise to love, honor, and obey?" was promptly answered by the bride without demur. The same question was put to the groom, who hesitated, stammered, and gulped, but answered, as had his bride, "I will," probably not wishing to create a scene. Later he reproached the minister. "But you asked me to use the word 'obey,'" said Mr. Wendte, with a twinkle in his eyes; "how was I to know that you wanted it for the lady only? You should have been more explicit."

Feeding the Animals.

Little Johnny had been gazing thoughtfully at his book of animal pictures, when he suddenly called out: "Say, pa, does it cost much to feed a lion?" "Yes." "How much?" "Oh, a lot of money." "A wolf would make a good meal for a lion, wouldn't it, pa?" "Yes, I guess so." "And a fox would be enough for the wolf, wouldn't it?" "Yes, yes." "And a hawk could make a meal off a hawk, eh, pa?" "I suppose so." "And the hawk would be satisfied with a sparrow?" "Of course." "And a big spider would be a good meal for the sparrow, wouldn't it, pa?" "Yes, yes." "And a fly would be enough for the spider?" "And a drop of molasses would be all that the fly would want, wouldn't it?" "Oh, stop your chatter." "But wouldn't it, pa?" "Yes." "Well, pa, couldn't a man keep a lion more'n a year on a pint of molasses?" But just at this point it was discovered that it was time for little Johnny to go to bed.

Not on Sale.

A company which manufactures band instruments receives a large number of letters from green players, asking advice as to their difficulties. Several months ago this company sold a cornet to a man in Montreal. As might have been expected, after he had played it for some time without removing the valves the action became stiff. He wrote to the manufacturers, explaining the trouble, and asking whether he should grease the valves. In answer he was told that it was the usual custom of the cornet players, when this difficulty occurred, to remove the valves and put a little saliva upon them. To their astonishment the next week's mail brought the following letter: "Gentlemen—Kindly send me twenty-five cents' worth of saliva. I can't get it in the stores here. Enclosed find stamps in payment."

A New Malady.

It was Christmas Day and the candy lion had been waiting—oh, so patiently—for Mary to finish her dinner. Much against her baby wishes had she been obliged to swallow the last of her bread. When her mother insisted on the finishing her milk the small face looked up in desperation as she lisped, "Gizzer, if I eat any more food I will humpback in my stomach like papa!"

Only One Could Dictate to Her

Someone who has been in Los Angeles recently tells the following story on the Burdettes: "The Pastor of the Temple Church and his wife were traveling on the Overland Limited. They were seated during the day in sections of the sleeping-car opposite each other. Each was vigorously at work with a typewriter. A young man coming through the car thoughtlessly imagined that Mrs. Burdette was the stenographer of the train and waiting at her side until she looked up asked her if she could take some dictation for him soon. Vigorously pulling his coat tail and with a twinkle in his eye Mr. Burdette said: "Young man, Mrs. Burdette allows only one man on earth to dictate to her."

A Queer Case.

"When I was once in danger from a lion," said the old African explorer, "I tried sitting down and staring at him, as I had no weapons." "How did it work?" asked his companion. "Perfectly. The lion didn't even offer to touch me." "Strange! How do you account for it?" "Well, sometimes I've thought it was because I sat down on the branch of a very tall tree."

A Hustler.

The Customer—You've been a jolly long time for that coffee. What have you been doing? The Waitress—Well, if you want to know, I've been helping an old chap on with his overcoat, explaining to three gentlemen that I couldn't meet them on Sunday, getting a week's notice, and refusing an offer of marriage. That's a pretty good record for four and a half minutes, don't you think?

When Mark Twain Played Turtle.

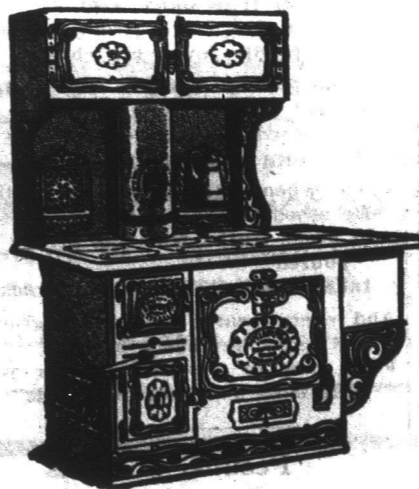
Out in Hannibal, Missouri, there are old people who remember an interesting incident in the childhood of Mark Twain. When the Clemens family moved to that town from Florida, Missouri, in 1839, the great humorist was four years old. Among his playmates, and living next door, was a little girl named Fanny Pavey. Between the Clemens and Pavey homes was a high board fence, punctured here and there with knot-holes at which Mark used to play peek-a-boo with Fanny. One day he suggested to her that they play turtle. "What's playin' turtle?" asked Fanny cautiously. "Poke your finger frew a knot-hole an' I'll show you," observed the boy. Little Fanny did as she was ordered. The moment the tiny finger of the trusting child appeared in a knot-hole, Mark Twain, on the other side, grabbed it between his teeth. Of course the little girl, not being able to see what had grasped her finger, became terribly frightened and tried to withdraw it. She could not do so, for Mark Twain held on for keeps. Fanny set up a great hue and cry, which any child is liable to do under the circumstances, and the Pavey and the Clemens families rushed out to see what was the trouble. He did not heed his mother's command to let go and it was necessary to "choke him loose." Later, when the excitement had subsided, when the youthful turtle had been properly attended to, and when Fanny's finger had been carefully bound up in a piece of calico, Mark Twain was asked why he had refused to let go. "Turtles, when they bites," said he, "never let go till it thunders." But it was only the thunder of his mother's slipper that he was permitted to hear.

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And none in such dark time could skill
To calm that spirit wild—
None but the grave strong minister,
Who fondly loved his child.
And so through many a weary night,
He sat and talked and sang,
And soothed the lad the while his heart
Was torn with many a pang.
Then, when, with calm face vigil-pale,
He stood before his flock,
And great truths from his struck heart
Poured
Like streams from Moses' rock,
And every hearer owned his grace,
And tears wet every cheek,
From pew to pew the whisper went—
"His lad's been bad this week."

Peculiar Customs

A mountain tribe of Asia Minor is even more merciless than the Armenians. They keep their new-born babies covered with salt for twenty-four hours. The modern Greeks sprinkle their babies with salt; and even in some parts of Germany salt is still used on a child at birth, but in a much more humane manner, by rubbing a little behind the ears, or by placing a pinch of salt on the tongue, or by filling a little paper with salt and placing it under the garment. The mothers imagine that this will give their children health and strength and keep the evil spirits away from them.

This custom, when carried to excess, is cruel, the salt inflaming the skin and sometimes causing such intolerable tortures that the child dies in convulsions but the ignorant and superstitious mother, believing that the salting process hardens the child, that without it the babe could not grow up into a healthy man or woman, hardens her heart to its cruelties.

It is not known definitely how this odd custom originated, but probably some ancient innovator, observing the preservative power of salt in keeping meat sound, reasoned that it would be a good thing to salt down young babies for a few hours, and thus impart something of the strengthening and preserving qualities of the salt to the puny offspring of man.

Calling Etiquette.

Do not examine the cards in the card-basket. You have no right to investigate private affairs.

It is usual to wear street dress in calling—a dark suit, with gloves of a dark shade. Light-colored suits are permissible in warm weather. Overshoes must be removed in the hall.

Be at ease and self-possessed. Listen rather more than talk. There is a happy medium between talking too much and talking too little, and the man who finds it is a fortunate being.

A formal call should not exceed fifteen minutes, and when that time has expired, rise and depart gracefully.

If making a call where all are strangers, at once announce your name, and upon whom you have called.

If you call on a lady and find her absent, and she expresses her regret at the occurrence when next you meet, reciprocate her regret, and do not carelessly remark that it made no difference.

If you have been smoking on your way to make a call, throw away your cigar before you ring the bell. It is not very polite, however, to call on a lady with your clothes permeated with tobacco smoke.

A married gentleman should always speak of his wife as "Mrs. Brown" never as "my wife."

Little Stories from Real Life. "The Halter Snake."

Mine uncle was afraid of snakes, and in Pennsylvania the "black racer" was plentiful a generation ago. He had been chased by a snake, or thought he had, several times, and was always on the look-out for one whenever he went outside the farmhouse door. He had a horse that he was very fond of, and one day he went to the pasture to catch it. Old Jim had been turned out quite a while and was rather frisky, and after Uncle Hiram had run after him for a few minutes he happened to hear something moving in the grass behind him, and when he looked around, he discovered, to his horror, that there was a tremendous black snake following him. He gave an involuntary shriek and started for the house at full speed, but, no matter how fast he ran, the snake seemed to keep up without difficulty. The poor boy had a long and hard run, it being about three-quarters of a mile from the field to the house, but he finally reached there in safety, but fell over on the back porch with exhaustion, too much played out to even answer his mother when she tried to find out the meaning of his condition. He finally gasped out: "A black snake chased me all the way from the pasture, and I thought it was going to get me sure." Then he got up and started for the house, but he saw the snake again and nearly knocked the wind out of his mother, trying to get past her into the house. But she grabbed him and saw what the matter was. "Hiram, look at that halter strap, isn't that what was chasing you?" she asked. Hiram looked, and when he realized that he had nearly killed himself running from an old leather strap, which he had held in his hand all the time, Grandma says that he fainted dead away—whether from grief or shame is not known. But to this day, and Uncle Hiram is fifty-five years old, the mention of the "halter snake" is enough to make him "silently steal away," like the Arabs.

Bombs for Hail in Switzerland.

In a note which he recently presented to the Academie des Sciences, M. Vidal shows the efficacy of the new hail-destroying bombs which he has invented. On the first of August of last year, a severe storm which was condensed on the highest summits of the Bernese Alps at altitudes above 10,000 feet, came down through the narrow valley of the Rhone. With great speed it passed across the northeast end of Lake Lemane, over the rich plains of the Vaud canton, then ended at the Lake of Neuchatel. All the localities were much damaged by hail, except the small towns of Lonay and Echivens. These were the only places where the bombs were fired into the air, and this seems to be a good proof as to the efficacy of this means of preventing hail. Besides this, M. Vidal brings out a point in meteorology discovered during the storm and hitherto completely unobserved. The clouds seemed to have been banked in, and were only allowed to follow a certain path. It is remarked that all the localities which lay higher than 2,200 feet altitude escaped damage by storm. We thus have a valuable indication as to the height of the storm-clouds, and it seems certain that they kept at a very short distance from the ground. He considers that even when formed at a high altitude in the upper layers of the air or on the snow-covered tops of mountains, the storms tend to approach the soil, and the more so, as they are more highly charged with water or hail. It is due to the low altitude that the rockets and bombs against the hail are so effective. They are easily fired, and explode in the air at 1,200 or 1,500 feet altitude. He proposes the study of the map so as to find the habitual paths of storms, then to place advance guard posts which protect a certain region by firing the bombs and prevent the rain from changing into hail. The question of protection against storms is a scientific problem, and the official observatories could greatly aid in the solution, which is so important in the agricultural districts.

His Wit Saved Him.

In the early Indian days, when both judges and attorneys literally "rode the circuit," a newly-elected judge, noted for his lack of personal beauty, was plodding along on horseback between two country seats one summer day.

Suddenly he was confronted by a hunter, who unslung his squirrel rifle from his shoulder and ordered the horseman to dismount. Somewhat startled by this peremptory command, the jurist began to remonstrate.

He was quickly cut short, however, by the remark: "It's no use talking. I long ago swore that if I ever met a plainer man than I am, I'd shoot him on sight."

The judge, sizing up the situation, promptly got off his horse. Folding his arms, he faced his assailant and said, "If I am any plainer than you are, for Heaven's sake shoot, and be quick about it."

Needless to say, his wit saved him.

Far Better.

A fine specimen of the *Taurus hibernicus* made its appearance in the Bow-street Police Court recently. "You ducked your head," said the magistrate to Patrick Lane, who charged Joseph Kavanagh with shooting at him in the Strand. "Faith, and I did, your worship. It's better to be a coward for five minutes than to be dead all your lifetime."

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"Have you bought your spring bonnet yet?" asks Mrs. Fadoogus. "No," answers Mrs. Miggles. "But surely you must have looked around for one."

Father—Now, see here! If you marry that young pauper how on earth are you going to live?

Sweet Girl—Oh, we have figured that all out. You remember that old hen my aunt gave me?

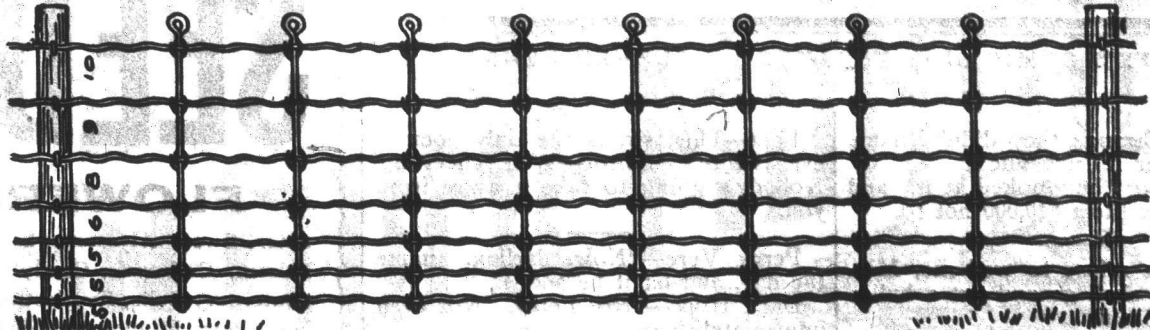
"Well, I have been reading a poultry circular and I find that a good hen will raise twenty chicks in a season. Well, the next season that will be twenty-one hens; and as each will raise twenty more chicks, that will be 420. The next year the number will be 8,400, the following year 168,000, and the next 3,360,000! Just think! At only fifty cents apiece we will then have \$1,680,000. Then, dear old papa, we'll lend you some money to pay off the mortgage on this house."

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Dear Sir: Just a line to you to say that I think I am almost cured. I wish that I had only tried it before, as I have found it to do all that you stated. I am still wearing it, and must say that I should not have been able to continue my work if I had not had the Belt.

Dr. E. M. McLaughlin,

Dear Sir: After giving your Belt a fair trial I now drop you these few lines to let you know how much good your Belt has done for me. I am glad to say that my back and stomach are all right. I can sleep fine all night and eat well also. I think your Belt is all right. I would not part with it for its weight in gold. Hoping you will excuse me for not writing sooner, I am, yours truly, F. L. Coghlan, Edmonton, Alberta.

I have been telling the readers of this paper what my Belt will do. If you don't believe me write to me. I will furnish you with the names of thousands of people, old men, who, out of gratitude, will write you. They will tell you just what they have told me. It has no equal. They feel as hearty and as youthful as they did at eighteen.

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Knicker—Strange they didn't name the baby after its rich uncle.
Bocker—No; he looked at it, and said he'd give them \$10,000 not to.

He—If you refuse to wed me, Mistress Prue, I shall go and put a bullet through my brain.

Prue—Do you think you are so good a marksman that you could hit a little thing like that?

Disgusted Customer—What is the matter with that clock you sold me last week? It won't run more than eight hours a day.
Mr. Eisenstein—Mein friend, dot vhas a union labor clock, don't you see?

Don't be so lazy. There's plenty of room at the top, and you're clever enough to get there.
But, replied the lazy genius, think how clever it is of me to find a place at the bottom, where there isn't so much room.

He—Ah, I can see that you're not the sort of a girl to give yourself away.

She (insinuatingly)—I suppose not. But you might ask father, don't you know.

Gracie—Oh, Mr. Nocoynne, how lovely of you to bring me these beautiful roses. How sweet they are, and how fresh! I do believe there is a little dew on them yet!
Nocoynne—W-well, yea, there is; but I'll pay it tomorrow.

Customer—Say, what kind of a crazy novel is this, anyway? It begins with the last chapter and ends with the first.

Bookseller—Oh, that edition is intended for ladies only.

Milkins—Wasn't Benedict's death rather sudden and unexpected?

Bifkins—Well, it was sudden, but not necessarily unexpected. His wife had just graduated from a cooking school.

"Take for instance, the single item of coffee," said the lecturer on tariff reform. "Do you know that each one of you consumes on an average nearly fourteen pounds of coffee every year?"
"Not me!" yelled one of his hearers. "Chicory! I board!"

There was a hasty exodus of the callers who had been lounging in Methuselah's tent.

"What's the matter?" queried a bystander. "Has anything happened to irritate the old man?"

"No," they said. "Worse than that. He has begun to talk about the winters he has passed through that were worse than this one."

The traveler, just out of his berth in the sleeping car, walked out on the station platform to get a fresh breath of air while the engine was taking water.

"What state are we in now?" he asked, addressing the villager who had picked up the mail sack and was starting off with it.

"Doesn't make a darn bit of difference what state it is," sulkily replied the man.
"I see," rejoined the traveler. "It's Nevada."

Poor Aunt Judy always looks as if the world went wrong.
There's a frown upon her countenance the whole day long.
She eats her meals in silence—doesn't relish them a bit;
And her life is full of sorrow—

For Her Teeth Don't Fit.

Poet—This, sir, is the only poem I ever wrote.
Editor—Well, cheer up. Nobody's going to take it away from you.

Percy Vere—"Now, darling, name the day, and let it be soon!"
Dora Hope—"No, Percy. Not even immediately."

"You shouldn't treat your boy so harshly; you'll break his spirit."
"Well, he'll probably get married some time, and he might as well have it broken now!"

Languid Leary—"Dey tell me dat Esquimaux eat soap an' tink its a luxury."

Perambulating Pete—"Well, dat's wot it is. It an't no necessity."

Mrs. Crawford—"This lovely Easter hat cost me only sixty-five dollars. Don't you think I look pretty in it?"

Crawford—"I'll bet that ninety-eight-cent lamp-shade you bought the other day would be just as becoming to you."

The Woman—"George, this is the anniversary of the day on which I promised to be yours—have you forgotten it?"

The Brute—"No, my dear, I couldn't. But I've forgiven it."

"Your daughter's music is improving," said the professor, "but when she runs the scales I have to watch her pretty closely."
"Just like her father," said Mrs. Nuritch. "He made his money in the grocery business."

Mrs. Spenders—"I wonder what will be the popular styles in bonnets next summer?"

Mr. Spenders—"My dear, women's bonnets will be divided into two styles, as usual—the style you don't like and the style I can't afford."

"No," said the impecunious one, "you can't believe all that you see in the newspapers." "Are you prepared to specify?" the other man asked. "I am. I saw a statement in the financial columns that money was easy, but when I tried to negotiate a loan I found that the reverse was true."
"You misunderstood the paragraph. It didn't say that people were easy."

Mrs. Bizzey—"I notice you are cleaning house, Mrs. Newcome, and I was afraid you might be tempted to throw your rubbish out on the back lot. I just want to say that we don't do that sort of thing here."

Mrs. Newcome—"I burned all our rubbish in the furnace this morning, Mrs. Bizzey, including an old book on 'Etiquette', which I might have saved for you."

Teacher (of English)—"Michael, when I have finishel you may repeat what I have read in your own words. See the cow. Isn't she a pretty cow? Can the cow run? Yes, the cow can run. Can she run as fast as the horse? No, she cannot run as fast as the horse."

Future Mayor (of Boston)—"Git on to de cow. Ain't she a beaut? Kin de cow git a gait on her? Sure. Kin de cow hustle it wid de horse? Nit—de cow ain't in it wid de horse."

"Do you call this a square deal?" wrathfully demanded the keeper of the gambling resort as the police broke the door down and came pell mell into the room.

"No, sir," said the lieutenant with boisterous mirth. "This is a roundup! Whereupon he proceeded to load the entire outfit into the patrol wagons waiting in the alley, and drove away in great shape."

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